

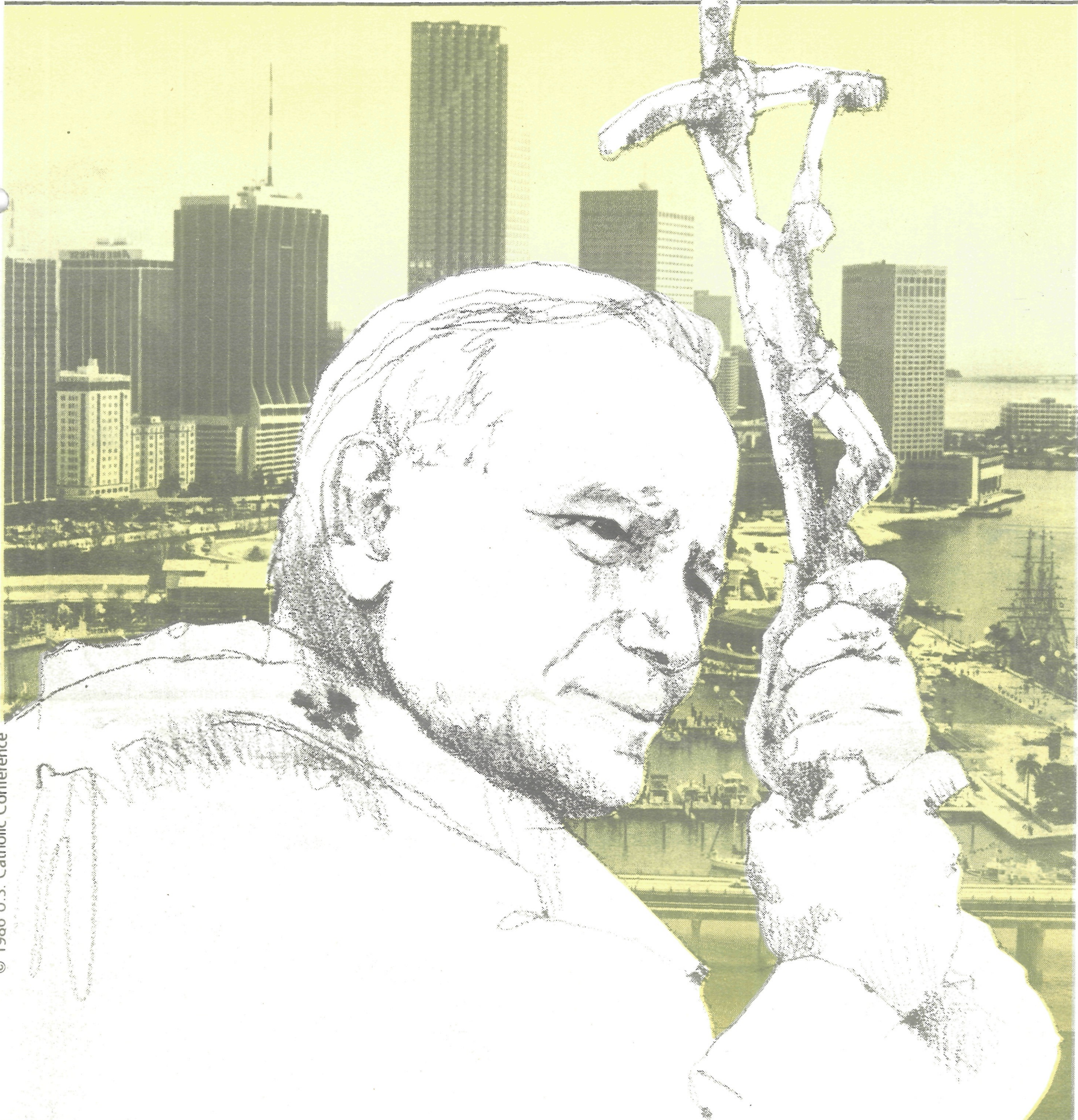
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# Vatican, Jews move closer

## Holocaust document planned

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VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Vatican will consult Jewish experts in preparing a new church document on the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, Catholic and Jewish leaders said in a joint statement at the end of a 65-minute meeting with Pope John Paul II Sept. 1. Jewish leaders said they "warmly welcomed" the document proposal.

They also plan to develop a "special mechanism" for closer Catholic-Jewish contacts, involving the powerful Vatican Secretariat of State, which formulates the church's policies on diplomatic and international issues.

The papal meeting was part of a two-

After the Waldheim meeting some Jewish groups had threatened to withdraw from the pope's Sept. 11 meeting with Jewish leaders in Miami unless they had a substantive meeting with the pope and Vatican officials to discuss the Waldheim controversy.

After the Sept. 1 meeting, none of the Jewish leaders said his group planned to boycott the Miami event.

Catholic and Jewish leaders spoke at a press conference in the Vatican after their session with Pope John Paul II at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, 15 miles south of Rome.

In their statement, they said the planned Vatican document would help combat attempts to "trivialize" the religious significance of the Holocaust, the murder of several million Jews by the Nazis during World War II. The pope "affirmed the importance of the proposed document" during that day's meeting, the statement said.

Father Pierre Duprey, vice president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, said the commission would prepare the document after consulting Jewish scholars. He did not say when the document would be published.

The press statement said the group discussed the "dismay and concern" felt by Jews over the Waldheim meeting. The issue was raised with the pope and with other Vatican officials, including Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, Vatican secretary of state, they said.

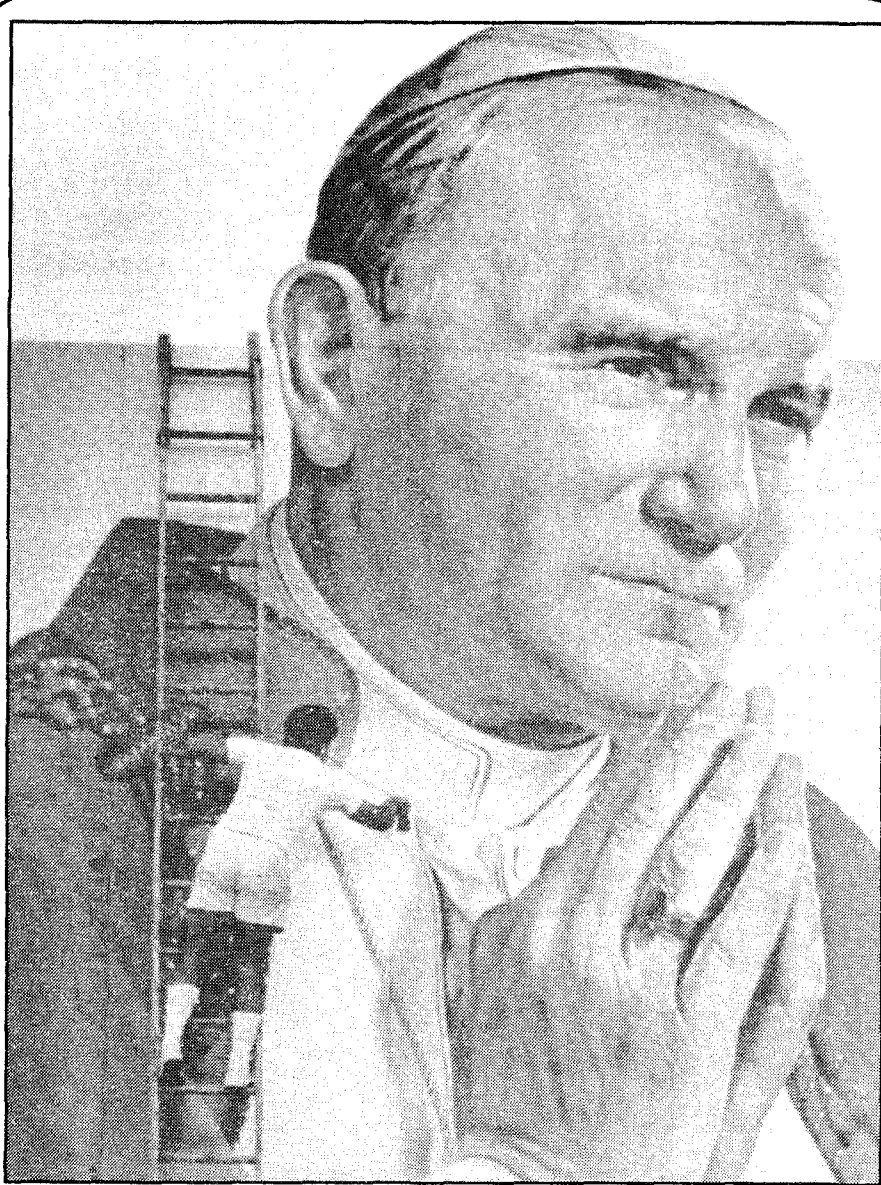
The group met Cardinal Casaroli for 30 minutes prior to the papal meeting.

Catholic participants, the statement said, "acknowledged the seriousness" of the Jewish concerns over the pope's reception of the Austrian president.

Other topics covered included the Vatican's policy against diplomatic recognition of Israel, Catholic teaching on the Jews and contemporary anti-Semitism, the statement said.

The statement also said the Jewish delegation "declared its strong opposition to any and all anti-Catholic manifestations and pledged itself to join with Catholics in opposing them," the statement said.

The Jewish leaders "warmly welcomed" the Vatican decision to issue a document on the Holocaust, the statement said. Catholic and Jewish leaders had already agreed to study the



Touching up the Pope

Roger Amador touches up a giant picture of Pope John Paul II above Biscayne Blvd. in downtown Miami along the parade route of the Holy Father next Thursday on the first day of his visit to the United States. (NC photo)

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--Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman

day series of contacts organized to smooth over Catholic-Jewish tensions after the pope met in June with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, accused by Jewish groups of participating in war crimes as a World War II officer in the German army.

Waldheim has denied the accusations.

At the end of the meetings, Jewish leaders said they still disagreed with the papal decision to meet Waldheim, but that the contacts with Vatican officials had improved relations and set the stage for important future dialogue on the meaning of the Holocaust and on Vatican diplomatic recognition of Israel.

Regarding Waldheim, we decided "to disagree, agreeably," said Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the Synagogue Council of America, and the expected Jewish spokesman at the Miami meeting.

"Like all historical events, they pass in time and we look forward to happy, meaningful discussion with the Catholic Church," he added.

## Pope sends joyful greetings here

WASHINGTON (NC) — Pope John Paul II has sent his greetings to American "believers and non-believers alike" and expressed hopes his Sept. 10-19 U.S. visit will promote unity.

The pontiff, saying he "eagerly" anticipates returning to the United States and hopes to join Americans "in building up our unity in the Lord," commented in a videotaped, pre-arrival message.

The text of the message was released Aug. 25 in Washington by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The NCCB is making free copies of the tape available to television broadcasters and cable systems on three-quarter-inch video cassette and on reel-to-reel audio tapes for radio, both as long as supplies last.

"I greet all of you with joy and affection: Catholics, Protestants and Jews, believers and non-believers alike," the pope said in his message. "I greet you all in the love of God and I look forward to being with you again."

"Eight years ago I made my first pastoral visit to your country," he said. "How vividly I recall the warmth and kindness with which you welcomed me! How eagerly I anticipate returning to your great land!"

He noted that "an important theme has been proposed for my second visit: 'Unity in the work of service.' It leads us to consider the ways in which the followers of Jesus Christ can serve the world by selfless deeds," he said.

He said that "as the Second Vatican Council reminds us, the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of our time — especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted — are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of all the followers of the Lord."

"This theme also leads us to consider another reality," the pontiff said. "I mean the growth in unity which takes place among Christ's followers precisely through the service which they render to others. The church's identity as a

religious aspects of the Holocaust, during a scheduled meeting in Washington next December.

The planned document also will discuss "the historical background of anti-Semitism," said the statement.

At the meeting with Cardinal Casaroli, the statement said, Jewish delegates were told that diplomatic relations with Israel had not yet been "perfected," but that "good relations" already exist on many levels. Diplomatic recognition of Israel by the Vatican has been a major concern among Jewish groups worldwide.

However, Jewish leaders said the meetings produced an improvement in

the Vatican's approach toward Israel.

The press statement pledged future contacts between Jewish groups and the Secretariat of State "where religious and political issues intertwine."

It noted that "the pope welcomed the Jewish delegation as representatives of the Jewish people, to whom the existence of Israel is central."

"Representatives of the Holy See declared that there exist no theological reasons in Catholic doctrine that would inhibit such relations," the statement added.

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of interfaith affairs of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, praised the statements on Israel.

"The pope showed that he thinks of Israel as a political manifestation of the contemporary history of Judaism," the rabbi said.

## Curial reform being planned

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — Exactly 20 years after Pope Paul VI engineered his sweeping reform of the Roman curia, there is a new attempt being made to reapportion the Roman Catholic Church's central administration. The move is bound to renew debate over how centralized the bureaucracy should be.

The new plan is currently awaiting approval by Pope John Paul II. If accepted, it could take effect as early as January 1988. That date would mark the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Roman curia, the Vatican's central administration, by Pope Sixtus V.

But it appears far more likely that it will provide a fine-tuning of Pope Paul's 1967 plan than resolve the ongoing disagreements within the church over the proper role of the curia.

# 'Greatest thing that ever happened here!'

## South Floridians ready, eager to greet Pope

Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

Calling it a "once in a lifetime opportunity" and "the greatest thing that ever happened here," South Floridians of different nationalities, races and creeds are sharing in their enthusiasm and eagerly awaiting the Pope's arrival.

"It is something like a dream!" said Simon Pak, a Finance professor at Florida International University and member of a three-year-old Korean apostolate. "We'll see him and have mass celebrated by him!"

Pak said that Father Raymond Lee, who celebrates mass in Korean for about 100 faithful every Sunday at Nativity parish in Hollywood, is telling Korean Catholics that an opportunity to hear the Pope say mass only comes once in a lifetime.

"We should all be present at the mass," Pak said.

Jenny Mauch, a parishioner at Holy Family in North Miami, not only

**'I want to stand up for my faith, and I don't want to do it in front of the TV. I want to be out there with the people!'**

Jenny Mauch,  
Holy Family parish

has seen Pope John Paul II before, but he even touched her hand as he was greeting the crowds outside the Vatican two years ago.

"He happened to come right by, my hand was out and he touched it," Mauch said. "It was quite a thrill!"

Sept. 11 just happens to be her 39th wedding anniversary. She and her husband plan to celebrate it at the Pope's mass. They will start the day by boarding a shuttle bus at 4 a.m. with a load of folding chairs, a picnic bag and a cooler.

"I want to stand up for my faith, and I don't want to do it in front of the TV," Mauch said, "I want to be out there with the people!"

Nury Castrenze agrees: "Just being there," said the member of St. Benedict parish in Hialeah, "has got to be great!"

According to Father Ernesto Garcia-Rubio, his parishioners at Our Lady of

Divine Providence in West Dade, most of them Cubans and Nicaraguans, view this event in the spirit of unity and reconciliation and would like to see the message carried to their homelands as well.

"The majority of Nicaraguans and Cubans, the ones that are practicing Catholics, at least in my community," said Father Garcia-Rubio, "would like to see reconciliation and unity in the churches here and in Nicaragua and in Cuba. Two effects of that unity would be to get those here in exile more united, and would bring more unity among Catholics there and here."

His parish will observe a night of vigil and prayer for the Pope on Sept. 4, with penitential services on the eighth. Before Sept. 10 they plan to have a yellow and white Blimp floating above the church. It will say "Welcome Pope John Paul II" in English, Spanish and Polish. Garcia-Rubio hopes it will be visible from Tamiami Park.

The Haitians feel a special gratitude for Pope John Paul II, said Yolande Najac, a secretary at Notre Dame de Haiti Mission who will sing a solo in creole at the outdoor mass.

"We cannot forget that the Pope, when he went to Haiti, the first sentence he pronounced was: 'Things must change here,'" Najac said. "Right after that the people felt like it was a signal for them ... so they could work to have justice and quality for the people of God."

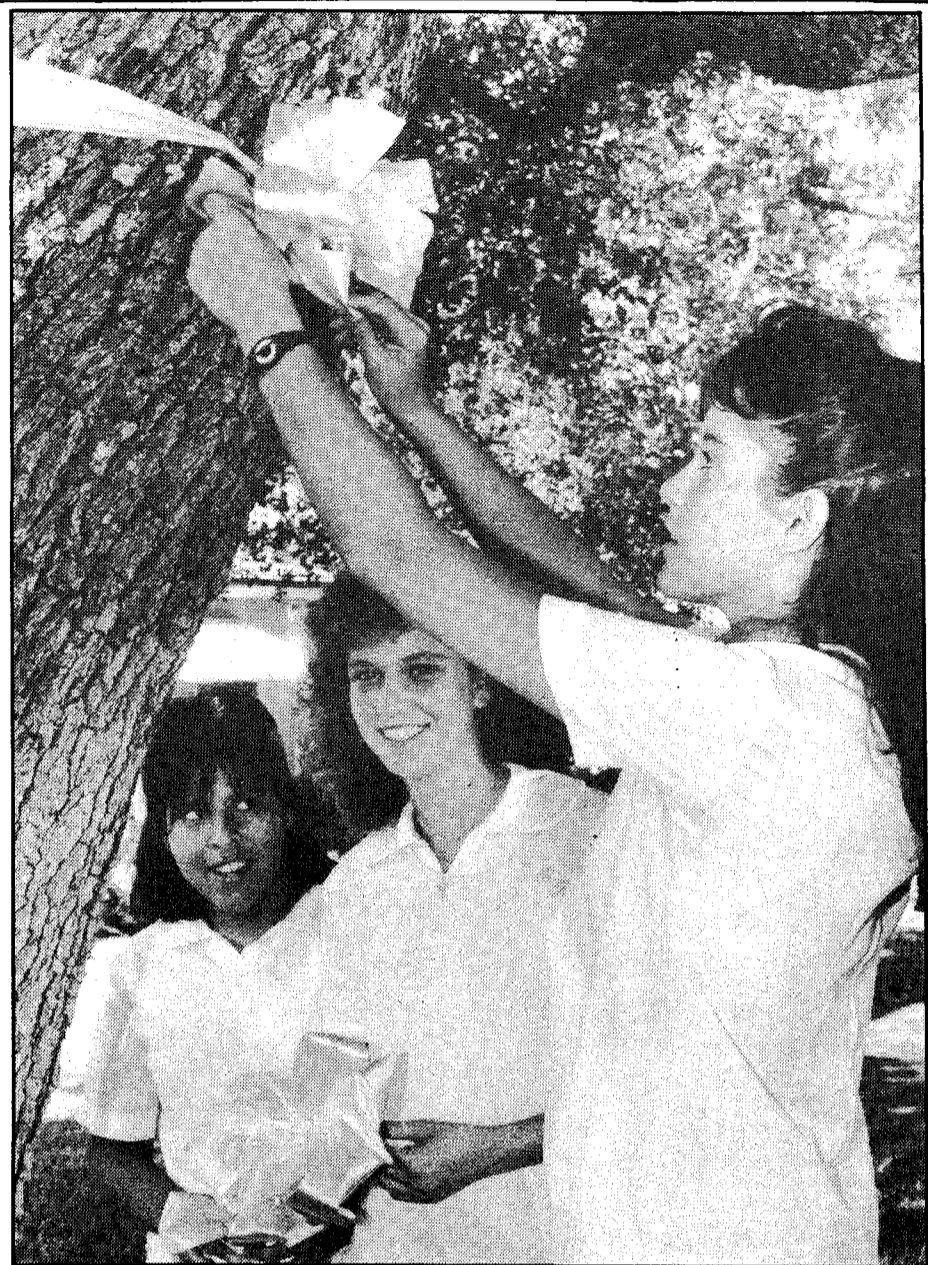
"We want to be there to acclaim the Pope and show our gratitude," she said.

Besides her solo before the epistle, the Haitian choir will sing a song in creole during Communion, Najac said.

Sam Jones was disappointed the choir from his parish of St. Francis Xavier in Overtown applied too late to join the Papal Mass choir. Black Catholics are very proud of their spirituality, he said, and they show it in song and praise.

"We like to say Amen! We like to clap!" he said. "We tell people: 'Don't be ashamed to shout! If you feel the spirit, shout!'"

Jones will travel to New Orleans Sept. 11 as one of five people representing Miami's black Catholics at a meeting between the Pope and 11 black Bishops. Blacks would like more representation and participation at the Archdiocese level, Jones said. "We're



### Bow brigade

St. Rose of Lima 8th-grader Lizie Garcia stretches to put a yellow and white ribbon on one of the trees lining the roads of Miami Shores as classmates Rosa Santos (left) and Jennifer Fallon watch, their own ribbons in hand. About 60 students from the Miami Shores school fanned out throughout the streets of the community last week to decorate it for the Pope's arrival. (Voice photo/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

very hopeful he (the Pope) will be responsive to what we have to say," he said.

As for events in Miami: "We expect to be there," Jones said, "whatever message he brings, we will be anxiously awaiting and willing to follow him."

A large number of Indian families also plan to attend the mass hoping to hear a message encouraging family unity, said Father James Parapally. He ministers to about 300 families who trace their faith to the first Catholics converted by St. Thomas the Apostle in Kerala, India, Parapally said.

"We would have loved to be given the chance to present ourselves as a group," Parapally said. Most of the group, however, is going with their neighboring parishes.

"We are all working with one goal in mind," said Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman, "which is preparing for the arrival of the Holy Father."

Churches throughout the Archdiocese are being decorated both inside and outside with banners and streamers of yellow and white, the Papal colors. In some areas, the practice is extending into trees and lampposts of nearby streets.

The Office of Youth Ministry is selling yellow Pope T-shirts to anyone between the ages of 11 and 25. The T-shirt will enable the wearer to get into the "youth pod"--right up front--at the Papal Mass.

Sister Isabel Ordoño, area coordinator of Youth Ministry, said more than 2,000 have already been sold, some of them to people who are "only young at heart."

Bands of young people also are roaming Dade County putting yellow and white ribbons on cars and distributing about 3,000 Papal posters to shops and businesses.

One Hialeah parishioner has suggested that Catholics drive with their headlights on during the week of the Pope's visit, to let everyone in the community know that they support and eagerly await him.

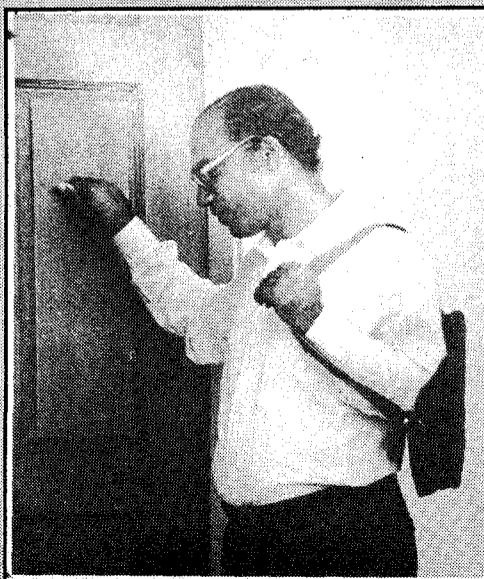
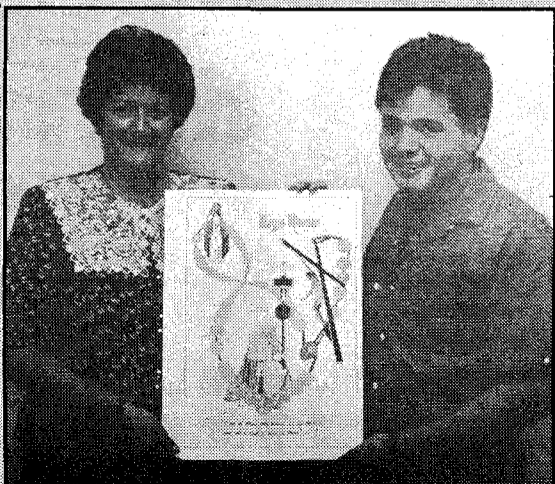
That week, many parishes will be holding special prayer services and Pope parties, scheduling extra times for

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### A gift and an invitation

Mauricio Reynoso, below, a young art student from North Miami, displays his painting of the Pope, Our Lady, Christ and the Rosary, which the local Legion of Mary will give to Pope John Paul II as a memento of his visit here. The gift was the idea of Grace Petrucci, (pictured),

president of the Legion's chapter at Holy Family Church in North Miami. Right, a member of the Legion of Mary from Haiti knocks on a home in Miami's Little Haiti to invite the residents to go see the Pope when he is here. The Haitian Legionaries were in South Florida this month for their annual "Pilgrimage for Christ."



(Voice photo/Marc Regis)

# What Pope will do in Miami

Pope John Paul II will begin his long-awaited 1987 visit to the United States with a two-day stop in Miami, on September 10 and 11, that includes a meeting with priests from around the country, a parade through downtown Miami, a dialogue with national Jewish leaders and an outdoor Mass expected to attract 300,000 people.

The Pope will arrive from Rome at Miami International Airport the afternoon of September 10. Following his arrival, the Pope will go directly to a gathering at St. Mary's Cathedral, which is the mother church of the Archdiocese of Miami. The Pope traditionally visits the mother church of a city first, according to Monsignor Jude O'Doherty, Archdiocesan Director of the Papal Visit.

"The Pope recognizes the children by meeting with the mother," he said. "In each diocese, the mother church — which is the cathedral — is where the local bishop serves as pastor."

The Pope will conduct a short prayer ceremony and give his blessings to several thousand religious and lay leaders from South Florida gathered in the cathedral.

Following his visit to the cathedral, the Pope will meet with representatives of United States priests at St. Martha's Church located in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. More than 500 priests — two from each of the 185 U.S. dioceses, with additional representatives from Miami — will gather for this historic exchange with the Pope.

According to Monsignor O'Doherty, one priest representing the assembled

conclave will open the meeting with brief comments on the primary concerns of U.S. priests. Msgr. O'Doherty considers the Pope's response one of his most important pronouncements in the U.S., as he will address those concerns.

The evening of September 10 will culminate with the Pope's first public event: a procession through downtown Miami along the route of the Orange Bowl parade. City officials expect more than a quarter of a million people to line the three-mile route for a glimpse

Center for Fine Arts, part of the Metro-Dade Cultural Center.

Immediately following the viewing, the Pope will hold a dialogue with Jewish leaders from across the country at the Metro-Dade Cultural Center to discuss issues of mutual concern. Pope John Paul II set a historical precedent when he met with Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff at the central synagogue in Rome, on April 13, 1986. He was the first pope since St. Peter to pay a recorded visit to a synagogue. The dialogue in Miami is expected to open further the channels of communication between Catholic and Jewish leaders.

The public highlight of the Pope's visit will occur when he celebrates an outdoor Mass at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 11 at Tamiami Park on the grounds of the Dade County Youth Fair at Florida International University. Officials expect about 300,000 to attend, with many assembling during the early morning hours to ensure a good view.

Upon arriving at the Mass site, the Pope will travel through the crowd in his popemobile before vesting for the Mass. During Mass, he will be assisted by 1,000 bishops and priests from around the country and a 1,000-voice choir. The Pope will celebrate the Mass in three languages — English, Spanish and Creole — on a dramatic 200' x 130' tri-level semi-circular altar.

The Mass will mark the conclusion of the Pope's visit to South Florida.

According to Monsignor O'Doherty, leaders from the public and private sectors as well as the Archdiocese are pleased that the national spotlight will shine on South Florida as a result of this historic visit.

"Too often the national media picks up only the sensational or negative events that occur in our area. The rest of the country and the world doesn't hear about the positive aspects. We have an amazingly rich and diverse culture that draws upon a variety of heritages," he commented. "We expect the Papal visit to highlight the peace and unity of our diverse citizenry."

Following the Pope's visit to South Florida, he will continue on a tour of U.S. cities, including Columbia, South Carolina; New Orleans; San Antonio; Phoenix; Los Angeles; Monterey, California; San Francisco and Detroit.

## Pope's schedule in Miami

### Thursday, Sept. 10

2 p.m. Arrival at Miami International Airport  
 3 p.m. Visit and greeting at St. Mary Cathedral  
 4:15 p.m. Meet representatives of U.S. priests at St. Martha Church; brief greeting of employees and guests at Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
 5:50 p.m. Expected meeting with President and Mrs. Reagan at Viscaya  
 7 p.m. Parade along Biscayne Boulevard, from SE 4th Street to NE 36th Street  
 Overnight stay at Archbishop Edward McCarthy's residence

### Friday, Sept. 11

8:15 a.m. Meet U.S. Jewish leaders at the Dade County Cultural Center; open national tour of Vatican Judaica Exhibit  
 10 a.m. Outdoor Mass at Dade County Youth Fairgrounds/Tamiami Park; before the Mass, the Pope will move through the crowd in his "popemobile"  
 1:30 p.m. Airport departure for Columbia, S.C.

Although there has been no official confirmation from the White House, President and Mrs. Reagan are expected to journey to Miami to welcome the Pope to the United States. That greeting would occur privately at Viscaya after the Pope's meeting with the priests.

of the Pope in his specially designed "popemobile."

After overnighting at the residence of Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, the Pope will begin his second day in Miami by visiting an exhibit of rare Hebrew illustrated manuscripts from the Vatican Library Collection at the

## South Floridians eagerly await Pope

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receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and holding around-the-clock vigils with the Blessed Sacrament.

On Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m., St. Rose of Lima parish in Miami Shores will host two neighboring parishes -- St. Martha and St. Vincent de Paul -- for a Mass of Reconciliation. That same evening, parishioners from Catholic churches in the Westchester section of Dade County will gather at St. John Vianney College Seminary for an evening of penance and reconciliation.

In the meantime, priests are using their Sunday homilies to stress the meaning and importance of the Papal visit.

"Reagan can make our day, but

Pope John Paul II will make our eternity," said Father James Reynolds, pastor of St. Henry Church in Pompano Beach.

"We have to be prepared to listen to what he tells us," said Father Juan Lopez, pastor of St. Raymond Church in Miami. "This can't all end like an outburst of fireworks."

"What we will experience that day is the unity of faith that binds us together," said Father William Sheehan, director of the Ministry to Priests in the Archdiocese. After the Pope leaves, "that must continue."

"May the Lord grant that after the Pope leaves and the colors (yellow and white) fade," Bishop Roman said, reminding us that yellow and white

symbolize the Lord's request that we be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, "our lives will continue shining and giving flavor according to the Gospel."

Some churches also plan to ring their bells when the Pope arrives. St. Rose of Lima in Miami Shores will do so together with its non-Catholic neighbors, an idea that may be taken up in Hollywood as well.

Many Catholic churches, however don't have bells anymore, mostly for financial reasons.

