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Famine may threaten 5 million in Ethiopia

By NC News Service

Pope John Paul II and international agencies have appealed for renewed efforts to fight a famine in Ethiopia that could affect more than 5 million people.

In the United States, the chairman of the board of Catholic Relief Services said the agency faces "the large challenge" of making the world aware of the famine. A CRS spokeswoman said November 20 that the agency was "cautiously optimistic" that Ethiopians would be better off than in 1984-85, when as many as 1 million people died.

Speaking to several thousand pilgrims and tourists gathered in the Vatican's Paul VI auditorium for his general audience November 18, Pope John Paul invited "everyone to participate in the initiatives which aid organizations, especially those Catholic ones, have begun to implement to urgently avoid the threat" of famine.

He made a "special appeal" to the Ethiopian government and the rebels to grant "free passage to the food supplies intended for the people who are suffering from hunger."

The same day in Geneva, the U.N. Children's Fund appealed for \$22 million worth of medicine, food and other aid for Ethiopia.

In separate announcements November 18 and 19, the U.N. Disaster Relief Organization and the European Community said they would airlift food supplies to Ethiopia the week of November 23.

International aid officials have warned

that 5.2 million to 6.5 million Ethiopians face starvation, especially in the northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigre, where drought caused loss of 80 percent to 100 percent of the harvests.

"The regions are doubly isolated because of inadequate transport routes and a very grave state of civil war," said Lorenzo Natali, development commissioner for the European Community. "We have decided the only immediate solution to make the aid arrive in time is to transport it by air."

In Washington, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara of Indianapolis, chairman of the CRS board, told the U.S. bishops November 17 that Ethiopian drought and famine problems would "take to the end of the century" to solve. Catholic Relief Services is the U.S. bishops' overseas aid and development agency.

Archbishop O'Meara described Ethiopia as a barren land.

"There is not a bush or a twig or a tree — everything is used for firewood," he said.

The archbishop also said CRS would no longer collect contributions from people who received food distributed by the agency. That practice had been part of a 1985 controversy which resulted in a U.S. government audit of the agency.

At a press conference at the bishops' meeting, Archbishop O'Meara said CRS is not against the idea of having food recipients donate small sums because it helps them "preserve their human dignity." He said CRS continues to help "counterpart agencies" collect contributions.

In New York November 20, CRS spokeswoman Beth Griffin said the agency was "cautiously optimistic" that this famine would not hit Ethiopians as hard as the one in 1984-85. During that famine, "a lot of systems were put into place; many people were trained," Griffin said.

"The only thing we haven't been able to do is figure out how to make it rain," she said.

Griffin also said the agency hoped that seven trucks lost in an October 23 attack by Ethiopian rebels would be replaced by the end of the year. CRS had received a donation to replace the trucks — valued at \$250,000 — but trying "to get the right kind of spare parts" takes time, she said.

Earlier in November, Griffin said CRS was treating the attack as an unusual "isolated incident" and would continue to send food into the country's famine zone.

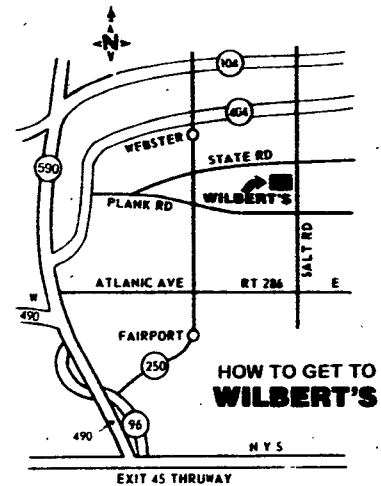
A Washington representative of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front said November 3 that rebel policy is "not to interfere with relief efforts," but that rebels insist relief agencies must notify them before dispatching their food trucks or risk attack.

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Bishop Sullivan, vicar for human services in the Brooklyn diocese and episcopal liaison from the National Catholic Conference of Bishops to Catholic Charities, USA, is described by some as one of the best public speakers in the American Church.

"Having heard Bishop Sullivan speak on a number of occasions, I am always amazed at the depth of his own personal compassion as well as his understanding and promotion of the Church's need to be compassionate as a community of believers," said Father Michael Bausch, executive director of the Genesee Valley.

Registrations for the conference, scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., are due by Friday, Nov. 20. The fee is \$15 for individuals, and \$12 for individuals who attend as part of a parish or diocesan group. For information, contact Judith Ann Kollar, (716)328-3210.

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