

# Pope tells Reagan U.S. must strive for just world order

Miami (NC) — Pope John Paul II told President Reagan Sept. 10 the United States must live, guard and transmit the political and human freedom that is the "very fabric" of the nation.

The pope, publicly addressing Reagan after an hourlong, private evening meeting in Miami, said accepting shared responsibility for such freedom unleashes a "great new force" for serving humanity.

"Linked to service, freedom is indeed a great gift of God to this nation," the pope said.

The two leaders, who had greeted each other four hours earlier at Miami International Airport on the pope's arrival from Rome, held their substantive talks at what is described as south Florida's most ornamental estate, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, a 70-year-old, 70-room mansion on Biscayne Bay, two miles from downtown Miami. Vizcaya is a Basque word meaning "elevated ground."

In his brief remarks at the end of the meeting, Reagan said he and the pope discussed progress toward "the establishment of genuine peace in Central America," prospects for improved U.S.-Soviet relations, progress toward reducing intermediate-range missiles as well as economic needs of poor nations and respect for economic rights of individuals.

The president and Mrs. Reagan met the pope at the residence, posed for photos for about two minutes, and then Reagan and the pope entered the residence for their private meeting.

As the two met, archbishops and Secret Service agents strolled and chatted in the villa gardens. Among the strollers was Frank Shakespeare, U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

When Reagan and the pope emerged from the residence, they walked in the gardens, then climbed a stone stairway to a patio area to deliver their speeches.

On peace in Central America, Reagan said he told the pope the United States is committed to extending democracy throughout Latin America.

"But peace is not only the absence of war, it also involves respect and trust between nations," the president said.

Progress in "actually reducing nuclear weapons will depend on Soviet willingness to get down to hard work," and cooperation could lead to reducing strategic arms by half, the president said.

He also said it is important for wealthy nations to help poorer nations, but "in the long term it is more important to share the conditions for moral causes of prosperity and the respect for economic rights."

Reagan also said the United States was unshakably committed to expanding "human freedoms around the world."

In his remarks, the pope said freedom stands out from the nation's "many admirable values."

"From the beginning of America, freedom was directed to forming a well-ordered society ... to promoting its peaceful life ... to the preservation of human dignity ... to the safeguarding of all human rights.

"This is the freedom that America is called to live and guard and to transmit," the pope said.

Repeating words from his 1979 U.S. trip, the pope stressed that as a powerful nation, America's commitment must be all the greater to better the "lot of those whose very humanity is constantly threatened by want and need" and to create a just world order.



Associated Press photo  
President Reagan points the way for Pope John Paul II at Miami International Airport. Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan greeted the pontiff as he arrived in Miami to begin his 10-day tour of the United States.

"Attachment to human values and ethical concerns, which have been a hallmark of the American people, must be situated especially in the present context of the growing interdependence of peoples across the globe," the pope said, again repeating remarks he made at the White House when he met President Jimmy Carter.

He said the United States throughout its history has been generous in welcoming immigrants and refugees and in feeding the world's hungry, but should be able to "match" such generosity in helping to establish a world order "that will create the necessary economic and trade conditions for

a more just relationship between all nations."

America must exercise its freedom so as to "benefit the cause of freedom in other nations and among other peoples," he said.

"The only true freedom, the only freedom that can truly satisfy is the freedom to do what we ought as human beings created by God according to his plan," the pope said.

It was the fourth meeting between the pope and Reagan. They have met twice at the Vatican — last June and in June 1982 — and in Fairbanks, Alaska, in May 1984, when the pope was on his way to Asia.

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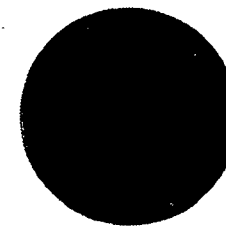
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