That won't diminish their celebration, promised Father Rolando Castañeda of Miami's Corpus Christi parish. "We'll ring the bells in our hearts."

## Protestant leaders also will see Pope

By Prent Browning  
 Voice Staff Writer

When the Pope comes to Miami many Protestants will be among those attending the Tamiami Mass and greeting the Pope at St. Mary's cathedral.

From 30 to 40 religious leaders of all denominations and faiths have been invited to sit in the front pews when the Pope is welcomed at St. Mary's Cathedral, and representatives of about 1,000 congregations throughout South Florida have been invited to the Pope's outdoor Mass.

"Many ministers have called in advance and said that they want to do something to participate," says Fr. Jose Hernando, Ecumenical Relations Coordinator for the Pope's visit.

About 150 persons have responded so far to invitations to the outdoor Mass where they will sit in special V.I.P. seats near the altar.

The pontiff won't specifically deal with ecumenical issues, however, until he visits predominately protestant

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Rev. Charles Eastman, United Protestant Appeal

Columbia, South Carolina.

"We are trying to take advantage of this historical event to unite this community which is in many ways not too united," says Fr. Hernando.

Before the Tamiami Park Mass there will be a special interfaith service. Representatives who will participate in the service, says Hernando, will be white, black and Hispanic Protestants, a representative of the Greek Orthodox church, and a rabbi. Singing will be led by a country gospel group, the Chorale Cubana, the Miami-Dade Community College Gospel Choir, and other

groups.

"The interest of the Protestant community in the event is quite high," says Rev. Charles L. Eastman, Executive Director of the United Protestant Appeal in Miami, about the papal visit. Rev. Eastman says he hasn't heard any negative comments or attacks on the Pope from Protestants.

Rev. Irvin Elligan, a retired pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian church in Miami, who will be attending the cathedral event, says he has heard negative remarks but they are in the minority.

"My feeling is," he says, "that the negative side of things is based on some prejudices that took a long time dying. The rest of the people, who I believe to be in the majority, are delighted to join hands with the Roman Catholic Christians in welcoming the Pope without giving any special significance to him other than that he is the titular head of the Catholic Church."

Pope John Paul II is often regarded by people of different faiths that don't recognize his spiritual leadership as a symbol of peace and humanity in a war-torn world.

Among the many denominations that will be present at the outdoor Mass are: The Assembly of God, Baptist, Church of the Nazarene, Church of Christ, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian.

The Jehovah's Witnesses will not attend the Mass and at least one Baptist church has declined an invitation, citing their church's policy. The Baptist pastor said that although they won't attend "they admire and recognize the leadership of the Pope."

# Priests ready to talk with Pope

Encourage us, say S. Fla. clergy, whose chief worry is vocations

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

Forget the controversial issues, such as celibacy and the ordination of women. South Florida priests say they worry a lot more about the lack of vocations and the stresses of their job as "middle-managers."

So when Pope John Paul II comes to St. Martha Church on Sept. 10 to "dialogue" with U.S. priests, those interviewed by *The Voice* said that, love all, they want to hear words of encouragement.

"I'd like to see him tell the priests they're wonderful," said Father Neil Doherty, director of Vocations for the Archdiocese and one of about 150 South Florida priests who will be present at the historic meeting, along with nearly 400 others from around the country.

"I expect him to...tell us that we're doing a good job, because I really think we are," Father Doherty said.

"I think the Holy Father should realize that we're hard-working priests, that we have a lot of love and dedication for our people," said Msgr. John Glorie, pastor of Little Flower Church in Coral Gables and Archdiocesan dean for priests in west Dade, a job which requires him to visit fellow priests once a year, talk with them about their ministry, and check the parish records.

"We don't need to be babysat, but we do need some sort of affirmation, not only from our local bishops but from the Holy Father himself," said Msgr. Glorie who, along with all the other priests interviewed by *The Voice*, will be present at the St. Martha meeting.

"It's a time when I think priests really do need to be encouraged," said Father William Sheehan, director of the Ministry to Priests in the Archdiocese. He agreed with fellow South Florida priests who describe clergy morale here as good, certainly better than in many other parts of the country.

But "there's a lot of pressure put on" priests, he noted. Priests are ultimately responsible for putting into practice the directives both of the Vatican and of the local bishop. At the parish level, they are "expected to be all things to all people."

"I have no problem with...the Holy Father asking me to be accountable in relation to my vocation and responsibilities," said Father Sheehan. "But at the same time I feel a great need for affirmation and encouragement, and it needs to come in abundance on the part of authority."

"Everybody always looks for a scapegoat, so they might as well blame the pastor," said Father James Reynolds,

## He'll speak for 57,000

Describes himself as 'moderate, average'

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

The man who will represent U.S. priests before Pope John Paul II describes himself as "an average priest who is moderate" and has "great love" and "admiration" for his brother priests.

Father Frank J. McNulty, pastor of a "nice suburban New Jersey parish" of about 1,200 families, says "I think I will be speaking for the majority" of the 57,000 U.S. priests when he dialogues face-to-face with Pope John Paul II at St. Martha Church here on Sept. 10.

A copy of his remarks has already been sent to the Vatican, so the Pope can prepare a response. Because of an embargo against publication, Father McNulty told *The Voice* in an interview this week that he could not discuss what he would say to the Pope.

However, he said he had written six different drafts and consulted with a group of priests and bishops that he knows. "But it's definitely my talk," Father McNulty said.

His role as spokesman "has difficult elements in it," he admitted, but "I felt my background equipped me" for the job.

Father McNulty, 60, has spent most of his 35-year priesthood either ministering to fellow priests or serving in parishes. He was an associate pastor in New Jersey for 10 years, taught in the seminary for 17 years, and spent six years working in the Office of Priestly Life and Ministry of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

He also has authored a number of books and articles on the priesthood and led many retreats for priests, including several in the Diocese of St. Augustine, Fla. He said he knows Bishop Thomas Larkin of St. Petersburg "very well," and has spoken to him "several times" about the Church in Florida. He has been a pastor now for about a year-and-a-half.

"I have a great love for my brother priests. Working with them one-on-one has only deepened my admiration for them," he said. "I consider myself an average priest who is moderate."

pastor of St. Henry Church in Pompano Beach and Archdiocesan dean for priests in northwest Broward. "So many priests feel that they are caught in between the chancery office and their people. It's a no-win situation."

Father Reynolds compared the average American priest to "middle-management" in a corporation. To be successful, he said, the Church must place "great emphasis" on "the spirit" of priests, and superiors must commend them frequently for "hanging in there and trying to be another Christ in the modern world...They should be supported emotionally and spiritually because they are doing a tremendous job."

Part of the reason priests today feel that they need such affirmation may reside with the Second Vatican Council,

which, in its documents, generally neglected the role and importance of priests.

"Every significant body in the Church had an identifiable representation at Vatican II, with the obvious exception of parish priests," noted Father Martin Cassidy, pastor of St. Gregory Church in Plantation and chairman of the Archdiocese's Presbyterate Council, a body which represents local priests and advises the bishop on the running of the diocese.

As a result, he said, many priests today are understandably "confused" about their role: whether they serve merely as "helpers" of the local bishop, as stated in the new Code of Canon Law, or whether, as enunciated by Pope Pius XII, "the priesthood is really the great gift of the divine redeemer... the

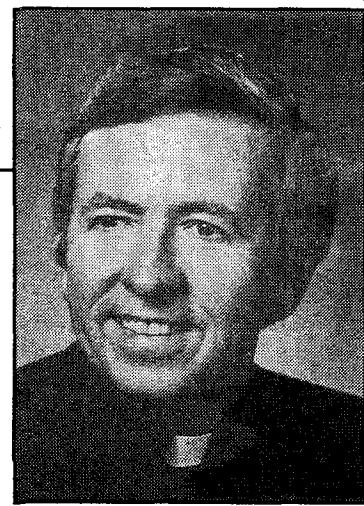
priest represents Christ."

Father Sheehan said priests by and large are not opposed to the post-Vatican II de-emphasizing of their role, or to the growing emphasis on lay ministers. "There's just a good deal of uncertainty" as to how exactly how all these changes will come about.

"It's all well and good to talk about 'let the laity do it,'" Father Sheehan said. But "the laity are in their own way and in their own lifestyle feeling just as burdened as the priests. We're both kind of caught in a lot of expectations and a lot of overextension. That's where the confusion comes. How does this fall into place?"

Most of the South Florida priests contacted by *The Voice* stressed their concern about the lack of vocations.

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Fr. Frank J. McNulty: Will 'dialogue' with Pope

**'It's the first time, I think, the Pope has asked for a priest to talk about the priesthood. He's going to listen.'**

He described the dialogue with the Holy Father as "unprecedented and very encouraging," because "it's the first time, I think, the Pope has asked for a priest to talk about the priesthood. He's going to listen."

And it will be conducted in a spirit of dialogue, Father McNulty said. "A dialogue is much different from a confrontation."

"My hope is that [the meeting with the Pope] encourages [priests] and that it does raise morale," he said. "Morale is not that good. Recent studies are showing that it's better than it was in 1970, when a huge study was conducted. But my sense is that it's not what we would like it to be."

Much of the problem can be blamed on the shortage of priests, Father McNulty said. "Priests are stretched to the limit and so they're tired and some of them are actually burned out. But the other side of it is that we don't see so many young men wanting to follow in our footsteps. It puzzles us. It also discourages us."

Asked what the long-term impact of this meeting with the Pope might be for U.S. priests, he said, "it's hard to predict...I would hope priests sense what I sense: that he cared enough to give priests the first audience that he's here for. And that he cared enough to ask a given priest to tell him what it's like to be a priest."

## Welcome, Pope: Got any tips for me?

By Father Thomas O'Dwyer  
Rector

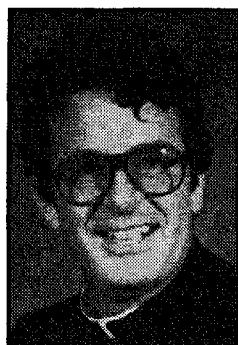
St. John Vianney College Seminary

I welcome your holiness, great to see you. 100,000 welcomes to you. Please sit down and relax.

I know we have only a few minutes so, in all honesty, I would like to ask you how you do it? How do you cope, how do you manage so well being the servant of the servants of God, daily carrying the cross of Christ with that camera in your face almost 24 hours a day?

You are a great priest and while you can be tough, I also know you can be kind. I see it in your face, particularly when you hug the children and you bless the invalids and handicapped. I'm a priest also. I have clay feet but yet daily I try through God's grace to approach the supernatural, the other world.

You were a parish priest and you were also in the seminary. I too was a parish priest and I'm now in the seminary. Have you any tips for me? How do I recruit and get the best, how do I nurture and nourish them to be generous priests? How can I inspire the parents of an only son that he is not "lost" if he



**'You are a great priest and while you can be tough, I also know you can be kind. I see it in your face...'**

Fr. Tom O'Dwyer

becomes a priest? How can I get the Catholic people who want priests --but not their sons-- to be generous.

I'm sure in your many homilies and talks you have touched on this subject but I believe it would be wonderful for the Catholic world if you would consider giving a good homily, perhaps even issuing an encyclical, on "parents and the future priesthood."

Your holiness, you know very well that the seminary is the very hub of any diocese. It is at the seminary the building starts. I hope you will pray that we build what is good and therefore build well.

Here in this great nation democracy is cherished. Now thank God in our day and through your noble efforts, many other nations are becoming democracies. It's a great blessing when people begin to have a say.

The Church itself, starting with Vatican Council II, urged this. We the simple servants in the field and indeed all the laity saw collegiality as a great gift within the Church. There was great hope, the type of hope experienced after the council of Jerusalem, where all got their say and Paul's proposal was subsequently and mutually endorsed.

It does seem that the notion of collegiality that began with such applause from all has in recent times fallen from its exalted position. This is unfortunate for just like a bicycle wheel, both the hub and the spokes are necessary.

You are inspired, respected, and you are at the center of it all. While we sit around and suppose, you sit in the middle and you know. You know that one strong word from you, one simple gesture, would get collegiality back on track.

Thank you for listening to your brother in Christ.

# She goes all out for handicapped

Sister Lucia makes sure 1,200 get tender loving care, best view of Pope

Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

What does it take to get 1,200 elderly and handicapped people to the Pope's Mass? Basically, one very organized and determined Italian nun.

But Sister Lucia Ceccotti, who is in charge of that massive task, is quick to give credit to others. She'll tell you about Mr. Towbin, the Jewish gentleman from the corner drug store who provided the signs for the buses, or Edith Bowman, who baked 10 tins of cookies for a recent Pope's party at the Marian Center for the retarded and handicapped.

Her assistant at the Marian Center, Patti Vitale, knows better. "She's the driving force behind it all," Vitale said.

In fact, the work Sister Lucia has done in making sure all the needs of this group are met earned her the nickname 'bulldozer', something she finds very amusing. She simply cares about every single individual, to the point that she knows all of them by name.

"We thought about their human needs in detail," she said, "not just as a mass of people."

And detail and organization, mixed with lots of love and care, is what she exudes.

She and her staff mailed applications to 2,000 people whose names they collected last February, mostly from parishes, agencies for the handicapped and retarded, and nursing homes in Dade, Broward and Monroe counties. Approximately 1,300 applications came back, which she then had sorted and color-coded by handicap. The name tags will also be color-coded and will list important medical information so workers will be able to assist these people better, she said.

Very few people were turned away, she said, and only if the length and rigors of the day might prove too much for them.

Sister Lucia then had her staff of five, along with a handful of volunteers, telephone the applicants to get to know them better. They also filled out all of the credential applications to avoid confusing the applicants with additional paperwork.

When she was asked last September to do this job, Sister Lucia went home to ask the advice of her community, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cottolengo. They agreed to help her and she accepted.

"We know the handicapped better than other people," she said, quickly adding, lest you misunderstand her: "This is not pride. It is just simple truth, because we have served them for 23 years."

She came from Italy in 1963 and started the Marian Center for the mentally retarded and developmentally handicapped, where she has served ever since.

The only thing that surprised her this past year is to find so many lonely elderly people, Sister Lucia said.

"I never thought there were so many people lonely, in pain, and really not wholly physical, but who just need to talk to somebody, who need to know that they are still remembered and loved," she said.

And after all this is over, she will make sure they are remembered. She plans to give their names to the

*'I'm no big shot! I feel just like a little instrument...in the hands of our Heavenly Father, who in His love provides lovingly for these people.'*

Sr. Lucia Ceccotti, in charge of handicapped during Papal visit



Showing off handicapped tickets for Papal Mass

pastors in their nearby parishes and to the Archdiocesan office of Parish Community Services.

Again shifting the credit to someone else, Sister Lucia praised Father Noel Bennett, who is in charge of transportation for the Papal visit, for securing buses to transport the handicapped.

"Father Bennett has been for us a gift from God," she said. "He provided for us 20 buses, beautiful: Greyhound, Redtop."

There will be three pickup points for the elderly and handicapped. Eleven of the air-conditioned buses will leave from the Miami Beach Convention Center, where 450 free parking spaces have been reserved.

*'It's important for me to take him [to the Mass] because this is as close as we're going to get to God... Just to go and be in His presence is very meaningful.'*

Patricia Pearce, whose 3-year-old son is severely brain-damaged, blind and suffers from seizures

Four will depart from St. Augustine parish in Coral Gables, and five more from the Marian Center, where special transportation vehicles will be available for the wheelchair-bound who cannot be picked up at home.

Sister Lucia secured 27 vehicles from Metro-Dade Special Transportation Services to transport about 250 people in wheelchairs. The buses will pick up Dade County residents at home, but since the vehicles are not licensed to go into Broward, people who reside there will have to come to the Marian Center because it is closest to the county line.

At the Mass site, the handicapped will have a special entrance and will be transported all the way to the metal detectors. There will be a number of wheelchairs for those who cannot walk far, Sister Lucia said, but the metal detectors will be very close to their assigned seating area, which is opposite the choir,

alongside the altar.

"It is a beautiful position," she said, "because we will have first aid close by, and metal detectors very close so people won't have to walk too far."

She is bringing a total of 119 volunteer workers, most of them nurses, who will be closely caring for the group. There will also be special toilets for the handicapped, as well as two 'water buffaloes'. And to top it all, there will be an L-shaped tent with a number of cots for children and 15 for adults in case someone doesn't feel well.

"It will be just like a resting area," Sister Lucia said.

Christopher Pearce, 3, who is severely brain-damaged, blind, and suffers from seizures, is one of many Sister Lucia is helping get to the Mass.

"It is important for me to take him because this is as close as we're going to get to God," said his mother, Patricia, a member of St. Bartholomew parish in Miramar. "Christopher is already very special in God's eyes. Just to go and be in His presence is very meaningful."

Susan Sandler, 21, was born with Down's Syndrome and has been at the Marian Center since she was three years old. She's Jewish, but she's taking her mother to the Pope's Mass.

"She's so excited she's going to see the Pope," said Esther Sandler. "She's wearing white pants and a yellow blouse, and she says to me: 'Mom, I want to wear that!' She's just so happy."

"You don't have to be Catholic [to go to the Mass]," adds Mrs. Sandler. "I think he's a great man who leads a huge flock. It's something to see."

Mrs. Sandler said she is extremely grateful to all the nuns at the Marian Center, especially to Sister Lucia. But Sister Lucia just refuses to take the credit.

"I'm not big shot!" she exclaims in her still-Italian accent. "I feel just like a little instrument, myself and the people working with me, very little instruments in the hands of our Heavenly Father, who in His love provides lovingly for these people."

As for the money necessary to put all this together? "It was all provided by D.P.!" Sister Lucia said.

Who? "Divine Providence!" she laughs with delight.

## Thousands of prayers, Masses offered for Pope

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

South Florida Catholics have been bombarding heaven with prayers for Pope John Paul II and the success of his visit here. The proof is in the numbers:

- More than 20,000 Masses are being offered for that intention, along with:
- 26,000 Rosaries;
- 24,500 Holy Communions;
- 14,000 visits to the Blessed Sacrament;
- more than 10,000 works of charity;
- almost 9,000 hours of fasting;
- 4,500 hours of Scripture reading;
- about 4,300 confessions; and
- 2,300 Stations of the Cross.

Others have promised to quit smoking, visit the housebound or help

### Spiritual bouquet to be offered up at Mass

someone in need. Children have offered to forego watching their favorite TV program, "be nice to my sister," give up sweets and "take care of my pets."

"It's so touching. I'm so privileged to be involved with this," said Ivy Tominec who, as president of the Miami Regia of the Legion of Mary, is charged with tabulating all the spiritual offerings made by South Florida Catholics.

Bound in yellow ribbon, this spiritual bouquet will be presented to the Holy Father during the offertory procession of the Papal Mass on Sept. 11. The Pope will see not only the grand totals, he also will receive each and every bouquet form filled out by individual Catholics.

Another local group, members of the Guild of Our Lady of Charity, also have been collecting prayers for the Pope. To date, they have gathered nearly five million Hail Marys. These will be placed at the foot of the Statue of Our Lady of Charity which the Pope will see when he spends the night of Sept. 10 at Archbishop Edward McCarthy's residence.

The spiritual bouquet forms were distributed to parishes, reproduced in church bulletins and published in *The Voice* and *La Voz* last July. The Legion of Mary, an organization of lay Catholics dedicated to prayer and house-to-house evangelization, volunteered for the task of collecting them. (Spiritual bouquets may still be mailed to: Papal

Visit/Spiritual Bouquet Committee, P.O. Box 381752, Miami, FL, 33138).

So far, more than 500 people "from every corner, every parish" in the Archdiocese have mailed in their forms, and the totals "might double by the time we're finished," predicted Tominec.

Appropriately, since she is working in the spiritual realm, the prayer offerings are not being logged using the latest computer technology. They are handwritten into a ledger which, in these modern days, is almost a throwback to the Middle Ages. "We just have a little calculator," she said.

The fact that people are taking time out from their busy lives to cut out the form, fill it in and mail it impresses Tominec. "It's a tremendous outpouring of love, really. I think more people than we realize love him."

# Papal-Jewish meeting

## Possible historic turning point, leaders say

By Prent Browning  
Voice Staff Writer

It is much more than a ceremonial meeting-- a possible turning point in 2,000 years of history.

That's how both local Jewish and Catholic leaders are describing the Sept. 11 meeting of Pope John Paul II with national and area Jewish leaders at the Miami-Dade Cultural Center.

For a time the event was in doubt following strong protests from Jewish leaders over the meeting of the Pope with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim June 25. Waldheim, a former Secretary General of the United Nations, has been accused of involvement in Nazi war crimes in Yugoslavia and Greece.

It will be the first time in a public

Another major factor in easing Catholic-Jewish tensions has been the publication of a letter from the Pope addressed to the President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in which he expressed

It is not known what the contents of the Jewish address will be, but Rabbi Schiff, who has attended several national Jewish leadership meetings, said that the speech will take into account recent developments, including the Pope's

20 minute address entitled "The Future of Catholic-Jewish relations." Those participating are expected to view the Pope from a balcony when he passes by during the papal parade. Invitations are being handled through the office of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami.

The Cultural Center meeting will undoubtedly have an impact in South Florida where members of both faiths make up over half of the population.

Miami is also an appropriate location for the meeting because of the approximately 15,000 survivors of the Holocaust that reside here, the most survivors outside of Israel with the exception of New York.

"This is where you find the greatest pain," said Sr. Noel Boggs, Vice Chairman of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission.

But some people speculate that the Pope chose Miami for the meeting because of the exceptionally good relationship of the Catholic and Jewish communities which have remained unclouded throughout the Waldheim controversy.

"All the local Jewish leaders have been superb and they've never been for cancelling the meeting," said Terry Sundy, a Coordinator for an Advisory

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-- William Gralnick, AJC director

sympathy for the sufferings of the Jewish people.

The letter, written to Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis and released August 19, referred to Jews as "our elder brothers in the faith of Abraham."

Christians, the Pope wrote, "approach with immense respect the terrifying experience of the extermination, the *Shoah*, suffered by the Jews during the Second World War, and we seek to grasp its most authentic, specific and universal meaning." The Pope also wrote that he has always sought to deepen relationships with Jews and supports all initiatives aimed at fostering exchanges of "mutual esteem and friendship" between Catholics and Jews.

Some local Jewish and Catholic leaders have expressed the feeling that the Waldheim incident may have the effect of clearing the air and ultimately strengthening relations between the two faiths.

"History may judge," said Msgr. Walsh last week, "whatever mistake or public relations blunder some people describe the Waldheim meeting as, it may be very significant in advancing enormously substantive relations between the Jewish and the Catholic traditions."

William Gralnick, Regional Director of the American Jewish Committee, said last week that he is convinced that "we're going to have not only a fuller richer dialogue with the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, but I think we're going to see in the next year or so some real fruits of this coming together."

Details of the schedule of the Sept. 11 meeting have been announced. The Pope will arrive at the Cultural Center at approximately 8:15 to meet briefly with representatives of the Judaica National Exhibit, a showing of Jewish manuscripts from the Vatican collection. He will then walk through the galleries of the center to view the Judaica exhibit before entering an auditorium where 157 national Jewish leaders and 39 rabbis and leaders of Jewish organizations from South Florida will be present.

Miami Archbishop Edward McCarthy will open the meeting with brief remarks and introduce the designated Jewish representative who will address the Holy Father in a prepared presentation concerning issues of importance to the Jewish community. Pope John Paul II, who will have received a copy of that statement in advance, will then respond to it in a speech which is expected to last 20 minutes. There is no room in the format for discussion or question and answer. The Jewish representative who will address the Pope is expected to be Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, the President of the Synagogue Council of America.

The Pope is scheduled to leave the meeting at 9:15 and exit through the galleries where 170 guests of the local Jewish and Catholic communities will greet him before he departs from the Cultural Center and travels to the Mass at Tamiami Park.

letter to Archbishop May.

Gunther Lawrence, a spokesman for the Synagogue Council, said that there will be an emphasis on a "wide American agenda" of social and political issues.

"The Pastoral letters on the economy and on nuclear disarmament in itself are two specific issues that the Jewish community should be working on with the Catholic community."

On the evening prior to the Miami meeting, Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, President of the Vatican's Commission of Religious Relations to the Jews, will have dinner with over 400 Jewish leaders and members of the Jewish community at the Omni hotel. Cardinal Willebrands will make a 15 to

## Papal visit: a Jewish view

By William A. Gralnick  
S.E. Regional Director,  
American Jewish Committee

I've never experienced anything quite like it, this pre-papal emotional roller coaster — Jews calling for boycotts, Cardinals ruminating about backlashes. It has been at once exhilarating and depressing. The key question is whether it's all worth it.

For the answer to be "yes," one must believe in a cosmopolitan view of the world, a view which sees the energy and anxiety of growth to be a positive. Finally, one must believe that one's faith and belief system is secure enough to be shared, discussed, and even dissected. It is from these presumptions that this is written.

The Catholic and the Jew perform must come at the papal visit from different perspectives. For the Catholic, the Pope's meeting with Waldheim — agree or disagree — resulted in an attack on the persona of the church. It

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forum in 2,000 years, said Rabbi Solomon Schiff, Coordinator for the Jewish community for the Papal Visit, "that a Pope has met with leading Jewish leaders to discuss in a face to face atmosphere the concerns of both communities." Rabbi Schiff and Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, Chairman of the Archdiocese's Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, met with the press last week to discuss the event.

In the past month relations between Jewish leaders and the Vatican have improved after the Vatican announced that the Pope would meet with Jewish representatives in Rome before his trip to the United States.

The meeting with the Pope was requested by Jewish leaders in June in order to clarify issues relating to the Waldheim visit and other substantive subjects. Some U.S. Jewish organizations had threatened not to come to Miami unless this meeting took place.

"In light of the meeting in Rome," said Rabbi Schiff at the press conference, "the meeting in Miami has taken on a far increased importance."

The Rome meetings between Jewish leaders and Vatican officials and the Pope took place on Monday and Tuesday and are being characterized in positive terms, a further step towards improved relations.



'Remnants' cover features affectionate elderly couple.

## Remnants

### 2 Catholics Chronicle the few remaining Polish Jews

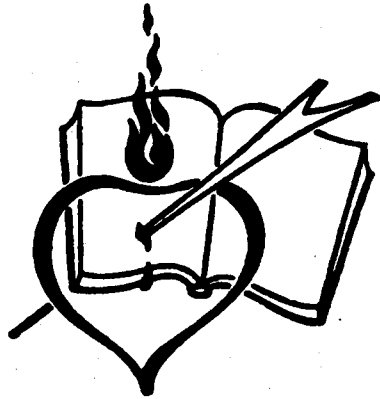
A young Catholic couple in Poland decided to document the last 5,000 Jews remaining alive in that country since the Holocaust took the original 3.5 million.

The result of their five year effort was a beautiful but poignant book of color photos and sensitive commentary called 'Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland.' The photographic documentary has traveled from exhibition in Washington, D.C., to Miami's Historical Museum at the Cultural Center where it is now on display. It is expected to be present for the Pope to see when he passes through the Arts Center Sept. 11 to meet with U.S. Jewish leadership.

The writing was done by Malgorzata Niezabitowska, a lawyer and journalist, the photography by her husband Tomasz Tomaszewski, a leading photographer in Poland. Their chronicle of this once proud and colorful people reveals truly just a remnant of a near-extinct people, with a median age of 70 who in their loneliness call themselves "The Last."

Polish Jews were at one time a thriving culture openly practicing their religion. Now there is one kosher butcher in Poland. "Remnants," an important cultural and social portrayal of a fading people can be seen through Sept. 30.

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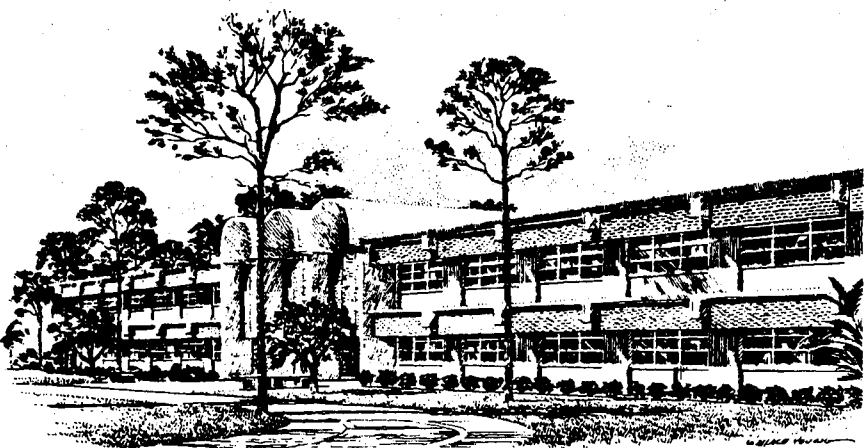
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# The story behind the altar

By Marjorie Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

When Pope John Paul celebrates an outdoor Mass in Miami on Sept. 11, it will be "a dream come true" for the young architect who designed the unusual structure.

Thomas Mishler, 25, a graduate of the University



Thomas Mishler

of Michigan, where he earned a Master's degree in landscape architecture, wanted those around the world watching the event on TV "to know it's Florida."

His design, submitted during a competition at the firm of Edward D. Stone, Jr. and Associates, Fort Lauderdale, where he was an intern, was the one selected by the Archdiocese of Miami. It was further refined with

the help of other firm architects, said Mishler.

