

WORLD & NATION

Bishops pass economic, young adult statements

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At a four-day meeting overshadowed by the death of Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin, the U.S. bishops took steps toward restructuring the administrative structures that guide their work together.

Debate on proposals to restructure their twin conferences — the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the U.S. Catholic Conference — took up much of the last two days of the bishops' Nov. 11-14 fall general meeting in Washington. No votes were taken Nov. 14 because of the lack of a quorum.

Earlier in the meeting, the bishops approved a plan for young adult ministry (see Page 12), approved a 10-point statement of economic justice principles (see Page 1), and voted on the final two segments of the general Sacramentary — the book of Mass prayers and instructions used at the presider's chair and at the altar — proposed for use throughout the English-speaking world.

The restructuring plan was presented Nov. 13 by Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., on behalf of Cardinal Bernardin, who was chairman of the bishops' ad hoc Committee on Mission and Structure. The cardinal died of cancer early Nov. 14.

One of the restructuring proposals calls for merging the two conferences into one and renaming it the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, or USCCB. Other proposals are to have fewer committee heads and more regional representatives on the Administrative Committee, and to set aside more time before and during national meetings for informational exchange and discussion or for regional sessions.

The 76-page document on young adult ministry, titled "Sons and Daugh-

ters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry With Young Adults," was approved on a voice vote Nov. 12.

Developed by the bishops' Committee on the Laity, it is designed to address spiritual and pastoral issues young adults face as they enter new stages in education, work, independence, family relationships and their place in society.

The statement on economic principles, approved in a unanimous voice vote, was jointly proposed by the bishops' domestic and international policy committees.

"A Catholic Framework for Economic Life" echoes the much larger 1986 pastoral letter by the bishops, "Economic Justice for All." The new statement emphasizes making economic decisions based on moral principles that focus on protecting the poor and vulnerable. And it encourages government, business and all of society to consider human consequences of economic choices.

Among other actions at the meeting, the bishops:

- Approved by a voice vote a set of guidelines for televised Masses that "encourage a church setting, live liturgical music, trained liturgical ministers, an unhurried pace, and always the full, active and conscious participation of the faithful."

- Authorized statements by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, NCCB-USCC president, against assisted suicide and expressing outrage at the taping of a sacramental confession of a prisoner in Oregon.

- Agreed to provide \$1 million to fund their national Office for the Third Millennium from 1997 to 2000.

- Approved proposed adaptations in funeral rites when cremated remains are present.



CNS photo courtesy John H. White
This image from photographer John H. White's newly released photo book on Cardinal Joseph Bernardin captured the prelate kneeling for an eye-to-eye moment with a group of grade-school children.

Leaders praise cardinal's legacy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Chicago's Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin was "our nation's pre-eminent Catholic Church leader of the 20th century," said Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles.

"He was a peacemaker. He cut through difficult issues. He had remarkable gifts.... There is no one to take his place," said retired Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco.

Cardinal Bernardin's death from cancer Nov. 14 at the age of 68 brought an outpouring of such tributes, from non-Catholic leaders as well as Catholics.

Hundreds of prelates and dignitaries were expected to attend the Nov. 20 funeral at Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral. Scheduled to represent President Bill Clinton were Vice President Al Gore and Vatican Ambassador Raymond Flynn. Cardinal Mahony was to be chief celebrant with Msgr. Kenneth Velo, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, as homilist. Bishop Matthew H. Clark planned to attend.

Cardinal Bernardin's most lasting and profound impact on the U.S. Catholic Church might be seen in three activities:

- He headed the committee that wrote the U.S. bishops' 1983 national pastoral letter on war, peace and nuclear defense, "The Challenge of Peace" — arguably the most widely read and most effective pastoral letter ever issued by the U.S. bishops.

- In a series of addresses beginning at Fordham University in 1983 he developed the consistent ethic of life theme — that the intrinsic dignity and value of human life must be protected at every stage and in every aspect — as a fundamental framework for the church to address public policy issues in a pluralistic society.

- He announced the Catholic Common Ground Project just this past August, only two weeks before he learned he was dying from cancer, but the underlying concept of reconciliation of Catholics of different viewpoints was a hallmark of his whole life.

Just the day before Cardinal Bernardin's death, the National Council of Churches conferred on him the first Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Common Ground Award.

