

Warnings

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Bush's overtures for negotiations were "very positive. As a matter of fact, they're positive enough that we shouldn't be cynical about them. We should be as enthusiastic as possible."

He also praised the growing debate in the United States on the moral and human dimensions of possible war in the Middle East.

Chief adviser

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tapped the then-Monsignor Casaroli for the delicate mission of visiting East Europe to resume contacts interrupted by World War II and the subsequent rise to power of the communists.

Cardinal Casaroli was the only official to sign both the landmark 1975 Helsinki accords on human rights and European security and cooperation and the follow-up treaty signed in November which set the foundations for new European political and economic cooperation in the wake of the collapse of communist governments.

His replacement, Archbishop Sodano, has been in the Vatican's diplomatic service since 1959, much of it in South America.

In 1977 he was named nuncio to Chile during a time of tense church-state relations under the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

The Chilean bishops were constant critics of human rights abuses by the Pinochet government — especially the numerous cases of people who disappeared after being arrested for opposing that government.

The archbishop remained in Chile until recalled to the Vatican in 1988. During the

In his earlier letter to members of Congress, sent Nov. 20 and made public Nov. 28, Archbishop Roach reiterated the position of Catholic teaching on just war, that warfare is morally unacceptable unless all peaceful alternatives to resolve unjust aggression have been exhausted.

He enclosed two other letters on the Iraq crisis spelling that position out in detail — a letter to Secretary of State James A. Baker III approved by the U.S. bishops Nov. 12 and a letter to Bush Nov. 15 by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati,

president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In other reactions to the massive U.S. military buildup against Iraq:

• Vice President Dan Quayle visited Catholic-run Seton Hall University in New Jersey Nov. 29 to argue the moral case for the Bush administration's Gulf policy. He said the president has exercised restraint and "pursued every political and diplomatic channel possible."

"The United States has refrained thus far from military action," he said, but "time is running out.... Does patience today risk greater American casualties tomorrow? And if so, is this a moral course of action?"

• Pax Christi U.S.A., the U.S. branch of an international Catholic peace organization, denounced the U.N. resolution authorizing "military force as a "misguided, tragic and immoral" position that "allows no face-saving alternatives and intensifies the pressure to go to war."

The organization's president, Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit, was at the United Nations Nov. 28 along with a number of other religious and human rights leaders to argue against the resolution. He was scheduled to lead a private U.S. delegation to Baghdad Dec. 3 to seek the release of some of the hostages in Iraq.

time, he was also instrumental in helping the Vatican successfully mediate a territorial dispute between Argentina and Chile over several islands and the waters off their southern coasts.

As the Vatican's foreign minister, he represented the pope at numerous international meetings.

Technically, Archbishop Sodano's title is pro-Secretary of State. He will not be called secretary until he is named a cardinal. Church rules require that a cardinal head the secretariat. The title pro-secretary means acting head.

The naming of an archbishop to replace Cardinal Casaroli has fueled speculation that the pope will call a consistory within the next few months to induct new members into the College of Cardinals.

The official replacing Archbishop Sodano, Archbishop-designate Tauran, has been a Vatican diplomat since 1975 and has worked in the Vatican embassies in the Dominican Republic (1975-78) and in Lebanon (1979-83).

In 1983, he began working at the Vatican as a secretariat official involved in relations with foreign governments, often representing the Vatican at meetings on European security. He was named undersecretary in 1988.

Archbishop-designate Tauran was born in Bordeaux, France, on April 5, 1943.

Father Joseph A. Knoebel, 57

Father Joseph A. Knoebel, a former missionary and director of the United States mission office for Divine Word Missionaries, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1990, at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Ill. after a long illness. He was 57.



A memorial service for Father Knoebel was celebrated at Holy Apostles Church, on Saturday, Nov. 30. Interment took place Nov. 30 in Techny, Ill.

A native of Rochester, Father Knoebel attended Holy Apostles School. He later entered Sacred Heart Seminary, Girard, Pa., in 1947, pronounced his final vows in the Society of Divine Word in 1959 and was ordained at Techny, Ill., in 1961.

After obtaining a master's degree in anthropology from the Catholic University of America, Father Knoebel served as a missionary in Papua, New Guinea, from 1964-78. While in New Guinea, he established the Melanesian Institute for the study of culture and religion, serving as both the

assistant director and then the director of the Melanesian ecumenical research center.

Recalled to the United States in 1978, Father Knoebel became a scholar-in-residence at the Chicago Theological Union. He later served as vocation director at St. Mark Seminary in Erie, Pa., for two years. From 1981 to July, 1990, he was the director of the Interprovincial Mission Office of the Divine Word Missionaries at Techny, Ill.

Father Knoebel is survived by his parents, Alphonse and Cynthia Knoebel of Rochester; four cousins and spouses, Herbert and Patricia C. Knoebel of Spencerport, Lieselotte and Charles L. Reeners of Rochester, Maria A. and Henry L. Boesch of Rochester, and Gertrude and John W. Klemmer of Gates; three aunts, Thekla Knoebel, Elizabeth Brachs and Emilia Frey of Germany, and several other cousins in Germany.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Father Joseph Knoebel Mission Memorial, Divine Word Missionaries, Techny, Ill. 60082.



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