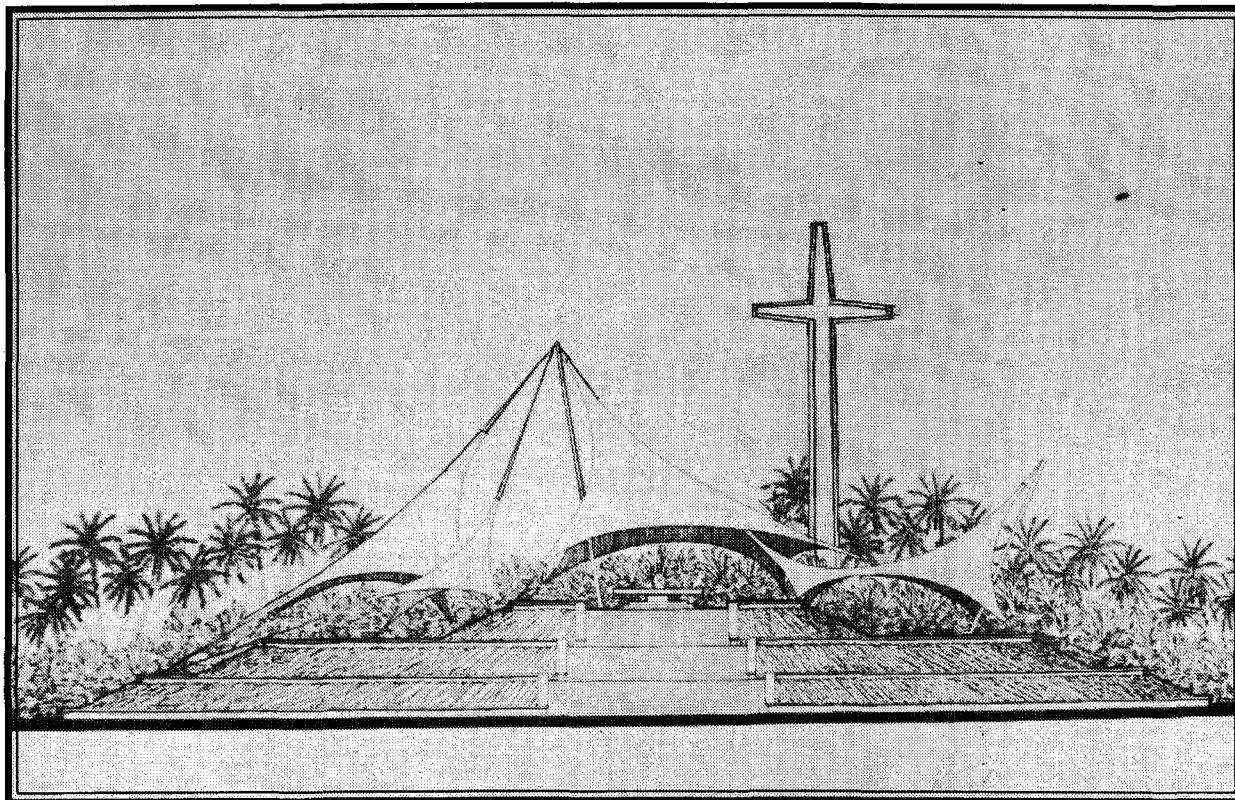
The altar, of 22-foot-high plywood and steel, will be 24 feet above ground on a 200-foot by 130-foot semicircular platform. Between the three levels will be 8,000 yellow and white chrysanthemums, the papal colors symbolizing light and the salt of the earth, all of which were planted last June to ensure blooms by September. Other tropical plants will be used for background.

By Labor Day, 80 Royal Palms, each 30-foot-high and distinguished from other palms by their smooth bark, and 20 Alexander Palms, each 20-feet high, will be transported from South Dade County and placed behind the outdoor altar to tower above the platform.

How will they make the freshly uprooted trees rise above the altar? "You stack 40 cargo containers, the type lugged by trains, and separate the layers with steel frames," explained Bob Lebowitz, estimator for Edward J. Gerrits Construction Co., which is nearing completion of the altar. "Then you fill the top containers with soil."

The sweeping white canvas canopies over the

*'So when they came to me asking for an estimate on how much the fabric would cost, I decided I'd just give it to them'* —Jorge Azze



Architect Thomas Mishler, former altarboy, wanted world 'to know it's Florida'

outdoor sanctuary are intended to convey the Biblical symbolism of a tent, the place, throughout the Old Testament, where God and His people meet.

According to Lebowitz it took 16 hours to program the computer to calculate the angle at which the canvas should be cut so the weave wouldn't fall apart.

The entire project is of a unique Florida character while conforming to guidelines from the Vatican.

Between 100 and 200 bishops who will concelebrate the Mass will be seated on the 25-foot-wide second level, with nearly 2,000 priests, deacons and Eucharistic

ministrars on the level below.

Each level will be approached by an expansive staircase. A 100-foot cross will be located behind the altar and be visible for miles from the site.

Meanwhile Mishler, the son of lay Catholic missionaries and a former altar boy who speaks fluent Spanish because he was born in Mexico, plans to be one of the early arrivals at Tamiami Park, site of the Mass.

"I'll try to get as close to the Pope as I can," he said. "The Holy Father doesn't come to town every day."

## They 'covered' the bishops

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

An American designer and a Cuban refugee have pooled their talents and resources to provide special chasubles for the nearly 200 archbishops and bishops from the U.S. and Latin America expected to participate in the outdoor Mass which will be celebrated by Pope John Paul on Sept. 11 in Miami.

Marry Harrington, owner of MD Designs, has designed an ivory chasuble of tissue taffeta in gray, with gold panels on the front and back. The "lightweight cloth was chosen because of the 90 degree temperatures here even in September," said Harrington, a native of Cincinnati. Gray cordage will be used to rim the neck and perimeter of the free-flowing vestment.

Jorge Azze, who fled Oriente Province in Cuba in 1964 with his family, is now an importer of fabrics in Miami and donated 1,300 yards of taffeta and 1,000 yards of gray cordage.

Azze's wife, sister, daughter and nephew help him in the business, which is similar to the one he had in Cuba. He said he had planned to donate money to the Archdiocese for the Papal visit. "So when they came to me asking for an estimate on how much the fabric would cost, I decided I'd just give it to them."

When the Archdiocese approached Harrington about making the vestments, she had already completed a set for the Holy Father to wear while visiting St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami's southwest section. Meanwhile, that tentative visit, which had been announced last November, was eliminated from his Miami schedule.

The designer, who charges thousands of dollars for designing evening gowns, said she reduced her normal fee "considerably" because she wanted to do something for the Pope's visit. "I never expected to be given such an important job," she explained.

A member of St. David parish, Davie, Harrington was one of the 200 priests and laity who made a pilgrimage to Rome in 1983 led by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy. At that time the entire group had an audience with the Pope and sang, "Miami's For You," a parody on the song, "Miami's For Me," for the Pontiff.

When the chasubles are finished, Harrington estimates that she will have devoted about 100 hours

to cutting the patterns and making the vestments. Her assistant, Kathie Godin will have worked about 20 hours on them.

The chasubles will be sent out to be stitched.

Meanwhile, Harrington and her husband, Don, a retired police officer, are planning to donate their services at the Papal Mass site. She'll be assisting all of the

clergy who will vesting in the gymnasium at Florida International University, and her husband will serving as a steward.

According to Father Juan Sosa, executive director of the Ministry of Worship and chairman of the liturgy committee for the Papal visit, the vestments will be stored at St. Mary Cathedral to be used in future special occasions.

*'The last thing I need is for someone to go on TV and say they paid \$7 for a hotdog and soda'*

## 300,000 Hotdogs!

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

What and how do you feed an expected crowd of 300,000 people, some of whom will be waiting as many as nine hours to see Pope John Paul II when he celebrates an outdoor Mass in Tamiami Park on Sept. 11?

The "what" will be 300,000 hot dogs, 160,000 hamburgers, 40,000 muffins, 2,400 dozen eggs, and 500,000 soft drinks, as well as snacks --not to mention 1 million paper cups.

The "how" is four tractor-trailers full of ice and 21 food tents set up in the park and staffed by employees of San Francisco Puff and Stuff, Inc., along with members of local non-profit organizations who will receive 10 percent of the profits.

Although the Archdiocese of Miami has not sanctioned any commercialization of the Pope's visit, it could not ignore food or other basic needs, said Father Anthony Mulderry, overall coordinator of site preparation.

"Everyone going to the Mass will be there for a minimum of five hours and we do have to provide for them: safety, sanitation, water, food and beverages," he pointed out. "We can't leave people out there without food."

Father Mulderry said that although calls came from concessionaires as far away as New Orleans and Louisville, the Fort Lauderdale-based Puff and Stuff was chosen for two reasons. First, he wanted a firm that could convince him they could handle the job of serving

so many people, and second, the firm had to be reputable and agree to a set price list.

"The last thing I need is for someone to go on TV and say they paid \$7 for a hot dog and soda," Father Mulderry said. "By having only one vendor, I have only one to jump on."

A Broward County Catholic, Sharon Grim, vice president of the catering company, has promised there will be no "price-gouging." She quotes prices of \$1.50 for hot dogs and \$2.50 for one-third pound hamburgers.

Since people from five South Dade parishes will begin walking to the park shortly after midnight, and arriving at the main entrance, on SW 24 St. and 107 Ave., at half-hour intervals throughout the night, a variety of other refreshments will be available all night.

Blueberry, apple and corn muffins will be provided, as well as American and Cuban coffee, Latin pastries and chips. Scrambled egg sandwiches will be served for breakfast.

Admittedly the task is the largest ever undertaken by Puff and Stuff, Grim said.

Meanwhile, Edward J. Gerrits Inc., the Miami construction firm that is building the outdoor altar, will provide about 750 portable commodes as well as 1.5 million ice cubes and enough water to cool 620,000 persons.

The average temperature for the past 25 years on Sept. 11 has been 86 degrees, with high humidity and a 20 to 40 percent chance of rain.

# A rainbow Mass

People of every color, language, culture to celebrate

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

Sacred music will play throughout the night. At dawn, the people will begin to pray --with rosaries, in song and dance, in as many different languages and cultures as exist in South Florida.

The Papal Mass at Tamiami Park on Sept. 11 will be a colorful, powerful, prayerful experience of unity,

handicapped and elderly, more than 2,000 young people wearing yellow 'pope' T-shirts, and hundreds of thousands of families representing dozens of different ethnic groups, from Cubans, Haitians, blacks and Nicaraguans to Koreans, Vietnamese and Poles. Busloads more of people are coming in from every corner of Florida, and even the Caribbean and Latin America.

Between 100 to 200 bishops and cardinals from the United States and Latin America will be concelebrating with the Pope, along with 1,000 priests from Florida and the rest of the nation. The cardinals and nine bishops of Florida will stand with the Pope on the top level of the altar, and the rest of the bishops will be on the second level, with the priests, permanent deacons and Eucharistic ministers below.

In the VIP section up front will be about 150 Protestant ministers and a Jewish rabbi who will take part in an interfaith/ecumenical prayer service just before the Pope's arrival. Also before the Mass, about 500 priests will be scattered throughout the site hearing confessions.

Mass-goers will not have to guess at the theme of the Papal visit: unity. They will live it, revel in it, watch it on giant video screens, both during the Mass and during the three hours of singing, dancing and praying which will precede the Pope's 10 a.m. arrival. (See box).

"The entire celebration will communicate the multicultural nature of our faithful," said Father Sosa.

The Mass itself will be celebrated in the three predominant languages of South Florida's Catholics: English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. The Pope will deliver the homily in at least that many languages, perhaps more.

Scriptural readings, songs and prayer responses will combine or alternate among the three languages, and Mass-



Rogelio Zelada with banner which he designed that will mark communion spots at Papal Mass. (La Voz photo by Araceli Cantero)



A people 'living together, working together for the common good, while maintaining their own identity', said Fr. Juan Sosa, coordinator of the Papal Liturgy, seen here looking at altar diagram.

not just another rock concert or a picnic, promises Father Juan Sosa.

"My hope is that both the ministers of the celebration and the people attending get the feeling that there is prayer here," said the coordinator of the Papal liturgy. "Our hope is that people come to pray."

Nearly 300,000 are expected to attend the Mass, the highlight event of Pope John Paul II's 23-hour stay in Miami. Among them will be 1,100

goers will be given programs with which to follow along. Scripture passages read in English, for example, will be printed in Spanish and Creole; those read in Spanish will be printed in English and Creole, and so on.

Readers and lectors will provide additional evidence of the multi-cultural richness of the Archdiocese. The first reading, from the Old Testament, will

be read in Creole by a Haitian woman; the second will be read in English by an "Anglo" man; and the Gospel will be read in Spanish by a Hispanic permanent deacon. The Prayers of the Faithful will be read by both men and women in English, Spanish and Creole.

"We're trying to get as much representation as possible from all areas of the Archdiocese," explained Father Sosa.

All the readers, along with equal numbers of alternates (just in case), were recruited from South Florida parishes and auditioned beforehand. Talent was an important consideration, but equally important was longstanding service to the parish in that ministry.

Pastors' recommendations also were taken into account in selecting the 600 male and female Eucharistic ministers who, along with 1,000 priests, will begin to move into the crowd at the Our Father so as to be in place by Communion time.

Precise calculations have gone into this part of the Mass, since all the ministers must stop giving Communion when the Pope does. The ministers have exactly 10 minutes to reach their Communion zones, which will be marked by huge banners being carried by young people. Then, they have 15 minutes to distribute about 150 hosts each. A total of 250,000 Communion hosts have been ordered.

"We're going to try to give Communion to as many people as possible," said Father Gabriel O'Reilly, site coordinator for the Papal Mass. Richard Bergman, "producer" of the event, added that no one will be more than 20 feet away from a Communion rail.

A very special group of 100 people

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## Hours of special programs

### Before Mass: music and dance

A cast of hundreds --representing most of the races, languages and cultures of South Florida-- will put their musical and dancing talents to work early on the morning of Sept. 11. Their goal: to raise the level of joy and fervor at Tamiami Park, so that the crowd will be well-prepared to welcome and celebrate Mass with Pope John Paul II.

The pre-Mass activities are designed to make people "feel that they are a part of something special," explained Father Terence Hogan, coordinator of hospitality during the Papal visit. Following is the schedule of events for that historic morning:

#### Midnight to 7 a.m.

A WTMI/FM 93 program of light jazz and sacred music will be broadcast continuously over loudspeakers placed throughout the site; around 5 a.m., two videos will be shown on the two 50-foot screens at the site: one video recalls the Pope's 1979 trip to America, the other chronicles the preparations for his 1987 visit.

#### 7 to 8 a.m.: Living Rosary.

This meditation on the life of Christ will be narrated in three languages, English, Spanish and Creole. The Haitian Choir will sing Marian hymns and black Catholic musician Grayson Brown will do the Litany of the Saints.

The nationally-renown Brown, who currently directs the music ministry at Christ the King parish in Perrine, will be one of three masters of ceremonies for the pre-Mass events. The others will be Greg Budell, a South Florida disc jockey, and Carlos Poce, a Hispanic actor.

#### 8 to 9 a.m.: New World/Unity Concert.

A musical look back at the history of America from its discovery and early settlement through the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Gay 90s and Roaring 20s, to current popular music; by performers representative of South Florida's ethnic mosaic: the Haitian Choir, the Cuban Chorale, Soiree (made up of young Hispanic Catholics), the Lil Wally Polish Band, the Mount Tabor Baptist Choir, the Miami Choral Society Girls Choir and the Mora-Arriaga Mariachi Band.

#### 9 to 10 a.m.: Ecumenical Prayer Service

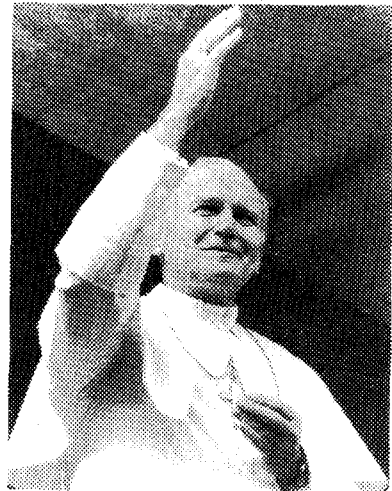
Will expose Mass-goers to some of the major religious and cultural groups in South Florida, since it will be led, in turn, by a rabbi; an "Anglo" Protestant minister; a Hispanic Protestant minister; a black Protestant minister; and a Greek Orthodox priest. The University of Miami Concert Choir will follow with a selection of classical sacred music.

#### 10 a.m.: Pope arrives

Grayson Brown will lead the crowd in singing Gospel and spiritual music while Pope makes his way through the park in his popemobile. Meditative, centering music will play while Pope is vesting, and the Fred Bratcher Dance Troupe will perform a liturgical movement.

#### 11 a.m.: Mass begins

At the end of the Mass, approximately at 1 p.m., the Pope is expected to personally greet a group of elderly and handicapped persons from around South Florida. Metro-Dade County is planning a concert afterwards to ensure that people trickle, rather than flood, out of the park. The park will close at 4 p.m.



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# Who's in charge of all the people?

## The Stewards

Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

There will be hundreds of thousands of people at the Papal Mass in Tamiami Park! How will you know where to go? What if you get thirsty, or tired, or sick? Who can you turn to? Just look for one of 4,000 stewards wearing a yellow sash and baseball cap. They are there to serve you.

Robert Senk, police chief of Cooper City and coordinator of the 14-member Steward Committee, has been hard at work since December organizing every aspect involving this group of volunteers, from recruitment to training to the actual date of the event.

Although most of the volunteers come from a total of 104 parishes, other groups represented include the Spanish group Agrupacion Catolica Universitaria, a Respect Life and a Young Adults group, and the 1013 Club, which is composed of retired policemen, Senk said.

The smallest group, 22 Jewish volunteers, will serve at the Dade County Cultural Center, where the Pope will meet with Jewish leaders. Then groups of between 60 and 100 will serve at each of the other sites the pontiff will visit.

But almost all of the 4,000 volunteers will assist an expected crowd of half-million people at the outdoor Mass Sept. 11.

Five training sessions, for groups of about 800 each, were held in August at the Florida International University football stadium to train this group of stewards.

On Aug. 15 Senk, a former Metro-



Hundreds of stewards meet at FIU stadium for training session.

Dade policeman, addressed several hundred volunteers as they sat under the midday sun waving their instruction sheets as fans to ward off the heat.

"Maybe this is a good test for the day of the event," he said, thanking them for being there and stressing that "each individual constitutes a key player in the success of this visit by the Pope."

John Fonner, an expert on crowd control after 34 years in the Miami police department, emphasized the significance of the stewards' attitude on the crowds.

"The actions you take will be mirrored by the crowd," he said, advising the volunteers to be strong, patient and alert, to use common sense, and to avoid serious conflicts.

"Be patient and Christian-like in your approach to a problem," he said, with Senk adding: "After all, it's going to be a church."

A group of 660 stewards will be at the Mass site as early as 6 p.m. on Sept. 10 in case large crowds are lining the streets and the gates open early. A second shift will run from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., but parish coordinators will instruct their groups as to their particular locations and times of service.

The uniforms, which consist of yellow sashes and yellow baseball-style caps with the Papal coat of arms imprinted on them, will also be distributed by parish coordinators. Caps with two crosses flanking the coat of arms will identify steward supervisors, while caps with the coat of arms on a white center will identify area commanders.

Barbara Bradley, who is in charge of uniforms, told volunteers they must wear a white shirt or blouse, preferably with big pockets to carry needed supplies, including sunscreen lotion. Clothing should be comfortable, but no shorts will be allowed.

Stewards are responsible, among other things, for directing people, passing out programs, maintaining the perimeter of pods, or roped subdivisions of 4,000 people, and keeping aisles clear, especially as the Pope rides by in his popemobile. They were instructed to refer any difficult problems to the police.

In case of illness, for example, they should clear the area around the victim and immediately report the incident to a policeman, who in turn will request a rescue team by radio. A more critical matter would involve lost

children. In that case, no less than two stewards are to escort the lost child to pod 24, and release the child *only* to a police officer.

"They are basically a group of people offering hospitality and assistance," Senk said.

Stewards for the VIP area were specially selected and had to be checked by the Secret Service to be assigned there. To serve that 4-pod area closest to the altar, people were selected who had law enforcement experience, as well as knowledge of CPR and First Aid to help the 1,300 handicapped located there.

As far as transportation is concerned, those not arriving by shuttle bus are advised to car pool. Two parking lots were set aside for stewards. One is located at Cordis Corporation, at the corner of NW 107 Avenue and Flagler Street. The second one is at High Point Academy, at SW 121 Avenue and 34th Street.

In spite of the long hours that await them, volunteers did not seem at all discouraged by the task ahead or the possibility of searing heat.

"We should have known better, but we didn't," said Anne Hoey, parish coordinator for Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Perrine, referring to the heat.

But is anyone in her group of 41 discouraged from volunteering?

"Oh, No!" she said emphatically, "We are all very excited!"

And Marlene Leiva, one of 259 volunteers from St. Louis parish in Kendall, put it this way: "No way! We are at the service of the Lord here. He'll give us the strength to serve Him in the way He wants us to serve Him. He will provide for our needs."

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# The Papal visit: A Jewish view

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cast the Catholic in a defensive posture. Jews should be able to identify with that. Huge numbers of American Jews have no thought of living in Israel. Yet attacks on Israel bring stinging responses from them. Many are the irreligious and religiously illiterate in the community who would defend the Torah with life and limb. Somehow, we don't make the connection.

Then there is the whole Vatican II process. It literally turned many churches around. Altars were moved, priests faced the laity, new music came in, Latin went out, and in a sense the concept of the universal church was also turned around. Vatican I said look inward, hunker down; Vatican II said look outward, reach out. Suddenly, at least from a historical perspective, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and yes, Jews were sort of "in," where for hundreds, and even thousands, of years they were "out."

So the Catholic seems driven by church theology to do the right thing.

The Jew is driven less by theology, more by sociology. American Jewish history, ecumenically, is following an inverse pattern to the American Catholic's. Since 1973 when Israel came within a cross-hair of being annihilated, Jews have taken a harsh look at themselves and their communities. The mirror reflects soaring secularism, diminishing Judaism, rising intermarriage and divorce rates, plunging affiliation and birth rates.

Nor does it take a lot of prodding to drive Jews away from Christians. As Rabbi A. James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee says, "Through the centuries, 'Christian love' has meant the Inquisition and the Holocaust." True, at Yad Vashem, Israel's dramatic

Holocaust memorial, museum, and research center, there is the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles, markers commemorating Christians who risked their lives to save Jews. Given the opportunities, thinks the Jew, there are precious few markers. "Scratch a Gentile," the saying goes, "find an anti-semitic."

Nonsense. Polls tell us otherwise. While a disturbing number of Americans are diehard anti-semites (over 20%), the percentage hasn't changed much in decades and those folks will eventually die out. White America feels more positively disposed towards Jews and Israel than ever before. There are disquieting problems with Blacks' attitudes, but on the whole things are attitudinally just fine, thank you. Unfortunately, Jews choose not to believe it, or at least not to trust the data. The same polls show a high degree of Jewish uncertainty, inse-

curity, and mistrust.

Into this tempest is tossed Kurt Waldheim. Frankly, the results have been excellent considering the potential for them to have been otherwise.

A word about Miami. We, Catholics and Jews, ought to pat ourselves on the back. Leadership was demonstrated here. Honest emotion was expressed, but the overarching theme was, "better to talk angrily than to be so angry we cannot talk." The Archbishop, the papal coordinators, the priests, and nuns said to Catholics — hear, listen, understand. Prominent Jews said, "if they'll listen, we ought to talk." Pope or no pope we all knew instinctively that we have to live here together. Without this coming together in Miami, the firm and clear message to New York and Rome not to cancel, the results might have been very different.

Was it just so the show would go on? Surely not. Ironically, it took the Catholic reaction to the Jewish reaction to catalogue the Pope's record on Jewish matters. It's quite good and more Jews know it now than before.

The Holy Father in his address to the Jews of Poland spoke of pain and suffering as "deepening" and enriching experiences in the Christian faith. There is every reason to believe that from the pain and suffering of this experience will come deeper, enriched understandings and measurable advancements.

Here in Miami, the American Jewish Committee is running a Catholic-Jewish living room dialogue now in its third year, distributing materials on Catholics and Catholicism to Jewish schools, creating a speakers bureau of Catholics for Jewish schools, and is preparing for the Jewish print and electronic media (and PBS) an interview with Archbishop McCarthy entitled, "A Primer on Catholicism for Jews."

Finally, Committee will underwrite a seminarians conference at the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach. Students for the rabbinate and priesthood will study, pray, and dialogue together. These will be deepening and enriching experiences for Miami Catholics and Jews, lay and clergy.

From what the blessed and beloved John 23rd called his "little bit of holy madness" (the idea for Vatican II), and the dedication of Paul VI to carrying it out, comes the concrete action of John Paul's papacy. For Jews it's been a bad 2,000 years. However, due to these men, it's been a much better 22.

Since what's worth having is worth fighting for, I maintain we're on the right track.

## Catholic-Jewish meeting

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"Even before Vatican II our relationships here were very good," said Msgr. Walsh at the press conference.

Since Vatican II and particularly since a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Vatican II several years ago, efforts between the two faiths to increase understanding and cooperation have intensified.

"There is so much more leaning to the recognition that both Christianity and Judaism have neglected each other," said Sr. Noel.

Examples of this in the past several years are the Archbishop's visits

to several synagogues and the creation of a dialogue group between a local Catholic church and temple.

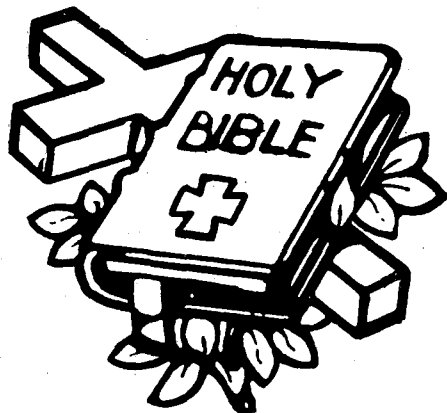
As the Pope's visit approaches, the mood is definitely upbeat among those involved in interfaith dialogues. Local Catholic and Jewish leaders anticipate continued good relations in South Florida whatever the outcome of the meeting. Lawrence said that national dialogue is also unlikely to be disrupted.

"No matter what happens at the Vatican," he said, "Catholic-Jewish relations are on a very high, positive level. We are delighted at the sensitivity and outreach of our American Catholic colleagues."



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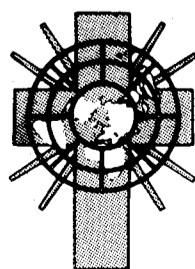
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# 1,000 will sing at Papal Mass

By Mariolga Fernández  
Voice Correspondent

They are grandmothers, fathers, brothers. They are your friends, your neighbors. They are ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing: Sept. 11, they will sing for the Pope.

About 1,000 members of Catholic choirs throughout South Florida have joined forces for the spectacular Papal Mass at Tamiami Park, where they will be accompanied by a state-of-the-art organ, a brass ensemble and approximately 40 members of the Philharmonic Orchestra of Florida.

Choir members have been rehearsing since last February for an event many have dreamed of most of their lives.

"It is a great experience to be able to be a part of anything having to do with the Holy Father," said Gail Crawford, director of music at St. Helen Catholic Church in Ft. Lauderdale. "I hope everyone will be able to share in this experience of coming together in love and peace."

The choir members come from both Dade and Broward counties. All were required to attend four rehearsals in the church most convenient to them: St. Andrew's in Coral Springs; Nativity in Hollywood; Immaculate Conception in Hialeah; or St. Louis in Kendall. They also were required to participate in one of two concerts held in May, and in the final dress rehearsal scheduled for Labor Day, when the entire choir will sing together for the first time.

Missing any of these events meant elimination from the Papal Choir.

Strict auditions were also held to select a 150 member semi-choir which will perform special parts of the Papal liturgy.

Most choir members look on the Papal Mass as both a religious and musical event.

"It is one of the greatest experiences in the world," said David Dunlap, director of music at St. Coleman's Catholic Church in Pompano Beach. "It's going to be a real experience simply because of the sheer number of people involved."

The participants also have made many friends, he said. "We just have wonderful times, not only because of the music but because we have a chance to meet people involved in the same ministry in other churches."

Being a member of the Papal choir is a tremendous experience even for a Protestant, Dan Butzirus can testify. He has been singing with St. Brendan Church's Melodic Prayer group for the past few years, but his reasons for joining the Papal Choir are slightly different.

Musically, he admits the size and magnitude of the choir attracted him, but so did the religious significance of the event.

"The Pope to me is a leader whom I respect," said Butzirus. "Anything that gets so many people closer to God I feel is very important. I feel that being a part of this is part of my duty to minister, to be part of the ministry of spreading the word."

Also represented in the choir is South Florida's Haitian community, which feels it owes a great debt to Pope John Paul II.

When he visited that country, he ignited a wave of change that swept "Baby Doc" Duvalier out of power.

"He helped people realize that Haiti had to change," said Yolande Najac, administrator of the Haitian Center and parishioner at Notre-Dame D'Haiti Church.

"Singing at the Papal Mass is a way for the Haitian Community to thank the Pope for giving Haitians the

## She holds music together

By Mariolga Fernandez  
Voice Correspondent

Mary Beth Kunde is the woman who holds the music together--along with nearly anything else related to the Papal Choir at Tamiami Park.

Kunde has been associate director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship for the past five years. Previously, she was director of music at a Chicago parish.

With a Master's degree in music and conducting, she jumped at the chance to work for the Archdiocese. She didn't know then what she was getting into: she is now in charge of nearly 2,000 people as she directs the musical portion of the Papal Mass.

"I have never met anyone who is as dedicated as she is or who can find time for it--she must not sleep," said David Dunlap, director of Music at St. Coleman's Catholic Church in Pompano Beach.

But somewhere in her busy schedule, Kunde finds the time: to take her three-year-old daughter to school while her husband tours the continent with a professional opera group and to pick her up at approximately 6 p.m., then take her to swimming lessons. In between, Kunde squeezes in meeting after meeting. Not only must she prepare for the Mass musically, she must also take care of the little details that can make or break the final result.

"I'm really taking care of two jobs in one," said Kunde, "the business aspect and the artistic."

Contracts must be prepared, shirts must be distributed, a soloist must be found. She must design the area where the musicians and singers will stand during the Mass, a task where she has sought the help of Carlos Pravo, a prominent Miami architect.

Not only must every member of both the choir and the orchestra be able to see her, but, because of the delicacy of the musical instruments, a canopy must be erected over the musicians without interfering with anyone's view. Also, scaffolding for the organ and its speakers must be built, complete with electrical outlets. And of course, there's always the music.

"As the Mass gets closer, I really have to start concentrating on becoming comfortable with the music score," she said.

She admits that hers is a difficult job. She has had to attend all 25 rehearsals--four times in each of the four different corners of the Archdiocese, as well as with the orchestra and 150 member semi-chorus. She has had to do the difficult job of directing, and still the entire choir has



Mary Beth Kunde models Papal choir insignia

not sung together.

But she does not complain: "We think this is a form of worship and we should give our best."

"She has treated the choir as professionals," and handles the music professionally, said Francisco Muller, director of Music at St. Brendan Church. "She has made certain to pay attention to the music itself--to give ranges of dynamics from the strongest fortissimo to the most subtle pianissimo."

Dan Butzirus, a member of the Papal Choir, said Kunde knows what she is doing, "she has an understanding for the people which makes it easier for us."

"It will be a sort of triumph to pull this off," Kunde said. "I hope that all the people in this choir will not forget--the sounds of this will stay with them for a long, long time."

strength to fight for their equality," said Najac.

The organ for the Papal Mass is being provided by the Allen Organ Company, the largest manufacturer of church organs in the world.

The company invented the electric organ in 1937 and one of its 50th anniversary models, a digital organ which reproduces recorded pipe sounds, is being loaned to the Archdiocese just for this event.