Pope John Paul II praised the cardinal's "untiring work" and "dignity and hope in the face of the mystery of death."

CALENDAR

All Diocesan

Workshops

■ **DEC. 6-8 — Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** The Brookwood Inn, 800 Pittsford-Victor Rd., Pittsford; for more information or to register call Mike & Kathy, 716/872-3180 or John & Linda, 607/776-4870.

Monroe County

Fundraisers

■ **NOV. 22-23 — Antique Show & Sale:** to benefit The First Congregational Church, 26 East Church St., Fairport; Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; for more information call Toni, 716/223-2666.

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Craft sale:** "Holiday Happening"; hosted by Cornerstone Crafts, Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., ground floor, Rochester; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; for more information call 716/586-1000, ext. 137.

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Ziti dinner:** to benefit Greece Journey Hospice Home; spon-

sored by St. Mark's Star of the Sea, Knights of Columbus, Council 11374; St. Mark's Church, 54 Kuhn Rd., Greece; 6:30 p.m.; \$5/adults, \$2.50/children 4-12, family of 6 or more \$20; for more information or advance tickets call Marty, 716/227-1170.

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Garage sale:** St. John's Parish Center, 2700 W. Ridge Rd. (across from Greece Ridge mall), Rochester; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; baby items, collectibles, small appliances, crafts, winter wear, etc.

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Craft sale:** to benefit Bishop Kearney High School Performance Ensemble; Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway S., Irondequoit; 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; for more information call Joy, 716/482-6285.

Health

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Screening:** for blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes; sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital Crystal Commons Medical Center; 2735 Buffalo Rd., Rochester; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; free; children welcome; refreshments served; for more information or to schedule an appointment call 716/426-1110.

Meetings

■ **MON, NOV. 25 — Down-**

town Community Forum:

Catching the Spirit of Women; "The Pathbreaking Spirit"; The Dugan Center at St. Mary's Church Downtown, 15 St. Mary's Place, Rochester; 12:10-12:50 p.m.; Pamela York Klainer, speaker; for more information call 716/232-7140.

Religious Activities

■ **NOV. 22-23 — Awareness retreat:** sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph; SSJ Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., Rochester; 7 p.m. Fri.-4 p.m. Sat.; for single women 19-30; donation \$10-25; for reservation or information call Sr. Marilyn Pray or Sr. Deanna Gears, 716/586-1000, ext. 122.

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Program:** "The Historical Jesus and Faith"; SSJ Spirituality Center, 402 Rogers Pky., Rochester; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; \$20 (lunch included); for more information call 716/336-4370.

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Anointing of the Sick:** and Mass; St. Margaret Mary Church, 401 Rogers Pky., Rochester; 1 p.m.; reception following in school cafeteria; for more information call Michele; 716/342-2100.

Social Activities

■ **THU, NOV. 28 —**

Thanksgiving Dinner: sponsored by Bethel Full Gospel Church; The Body Shop, 14 Anson Pl., Rochester; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; no charge, no offering taken.

Seneca Cayuga

Fundraisers

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Bazaar:** sponsored by the Altar/Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; lunch and dinner will be served.

Meetings

■ **FRI, NOV. 22 — Meeting:** of the D/S/B Group of Greater Seneca County; St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish House, 101 E. William St., Waterloo; for more information call Carl & Alma, 315/539-2284.

Social Activities

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Party:** sponsored by the Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group; Knights of Columbus, 168 Genesee St., Auburn; 8 a.m.-midnight; \$5 donation; music, snacks, cash bar, door prizes.

Steuben County

Fundraisers

■ **NOV. 23-24 — Holiday bazaar:** sponsored by parents of St. Ann's School, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell; Sat. 2-9 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; featuring homemade spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Sat., \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (5-12), under 5 free.

Yates Ontario Wayne

Meetings

■ **SAT, NOV. 23 — Breakfast:** meeting of the D/S/B Support Group of Macedon; Log Cabin Restaurant, Route 31F, Macedon Center; 9 a.m.; for more information call 315/597-9558.

■ **TUE, NOV. 26 — Breakfast:** meeting of the D/S/B Group of Yates County; Waggers Restaurant, 124 Elm St., Penn Yan; 9 a.m.; for more information call John, 315/536-3629, Dolly/Bill, 315/536-3582, or Finger Lakes Social Ministry, 315/789-2686.