

Thirty new cardinals named by pope

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II named 30 new cardinals, including Philadelphia Archbishop Justin F. Rigali, enlarging and further internationalizing the group that will one day elect his successor.

The pope will induct the cardinals in a consistory at the Vatican Oct. 21, adding a major event to an already heavy program of celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the pope's election.

"The candidates ... come from various parts of the world and carry out diverse duties in the service of the people of God," the pope said in announcing the names from his window above St. Peter's Square Sept. 28. He spoke in a weak voice and sounded short of breath.

"As a group, they well respect the universality of the church and the multiplicity of its ministries," he said.

The new cardinals represent 18 countries from all six continents. Seven are Vatican officials, 19 are heads of archdioceses around the world and four are priests over 80 years old being honored for their service to the church.

The pope also said he was preserving the name of one new cardinal "in pectore," or in his heart. In the past, such cardinals have served in places where public knowledge of their appointment might provoke



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Archbishop Justin F. Rigali of Philadelphia is among 30 new cardinals named by Pope John Paul II Sept. 28. The pope will induct the cardinals during a consistory at the Vatican Oct. 21. Archbishop Rigali is pictured at a service in St. Louis in May.

hostility against the church.

Those named include Australian Archbishop George Pell of Sydney,

Canadian Archbishop Marc Ouellet of Quebec and Scottish Archbishop Keith O'Brien of Edinburgh. For the first time, cardinals were appointed from the African countries of Ghana and Sudan.

The pope made his announcement during a nine-hour electrical blackout in Italy, and the Vatican had to fire up emergency generators so pilgrims could hear the pontiff. In the darkened Vatican press hall, journalists worked by flashlight and candlelight to get out the news.

The appointments will bring the total number in the College of Cardinals to 194, a record high number of cardinals from 69 countries. After the last consistory of 2001, there were 184 car-

dinals.

As he has done previously, the pope waived the maximum of 120 cardinal-electors, those under age 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave. When they accept their "red hats" at the consistory, the total number of cardinal-electors will be 135 — matching the record high number of 2001. All but five of the 135 have been named by Pope John Paul.

The new voting-age cardinals include 14 Europeans; three each from Africa, Asia and North America; two from South America and one from Australia.

Cardinal-designate Rigali, 68, worked for 30 years at the Vatican, where he was president of the Holy See's diplomatic academy, 1985-89, and secretary of the Congregation for Bishops, 1989-94. Appointed as archbishop of St. Louis in 1994, he was recently named to head the Philadelphia Archdiocese and will be installed there Oct. 7.

Absent from the list of new cardinals was Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, who took over the archdiocese last summer in the wake of clerical sex abuse scandals. Many inside and outside the Vatican had expected him to be given the red hat.

In Canada, Cardinal-designate Ouellet is a 59-year-old Sulpician who took over as head of the country's third-largest archdiocese, Quebec, less than a year ago.

Five will be honored with Vita Awards Oct. 8

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Bishop Matthew H. Clark will present five honorees with Vita Awards at the eighth annual Consistent Life Ethic Dinner and Awards Presentation. The banquet will take place Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the parish hall of St. Patrick's Church, Victor.

Vita Awards honor those who have made a special commitment to people who have sought to protect human life from conception through natural death. The annual dinner also serves as a fundraiser for the Consistent Life Ethic grant fund that supports CLE-related causes within parish, schools and communities in the diocese. More than 40 grants were allotted last year.

This year's award winners are **Father Robert G. Kreckel** of Penfield; **Mercy Sister Julia Norton** of Rochester; **Mary Hannick** of Rochester; **Mary Smith** of Elmira

Heights; and **Sandy Burke** of Fairport.

Father Kreckel championed the cause of migrant farm workers during his longtime pastorate at St. Mary of the Lake in Ontario. He led a coalition of Wayne County parishes in providing sacraments, as well as such physical needs as clothing and medical care. Earlier in his priesthood, as pastor of Rochester's Immaculate Conception Parish, Father Kreckel played an important role in local civil rights causes. He retired from St. Mary of the Lake last June and now resides at St. Joseph's Church in Penfield.

Sister Norton has lived for more than 50 years at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel convent in Rochester. She was principal of the former parish school and has continued her ministry in the neighborhood by starting an Alcoholics Anonymous group for women. She also provides counsel and financial support for women who are victims of poverty and

abuse, and is a faithful visitor of the sick. In addition, Sister Norton has written numerous letters to the government protesting war and adverse social conditions in the world.

Hannick, a parishioner of St. Anne, Rochester, has been a social worker most of her 95 years and continues in that vein to this day, serving on the boards of Catholic Family Center and Volunteers of America and in advisory capacities with several other community groups. She was the longtime director of Genesee Settlement House and has worked in hospitals, adoption agencies and drug-treatment centers, serving both the young and old.

Smith belongs to St. Mary Our Mother Parish, Horseheads. In addition to serving on her parish's social-justice committee, she has been involved as a volunteer, donor and/or advocate for such organizations as Amnesty International; Southern Tier Labor-Religion Coali-

tion; Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture; Samaritan Center food pantry; Habitat for Humanity; Right to Life; and Chemung County Housing Coalition.

Burke is a parishioner of Church of the Assumption, Fairport. She is former chair of her parish social-ministry committee and has also been active with many other ministries and organizations including Stephen Ministry; Step by Step prison ministry; Perinton Lay Clergy Council; Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Center; Walk With You for individuals going through life transitions; and Rochester's St. Andrew School as a tutor and classroom assistant.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Limited seating is available for the Oct. 8 dinner and awards presentation. For ticket information, or to make a donation to the Consistent Life Ethic's grant fund, call 585/328-3210, ext. 1303, or 800/388-7177, ext. 1303.