The new organ, unlike traditional pipe organs, is "impervious to heat and humidity," said Dunlap. "It looks like a

standard organ, acts like a standard organ, but inside it is as technically advanced as a CD or a laser disc."

The choir will be dressed in pastel-colored shirts and light-colored slacks or skirts, with a papal choir logo sewn on the sleeve.

"We want to make an impression of a garden setting--a Miami atmosphere," said Francisco Muller, music director at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Miami.

Putting together a choir of over 1,000 members is no easy task. Muller said that Mary Beth Kunde, associate

director of the Office of Worship, "has done a very good job in managing the entire thing," from secret service forms to bus assignments to shirt style and sizes.

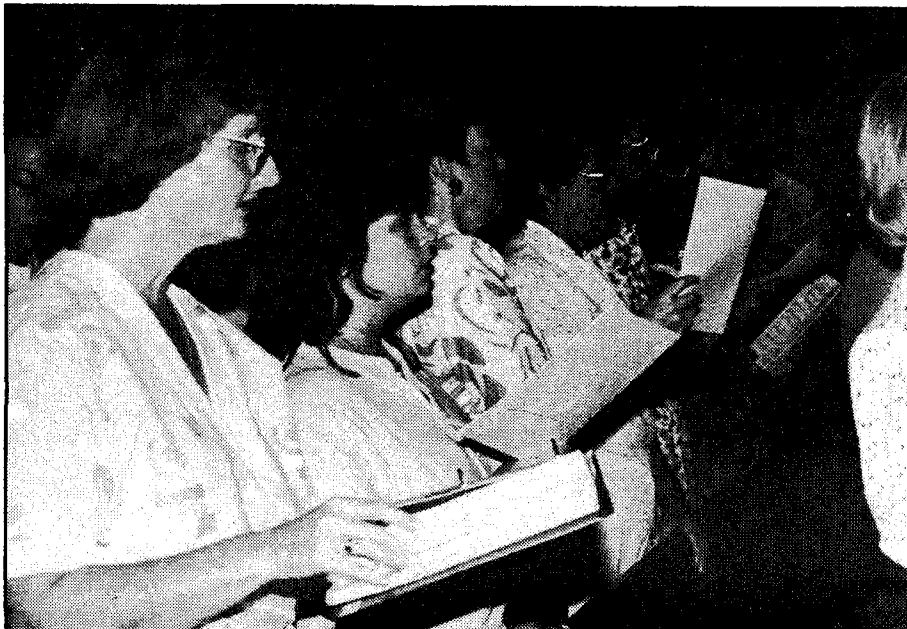
Choosing the music wasn't an easy task either. A committee of four was selected to decide on the music for the Mass. Sister Mary Tindel, OP, Matthew Bryant, María Pérez-Rudisill and Kunde had to consider various aspects in the selection of music.

"We tried to choose pieces that people will find easy to sing," said Kunde, but "the themes and ideas of the reading and the Holy Father's Mass, which is 'celebration of peace and reconciliation' had to be considered also."

The music also had to represent the different cultures and languages of the people of South Florida. Ultimately, all the selections had to be approved by the Vatican.

As a kind of souvenir, the Papal Choir also is recording an album with all the music of the Papal Mass. A recording made at Tamiami Park will be compared with one made earlier, and the better version of each song will be put on the album. (Once completed, the record may be bought for \$10 through the Archdiocesan Office of Worship.)

According to Kunde, "the Holy Father's responses [during the Mass] are expected to be recorded also, since we know he likes to sing...which will make the record much more special."



Papal choir members practice at St. Mary Cathedral

(Photo/M. Fernandez)



# Two Margarets and the Pope

Two Miami women who have essential roles in the visit of Pope John Paul II have only one similarity in their lives: their work is an exercise of love for God and the Church.

They each answer to the name "Margaret" yet spell it differently. One is an employee of the Archdiocese, the other a volunteer. Margarethe Lachance is the housekeeper for Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy and will be preparing meals for the Holy Father and guests. Margaret Robinson has been serving since last September as executive secretary in the Papal visit office.

## Eastern retiree is 'Miss Papal Visit'

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

The title of "Miss Papal Visit" would be an appropriate one for Margaret Robinson, who always arrives in her office before the Pastoral Center officially opens at 9 a.m. and is usually one of the last persons to leave the building.

She rises early every morning to participate in Mass at her parish, St. Louis in Kendall, before her work-day begins, a practice she began as a child in her hometown of St. Louis.

When it was almost a surety that the Pope was coming to Miami Margaret took a 'leave of absence' from her retirement to become the No. 1 volunteer in the planning of the most important event in the history of the Church in Florida.

Her herculean efforts and enormous organizational skills have been invaluable to the many clergy and laity involved in the task.

For almost a year she has been the focal point from whom reliable information flows to hundreds of people on committees. Her telephone rings constantly with inquiries ranging from people who "must see the Pope in person," to those who need hotel accommodations, or wish to send gifts to the Pontiff.

Her replies are always soft-spoken, efficient, diplomatic, and understanding. In addition she is responsible for the keeping of files, arranging meetings

with city and county officials, and taking minutes at the sessions of the Papal Visit executive committee. Frequently she must leave her office to participate in meetings held in various locations.

Margaret understands all too well the desires of those who wish to get as close to the Pope as they can. The greatest moment of her life, she often tells visitors, was when she looked into the eyes of the Pope during an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Rome in 1983.

She was with the group near the front of the room where the audience was held, but was completely surprised when the Pontiff came close and spoke to her.

"I had this inner peace. His face and eyes were so striking. He just seemed to glow with caring," she recalls, adding that she knows the Papal Visit to Miami will "change this area for a long time to come."

Although Margaret admits she'll be glad to return to the "peace and quiet" of her Coral Gables apartment, that will happen only several weeks after the Pope has visited. Since she constantly takes work home, that peace and quiet is no longer there.

In addition to a stepped-up work schedule of more than 12-hour days, she is also in her office on Saturdays and Sundays, and expects to maintain that pace until the Pope's visit here is over. "I'm strong, I can take it," she points out when anyone asks how she does it.



Margaret Robinson (standing) with Papal office secretary Maria Galindo. (Voice photo)

"She's a woman completely committed to Church service and a dedicated woman of Faith," said Msgr. Jude O'Doherty, Archdiocesan Director of the Papal Visit. "She inspires others to work as hard as she does herself."

Although the Papal Visit is very time-consuming, Margaret does not neglect her parish volunteer work. As a Eucharistic Minister she makes time to take Holy Communion to shut-ins and hospitalized Catholics. She also prays the Rosary every day with the intention that "everything will come together well."

A 1983 recipient of the Pro

Ecclesia et Pontifice, the highest award of the Vatican to laity, Margaret took early retirement from Eastern Air Lines after a 41-year career which included selling tickets and fueling planes and the duties of her last position as Consumer Affairs Manager.

What made her decide to retire at age 62? "Well, the Lord has been good to me and I wanted to do something for Him," she explained.

When you talk to Margaret Robinson you get a definite feeling that she would have been the first to volunteer if the Pope were coming to whichever city she called home.

## Housekeeper not nervous about cooking for Pope

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

When Margarethe Lachance left Europe in 1957, it never occurred to her that she would spend much of the rest of her life as housekeeper for Miami's two Archbishops.

After three years in Canada, she stopped in Miami only "temporarily" because she was planning to visit Brazil. When she applied for the position of housekeeper for Miami's founding Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll she told him she could only stay for a year.

However, she quickly became the lady "who came to dinner" and was with Archbishop Carroll for 17 years. She was at his bedside when he died in 1977. She ultimately did make the trip to Brazil, but only for a vacation.

Since that time she has been the housekeeper for Archbishop McCarthy, and her duties are multiple. She does the cooking, shopping, cleaning, laundry and also cares for the vestments and cassocks of the Archbishop and his resident priest-secretary, Father Pablo Navarro.

"Sometimes I think there must be more than one Margarethe," Archbishop McCarthy says of her. "She's also our nurse and counselor, she prays with us and occasionally becomes a gardener, plumber, and even an electrician. She's always cheerful, gracious and devoted."

Margarethe's youth has prepared her well for her housekeeping duties. Born



Margarethe Lachance in front of the Archbishop's house where the Pope will stay. (Voice photo/Prent Browning)

in a small German town in Czechoslovakia where "everyone was Catholic" she recalls that all of the girls in the school she attended learned homemaking, at which she certainly excels. "That was what girls were expected to do," she said.

All of her childhood was not pleasant. At age 10 she was confined with her family, for about six months, in a concentration camp operated by the Russians near Behmenkrau after the Germans surrendered in WW II. At age 15 she made it across the border to West Germany and took a job as a maid in a

private home, but not before she and her family had been forced to move from one place to another in East Germany.

Along the line she learned sewing and knitting and today still makes most of her own clothes. Her usual attire is slacks and a short-sleeved blouse or shirtmaker dress. When the Holy Father arrives to spend the night of Sept. 10 at the Archbishop's residence, Margarethe will probably wear a dark colored skirt and a three-quarter sleeved blouse. "I may even buy myself a chef's hat," she says laughing. For the past three months, this mother of one teenage

daughter has been interviewed countless times by print and electronic media. "They all ask the same question," she said. "Everyone wants to know what does the Pope like to eat? I keep telling them all that I know is that he likes clear broth and cold water without ice."

Unless she hears differently, she is presently planning an "American meal" including wine for the papal entourage and all of Florida's bishops who will also be guests. "I may also make some red cabbage or sauerkraut," she said.

Like Margaret Robinson, Margarethe was also in the 100-member group who traveled to Rome with Archbishop McCarthy in 1983. However she and her husband, Vic, were late arriving for the audience because they had stopped to visit Archbishop Paul Marcinkus and Bishop Ernest Primeau, whom Margarethe knew through their visits to the residence of Archbishop Carroll.

So they remained in the back of the room where Margarethe, who is short in stature, stood on a bench in order to see the Pontiff. "As he came down the aisle," she recalled, "the photographer was right there and took our picture with him and we had the best of all the pictures."

Is she nervous about the Pontiff's visit? "Oh no," she said. "There'll be more beds to be made and mouths to feed."

And anyone who has ever dined at the home of Archbishop McCarthy knows that the meal will be balanced and delicious from beginning to end.

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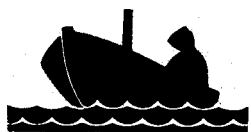
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# Pope's 1st stop: historic Cathedral

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
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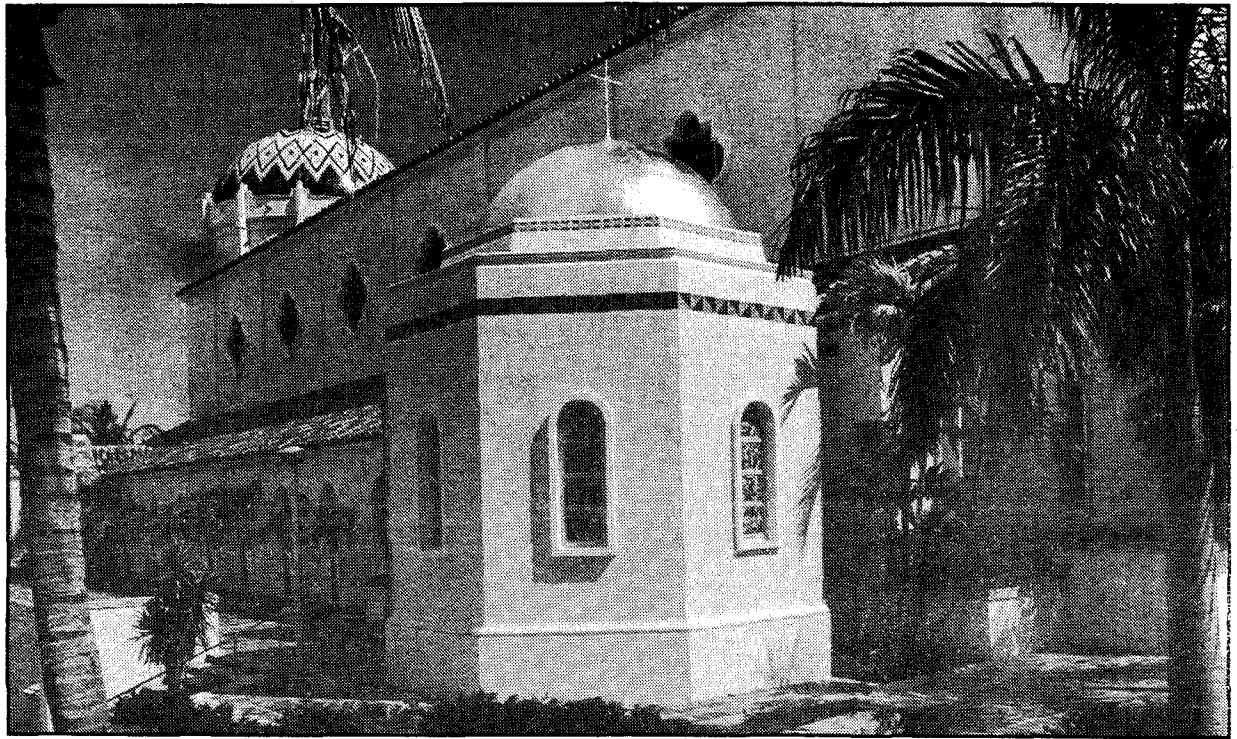
St. Mary Cathedral, the first of eight stops which Pope John Paul will make during his Sept. 10-11 visit to Miami, is one of South Florida's oldest parishes and is designated an historical site.

Established as a parish in 1930, the Cathedral had its beginnings in a small frame structure built with funds raised by a group of 14 men and women, primarily white Americans of middle-class income who joined together and referred to themselves as the Little River Mission Club.

The area is still known as Little River but like other sections of Dade County the ethnic makeup of the parish has changed due to the large number of immigrants from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Although long-time residents are still active in the parish they are outnumbered by some 17 cultural

**Only church in the nation where four Paschal candles are blessed during the Easter Vigil, each one symbolizing cultures of the Americans, Hispanics, Haitians, and French Canadians.**



Pope will stand on walkway and greet 3,000 Haitians and others on Cathedral Lawn (left).

groups who now call the Cathedral their spiritual home. Included are Jamaicans, Bahamians, Haitians, Barbadians, Dominicans, Costa Ricans, Puerto Ricans, Colombians, Guatemalans, Nicaraguans, French Canadians, Scots, Poles, and American blacks.

The Cathedral is probably the only church in the nation where four Paschal Candles are blessed during the Easter Vigil, each one symbolic of the cultures of Americans, Hispanics, Haitians and French Canadians.

"I think we have the entire Caribbean area represented," said Father Gerard La Cerra, Cathedral rector.

When the Holy Father arrives on Sept. 10 he will be greeted by some 3,500 people, including 1,000 Haitians shouting "Granmet La Avek Nou Tout" ("the Lord be with you") as well as American whites and

blacks. They will be standing on the north lawn of the Cathedral, inside barriers which will be erected to hold back the many people expected to be waiting for a glimpse of the Holy Father.

Inside the Cathedral, the Pontiff will be greeted by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy and the fanfare of trumpets and chiming bells from a newly computerized, completely rebuilt pipe organ. The original Moeller organ was installed in the Cathedral in 1960.

"Praise to the Lord" will be sung by a 40-voice choir which includes Americans, Haitians, Bahamians and Filipinos. Sister Mary Tindel, O.P. will direct them, accompanied by Cathedral organist Matthew Bryant.

The choir will wear white blouses and dark skirts,

instead of their usual robes, explained Sister Tindel, since the occasion is not a liturgical function.

After the Pope prays in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, he will be seated in the sanctuary, which is made of Italian marble. Above him will be the Cathedral's most decorative feature: an 11-foot-high glass mosaic which extends for a length of 70 feet and depicts scenes from the life of the Blessed Virgin. It was designed in Chartres, France by Gabriel Loire.

The invited guests include Religious men and women, priests, members of the Archdiocesan Synod now in progress, deacons of the Archdiocese, and clergy of other faiths who are members of the Greater Miami Religious Leaders Coalition.

While they await the Pontiff, they will be treated to a special concert featuring a brass ensemble.

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# Pope, Reagan at lovely Vizcaya

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, South Florida's most ornamental estate, will be the scene of the anticipated meeting of Pope John Paul II with President and Mrs. Reagan on Sept. 10.

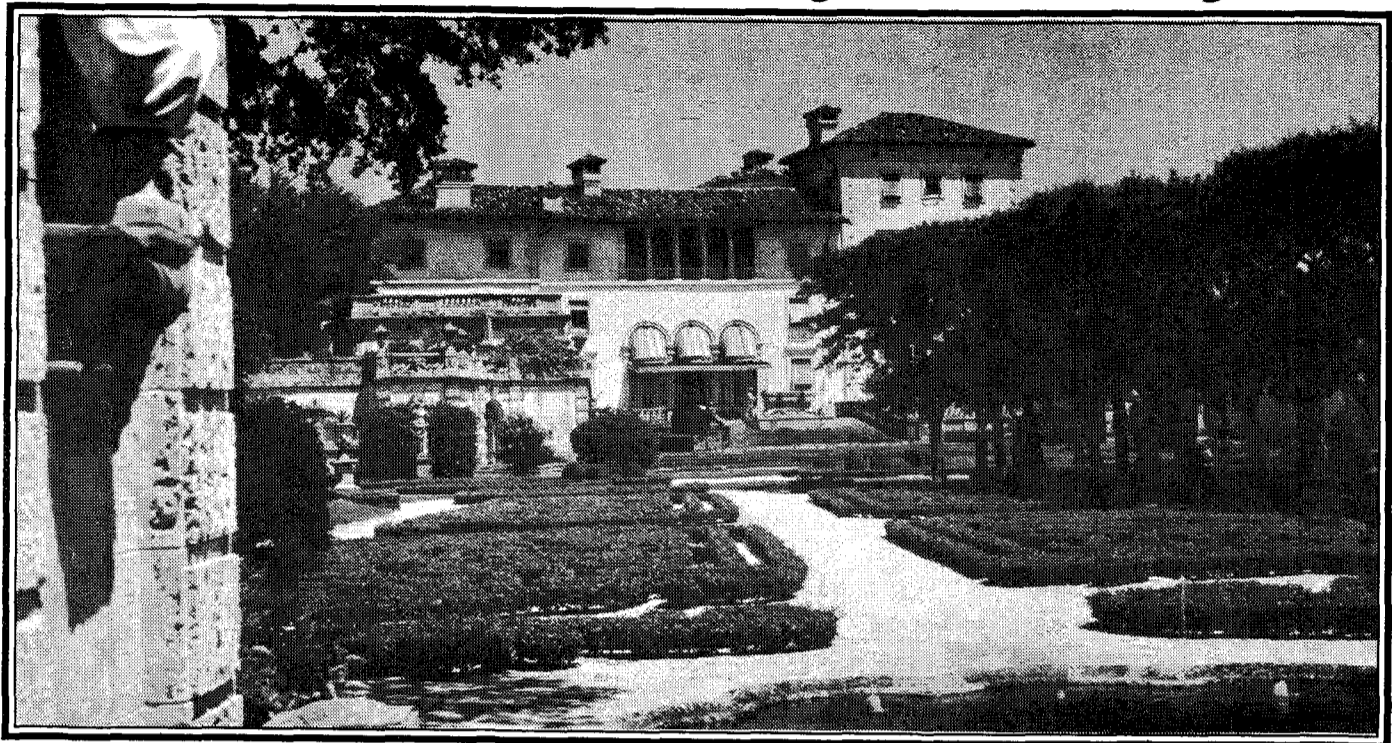
Built by the late James Deering, whose millions came from the merger of his family's farm machinery business with McCormick Harvester to create the International Harvester Co., the original estate included 180 acres on Biscayne Bay just two miles south of downtown Miami. The estate was unveiled on Christmas Day, 1916.

Deering, who lived in the 70-room mansion until his death in 1925, had traveled the world obtaining imported doors, walls, ceilings, furnishings, sculptures, paintings and tapestries.

The house was modeled after various 16th and 17th century Italian villas and the gardens were designed by an Italian-trained, Colombian-born landscape architect, Diego Suárez, who combined Renaissance and Baroque designs over the seven years it took to complete the work.

At one time the gardens included a lagoon and tropically-planted islands connected by decorative bridges. It is estimated that 1,000 persons were employed in the construction of the mansion, its supporting buildings and gardens, all of which were extensively damaged in the still talked-about hurricane of September, 1926, which devastated all of Miami.

On Nov. 5, 1945, the late Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, sixth bishop of St. Augustine, purchased 130 acres from the estate to begin the construction of Miami's Mercy



Pope John Paul II and President Reagan are scheduled to meet at historic John Deering estate.

Hospital, which at that time he envisioned as the largest medical center in the south.

Located on that property, south of Vizcaya, today are the 400-bed hospital owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine; the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, built with funds donated by Cuban refugees; St. Kieran Church; St. Vincent Residence for Unwed Mothers; Carroll Manor, a housing facility for senior citizens; La Salle High School; and the Archdiocesan Youth Center, whose chapel is an original part of the Deering estate: a replica of Islamic tombs found in Northern Africa which was built by Deering in 1917.

Twenty-two other acres of Vizcaya were sold for residential housing and in 1952 the remaining 28 acres and buildings were purchased by Dade County for \$1 million in revenue bonds. Furnishings and art were donated to the county by the heirs of the estate.

At present, Vizcaya, a Basque word meaning "elevated place," is undergoing a \$1.4 million restoration. According to Manny Iglesias, project director for a Miami-based engineering firm, five of the estate's 36 fountains are being upgraded first so that they will be "sparkling when the Pope and President visit."

Visited by more than a quarter of a

million tourists and South Florida residents annually, the mansion, after continuous restoration now has 34 rooms, each of which appear essentially as when Deering lived there.

Since Vizcaya is on Biscayne Bay, police scuba divers and Coast Guard patrol boats will serve as offshore sentries during the expected meeting of the Pope and the Reagans. On shore, there will also be Secret Service personnel and Metro riflemen.

If the Florida Cabinet approves, Marine patrol officials plan to invoke an "emergency rule" to ban boaters from Biscayne Bay waters during the time of the meeting.

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# Down to the nitty-gritty

## From refreshments to dental care, her job is to make Pope's stay comfortable

Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

"For the Holy Father: Anything!"

That is a phrase Zoila Diaz has gotten used to hearing during the past year.

As head of the Person of the Holy Father Committee, she is in charge of making sure every comfort is provided to Pope John Paul II during his stay in Miami.

"Doesn't mean luxurious," she emphasizes, "but comfortable."

But keeping the balance between comfortable and luxurious has been a difficult task, said Diaz, director of Lay Ministry for the Archdiocese of Miami.

What has happened, she said, is that people want to give the best that they have for the Holy Father.

"And when you put the best of this, and the best of that, and the best of the other," Diaz said, "then you end up with a lot of fancy things that you never expected. And you're not even paying for them!"

An example: six sets of white towels, with the Papal crown and the keys of St. Peter embroidered on them in gold, silver and red, were a gift from Gattles of Boca Raton. These will be available at each of the sites for the Pope's use.

Even the professionals she has on call are donating their services.

"It's the way of the people to show the Holy Father that they love him,"

she said.

In case they are needed, she has an Italian-speaking doctor, a dentist and a dry cleaner lined up. She decided an optometrist would not be needed because the Pope is "bringing three pairs of eyeglasses, so we figured he would not need one."

She stressed that besides being the Holy Father, the pontiff is also a head of state.

"It's not just that he's the head of the Roman Catholic Church," Diaz said. "He has to be treated like any President of any other country that would come here. We should be ready for any eventuality."

Diaz will make sure that wherever the Pope stops there are refreshments, such as fruit juices and fresh fruits.

"It is more European-style," she said, "no sodas." All the Vatican instructed was "no spicy foods."

"I don't know if he likes it or not," she said, "maybe he can't eat it. I understand that, because he goes all over the world and can be served all different kinds of foods."

Diaz said she's not aware of any of the details about the pontiff's stay at Archbishop Edward McCarthy's house. That falls under the jurisdiction of Margarethe Lachance, the Archbishop's housekeeper.

Diaz will have a member of her committee at each of the sites, so if the Pope gets a toothache, for example,



Zoila Diaz stands before mural of Pope at the Pastoral Center

(Photo A. Cantero/La Voz)

someone is there to call the dentist.

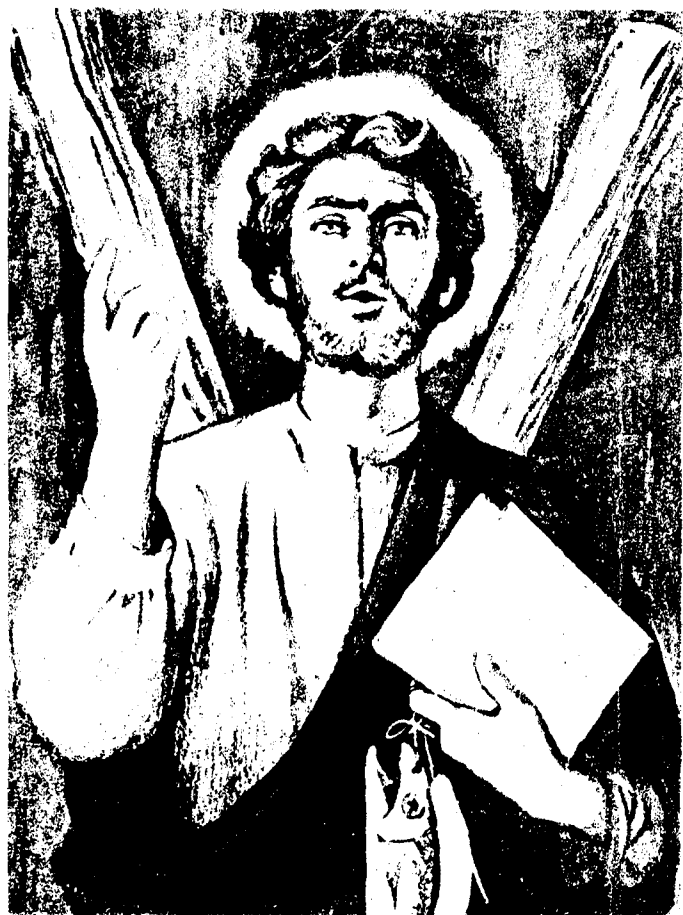
The people she chose to assist her in this task were people she knew and trusted, she said, people "that are willing to serve without calling attention to themselves."

"That's basically the way we train our people," she said, "that they're there to serve but not be in the limelight."

That is how she would have liked to serve, she said, but no chance. Just recently she had to give six press interviews in two days.

"My hope and my prayers are that perspective is not lost of why it is that all this is being done," Diaz said. "This is a religious event that happens to have a lot of human, practical details."

"And if all of these little details help make all of us more aware of the Holy Father's message of unity and service, and the Archbishop's message of love and reconciliation," she says of her job, "then it's worth every single minute of it."



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## Spread the word: Unity!

### More than 1,000 pledge to work for peace in South Florida

By Jim Varsallone  
Voice Correspondent

Unity! was their battle cry. Their weapons: prayers, songs, candles, an eternal flame, and most symbolic of all, a plethora of single ribbons knotted together to make an indivisible chain of peace.

That's how more than 1,000 people got their hearts ready to greet the Pope last Sunday night, during Barry University's "South Florida Unites: One Peace at a Time" rally.

"Now, we are beginning to catch the real meaning of the coming of the 'Pope of Peace' to us," said Archbishop Edward McCarthy, one of many civic and religious leaders who, along with ordinary citizens, jammed Barry's Broad Center Auditorium for the event.

Other leaders included Miami Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey; Rabbi Gary Glickstein of Temple Beth Shalom; Dr. Irving Lehrman of Temple

***'It really made me hope again and believe that this community can come together. We're not just having day-dreams. There could be some reality. Everyone was so cooperative, joyful and loving that the whole thing moved my heart.'***

Sr. Marie Carol Hurley

Emanu-El; Miami civic leader and South Florida Unites co-chairman Leslie Pantin, Jr.; State Attorney Janet Reno; and Miami Mayor Xavier Suárez.

Sister Marie Carol Hurley, O.P., welcomed the audience in six languages--English, French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Spanish--and moderated the occasion. Mary Beth Wise, a 1987 Barry theatre graduate, presented an excerpt from Leo Buscaglia's "Personhood."

"I was very moved and very

gratified," Sister Marie Carol said, "because it really made me hope again and believe that this community can come together. We're not just having day-dreams. There could be some reality. Everyone was so cooperative, joyful and loving that the whole thing moved my heart."

Barry President Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin led the crowd in a reflection on peace and called forth civic and religious leaders for the Rite of Peace. Several distinguished guests said a few words and tied their white ribbons together to form the symbolic chain of unity, which was started by Miami Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román.

Audience members were asked to recite the pledge for peace and tie their white ribbons with those of people seated next to them. When each row was joined, members of the St. Joseph's children's choir bonded all the ribbons into one unifying chain.

The audience and children then carried the ribbon-chain out to the front of the university's chapel while singing "One Peace at a Time."

The song was composed and written by Barry music major Ann Marie DiNonno, and sung at the rally by the children's choir, the Barry University Music Ensemble and New Genesis.

Everyone gathered outside on the mall, which was lined with a scene of flickering candles known as "Luminarios," as Sister Jeanne blessed and lit the Eternal Flame of Peace and Unity, designed and sculptured by renowned South Florida artist Rafael Consuegra.

"I think that the event somehow added to the glory of God by the coming together of a group of people to do a good thing," Sister Jeanne said. "And I think it is a compliment to this city (Miami) that they want to witness something that transcends themselves."

Following Archbishop McCarthy's words of praise and thanks, the event concluded with 12-year-old Yanette Moyell singing "America the Beautiful."

"The message was to perpetuate a feeling of peace and love in this community," Miami resident Louise Geiss said, "and it's certainly reflected by the tremendous turnout of people and



Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, Barry University president, and Archbishop Edward McCarthy prepare to light Eternal Flame of Peace and Unity after participants at "One Peace at a Time" rally had made pledge of peace and tied white ribbons together as a sign of unity. (Voice photo/Jim Varsallone)

politicians, who are our leaders, to tell us what they feel in their commitment to bringing the communities together through peace and love."

Sal Blandino was taken in by the candle-lighting and by the community involvement.

"It was really beautiful and a spectacular event," the Barry senior said. "I'm glad to see we had the support of the community and some of the students."

Mayor Suárez observed and proclaimed that "we are a people of one" during the ceremonies, and Father Mark Wedig of Barry University concurred.

"This was very successful," he

said. "I think it went real well thanks to Sister Marie Carol and Michele Morris who deserve a great tribute from all of us for the work they put into this."

Bishop Dorsey's comments summed up the spirit and hope of the celebration:

"It strikes me that this evening at Barry University, as we prepare for the coming of our Holy Father, just reminds us that so many different kinds of people, so many ages, were the pieces the puzzle. If we follow the guidance of our Holy Father as he goes about the world calling for peace, then one by one we'll help one another to make this one world of God's people."

## Fr. Bertolucci to speak at Charismatic meet

Fr. John Bertolucci will keynote this year's Archdiocesan Charismatic Conference at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood Beach on Oct. 23-25.

Fr. Bertolucci of Steubenville, Ohio, is a powerful TV evangelist known throughout the world for his love zeal in preaching the Gospel. Although he has cancelled all of his speaking engagements for the summer, he will be at the conference in October.

Other speakers:

Sr. Linda Koontz, S.N.J.M., from El Paso, Texas. A member of the National Service Committee for Charismatic Renewal, she was part of the missionary group which worked with the poor in the city dump in Juarez, Mexico, where miracles, healings and life-changing conversions became the daily routine.

Fr. Ken Metz, formerly from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and past Chairman of the National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Fr. Ken, newly elected executive director of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office, will come from the Vatican to talk about the action of

the Holy Spirit in the Charismatic Renewal throughout the world.

David Thorpe from Waltham, Massachusetts, executive director of the Charismatic Renewal Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. He also coordinates the annual Renewal Center Symposiums which are strengthening the Charismatic Renewal in the Church today.

Local speakers will include: Archbishop Edward McCarthy, main celebrant and homilist at the Sunday Liturgy; Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román who will open the conference; Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey; Fr. John Fink from St. Bartholomew Parish in Miramar; and Fr. Dan Doyle, S.M., from Chaminade High School in Hollywood. Scott Kaldahl from St. Louis Church in Miami will M.C. the conference and Larry and Chris Dorman, music ministers from San Isidro Church in Pompano Beach will lead the music.

A workshop for Priests, Deacons and Seminarians will be held at the Diplomat Hotel on Friday, Oct. 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. Msgr. William Mc Keever, Pastor of St. Agnes Church in Key Biscayne will coordinate the

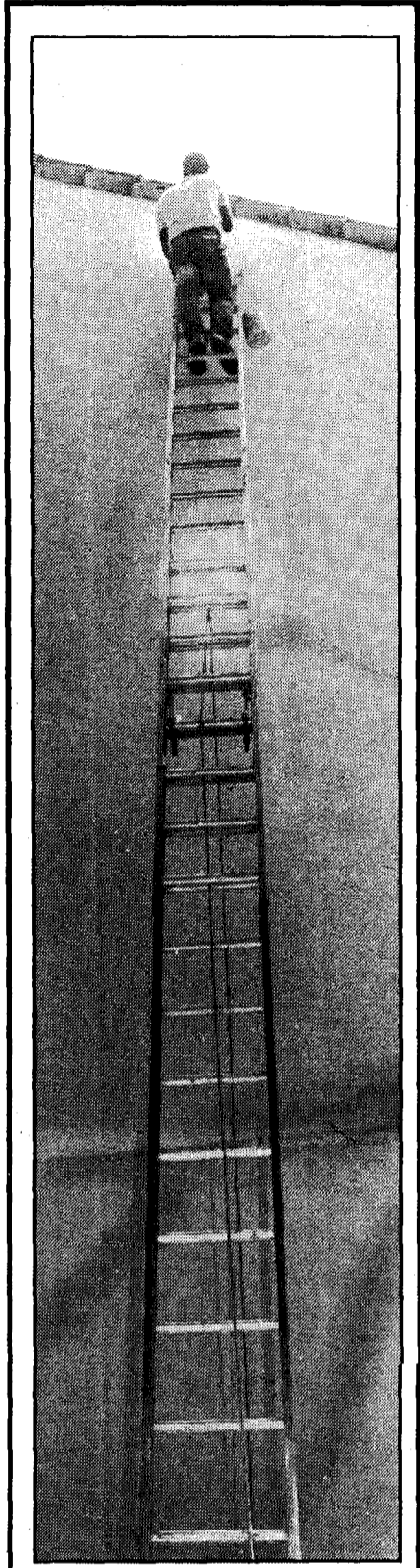
workshop. This program will be beneficial to those not involved in the Charismatic Renewal, as well as those who are. It will be an opportunity to meet with the guest speakers, ask questions and receive personal prayer ministry. There is no charge for this workshop.

On Saturday, the conference will include a general talk and prayers for healing led by Sr. Linda Koontz, followed by individual ministry for those desiring prayer.

The conference will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and end at noon Sunday. Registration for the entire weekend is \$15. Those wishing to attend the conference should register early to be assured admittance to the conference hall.

Send name, address, phone number and check to C.C.S. Registration, P.O. Box 6128, Hollywood, Fl. 33081-0128. Tickets will be sent by return mail. Headsets for direct translation to Spanish cost \$3. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charismatic Services. For more information, call 925-8464.

# What's Happening



(Photo by Prent Browning)

**STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN.** A painter, who obviously doesn't know the meaning of the word "vertigo," puts the finishing touches on a roof at the Pastoral Center which is being spruced up for the Pope's visit. A small regiment of workmen have planted flowers and trees, spray cleaned and painted the center in preparation for the Pope's visit.

## Parish Social Ministry conference Oct. 3

Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T. (Trinitarian) will be the featured speaker at the First Diocesan Conference on Parish Social Ministry to be held on Oct. 3rd at St. Stephan Church in Miramar.

Brother Loughlan has written several books and articles on the subject of parish development and renewal and is a nationally recognized expert on parish life.

The conference is open to all, especially to volunteers participating in Parish Community Service. The theme

### OFFICIAL

The Pastoral Center announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments:

**THE REVEREND ROBERT PALMER** - to Chaplain, Miami Council #1726, Knights of Columbus, effective August 17, 1987.

**THE REVEREND JOSEPH FERRAIOLI, OMI** - to Administrator, St. Francis Xavier Church, Miami, effective September 1, 1987, upon nomination by his Superior.

**REV. MR. VINCENT McINERNEY** - Permanent Deacon, St. Richard Church, Miami, effective September 1, 1987.

### Smith elected Supreme Commander

In its 42nd Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, the Order of Alhambra elected Thomas Smith of Our Lady of the Lakes parish in Miami Lakes Supreme commander.

The Order of Alhambra is a fraternal group of Catholic men who are dedicated to assisting the retarded. In Florida there are two caravans, Hafsun #176 in Miami and Jacar #228 in Ft. Lauderdale. Locally financial assistance has been offered to the Marian Center, Community Habilitation, Landmark, and several other agencies that educate and support the retarded person. Anyone interested in membership can call Msgr. Fazzalero in Pompano at 943-3684 or Tom Smith in Miami at 823-1675.

### WTMI programs liturgical music

WTMI (93.1 FM) Miami/Fort Lauderdale/Palm Beach, has created a week-long series of special music programs to acknowledge the Miami visit of Pope John Paul II.

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of the conference which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. is "Developing the Parish as a Community of Service, Embracing Works of Charity and Justice."

For further details contact the Parish Community Service Office, located at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, at 754-2444 in Dade or 522-2513 in Broward. There is a \$5 fee.

## Good Samaritan collection Sept. 13

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The Annual Good Samaritan Collection which benefits these dependent children will be held the week-end of September 13, 1987.

I encourage your continued generosity in helping these children who need our special assistance.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy  
Archbishop of Miami

## Students earn credit in Israel

(MIAMI SHORES --) Twenty South Florida students spent the month of August in Israel as part of Barry University's Summer Program in Jerusalem. The program, which started in 1986, offers Jewish and non-Jewish students the opportunity of earning five college credits in a highly stimulating environment at the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University.

In the past the program centered around a course that dealt with the Israeli economy and export-oriented high technology industries. This year the curriculum has been expanded to include elective courses in International Politics of the Middle East, Modern Israeli Society, History and Geography of the

City of Jerusalem, and Soviet Jewry.

The program is the brainchild of Dr. Hugo Hervitz, associate professor of economics and international business at Barry University. Hervitz, himself a graduate of the Hebrew University, is a strong supporter of broadening the college curriculum to include international study and travel. He believes this will help students understand how different countries are confronted with challenging problems, and how they develop unique solutions.

"Barry University is very supportive of encouraging students to learn about the Israeli experience, given its tremendous religious importance for Jews and Christians," said Hervitz.

## Klock elected chairman of Carrollton board

Joseph P. Klock Jr., chairman of the Executive Committee of the Miami-based law firm of Steel Hector & Davis, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic School for girls in Coconut Grove.

Klock is the first lay person and first male to chair the board of the 24-year-old school, according to Sister Ann Taylor, the school's headmistress. His

term will last through August 1989.

Klock has served for four years on the school's 13-member board of trustees, which includes City of Miami Commissioner Rosario Kennedy and Miami Motorsports president Ralph Sánchez.

The school has 470 students drawn from 24 countries and offers classes from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

## Former employee joins CTNA

Sister Estelle Scully, S.P., former associate director of the Archdiocese of Miami Radio and TV Dept. has joined the marketing department of Catholic Telecommunications of America.

Department of Communications.

In her new position she will be stationed in Staten Island. According to Sister she will be one of 16 persons involved in planning to make CTNA a viable system for the U.S. Bishops, dioceses, colleges, universities, hospitals and other Catholic organizations and institutions.

Since she left the Archdiocese of Miami more than a year ago, Sister Estelle has been a member of the staff in the Diocese of Little Rock

## It's a Date

The Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine will sponsor a vocation retreat day for women 17 years of age and older on Sept. 26 at St. Stephen's convent in Miramar. For further information/reservations call Sister Kathleen Carr at 989-0741.

Holy Spirit Women's Guild in Lantana is holding a rummage sale on Sept. 19 and Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Social Hall, 1000 Lantana Road.

The North Dade Catholic Support Group for the Separated and Divorced is sponsoring a "Sock Hop Dance" on Sept. 19 at 8:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima auditorium, 418 N.E. 105th St., Miami Shores. \$5 donation.

Music by D.J. Set-ups and snacks provided.

The Cenacle will host a Compulsive Overeaters' Retreat given by Sr. Mary Sullivan from New York. Individual workshops. Call/write: Cenacle, 1400 S. Dixie Hwy., Lantana, FL 33462. Call 582-2534.

The Jazz Crusade to End World Hunger will present a Jazz concert with Jon Frangipane and the Jazz Crusade '87 Band on Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. at St. Maurice Church, 2851 Sterling Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, for the benefit of the St. Maurice Hunger Program. Tickets are \$6 and may be obtained by calling 486-3820 or 583-2884.



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## Two priests' mothers, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Greer, die

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated in the Cathedral at Ennis, Ireland, for Mrs. Helena McDonnell, mother of Father Patrick McDonnell, pastor, St. Clement Church, Fort Lauderdale.

Father McDonnell was the

principal celebrant of the Mass for his mother who died on Aug. 19 at the age of 83. Concelebrating with him were three priest-cousins.

Other survivors include three sons, Michael and Brenand, both in Ireland; and Frank, Philippines; one daughter,

Mary, Ennis; and 11 grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Father McDonnell at 7 p.m., Sept. 17 in St. Clement Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Henrietta E. Greer, 72 was concelebrated on Aug. 24 in Holy

Family Church.

Father Michael Greer, director of Campus Ministry at FIU Tamiami Campus, was the principal celebrant of the Mass for his mother who died Aug. 21 after a long illness.

Concelebrating with him were priests from the Archdiocese and the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy presided at the Mass.

A native of South Bend, Ind., Mrs. Greer came to Florida with her late husband and her son more than 30 years ago. She was active in parochial organizations until her illness.

In addition to Father Greer she is survived by a brother, Raymond Wroblewski, Mesa, AZ.

Burial was in Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery, West Palm Beach.

In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made to the Henrietta Greer Memorial Fund, c/o Intercontinental Bank of Westchester, 8755 SW 24 St., Miami, FL 33165.

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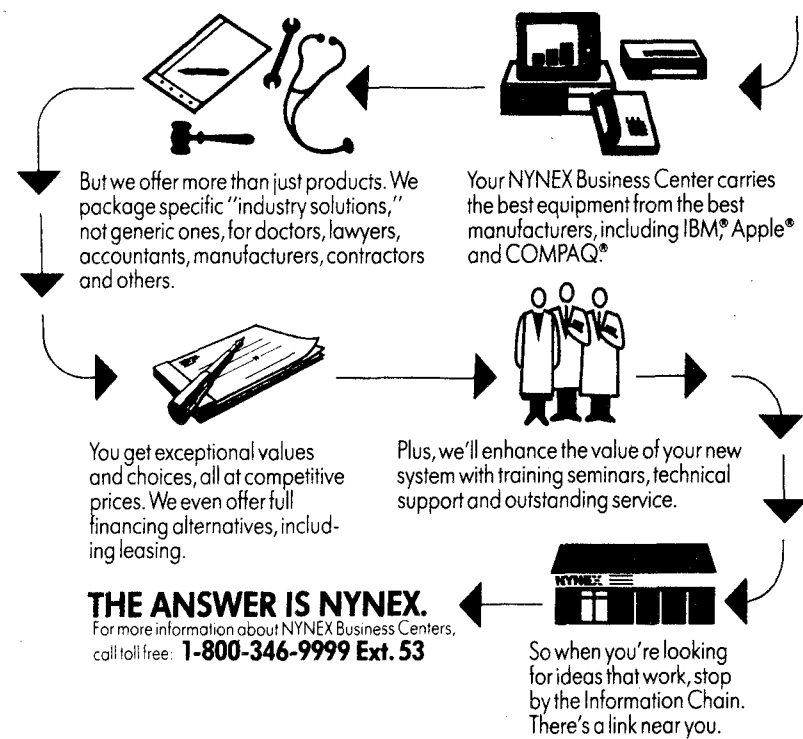


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## Our Lady of Charity

*Special celebration: Two anniversaries, preparation for the Pope*

Ligia Guillen  
Staff Writer, La Voz

Our Lady of Charity will light the flame of reconciliation in thousands of hearts Sept. 8, when thousands unite to honor her at the Marine Stadium on Biscayne Bay.

The booming celebration will mark two memorable anniversaries: "60 years for the Shrine of Our Lady in Cuba, and ten years since the same Shrine was consecrated as a Basilica during the papacy of Paul V," explained Rogelio Zelada, associate director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship and Spiritual Life.

Because the event previews the Pope's visit, there is no concern about low attendance "because feasts of popular piety are feasts when the people do not tire of praising the Virgin," according to Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman, who is rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity.

Pope John Paul II declared 1987 a Marian year starting Sept. 8, as did the Shrine with Archbishop Edward McCarthy's permission. The rest of the Archdiocese will begin the Marian Year after the Pope's visit.

Members of the Guild of Our Lady of Charity initiated a Hail Mary Crusade and will prepare a spiritual bouquet of Hail Marys to offer the Pope at the Sept. 11 Mass. They hope to collect three million Hail Marys.

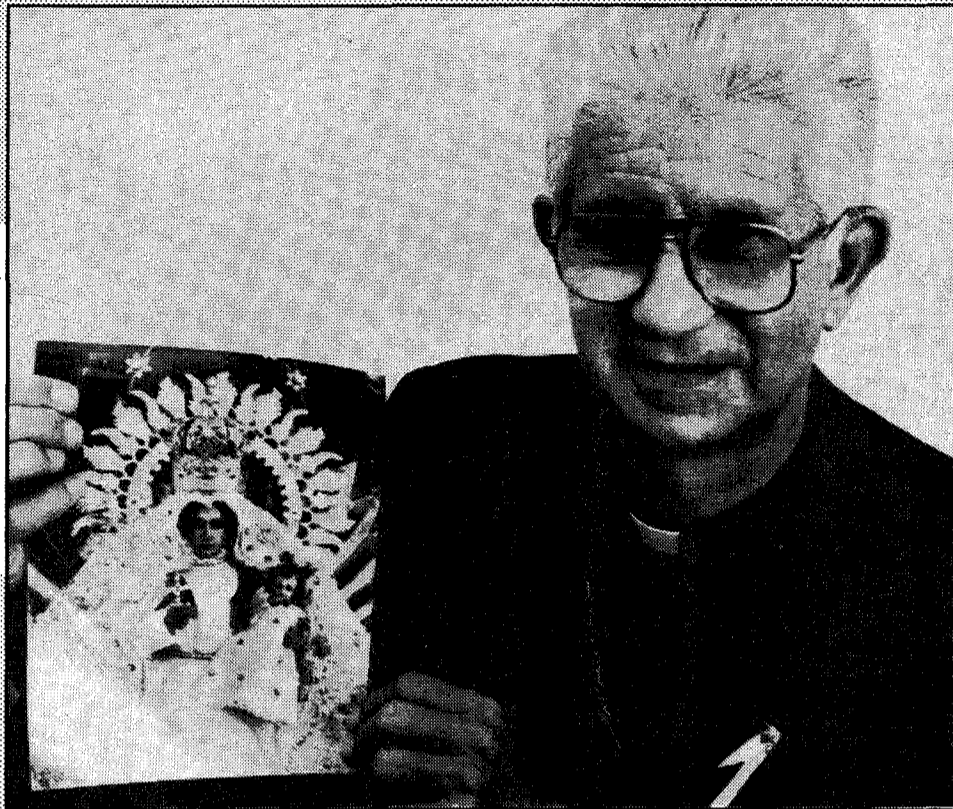
Since January, 30 Crusade couples also have visited over 500 homes to pray the rosary as a family.

"We have tried to keep Mary's spirit as we wait for John Paul II, who is a Marian Pope," added Bishop Roman. His theme has been "totus tuo," which means "all yours."

This year, the message from

**'We have tried to keep Mary's spirit as we wait for Pope John Paul II who is a Marian Pope.'**

**-Bishop Agustin Roman**



Bishop Agustin Roman invites everyone to honor the Virgin at the Marine Stadium.

Cuban bishops Eduardo Boza Masvidal, Enrique San Pedro and Agustin Roman will refer to the Holy Father's encyclical letter about the Virgin and the Marian Year.

Father Thomas Wenski, of Polish descent and director of the Haitian Catholic Center, will deliver the homily at the Marine Stadium.

"Father Wenski is a model to us

all," said Bishop Roman, recalling Father Wenski's role as a seminar student at St. Benedict in Hialeah. "He came to Hialeah, learned Spanish, and has always been open to our culture."

Last year marked the 25th year of the celebration of Our Lady of Charity in exile. Father Jimenez Rebollar, who brought the statue from Cuba in 1961, delivered the homily, as

he did 25 years before.

The novena to Our Lady of Charity began Aug. 31 with a call to reconciliation, since "Let us give each other the sign of peace" is the theme for the Papal visit in Miami. The Mass at the Marine Stadium will begin with a prayer of the rosary, until Our Lady of Charity comes at 7:30 p.m. in her traditional arrival by the Bay.

## Over 50,000 visited Our Lady of Fatima

Araceli M. Cantero  
Executive Editor, La Voz

On her visit to Miami, the white image of Our Lady of Fátima conquered the hearts of more than 50,000 believers, and planted in them the seeds of reconciliation for the upcoming visit of the Pope.

"These three days have been a demonstration of the love Catholics have for the Virgin," said Bishop Agustín Román after the visit of Our Lady of Fátima.

The small statue surpassed all cultural barriers, bringing together Catholics from different ethnic groups, many hispanics, and "some 2,000 americans."

"The Masses were so crowded that it was difficult to distribute the eucharist," explained the Cuban auxiliary bishop.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy received Our Lady of Fátima on Aug. 14 at the Shrine, marking the beginning of a three-day celebration that included masses, prayer sessions and confessions.

All printed materials prepared especially for these days were used up and "42,000 believers devoted themselves to the Virgin," said Bishop Román. More than 50,000 people visited the Shrine during the three days.

"It has been a time of spiritual renewal for the people in preparation for the coming of the Holy Father" said the bishop, who was impressed by the great number of those receiving the sacrament of reconciliation.

Sixteen priests listened to confessions every day from 6 p.m. until after midnight. Three priests worked continuously for the three days and even so "we



couldn't respond to all who came," said the bishop. Hourly, "a prayer for the success of the Papal visit was said, and people couldn't hide their enthusiasm," said Bishop Román in an interview.

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fátima is a

**'The small statue surpassed all cultural barriers, bringing together Catholics from different ethnic groups.'**

replica of the one honored at the Sanctuary of Fátima, Portugal, and travels the world with her message. Bishop Román had planned an invitation to Our Lady of Fátima for October, 1987 being a marian year. "The date was advanced to coincide with preparations for the Pope's visit," he said.

He personally wrote a letter to the rector of the

Fátima Sanctuary, and on Aug. 14 greeted the Virgin at Miami International Airport.

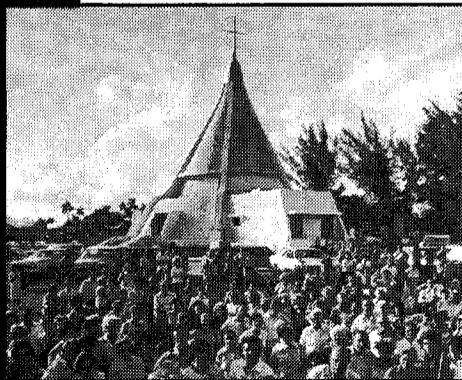
The bishop escorted the statue to the Shrine and presided over most of the events. Monsignor Enrique San Pedro, Cuban auxiliary bishop of Galveston, Texas, Fr. Amado Llorente

S.J., director of the Catholic University Group and Fr. Angel Villaronga, OFM, spiritual director of the Christian Family Movement, participated in the celebration of the eucharist Aug. 14.

"Miami is living a moment of grace," Bishop Román told 'La Voz Católica'. "A great joy is in all of us as we await the Pope's visit for what he is: the representative of Christ on earth."

On June 29, John Paul II recalled the message of Our Lady of Fátima as "a call for conversion and prayer...which was the constant invitation of Christ's gospel."

"It has been a true spiritual renewal for these people," said Bishop Agustín Román. He is convinced that with the preparation of Our Lady "the response to the Pope's visit will be something never seen before".



## Papal trip to Russia doubtful

ROME (NC) — Improved relations between the Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches are needed before Pope John Paul II could visit the Soviet Union, said Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen I.

The Orthodox leader, whose official title is Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, played down the possibility of a papal visit next year, saying such reports have appeared frequently during the last 20 years but are "without any real basis."

"In the first place, it seems to me that in order for such a visit to occur, excellent conditions must be created and certain relations must be established between us," the patriarch said.

"Currently, neither we nor the Catholic side has explicitly raised the issue of a papal visit to Moscow," he added. He spoke in a lengthy interview in the September issue of *Jesus* magazine, an Italian Catholic monthly.

Current relations between his church and the Holy See are "unfortunately neither simple nor easy," the patriarch said.

Such relations "certainly have not been helped by some subjective observations made by John Paul II, about our country, our socialist system which was chosen by our people, and the role played within society by believers," he said.

The Latin-rite Catholic Church is allowed to operate within the restrictions of Soviet law.

The patriarch said the "uniate" churches also represent "a difficulty for our relations." He was referring to the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which was declared illegal in 1946 when its members were told to join the government-approved Russian Orthodox Church. The Moscow patriarchate said this was a legitimate decision by Ukrainian Catholics to return to the Orthodox faith.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church has continued to exist clandestinely. A group of Catholics in the Ukraine, including bishops, priests and Religious, recently appealed for legalization of their church.

The patriarch was optimistic about what he called "a process of positive changes" made by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. He predicted the changes would help the church in the Soviet Union and "upset the dissidents and their positions, including the dissidents inside the church."



### Monsoon relief

Survivors of monsoon floods line up for food outside a relief camp in Rajbari, Bangladesh. Rice and wheat is handed out once a day by government officials. (NC photo/UPI-Reuter)

## NICARAGUA

# Exiled priests may go back home

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (NC) — Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said three exiled Catholic clergymen are free to return to Nicaragua, as he announced a panel to oversee the country's compliance with a new regional peace pact.

The Nicaraguan government called the announcement a "gesture of good will" toward Managua's Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo, who has been one of the Sandinista government's strongest critics.

One of the exiled clerics has reportedly said he will not come back until civil rights are restored in the Central American country.

The oversight panel will include Cardinal Obando Bravo, who said the government also plans to lift its ban on a church radio station and newspaper.

Ortega said in an Aug. 25 press conference that Bishop Pablo Antonio Vega of the Prelature of Juigalpa, Msgr. Bismarck Carballo, and Father Benino Pitito may return unconditionally. Bishop Vega and Msgr. Carballo have lived in exile for more than a year after being accused of supporting the U.S.-backed "contra" rebels.

Father Pitito was expelled in July 1985 with nine other priests accused of spying. He is an Italian who has lived in Nicaragua most of his life.

Bishop Vega has made several biting attacks on the Sandinistas in speeches in the United States. He was quoted in Miami as saying he would reject the Ortega offer.

"There's no reason to lend oneself to the charade that the system is getting better," he said, according to Agence

France Presse.

"I have more contact with Nicaraguans being outside than if I were back inside," AFP reported the bishop as saying.

Bishop Vega said in an interview with National Catholic News Service last September he would not go home unless Nicaraguans were granted basic civil rights.

Msgr. Carballo will return to Nicaragua Sept. 12, after Pope John Paul II's visit to Miami, Cardinal Obando Bravo said. The monsignor was the Managua Archdiocese's communications director. The cardinal called him "one of the very strong critics" of the government.

Msgr. Carballo has been working with Hispanic Catholics at the St. Mark's Parish in Hyattsville, Md., a suburb of Washington. He warned Americans not to "assume the good will" of Nicaraguan government officials in a guest column published in the Aug. 25 edition of the *Washington Post*. "You must expect deeds, not words," he wrote.

The Central American peace pact was signed in Guatemala City Aug. 7 by the five Central American presidents and was to take effect 90 days later. It calls for democratization in the region, an end to foreign support for rebels, a general cease-fire in the region's guerrilla wars and a ban on the use of one country's territory as a base for aggression against neighboring states.

The signatory countries also agreed to establish monitoring commissions representing a cross-section of their societies.

## Japanese bishop warns of 'new oppression'

TOKYO (NC) — Archbishop Peter Seichi Shirayanagi of Tokyo said Japan is following a new "course to oppression" as he prayed publicly for forgiveness for Japan's actions in Asia and the Pacific during World War II.

The new oppression, he said, is shown in renewed militarism and ill-treatment of foreigners — particularly the fingerprinting of Korean-Japanese.

Speaking at an early August prayer gathering in Chidorigafuchi Cemetery,

where 320,000 war victims are buried, the archbishop said, "We Japanese have a tendency to think we are the victims, as the nation which experienced the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings."

"But we should never forget that we were the aggressors who destroyed the peace and order of the world," he said. "All Japanese, not only those who waged the war... should feel responsibility for what Japan, our elders and

our society did.

"And we should feel the pain of our Asian and Pacific brothers because... we should share that big responsibility as members of the same community," Archbishop Shirayanagi said.

Rallies and prayer meetings were held throughout Japan Aug. 6-15, which the church designated as Peace Days — marking the anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and the end of the war.

Religious and other groups strongly criticized what they called Japan's current exploitation of its Asian and Pacific neighbors. Archbishop Shirayanagi criticized Japan's "increasing military budget, which is more than one percent" of the gross national product and said the government is abusing "human rights of Asian brothers and sisters" by requiring fingerprints for identification and its use of an anti-conspiracy law.

## Cardinal: Anglo-Irish accord has worked well for Catholics

ROME (NC) — Two years ago when the Irish and British governments signed an agreement allowing the southern Republic a voice in the affairs of the violence-torn northern province, Armagh's Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich had his doubts about its chances for success.

But times have changed, and so, says the cardinal, has he.

"I wasn't all that enthusiastically convinced (the Anglo-Irish Agreement)

would work at the beginning," the cardinal said. "But in my view it appears to be working."

The president of the Irish bishops' conference, which includes Northern Ireland, a British province, and the Republic of Ireland, Cardinal O'Fiaich said the agreement "has been a shot in the arm for Catholics" in the north.

It is now clear that the Dublin government is "keeping an eye on the

situation" in the north, and as a result Northern Irish Catholics "don't feel so isolated."

The 1985 agreement gave the republic an advisory voice in the northern province's administration in return for recognition of its continued rule by the British. The accord established a joint ministerial body called the Anglo-Irish conference to deal with political, economic and security matters.

Many of Northern Ireland's Protes-

tant majority have opposed the accord as a betrayal of the province's independence from the Catholic-dominated south.

But despite nearly two years of protests and demonstrations, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has refused to back away from the accord she signed. Ironically, this stubbornness has now made her "almost the darling of Catholics," the cardinal said.

## Pope stresses lay role in parish

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (NC) — Pope John Paul II praised lay involvement in parishes — including pastoral councils and lay initiatives in liturgical, charitable and other fields — as he continued a series of talks on the laity.

The parish is the “natural environment” for the “ideals and the apostolic obligations of the church,” the pope said.

Speaking Aug. 30 at his summer retreat south of Rome, the pope continued a series of weekly Angelus talks on the role of the laity in the church in preparation for October's synod on the mission of the laity in the church and the world.

The pope stressed the importance of the parish as the most visible sign of the “particular church.”

If lay people were not involved in the parish, it would put their “ecclesial identity” into doubt, he said.

The pope praised “the presence of the laity in diocesan and parish pastoral councils” and “the growth of apostolic initiatives in more diverse sectors.”

Calling the parish the “first and normal spiritual family,” the pope said the forthcoming Synod of Bishops will certainly “investigate this vital theme.”



### Wants Soviet mission

In front of a tapestry bearing a portrait of Karl Marx, Mother Teresa of Calcutta speaks to reporters at the Soviet Peace Committee headquarters in Moscow. She said she hopes the Soviet government will permit her to open a charity mission near Chernobyl. Soviet authorities said they are considering the request. (NC photo/UPI-Reuter)

## Philippines still 'corrupt' -- Cardinal

MANILA, Philippines (NC) — Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila said the Philippine government is so corrupt that only “a miracle” had saved it from falling to an attempted coup.

“I cannot understand why [the coup] was unsuccessful,” he said in a speech Sept. 1 to government officials and workers. “If we have sent [coup leaders] into hiding, it is not because the government had more credibility and better resources” but “because of a miracle.”

Cardinal Sin said corruption was the reason there have been five attempted or planned coups against the government in the 18 months since President Corazon Aquino took office in a bloodless revolution.

He called Mrs. Aquino, whom he has strongly supported, “honest and sincere.”

But, referring to the government of President Ferdinand Marcos, from whom Mrs. Aquino took power, the cardinal said “we thought it would end with the fleeing of the ousted dictator, Ali Baba, yet there are still 40 thieves around.”

Rebel military units failed in their attempt to topple Mrs. Aquino's government in a 20-hour mutiny which began Aug. 28. Coup leader Col. Gregorio Honasan is the subject of a massive manhunt.

Members of the Philippine Catholic hierarchy publicly backed the government and made radio appeals to civilians to remain calm during the coup attempt.

## More missionaries getting killed

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Catholic missionaries have been killed at a rate of about one per month since 1980, most of them because of their faith, according to the Vatican's top evangelization official.

Cardinal Joseph Tomko, head of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, attributed the killings to a renewed climate of violence in many parts of the world.

“In the last several years, there has been a fresh outbreak of both bloodless, systematic persecution

in some Third World countries, as well as a certain aggressiveness and violence that leads to killings,” Cardinal Tomko said.

Cardinal Tomko said church statistics show about 70 killings of missionaries took place between 1980-85. He said among them, seven Italian missionaries were killed in 1986 alone. In March of this year, he said, fanatic groups in one African nation killed 16 people, destroyed dozens of churches, and burned a seminary and the homes of many Christians.

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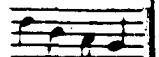
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## Minorities, racism subject of sisters' meeting

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (NC) — More minority women are entering religious life, but congregations still must recognize the value of cultural diversity, a speaker told some 700 participants at the annual meeting of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

"The challenge of our conversion is inculturation or, theologically speaking, incarnation," Sister Carol Quigley said. "Can we grow in love of our sisters of other cultures to the extent that we take on the values they hold which are consonant with the Gospel?"

Racism and the dominant white culture's need to value diversity and gifts of other cultures was explored at the assembly, held Aug. 23-27 in Niagara Falls. The theme was "Holy Is the People."

The conference is a national organization of more than 550 leaders of congregations of sisters.

In a keynote address, Sister Quigley told her listeners that to face the challenge of "inclusion" they must go beyond "the meeting stage" and beyond what they've learned of other cultures from members of their congregations working overseas.

She noted that a recent study showed an increasing number of minorities entering religious life, but added that she hoped the leadership conference itself would become more representative of all women Religious.

In talking about their rights and oppression by society's "male systems," women must also recognize if they are addressing the issue "only in a white voice," said Sister Quigley.

### NY Cardinal, Mayor to write book

NEW YORK (NC) — New York's foremost debaters, Cardinal John J. O'Connor and Mayor Edward I. Koch, plan a joint book titled "His Eminence and Hizzoner."

The book is to give each man's views on various public policy issues, including topics over which the two have clashed and even gone to court over. Proposed topics include abortion, homosexual rights, and child care.

The Jewish mayor and Catholic churchman, who are both known for witty quips, denied their book would be ghost-written.

"We're both too vain to let anyone else write it," said Cardinal O'Connor, who broached the idea for the book to Koch during a dinner at the cardinal's residence.

The New York leaders decided they did not need any written agreement and said plans are to split the royalties, which the publisher said could be in the million-dollar range.

Cardinal O'Connor's half will go to Catholic Charities; Koch's to the City of New York for the city's Meals on Wheels program and maintaining city archives.

## U.S. bishops accused of ignoring ban on hiring married priests

ROME (NC) — Many American bishops ignore Vatican restrictions on employing married priests and their wives, said a spokesman for a married priests organization.

But an official of the U.S. bishops' conference disputed that statement.

Some U.S. dioceses knowingly employ married priests and bishops, in vitiating them to priests' retreats and other diocesan functions, said Anthony Padovano, a laicized, married priest

and vice president for North America of the International Federation of Married Catholic Priests.

Terence Dosh, executive director of CORPUS, a U.S. group, said at least 30 bishops employ married priests in positions ranging from parish administrators to diocesan chancellor and secretary to the bishop. CORPUS stands for Corps of Reserve Priests United for Service.

In Washington, an official of the

U.S. bishop's conference disputed Padovano's statement. Father Robert Heintschel, conference associate general secretary, said he knows of no bishops defying the restrictions.

He said some diocesan bishops occasionally invite married priests to gatherings or other functions. But Father Heintschel said the bishops act out of pastoral concern for individuals.

The U.S. bishops "pay very much attention" to church rules on married priests, he said.

Each decree of laicization spells out the limits on pastoral, educational and

other church activities the laicized man must follow in order to be dispensed from his ministry. Those restrictions range from being barred from distributing the Eucharist to a prohibition on teaching in seminaries.

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# Glance at where Pope will stay

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

Whom will the Pope meet and what will he see when he arrives at the residence of Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy to stay overnight on Sept. 10?

The Archbishop's residence is a modest, five bedroom, split-level house in a section of northeast Miami known as Morningside. For the past few months, extensive refurbishing has been going on to restore the original dining area, which had been converted to an office for Maria McDonald, a secretary to the Archbishop.

A few weeks ago, Maria moved into her new office, formerly the never-used garage, while work proceeds on the dining area.

The Archbishop said he had been thinking of decorating and changing the arrangement of the first level for some time. The visit of the Holy Father provided an extra incentive.

Pope John Paul will sleep in the bedroom usually occupied by the Archbishop. That is the room selected by Jesuit Father Robert Tucci, president of the Vatican Radio Coordinating Committee, whose duties include arrangements for the Pope's international trips.

According to Archbishop McCarthy, when Father Tucci came to Miami a few months ago to check on papal visit arrangements here, he decided that the

bedroom of the Archbishop would be the best place for the Pope to sleep. With one exception: the waterbed had to be removed.

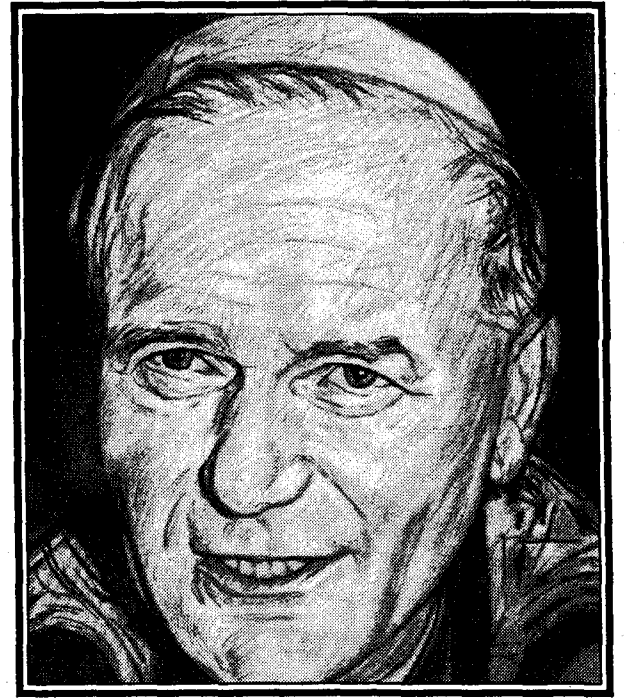
"They didn't want the Pope to get seasick," the Archbishop said. He explained that he slept on a waterbed at the insistence of his staff, who insisted it would be good for his back. "I got home one day and it was there," he explained. It is quite comfortable, he added.

In the living room, the Holy Father will see a large charcoal portrait of himself sketched by one of South Florida's most noted rabbis, Dr. Irving Lehrman of Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach. It was a gift to the Archbishop in 1978, shortly after the Pope was elected, and was used by the Archbishop on his Christmas cards in 1979. Beside it hangs another of Rabbi Lehrman's works, a portrait of Archbishop McCarthy.

From the windows of the house, the Holy Father may view a 34-acre park frequented each week by some 5,000 persons, but closed for security reasons during the Pontiff's overnight stay.

It is in Morningside Park that the Archbishop walks every morning, and in the same park that employees of the Pastoral Center enjoy their annual picnic each fall.

Father Pablo Navarro, a native of Cuba who came



Sketch of Pope by Rabbi Irving Lehrman will be visible in Abp. McCarthy's home.

## Trivia quiz: Why does Pope wear white?

1. Why does the Pope wear white?
2. What is the age of Pope John Paul II?
3. Name a book of poetry written by the Pope?
4. As a youth what did the Pope aspire to be?
5. Who designs papal coats of arms?
6. What year was Pope John Paul elected?
7. What is the Ring of Fisherman and when is it used?
8. Where is the Pope's summer residence?

9. Name those charged with the Pope's personal safety even when he travels?
10. What are the colors of the papal flag?

### Answers

1. Reliable sources indicate that the custom of Popes wearing white began during the reign of St. Pius V, who was a Dominican. Traditionally no one in the papal household wears white except the Holy Father.
2. He is 67.
3. "Easter Vigils and Other Poems".

4. An actor
5. Archbishop Bruno B. Heim
6. 1978
7. The Ring of the Fisherman is the official ring of the reigning Pontiff with a likeness of St. Peter sitting in a boat, fishing, with the name of the Pope around it. It is only used for the sealing of official documents as an impression on wax. When a Pope dies, it is destroyed.
8. The Villa of Castel Gandolfo is 15 miles southeast of Rome.
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to Miami as a youth, is the Archbishop's priest-secretary and resides in the house. Father Navarro is doing his second "tour of duty" as priest-secretary. He is also an associate chancellor, chairman of the Priests' Personnel Board and an associate director for the Papal visit.

During his stay at the house, the Pope will also meet Margarethe LaChance, housekeeper; her husband Vic, a retired postman; and their daughter Kristie, who will be assisting Margarethe in serving meals to the Pope and his entourage. Maria McDonald, the Archbishop's secretary, and her daughter Isabel, a student at Barry University, will also be serving.

Meanwhile, the Archbishop has invited a group of neighbors to gather at the front lawn of the house and greet the Pope when he arrives.



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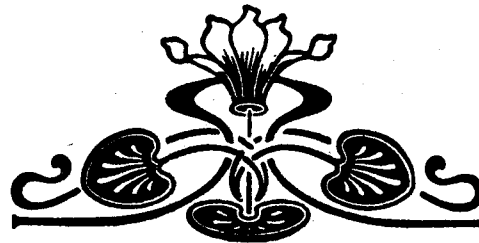


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Pope will bless their ground one way or the other...

## Parish groundbreaking 'pails' before Pope

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

"It's easier to win the Irish sweepstakes," says Father Robert Palmer, than to arrange for the Pope to come to your parish groundbreaking.

But parishioners of Mother of Christ Church in southwest Dade plan to cheat a little: if the Pope can't come to their groundbreaking, they'll take the groundbreaking to him --in 800 buckets full of dirt which they'll bring to the outdoor Mass at Tamiami Park on Sept. 11.

That way, when the Pope blesses the crowd from his popemobile, "he'll bless our earth," says Father Palmer, pastor of the 800-family parish, located just off Bird Road and SW 142 Ave., and created only four years ago.

That doesn't mean, however, that parishioners have given up on getting the Pope to come.

Hoping to convince him to "swing by" the parish site on his way to Tamiami Park--which is just a couple of miles away-- they recently mailed a 26" wide by 20" high card to the Vatican. Signed by all the parishioners, it included a letter of invitation and a sketch of the future church.

Another parishioner, Humberto Arguello, former ambassador of Nicaragua to the Vatican, also wrote to a "high-ranking" friend of his in Rome, asking him to convey the parishioners' plea directly to the Pope.

"He's a big shot," Father Palmer said of the official, who wrote back to say that he had asked the organizers of the Papal trip to "do everything possible" to grant the parish's request. "I think something will be done. That's what they told me," he wrote.

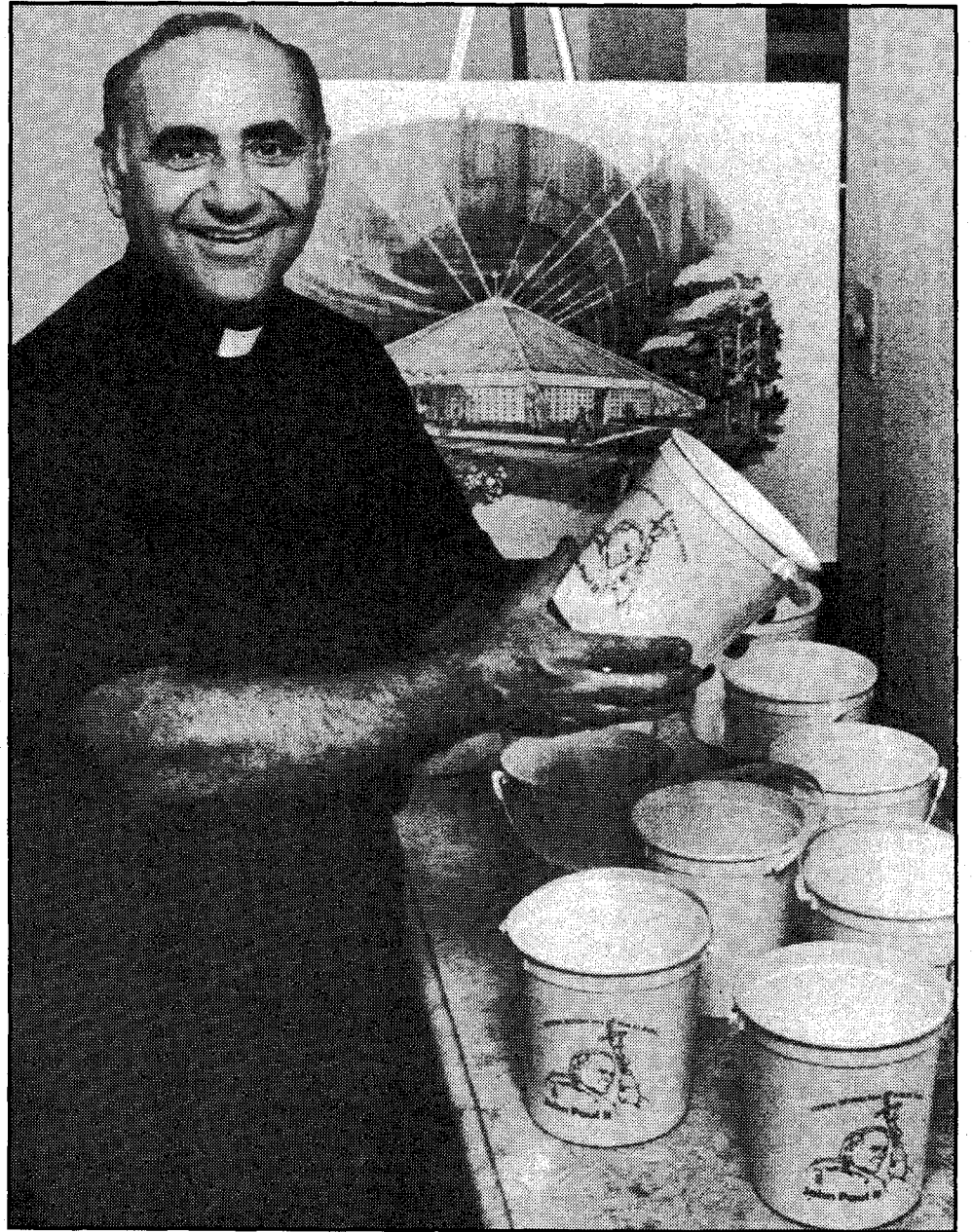
Father Palmer doesn't know what to make of that. "I showed it to a couple of priests [here] and they said it's nothing," just the Vatican's very polite way of saying no.

Even if it means yes, Father Palmer said, "it's not official."

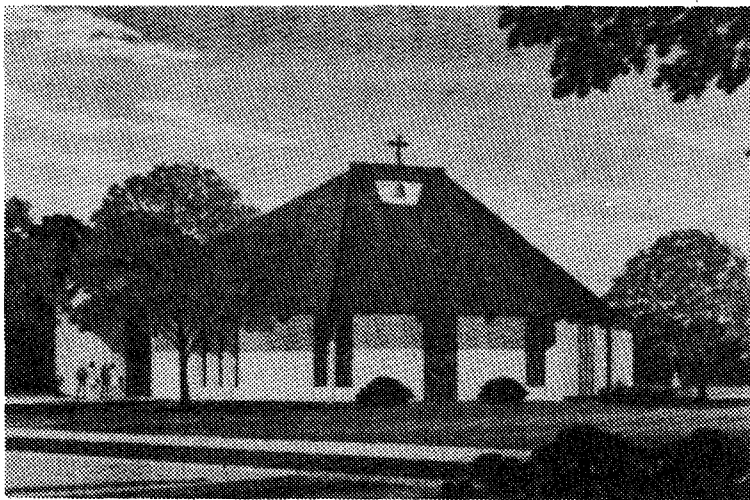
So he has begun to hand out the white plastic pails to his parishioners, along with a bucket-full (four pounds) of dirt from the parish site. The pails are decorated with a sketch of the Pope, underneath which is written, in both English and Spanish: "earth blessed by John Paul II."

Since the parish is so close to Tamiami Park, parishioners plan to walk there together, pilgrimage style, during the early morning hours of Sept. 11. Father Palmer expects "a good 50 percent of his people" to attend the Papal Mass.

In the meantime, he has covered every angle. "We feel very confident," he said, "that the Holy Father will bless our ground --either directly or indirectly."



Father Robert Palmer, pastor of Mother of Christ Parish in south Dade, holds one of the plastic buckets parishioners plan to carry to the Sept. 11 Mass at Tamiami Park. Since groundbreaking for their new chapel and parish center will be the same day as the Pope's Mass, parishioners plan to carry a ton of dirt to the Pope for his blessing. Behind Fr. Palmer is a sketch of the new building.



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Family of  
St. Bernard Church, Sunrise

# Priests want to hear word of encouragement

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Who will take their place when they are gone? They said the shortage of priests is responsible for a lot of the stress in their lives.

"We're going to be short-handed trying to plug the dyke," said Father Laurence Conway, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church on Miami Beach and dean for northeast Dade priests. "It's the fear that where else are you going to get help from?"

Father Reynolds cited a "frightening" statistic: by 1990, 75 percent of the U.S. priests will be 65 years or older.

"I would like to hear ...[the Pope] telling us that he is aware of the pressure we're working under because of the shortage of priests," said Father Xavier Morras, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Hialeah and dean for northwest Dade priests.

Father Morras also would like to ask the Holy Father "whether he has any solution in mind": increased lay involvement, more permanent deacons "or even the ordination of married men. I think it's a question of time. I think the Pope would say that the time is not now but maybe in the future."

Indeed, it's the shortage of priests that gives rise to such controversial questions in the U.S. Church, said Father Doherty. Americans always look for the "quick fix." But "that doesn't work in big and complex problems like human relationships and family."

Because the Pope knows that, Father Doherty said, "he's going to reaffirm the Church's position on this point. And I basically don't have any problem" with that, because "they have the best universal view at this point." While the Church frequently is "accused of being slow and antiquated, in the

## BYZANTINE-RITE PRIEST:

### 'Tell them I'm Catholic'

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

Priestly celibacy is a concern for Father Peter Lickman, pastor of the St. Basil the Great Church in North Miami. Which means he places it a little higher on his list of priorities than his fellow South Florida priests.

But, if he had five minutes alone with the Pope, the Byzantine-rite priest would use it to talk about something else, something even more important: his "frustration" with fellow Catholics who don't treat him as one of their own.

"They're just not aware that the Catholic Church is made up of more rites than the Roman rite," Father Lickman told *The Voice* this week in an interview. "It's hard to convince somebody that you're Catholic. The only one who really could dispel that is the Pope himself."

Father Lickman will be among those who witness Pope John Paul II's "dialogue" with U.S. priests at St. Martha Church here on Sept. 11. He is one of two delegates from his Diocese of Passaic, NJ, which covers the entire Eastern seaboard.

"I would just ask [the Pope] to encourage Catholics to investigate the fullness (continued on page 31A)

long run we'll show that we're handling complex situations very wisely."

If the Pope does reiterate the traditional teaching of the Church while he is here, it won't upset the majority of U.S. priests, said those who spoke with *The Voice*.

"There is a small percentage of priests for whom those questions are very vital," said Father Felipe Estevez, pastor of St. Agatha Church in south Dade and former rector of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. "I happen to believe they are a small percentage."

"We have more pressing needs," said Father Patrick Murnane, pastor of Nativity Church in Hollywood and dean for priests in northeast Broward. "We're listening to too many minorities and too many splinter groups."

"There's no doubt about it, there's

been some controversy in the American Catholic Church," said Msgr. Glorie. "I think it's a sign of health. I don't believe anybody should get terribly upset to see it. As long as we're talking to one another and trying to reach a consensus, I believe we're in a healthy state."

Indeed, many of the priests interviewed said they hoped the Pope would praise the U.S. Church in general for the many good things it is doing: its commitment to peace and social justice, its emphasis on collegiality, its vitality.

"The Church in America is viable and much more active in the life of the community than it is in Europe," said Father John Vaughan, pastor of St. Hugh Church in Coconut Grove and treasurer of the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council.

The Pope, Father Vaughan said,

should "do whatever he can from the point of view of Rome to encourage the direction that the Church in America is moving in."

Father Doherty, the director of vocations, agreed. "Something that we're doing here is good. Something of what is called the progressive Church movement in the United States needs to be taken very seriously by the universal Church and appreciated for what it is, and not seen as a threat to anybody's authority."

At the same time, the Pope might want to challenge U.S. priests to greater things.

"I'd like him to remind me that the nature of my vocation demands that I let go of whatever interferes with my relationship with the Lord and my service to the Church," said Father Rolando Castañeda, associate pastor at Corpus Christi Church in Miami and a recently-ordained priest who does not hide his admiration for the Holy Father.

"You can't imagine the love I have for the Pope," said Father Castañeda, referring to the Holy Father as the world's "number one promoter of the dignity and rights of human beings."

Father Estevez said the Pope might want to challenge U.S. priests on that score. "We need to think beyond our parish and our dioceses and have more of a national, international, global solidarity and perspective."

And even if the Pope does criticize some aspect of the U.S. Church, Father Estevez said, he "needs to be listened to well."

Father Murnane agreed. "Anything he says will be welcome. I want to hear what the Pope says to me. And even if he had to be a little critical I would take it. I believe in Peter and the papacy and I believe we do need guidance."



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## Papal Mass

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will receive Communion from the Holy Father himself. The Archdiocese asked pastors in every parish to send in the names of people who "have really given service to the Church over the years," said Father Sosa. Then 100 names were

selected at random.

Similar criteria was used to select the 12 people who will take up the offertory gifts, including a spiritual bouquet--prayers, sacrifices, goodworks--offered up for the Holy Father by South Florida Catholics. A group of children might also take up flowers during the offertory.

Father Sosa added that no offertory collection will be taken up at the Mass. He predicted that the liturgy would last between two-and-a-half and three hours, "depending on how long [the Pope] speaks and the route of the 'popemobile.'"

After the liturgy, the Pope is expected to personally greet a group of handicapped and elderly, who will

occupy a special position just below the Papal altar.

The whole Mass, Father Sosa said, has been carefully planned with one goal in mind: to celebrate both the unity and diversity of South Florida, a people "living together, working together for the common good, while maintaining their own identity."

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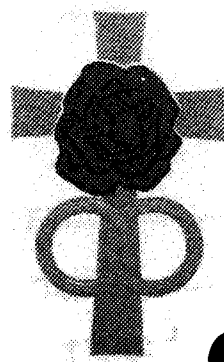
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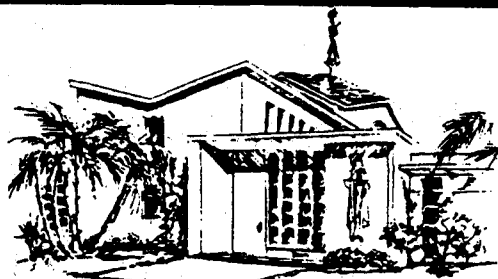
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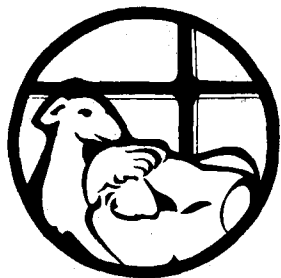
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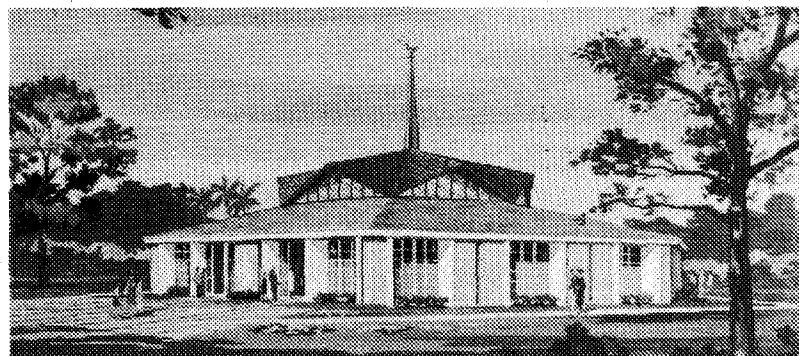
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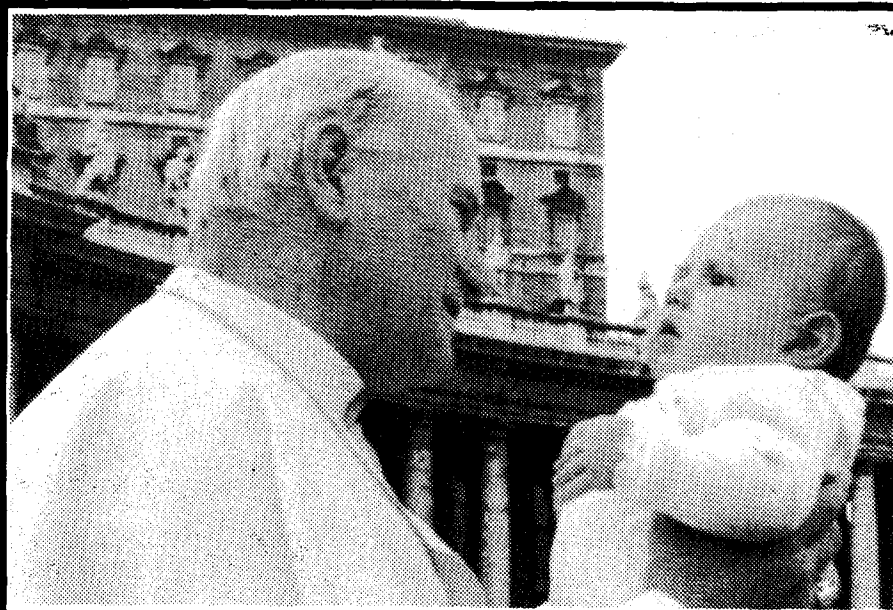


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# St. Martha: Little church makes history

Araceli M. Cantero  
Editor, La Voz

It may be the answer to a prayer--literally. Only a few years ago tiny St. Martha church had about as much chance of hosting a national gathering of priests as a camel has of passing through the eye of a needle, even if it holds its breath.

Soon, the church will be the center of attention of the entire world, for a few minutes at least, when it becomes one of the first stops during the Papal visit to the United States.

Hundreds of priests from all over the country will be meeting with the Holy Father at St. Martha, which is situated at one end of the atrium of the Archdiocese's Pastoral Center, forming its spiritual and physical center.

Before the Pastoral Center was completed St. Martha was located in an old motel that could barely squeeze in 150 parishioners at a time. Now it is a modern church with towering ceilings, a seating capacity of over 550 people, and a 60 foot cross marking the entrance.

Though St. Martha seems to be an almost inevitable part of the Pastoral Center, it probably wouldn't have been built had it not been for Fr. John McLaughlin, who expressed dissatisfaction about the old church. And like the building of St. Martha, the visit of the Pope to the parish may have taken a little extra encouragement.

Fr. McLaughlin is inclined to give the credit to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, because he thinks that her prayers might have actually made the Pope's visit to the parish a reality.

About a year ago, she stood at the new church, posing with him for a photograph. Moved by the occasion, the pastor exclaimed, "It is such a great honor to have you here, only the Holy Father's visit can outdo a moment like his."

"Pray, Father," Mother Teresa told the pastor. "God will answer your prayers." Fr. McLaughlin feels that she must have prayed. To him her comment had the force of a prediction since at the time nothing was yet known of the Pope's visit to Miami.

There was only one problem yet to solve: how to tell parishioners who

## Byzantine-rite priest to fellow Catholics: Remember, I'm one of you

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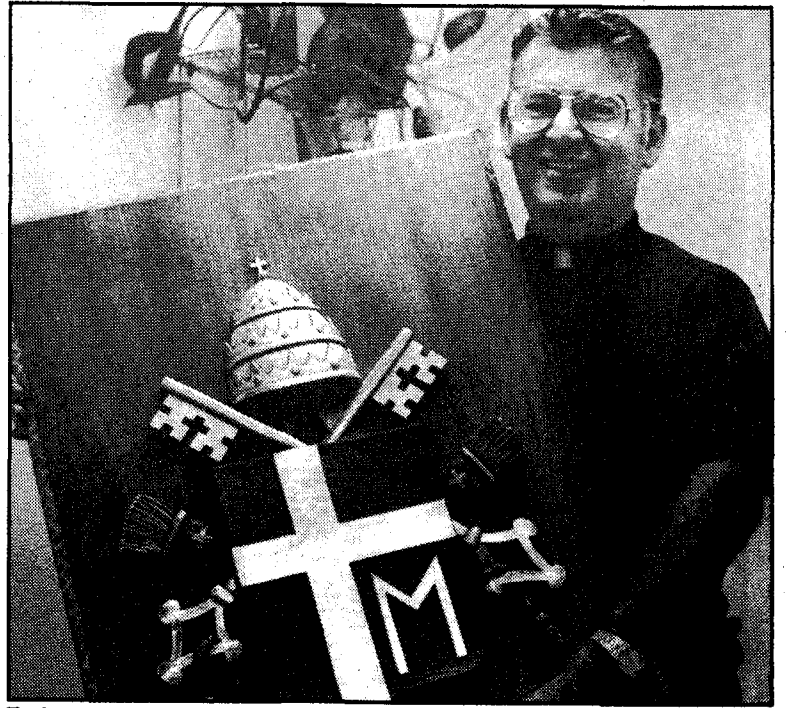
of their Church, to understand its diversity of expression and to be open to the various rites or churches within the Catholic Church at large. It would certainly make my job easier, and their appreciation of the Church richer," said Father Lickman.

He explained that the Byzantine-rite church is part of the Catholic Church and loyal to Rome. "We pray for the Pope at least five times every Mass.

That's more than the Roman rite."

In fact, the only differences between Eastern-rite churches such as his own --including the Melkite, Maronite, and Ukrainian-- and the Western-rite churches more known to Catholics here, are basically cosmetic differences: greater use of icons and an elaborate ceremony similar to the Greek Orthodox one (which is not affiliated with Rome).

The only other difference is married priests. Eastern-rite Catholic churches



Father John McLaughlin shows Papal Coat of Arms that will hang at St. Martha. (Photo A. Cantero/La Voz)

originally thought that they would be present, that only priests will be in attendance when the Pope comes to St. Martha.

The solution was for them to imitate their parish patron, St. Martha, who received Jesus in her house. During the visit of the Vicar of Christ to the church they call home, 115 parishioners will act as stewards, representing the 800 families of St. Martha.

And what about the pastor? A true believer in the power of prayer, Fr. McLaughlin will have the privilege of greeting the Pope at the door.

the world over have never adopted celibacy as a rule --except in the United States.

Here, it's a prohibition that began in the early 1900s, when Roman Catholic bishops, fearing that their people would be scandalized by seeing other Catholic priests married, petitioned the Vatican for a ban.

On that issue, Father Lickman would simply tell the Pope to "restore" the Byzantine-rite's tradition, which

"still exists unbroken in Europe, Asia and Africa."

It might give new impetus to vocations in his church, said the priest, but he would recommend the move for another reason: "The choice to be celibate or married is a more preferable human and Christian policy. If you don't take the money that's behind the bars, there's no virtue in that. If you don't take the money that's on the table, that's virtuous."

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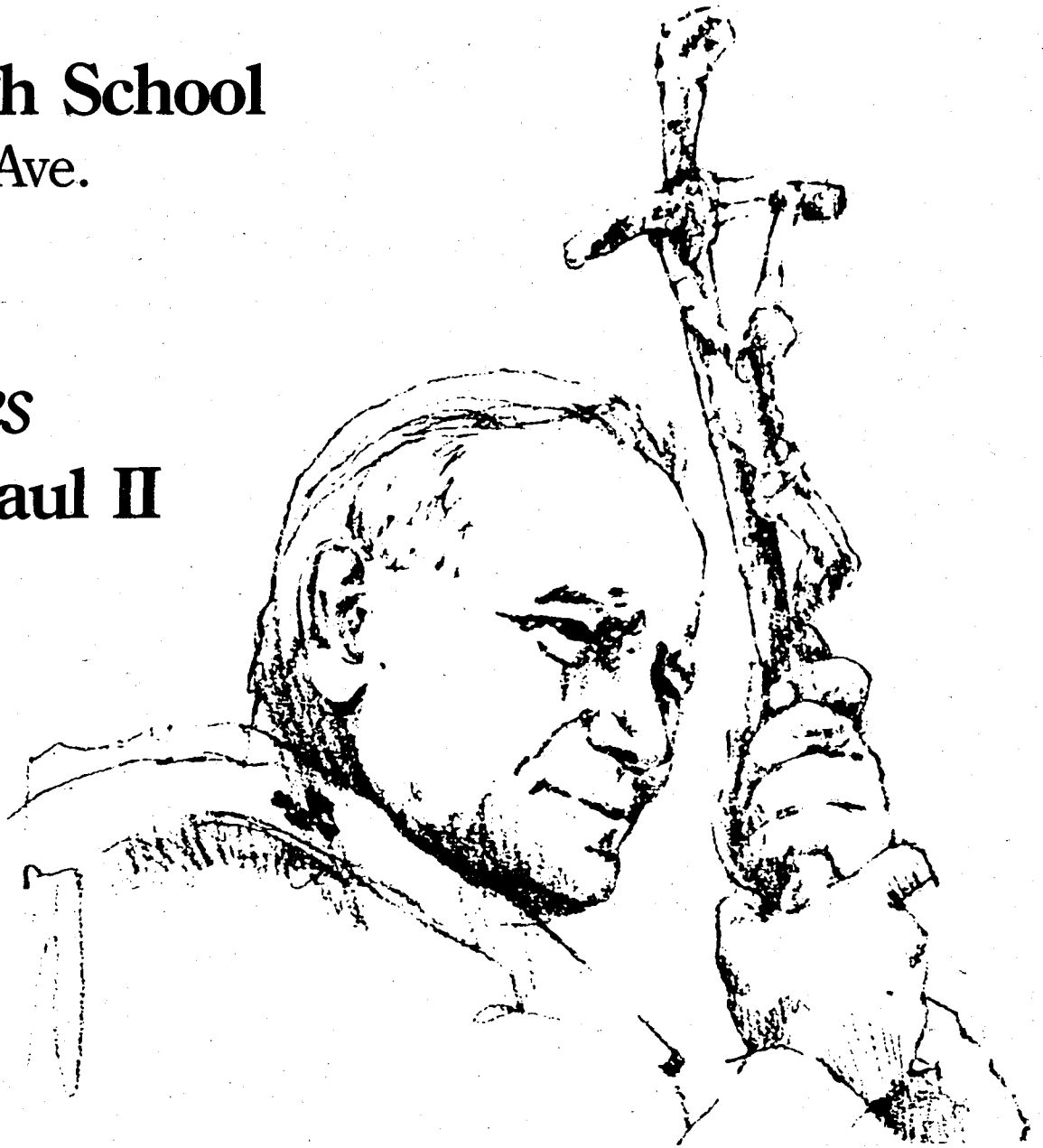


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# Karol Wojtyla: Philosopher,

He is the first Slav to head the Roman Catholic Church, the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, the youngest pope in a century, the first since Pius II in the 15th century to be a man of letters, perhaps the first to be athletically inclined. He is Pope John Paul II.

Karol Joseph Wojtyla (Voy-tee-wah) was born in Wadowice, Poland, on May 18, 1920, to an administrative officer in the Polish army and a former schoolteacher.

Once a foundry worker, the elder Karol Wojtyla (1879-1941) was a recruiter for the 12th Infantry Regiment at the birth of his second son. The father reared his namesake and the future pope's elder brother Edmund in religious piety and strict discipline, sometimes requiring them to study in cold rooms so as to harden them.

Emilia Kaczorowska Wojtyla was frequently ill with a kidney problem, forcing her to rely on nieces to rear the boys. She died while delivering a still-born daughter in 1929 when Karol was but nine years old.

Young Karol, especially after his father's retirement, had to work to help support the family, although Edmund was able to attend medical school. Edmund, while an intern at Bielsko, died in 1932 of scarlet fever, infected by one of his patients.

Karol was athletic: he enjoyed playing soccer as goalie, and took daredevil swims in a flooded Swaka River. He also was an excellent student, and he served as president of his school sodality. He did expert impersonations of his teachers, so it could be expected that his extracurricular love was the theater. Having played in various school productions, by 1937 Karol starred in and helped direct a drama club production of Stanislaw Wyspianski's "Sygmunt August," which toured several towns in the region. It was his ambition to study literature and become a professional actor.

## Love of theater

When Karol passed his final examinations in 1937 his father moved with him to Krakow so that he could afford to study at Jagiellonian University. Enrolled in the department of philosophy, Karol became involved in the "Rhapsodic Theatre," an experimental troupe that reveled in the beauty of dramatic language.

About that time, Karol met Jan Tyranowski (1900-1947), who had left accounting to take up tailoring which allowed him a quieter life conducive to prayer, meditation and the study of Christian mysticism. Tyranowski cultivated Karol's religious and philosophical interests, bringing him into his informal "Living Rosary" prayer group.

On September 1, 1939, when the Germans invaded and their bombs fell on Poland beginning World War II, Karol was serving Mass in Krakow. The Nazi occupation forced the university — and with it the Rhapsodic Theatre — underground. Clandestinely pursuing both his studies and his acting, Karol became a stonemason to support himself and to hold the work permit needed to avoid deportation or imprisonment. He later commemorated his job with a poem called "The Quarry."

Although vigorous he was not particularly strong, so he was made assistant shot-firer, placing explosives in the rock. By 1941 he was working in the Solvay chemical company, first unloading lime from railroad hoppers, later tending the boilers. Working on the night shift especially abetted his underground studies. He also found time to persuade management to better working conditions by opening a recreation center for the workers.

## Helped Jews

During this period Wojtyla was active in the UNIA, a Christian democratic underground organization. B'nai



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B'rith and other authorities have testified that he helped Jews find refuge from the Nazis. His affiliation with Bratnia Pomoc Studentow, a union of university student, seems to have begun with the war years. The significance of Wojtyla's continued association with the now-proscribed Rhapsodic Theatre — he played the astrological sign Taurus, complete with bull's head, in a production of "The Moonlight Cavalier" — can be appreciated in the light of the Nazis' attempt to erase all vestiges of Polish cultural life. These secret readings and performances were an integral part of the resistance to the enemy. By the time he disappeared from his job at Solvay in 1944 the name Karol Wojtyla had appeared on the

John of the Cross." Because he lived at the Belgian College while in Rome, Father Wojtyla vacationed in Belgium and in France the summer of 1947. There he ministered to Polish workers who found themselves unwelcome refugees in those countries. He also observed the controversial "worker priest" movement in France.

Returning to Poland, Father Wojtyla was assigned to Niegowic and later as pastor of St. Florian's in Krakow. While tending his parish duties he managed to earn a second doctorate, in theology, before the Communist government abolished that department of the Jagiellonian University in 1949. Father Wojtyla was student chaplain at that time, and he became a faculty

member of "Oedipus" into Polish. At times he used a pen name, Andrzej Jawien, a character in a novel by Polish author Jan Parandowski. More than 200 articles and books are credited to Karol Wojtyla.

In the summer of 1958 Father Wojtyla was called back from a camping trip to learn that he had been named auxiliary bishop of Krakow. He was raised four years later to head the diocese with the title of vicar capitular, used when the chair of a see is vacant, in this case because of a dispute with the Communist government of Poland. In 1964, when the government finally permitted the appointment of a resident archbishop of Krakow for the first time since 1951, Bishop Wojtyla got his rightful title.

Archbishop Wojtyla successfully concluded a 20-year struggle to build a church at Nowa Huta, a new town designated by the government as socialist and free of religious influences. He also established adult religion study groups in parishes, a Family Institute, and a ministry for the sick and disabled.

## Simple habits

His friendships in the Jewish and intellectual communities helped forge effective liaison between them and the Church. A man of simple habits, he moved from his modest flat to the archiepiscopal palace only after his exasperated staff removed all of his belongings.

Archbishop Wojtyla attended every session of the Second Vatican Council. By the second session in 1963 he became influential and helped write several important documents. In the Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), he argued against an excessively institutional conception of the Church and in favor of "the People of God." In *Gaudium et Spes*, the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Archbishop Wojtyla spoke from personal experience about denial of freedom of conscience. He also was associated with the *Declaration on Religious Freedom* and the *Decree on the Instruments of Social Communication*.

As much as he left his mark on the Council, it left its mark on Archbishop Wojtyla by broadening his perspectives beyond the Church in Poland. He followed up on conciliar decrees by establishing an archdiocesan synod and by educating his people on the council's teachings. His book, "Foundations of

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Nazi blacklist.

Apparently it was a streetcar accident and subsequent hospitalization which led Wojtyla to consider a religious vocation, possibly as a Carmelite. But he persisted in believing that his talents were in the theater. Soon after his release, he was hit by a German army truck, and he reconsidered his earlier decision during a second convalescence.

## Priesthood

A heart attack claimed his father that same year, 1941, and the younger Karol was once more struck by the religious life of Tyranowski. By 1942 Wojtyla was studying for the priesthood. He and other seminarians, fearing discovery by the Nazis, retreated in 1944 to the house of Archbishop Adam Stefan Sapieha, where they hid while attending classes. After the war they resumed their studies in a seminary. Karol Wojtyla was ordained a priest on November 1, 1946.

Cardinal Sapieha assigned the young priest to continue his studies at the Angelicum university in Rome. There, in 1948, he earned his Ph.D. in philosophy with a dissertation on "Problems of Faith in the Works of St.

member by presenting his thesis on the ethical system of Max Scheler.

A professor of moral theology in the major seminary at Krakow, in 1954 he became a professor of ethics at the Catholic University of Lublin. Eventually he chaired the philosophy department there. In the 1950s Father Wojtyla emerged as a prolific author of moral and philosophical works, some of which were translated into English and published after his election to the papacy. He was named to the Polish Academy of Sciences in 1959 in recognition of his philosophical work.

## Poet

He had started writing early in life. Some poems written when he was 19 were published later. A book of poetry, "Easter Vigils and Other Poems," sold 60,000 copies. Ten of those, translated into English, were recorded by singer Sarah Vaughan in 1984. One of his six efforts as a playwright was given some attention and performances after his election as pope. "The Jeweler's (sometimes translated Goldsmith's) Shop" relates in three acts the happiness and travails of three couples. Another play, "Job," deals with that Old Testament figure. Wojtyla also translated Sopho-

# actor, poet, traveler, Pope

Renewal" (1972), reflects those efforts.

As a member of the Synod of Bishops and of the continuing Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship, the Congregation for the Clergy, and the Congregation for Catholic Education, he returned to Rome once or twice a year. After becoming pope he called an extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in the fall of 1985 to assess Vatican II 20 years after its conclusion.

Pope Paul VI, who elevated him to cardinal in 1967, recognized Cardinal Wojtyla's achievements by using him as a theological consultant and having him conduct the papal retreat in 1976. Meditations for the retreat were published in New York in 1979 as "Sign of Contradiction."

## Begins travels

As a cardinal, he began his travels. In 1969 and 1976 he toured Canada and the United States and Latin America, visiting Polish communities. He attended Eucharistic Congresses in Sydney, Australia, in 1973 and in Philadelphia in 1976. At the latter he delivered a homily on the human hunger for religious freedom. He made three trips to West Germany — in 1974, 1977 and 1978 — to reconcile Polish people and their former conquerers.

Through those travels and his follow-up work on Vatican II he became widely known within Church circles. This undoubtedly led to his election as pope on October 16, 1978, succeeding Pope John Paul I who was in office for only 34 days. He was elected the 263rd successor to St. Peter on the seventh or eighth ballot on the second day of voting, the first Polish pope and the first non-Italian since Adrian VI in 1522. He was 58 years old.

Pope John Paul II was invested with the symbol of office, the pallium, on October 22. A quarter million people gathered in St. Peter's Square that day.

Although he does not share the same nationality as most popes of modern times, John Paul has traveled extensively throughout Italy, and he has been making regular visits to the many parishes in Rome. His pastoral visits throughout the world are designed to draw Catholics more closely to Christ by strengthening their faith, and to evangelize.

While shunning politics, he has not avoided issues of importance. In Africa he has spoken of the independence Africans should have from alien cultures, in France he has emphasized the role of the Church in a secularized state, in Brazil he has stressed the love of the Church for the poor and admonished governments to recognize human rights.

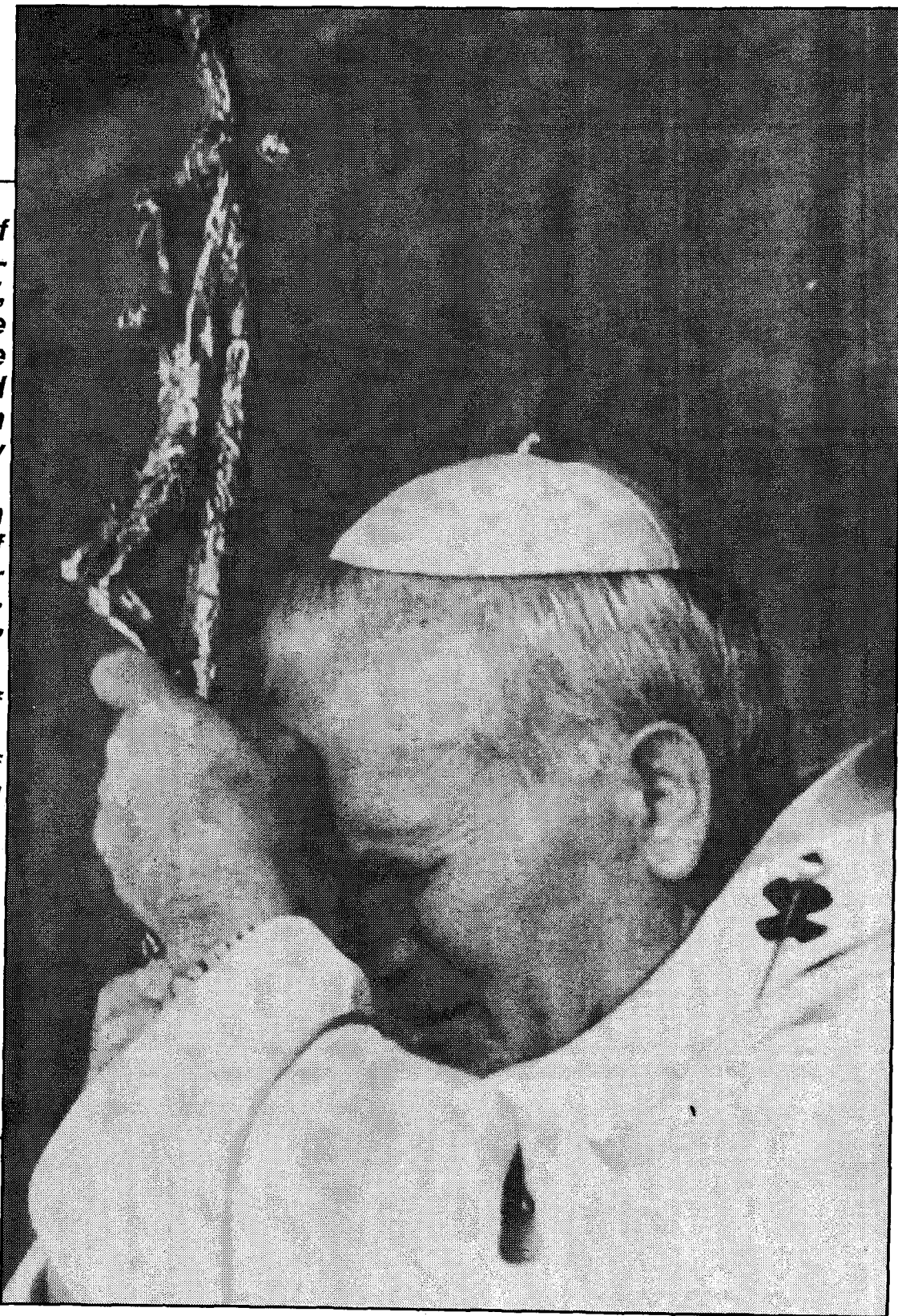
His third journey outside Italy after his election included a week in the United States with stops at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Des Moines, Chicago and Washington, D.C. While in New York he addressed the United Nations, as had Paul VI on a one-day visit to the United States in 1965. There John Paul spoke of universal human rights, social justice, religious freedom, arms control and peace.

## Wounded

Pope John Paul suffered severe wounds May 13, 1981, when he was shot as he entered St. Peter's Square to address a general audience. His attacker, Mehmet Ali Agca, was captured, tried and convicted. The Pope spent two and a half months hospitalized. He fully recovered, despite the seriousness of his wounds.

Two days after Christmas 1983 the Pope went to the prison housing his would-be assassin and met with Agca. John Paul has kept their conversation confidential. Earlier that year, Agca claimed that the Bulgarian secret service and the Soviet's KGB had conspired in the attempt on the Pope's life. Three Bulgarians and three Turks later charged

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ed were cleared by an Italian court in March 1986. The Vatican took no part in the trial.

The office of Roman Pontiff traditionally has been one of privacy. From time to time, however, some of this Pope's private life has come to light. He is known to dine frequently with others, forsaking the previous practice of popes taking their meals alone. Similarly, he has continued his exercise to some extent. He has a swimming pool at the papal summer home at Castelgandolfo that he shares with his Swiss Guards.

In mid-July 1984 he skied on the summer snows of Mt. Adamello in northern Italy. In 1986 he was photographed while hiking in the mountains. Before becoming pope he also enjoyed backpacking and kayaking. His weight in 1979 was known to be 175 pounds; his height 5 feet 10 inches.

He likes music, having joined in singing with students during his first trip back to Poland as pope in 1979. That was recorded, along with a chorus performing his text, "The Monument of the Entire Life," with the Cracow symphony. When archbishop of Cracow he founded an ecumenical music festival called Sacrosong.

## Comic book

Besides having been recorded while singing, he may be the only pope whose life was portrayed in a comic book, published in 1983 by Marvel Comics Group in New York. He was the first pope to attend a concert in Milan's opera house in La Scala that same year.

John Paul has continued writing

since becoming pope, often working in longhand. He has written five encyclicals: *Redemptor Hominis* (On redemption and the dignity of the human race), issued April 29, 1979; *Dives in Misericordia* (On the mercy of God), November 30, 1980; *Laborem Exercens* (On human work), September 14, 1981; *Slavorum Apostoli* (Commemorating Sts. Cyril and Methodius on the 11th centenary of the death of St. Methodius), June 2, 1985, and *Dominum et Vivificantem* (The Lord and Giver of Life, on the Holy Spirit), May 30, 1986.

He also has issued a number of apostolic exhortations. One of those, *Familiaris Consortio*, is a drawing together of theology on the family, including recommendations from the Synod of Bishops of 1980. The family and married love have been special topics for John Paul. In 1979 he began a series of talks on that subject at his regular general audiences; when he ended it in 1984 it was the longest series on a single topic in papal history. Other writings have covered suffering, Jerusalem, religious life, reconciliation and penance.

The Pope's ecumenical efforts follow the openings made by Vatican II. He has met with leaders of other religions on most of his travels. In May 1982 he and Anglican Archbishop Robert Runcie prayed and renewed baptismal promises together at Canterbury Cathedral. John Paul has had many meetings with Orthodox bishops.

## Ecumenism

He has visited World Council of

Churches headquarters in Geneva; met in the Vatican with Lutheran leaders and exchanged letters with Bishop James R. Crumley Jr., President of the Lutheran Church in America, which was considered unprecedented. Also without precedent was his visit to Rome's main synagogue in April 1986. There he prayed with Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff. The Dalai Lama, the exiled temporal and spiritual leader of Tibet, met privately with John Paul in 1980 and again in 1982.

For a day of prayer — October 27, 1986 — the Pope gathered leaders from many religions. Called "An Encounter of Prayers for Peace: 'Assisi '86'" for its site, the home of St. Francis, the day of prayer and fasting was held in conjunction with the United Nations proclamation of the International Year of Peace.

The State of Vatican City with 108.7 acres is the smallest sovereign state in the world, a mere vestige of the Papal States that existed until they were absorbed into modern Italy in 1871. Still it has diplomatic relations with more than 110 (113 at latest count) countries. One of them is the United States, which resumed relations in 1984 after 117 years.

Although primarily a religious leader, Pope John Paul does exercise some prerogatives as head of state, principally meeting with world leaders.

John Paul constantly urges peace among nations and human rights for all peoples, such as in his condemnations of anti-Semitism and denunciations of apartheid. Though he may criticize acts against humanity, his main message is love for all human beings.

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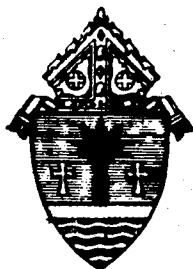
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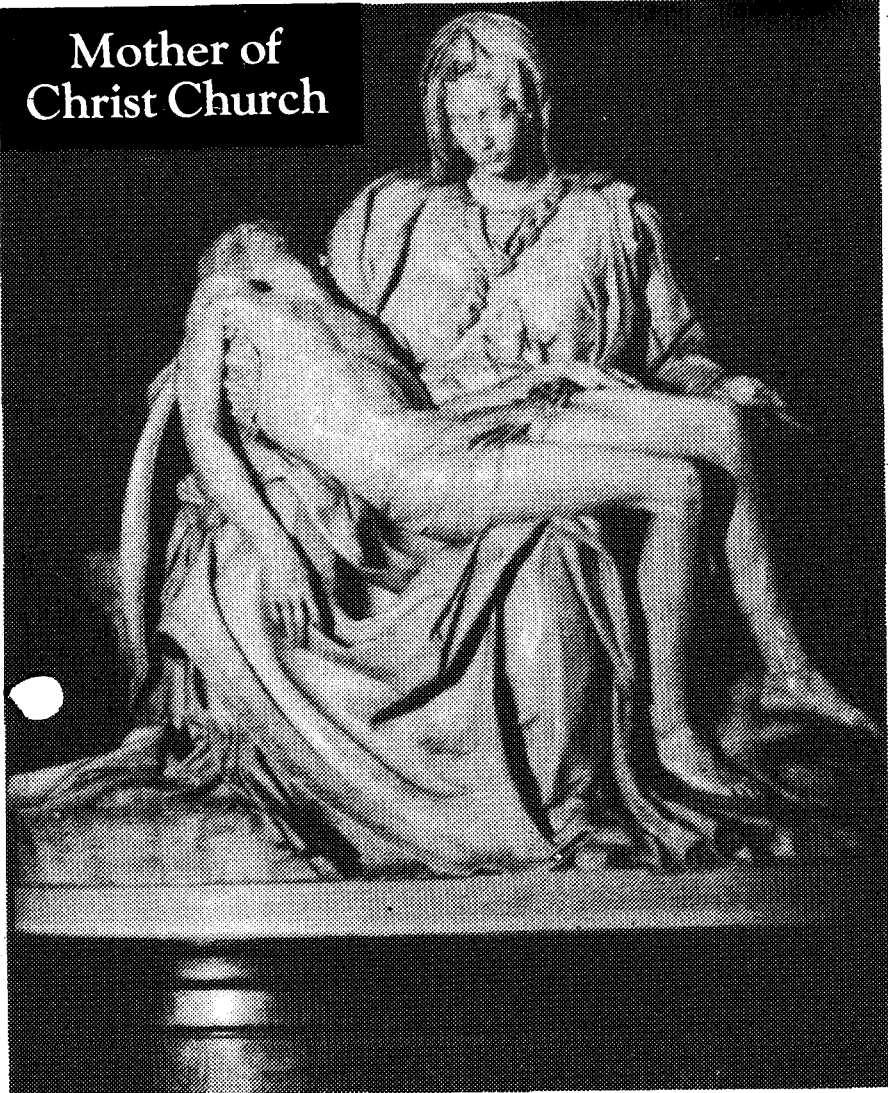
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# A spiritual man in

By John Thavis

ROME (NC) — Pope John Paul II is a spiritual man in a complex job that in some ways is profoundly worldly.

As a world leader, he speaks energetically on a wide range of social issues, denouncing human rights abuses, economic injustice and the arms race.

As administrator of one of the world's oldest bureaucracies, the institutional church, he exhibits a personal style and a penchant for cleaning house on disciplinary issues.

As pastor of a worldwide church, he quietly insists on restoring a sense of the sacred in Catholic life and, through the laity, to public life.

Some see apparent contradictions among these roles. One example is his staunch defense of church teaching against contraception and his concern about the overcrowded slums of Calcutta.

Another example is his insistence that Catholics should participate fully in the broader cultures of which they are part and his frequent assertion that the church must be a kind of counter-cultural witness.

What binds this ministry together, his aides say, is a "priority on the sacred" that animates the pope's teachings, travels and decisions. Increasingly, that has become the hallmark of his papacy as it enters its ninth year.

"To understand this pope, you should attend morning Mass in his chapel. You would see that he brings all the weight of his pontificate to that altar," said one of the pontiff's longtime friends.

"His spiritual life is essential to how he sees his job," he said.

## Message of reconciliation

That was illustrated when the pope asked world religious leaders to join him in Assisi, Italy, Oct. 27 for a meeting for peace. But he called them together to pray — not to come up with a social agenda.

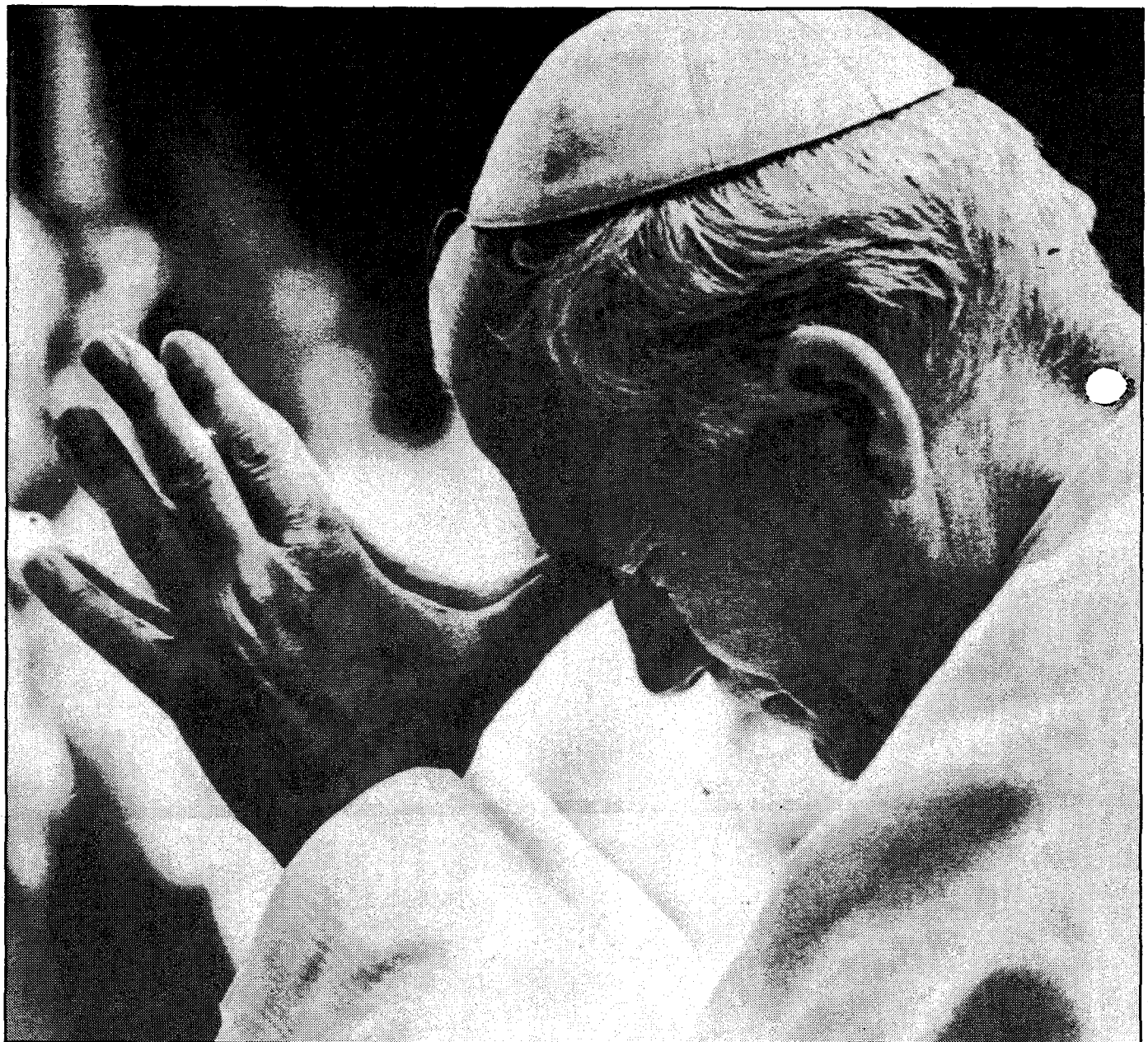
"It is important that a joint prayer be insistently raised to heaven," the pope said, because "the destiny of the world lies in the hands of the Almighty." He said his goal was no less than a "world movement of prayer for peace."

It was typical of the pope's approach. His frequent appeals for non-violence and reconciliation — in places as diverse as South Africa, Lebanon, Iran and Iraq — have earned him a reputation as a peacemaker. But except for a border dispute between Chile and Argentina, he has not involved the Vatican directly in mediating conflicts.

Instead, he has aimed his message of reconciliation at individuals and "the human heart" in strife-torn places, always linking it to the reconciliation brought by Christian redemption.

His social criticism, likewise, is carefully — although sometimes dramatically — phrased in terms of faith. Moments after he met with South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha in 1984, the Vatican issued a statement saying the country's apartheid system was "contrary to the Christian principle of equal dignity of all men."

When he reprimanded the Haitian government during a trip there in 1983 for its record of injustice, he said that his purpose was not to make political accusations but to bring the country more in line with "the Gospel and the church's social teaching."



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Denouncing the caste system during a trip to India in early 1986, the pope explained a Christian principle in universal language: "Every human person is created in the image of God and has a unique God-given dignity. Thus no one should be used as a mere instrument for production, as though the person were a machine or a beast of burden."

Even when treating such complex themes as the international debt crisis, Pope John Paul has emphasized Christian vision rather than practical policy as the basis for a solution. The economic problems that are bringing Third World countries to "the brink of breakdown," he told a U.N. group last year, must be seen in moral terms and not merely monetary ones.

What is the basis of such a vision? "Our faith in the God of the Bible," he told the group.

At times, the pope has been criticized by Catholics who feel the "spiritual" course he has charted through the world's problems is too narrow.

For example, one overriding theme of his talks in recent years is that political freedom is not genuine without liberation from sin. For the pope, that specifically rules out a strictly Marxist "class struggle" approach to social justice.

After several years of painful, internal debate, that emerged in 1985 as the church's bottom line on liberation theology. On that point, at least, the pope has managed to obtain a consensus among theologians and Curialists.

## Emphasis on discipline

Within the church, Pope John Paul

II is seen as a disciplinarian. That view was reinforced recently when Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, whose performance in some areas had displeased the Vatican, was temporarily assigned an auxiliary bishop with special decision-making powers.

Under the pope, the Vatican also has insisted on a predominantly spiritual role for priests and nuns. Three Nicaraguan priests were suspended from active ministry because they held public office. Others around the world were forced to resign their offices.

After a number of members of religious orders of women in the United States signed a newspaper ad in 1984 that appeared to challenge church teaching on abortion, the Vatican threatened to expel them from their orders unless they recanted.

The pope has made unasked-for interventions in the internal management of religious orders. In 1981, he took the unprecedented step of appointing an interim leader of the Jesuits, then later allowed an election to take place.

In 1984, he had the Vatican rewrite the constitution of cloistered Carmelite nuns to emphasize traditional spiritual practices. The following year, he sent a Vatican overseer to a Franciscan chapter meeting, with instructions to halt practices outside the order's traditions.

The pope's background in moral theology has made him particularly sensitive to dissent from church teaching among theologians.

In 1984, he told National Catholic News Service he hoped U.S. theologians would do a better job promoting church teaching on birth control.

Last August, the Vatican removed U.S. Father Charles E. Curran's right to teach as a Catholic theologian. A Vatican official said the action was a reminder to all Catholics that church teaching on a number of sexual issues had not changed.

Many theologians saw it as a line drawn against all public dissent.

In large part, Catholic lay people have been spectators of these events. But ordinary faithful, too, have been subject to the pope's emphasis on traditional moral teachings.

This has been most apparent at the pope's weekly general audiences, which draw thousands of pilgrims and tourists to St. Peter's Square. Those who come expecting a friendly papal "pep talk" are surprised at what they hear.

From 1980 to 1984, in speeches that were often footnoted, the pope laid the theological basis of the church's teaching against contraception and its teaching on responsible parenthood. A Vatican official said afterward that repetitiveness of the talks was part of a strategy to clear up any remaining doubt about birth control.

## A role for the Church

The accent on Vatican-imposed discipline has somewhat eclipsed the fact that the pope usually has worked closely with local bishops.

Collegiality — the extent of the pope's shared authority with his fellow bishops — has been the subject of one of the major debates under Pope John Paul's pontificate. The 1985 extraordinary Synod of Bishops commissioned a study of the issue.

# a worldly job

The pope has suggested he is open to a greater role for the synod, which he has presided over three times. But he has emphasized its "consultative" function. Except for the extraordinary synod's report last year, the pope has written all the major post-synod documents.

In many local matters, however, the pope acts in the wake of bishops or their conferences. Bishops help choose topics and, in some cases, the wording of the pope's speeches on his foreign

When bishops are embroiled in national political issues, the pope usually waits for them to speak, then quotes what they have said. He did so during last February's political crisis in the Philippines, where the bishops played a major role in avoiding violence, and during recent church-state tensions in Nicaragua. Even on issues in his Polish homeland, the pope has deferred to statements by the national bishops' conference.

Where bishops have been silenced or impeded by governments, the pope speaks to and for them from Rome — letting them know the church remembers them. In recent years, Catholics in China, Vietnam, Albania and the Soviet republics of Lithuania and Latvia have received such public encouragement.

The Vatican's "Ostpolitik" policy of at least limited cooperation with Eastern European regimes, developed under Pope Paul VI, has continued. But Pope John Paul has not allowed political considerations to prevent him from condemning state atheism.

His attitude has nettled some communist countries, particularly when, in his most recent encyclical on the Holy

Spirit last May, the pope attacked Marxism as blasphemous.

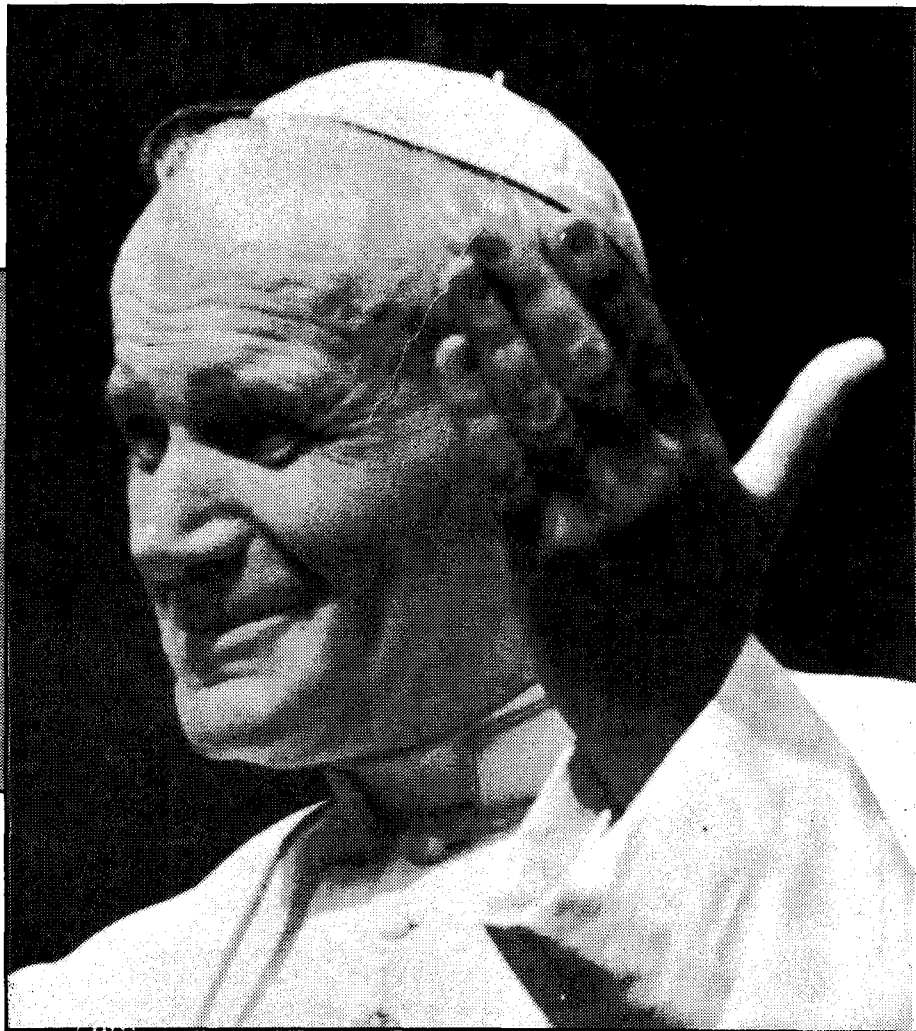
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Catholics in society, however, knows no East-West distinction. He wants them to fully participate in their cultures and at the same time resist developing a strictly secular viewpoint. In sum, he wants them to be a "ferment" for evangelical change.

Although Pope John Paul has gone out of his way to meet with scientists — and was the first pope to admit the church erred when it condemned the 17th-century astronomer Galileo — he is wary about seeking ultimate answers in science. The answers to man's basic questions, the pope has said, "come not from the world, but from the heart of the Gospel."

The pope has applied this theme with crusader-like enthusiasm to his native continent, urging the "re-evangelization" of Europe which, he believes, has lost many of its traditional Christian



values while making material progress.

He has even taken this a step further. Speaking from Mont Blanc in September, for example, the pope called Christianity the "nucleus" for a new European unity that goes beyond "anachronistic" divisions. This theme is dear to the pope, whose native Poland has been in the Soviet bloc since World War II.

The way the pope sees the church, in its inner and outer workings, was largely seconded by the extraordinary synod last year. The bishops said individual

Catholics need better spiritual formation and said the church should face the world with a "missionary openness" for its salvation.

The pope's worldwide ministry has meant less time and attention to curial matters, some inside the Vatican say. Some major projects that seem to overlap pontificates — curial reform and reorganization of Vatican finances, for example — have yet to be completed.

If the pope has made a mark on the Vatican Curia, it is probably in bringing in new talent from a wide geographic area. Of 30 top Vatican offices, only three are headed by Italians.

Despite the pope's reputation for conservatism, some would call that a revolutionary change.

## Public, private images

There is a difference between the fleeting media images of Pope John Paul and his quiet, private life of prayer. Both, however, reflect what journalists sometimes call the "John Paul II factor." Certain images seem, almost on their own, to capsule themes of this papacy: the pope walking into a prison cell and putting his arm around the young Turk who tried to assassinate him, a displeased pontiff shaking his finger at a priest-politician in Nicaragua, or the head of the Catholic Church embracing a rabbi in a synagogue.

Yet the pope is a very private person, his friends say, and private prayer is his driving force. He finds time to read the breviary for an hour every morning. Each Friday, he says the Way of the Cross — even during trips abroad.

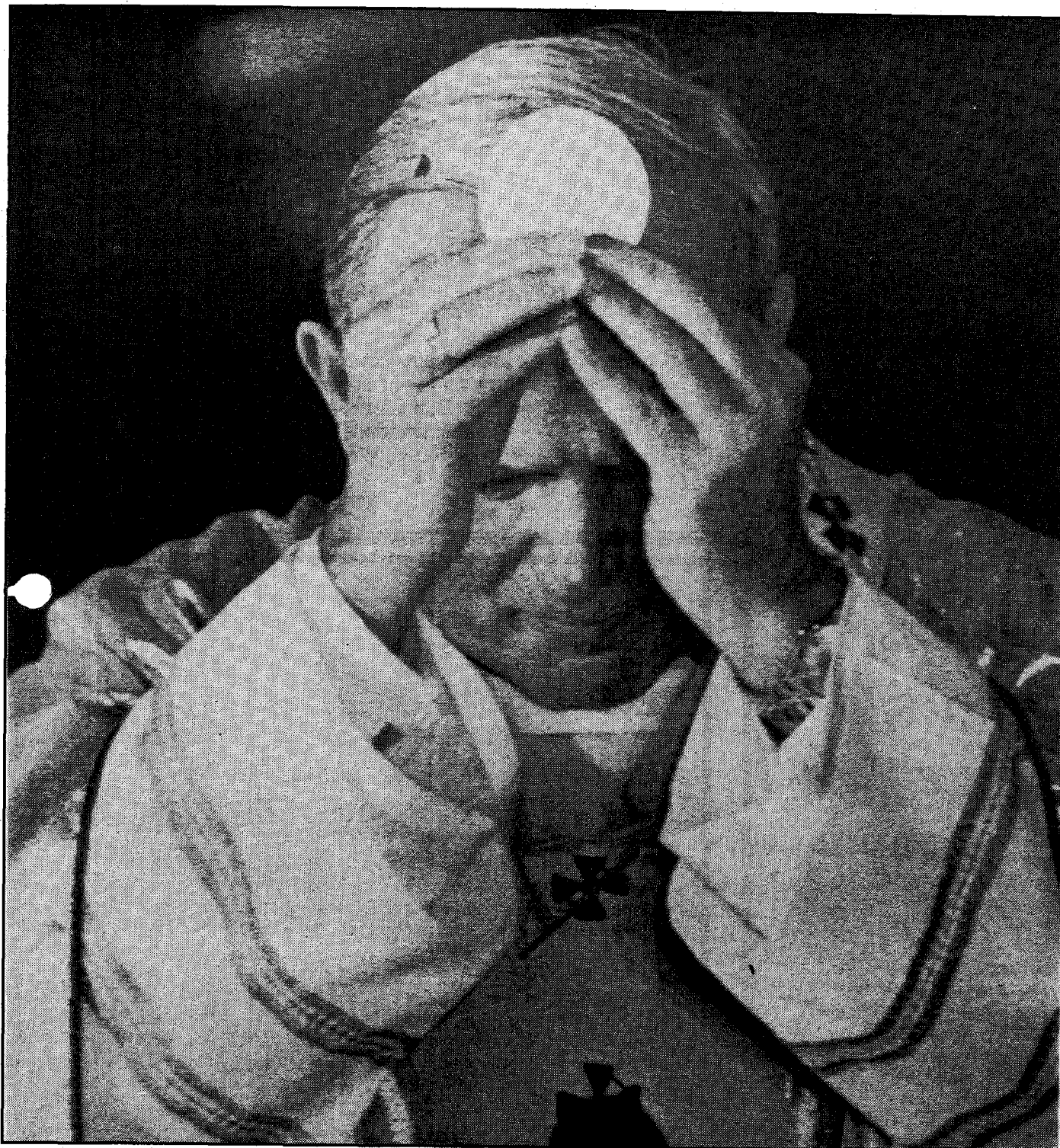
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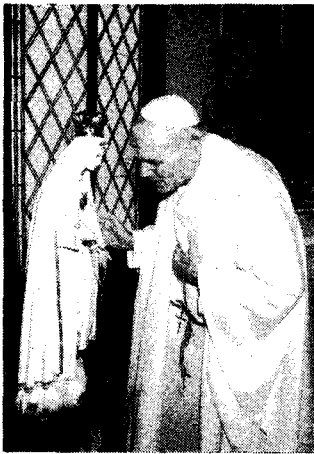
A U.S. Vatican official, Archbishop Justin Rigali, once said the secret to the pope's stamina — which has rarely flagged during his 35 trips outside Italy — is his prayer life.

The pope's traveling ministry has caught the world's attention. His statements on human rights and social issues are often made against dramatic backgrounds of poverty.

But few people watching the TV news reports realize that, for the millions who come to see and hear the pope speak, his message is more often one of a simple pastor: Pray the rosary, receive the Eucharist and don't forget the inspiration of the saints.

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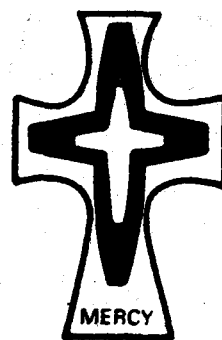
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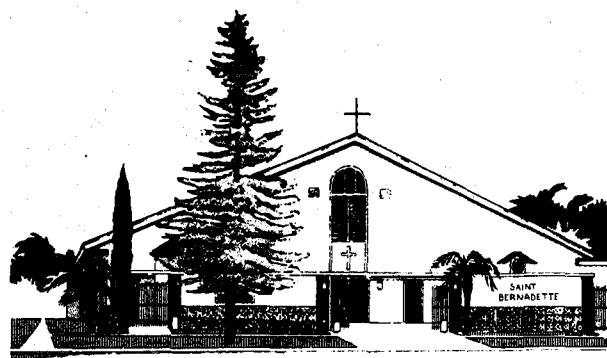


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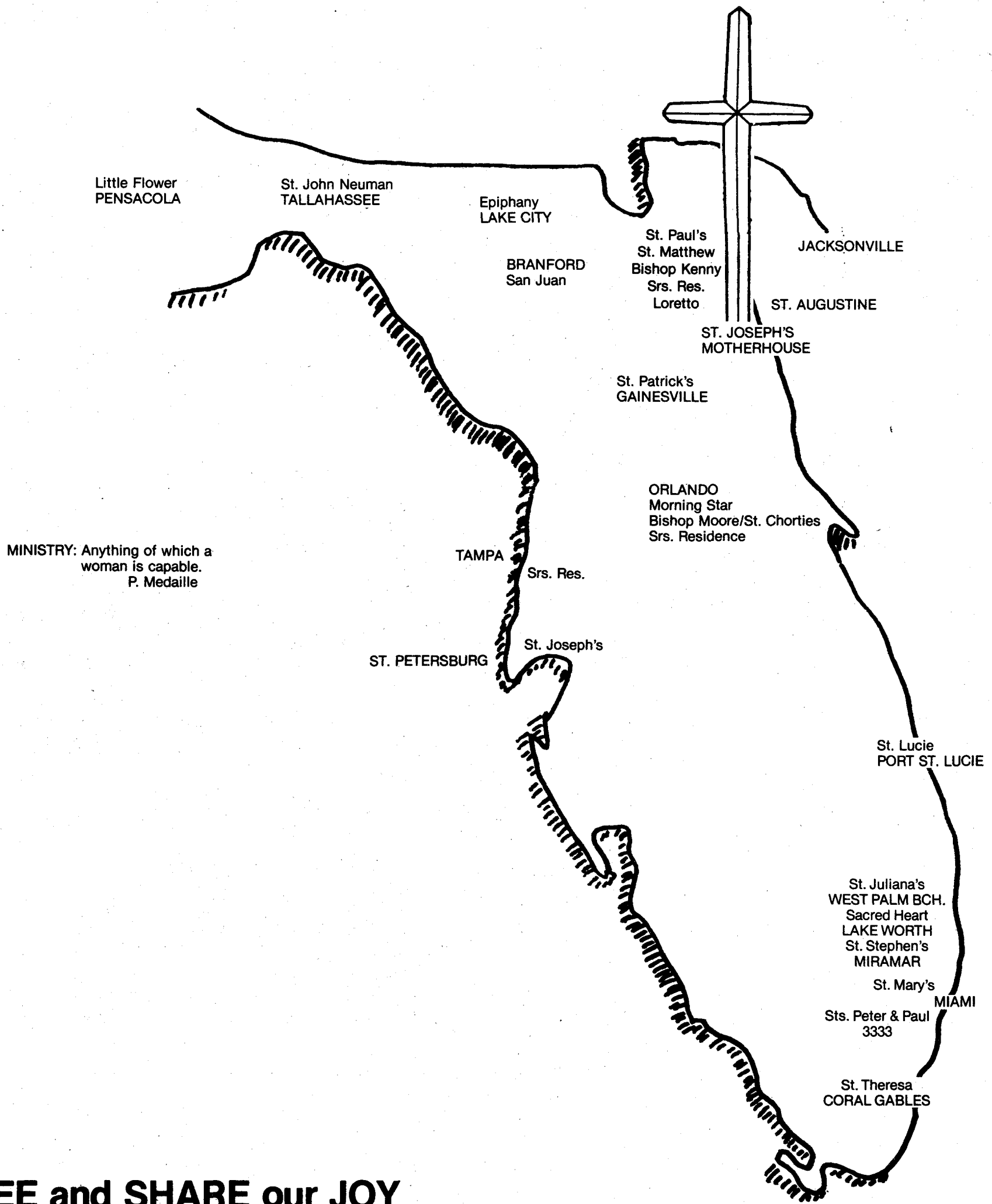
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# Why does the Pope travel?

Goal is to unite, evangelize God's people

By Alfred McBride, O. Praem.

Pope John Paul II is coming to the United States again. Why? He will have been in more than 60 countries by the time he reaches the United States in September 1987, which will be his 36th trip outside Italy since becoming pope in 1978. Why does he travel so much?

John Paul has given his reasons for his pilgrimages. He wants them to be occasions for deepening an awareness of Christ, for increasing a living, conscious and active faith and for helping the people of God become a servant Church for the whole world.

The Pope emphasizes the need to draw people to a consciousness of Christ's presence as his primary goal. "The more difficult the life of people, of families, of communities and the world become, the more necessary it is for them to become aware of Christ the Good Shepherd, 'who lays down his life for his sheep.'"

Secondly, the Holy Father views his pilgrimages as opportunities for strengthening people's faith. He identifies with St. Peter who was told by Christ to "strengthen your brethren."

At the same time, John Paul believes his own faith is increased by getting in touch with the People of God. Like St. Paul, he says, "I long to see you, that I might impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

Thirdly, the Pope sees his journeys as a time for calling the People of God to be a servant Church for the whole world. The pastoral visits implement this vision of Vatican II. The mission of the Church is to serve the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in their will to save all people and establish the kingdom of love, justice and mercy.

This mission becomes more effective when the unity of the Church is more firmly grounded. "God made human nature one in the beginning and has decreed that all his children who were scattered would be finally gathered together as one."

John Paul has this goal of unity in



Children reach out to touch the hand of Pope John Paul II during his 1984 visit to Montreal. He likes to meet with young people during his pilgrimages, which have taken him to 66 countries. (NC Photo)

mind as he visits what he calls the sanctuaries of the People of God. "Is it not the task of Peter's successor to see that the Church, in her multiplicity, gathers around Christ in her visible unity?"

Christ's awareness, faith growth, the service of salvation from a united Church, these are the major goals of the Holy Father's pastoral visits.

In each country that he visits, John Paul desires to enter into a dialogue of salvation. This approach to evangelization is most evident in his meetings with young people. Prior to papal visits he asks young people to send him a list of questions and concerns. From these he constructs the outline of his presentation to them.

In his address to the youth of Korea he lists their questions. "Why must school be a place of pitiless competition? Why is there a difference between what you are told at home and what you hear at school? What are you to think about all the dishonesty, contradictions and injustices around you — all of which are presented as being inevitable in the social context?"

To this set of questions, the Pope replies: "You ask these questions because you are really concerned. You believe that what you hope for can be achieved. This is why you are the hope of the future and why I love you so much. Sometimes you are misunderstood. Sometimes you run into a wall of incomprehension. Yet, do not be discouraged. There is a path to take. Have courage. The Lord is with you, on your path."

His replies are more detailed than this quotation, but this illustrates his positive and warm attitude in responding to young people's problems.

In his forthcoming visit to the United States, our Holy Father will plan on the dialogue of salvation. In collaboration with the Pope, the bishops of the United States have established a dialogue format. Special themes will be treated in each city he visits, themes such as health care, the mission of the laity, communications, Catholic education, and priesthood.

Plans call for a dialogue style. Pre-

sentations will be made to the Pope on the given theme. He will then make a response to the presentations. While there is only ninety minutes allotted for each dialogue of salvation, the model is instructive for all leadership in the Church. If the Pope wishes to relate this way, then others are encouraged and motivated to do the same, not just for an hour and a half, but on a continuing basis.

While still a cardinal, the Holy Father gave a retreat to Paul VI and the members of the papal household. His presentations were published in a book, "Sign of Contradiction." This is a prophetic image, with which he identifies. A prophet comforts the afflicted, and afflicts the comfortable. In this latter role, the prophet becomes a sign of contradiction, speaking out against moral and social evils.

This was evident in John Paul's first trip to the United States. In Yankee Stadium he told Catholics in the United States to end their easy way of life, to give to the poor until it hurts. In Philadelphia, he reaffirmed the Church teaching that bars women from the priesthood.

At his Mass on the Mall in our nation's capital, he rejected the ideology of contraception, proclaimed that marriage is indissoluble, condemned homosexual activity and sexual intercourse outside of marriage and called abortion an unspeakable crime.

Hence, while his pilgrimages are meant to be occasions for increasing unity in the Church, they will also be signs of contradiction on issues Pope declares are incompatible with that unity, because they are inconsistent with the teachings of Christ, the tradition of the Church and the discipline of the Church.

Finally, papal visits are events of faith celebration, expressed in divine worship. In stadiums, city parks, farm fields, airport hangars and other similar assembly areas, John Paul II joyfully celebrates the Holy Eucharist with thousands of participants. The dialogue of salvation reaches a summit of expression in the praise and thanks of the People of God at Eucharist.

At these Eucharists the threefold purposes of papal pilgrimages attain a unique expression. These events evoke an awareness of the presence of Christ our Savior, summon the participants to a living faith and invite the People of God to be a servant Church for all the world.

## Pope's trips exceed distance to the moon

By Agostino Bono

VATICAN CITY (NC) — When Pope John Paul II landed in Chile earlier this year, it was the 66th country he visited.

Pope John Paul has traveled so much that every time he steps off the plane he sets a new papal-trip milestone. Several months ago, he joked to aides that he is now on his return voyage from the moon because he had surpassed in mileage the distance between earth and moon.

The surpassing occurred sometime in February 1986, during the pope's visit to India.

The distance between earth and moon is 238,857 miles. So far the pope has traveled 289,038 miles in his trips outside Italy.

In the little over eight years of his pontificate, he has made 32 trips, an average of about four a year. This compares to the nine trips made by Pope Paul VI in his 15-year pontificate. Pope Paul was the first pope in 152 years to travel outside Italy.

During his trips, Pope John Paul has visited 303 separate localities. He has

spent about 7 percent of his pontificate outside Italy.

Fast and efficient air travel is responsible for the rapid increase in — and the now commonplace nature of — papal globe-trotting. It also has produced the need to catalogue all the records and mileages compiled by the pope.

This job is being done by Jesuit-run Vatican Radio, which has broadcast live events and special reports of all the pope's trips in 34 languages around the world. Its statistics provide raw material for a papal Trivial Pursuit.

Question: Which country has the pope visited the most?

Answer: The United States, five times. These were: a six-city visit to the continental United States in October 1979; a Feb. 22-23, 1981, stop in Guam; a Feb. 26, 1981, stop in Anchorage, Alaska; a May 2, 1984, stop in Fairbanks, Alaska; and an Oct. 12, 1984, stop in Puerto Rico.

Q: How many countries has the pope visited at least two times?

A: Eleven: The United States, Brazil, Portugal, Poland, France, Switzerland, Spain, Dominican Republic,

Ivory Coast, Zaire and Kenya.

Q: How many countries has the pope visited at least three times?

A: Three: The United States, Switzerland and France.

Q: In what country has the pope stayed the longest at a single stretch?

A: Brazil, for 12 days and four hours in 1980.

Q: Which was the longest papal trip in distance?

A: Last November's voyage to Bangladesh, Singapore, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and the Seychelles. It covered 30,413 miles.

Q: Which trip was the longest time-wise?

A: Also last November's trip: It lasted 13 days, six hours and 15 minutes.

Q: How much time has the pope spent outside Italy?

A: 216 days, seven hours and 35 minutes. The total number of days in his pontificate through 1986 was 2,998.

Q: How many speeches has the pope given during his trips?

A: 1,128. This averages to 3.7 speeches per locality visited.

# A time for reflection on life

## Nationwide spiritual retreat

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (NC) — Of the millions of Americans who turn out to see Pope John Paul II in person on his U.S. tour Sept. 10-19, a lucky few may get close enough to exchange a word or a handshake with the pontiff or catch an instant of eye contact and a warm papal smile directed at them.

For many more the biggest excitement of the papal visit may be seeing the pope from a distance and hearing him speak, or participating in a Mass celebrated by him.

Tens of millions of Americans will probably remember the visit mainly from the times they see the pope on television, either live or on the evening news.

**'Pope John Paul can be expected to lay out a panorama of what U.S. Catholic life in the 1980s is and is challenged to be.**

### Deeper level

But for Catholics who are looking for a deeper level of moral or spiritual inspiration from the man who leads their church, the papal visit offers a rare opportunity to share in what could be a kind of nationwide spiritual retreat — a chance to pray and reflect, in the course of 10 days, on many of the most significant aspects of their faith commitment and their life in the church.

As the holder of the chair of Peter and a source and symbol of worldwide Catholic unity, the pope commands a thoughtful hearing even from those who disagree with him, and perhaps especially on those points where they disagree.

In his dozens of U.S. meetings, addresses and homilies, Pope John Paul can be expected to lay out a panorama of what U.S. Catholic life in the 1980s is and is challenged to be.

Catholics struggling with Christian living in their daily world of work may find special meaning in the pope's homily Sept. 17 in Monterey, Calif., at a Mass for workers.

### How to witness

During his seven hours in Monterey the pope is also scheduled to give an address on evangelization, or spreading the Gospel — an activity so central to the church's mission that every Christian is called to participate in it. The church's mission is also the theme of the papal Mass Sept. 18 in San Francisco.

Catholics trying to deepen their understanding of how they should witness the Gospel through the work of charity, peace, justice and reconciliation will find those themes running through a series of papal events.

Events in which such issues are clearly on center stage include:

- The pope's first Mass after his arrival, in Miami Sept. 11, which is scheduled as a special Mass for peace and reconciliation.

- The papal meeting Sept. 13 in San Antonio, Texas, with representatives of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic social action leadership.

- The papal address on social justice issues Sept. 19, the final day of his trip, in economically depressed and racially divided Detroit.

The role and vocation of lay people in the church is almost certain to be the central topic when Pope John Paul holds a meeting specifically devoted to the laity in San Francisco Sept. 18. It is also one of the occasions he could use to address controversial issues concerning the role of women in the church and in society.

A Sept. 13 address on Catholic parish life in San Antonio, to be delivered in Spanish, may have particular meaning for the nation's large Hispanic Catholic population, but it also touches non-Hispanic Catholics at the point where they gather as church most frequently and intimately, in their parish.

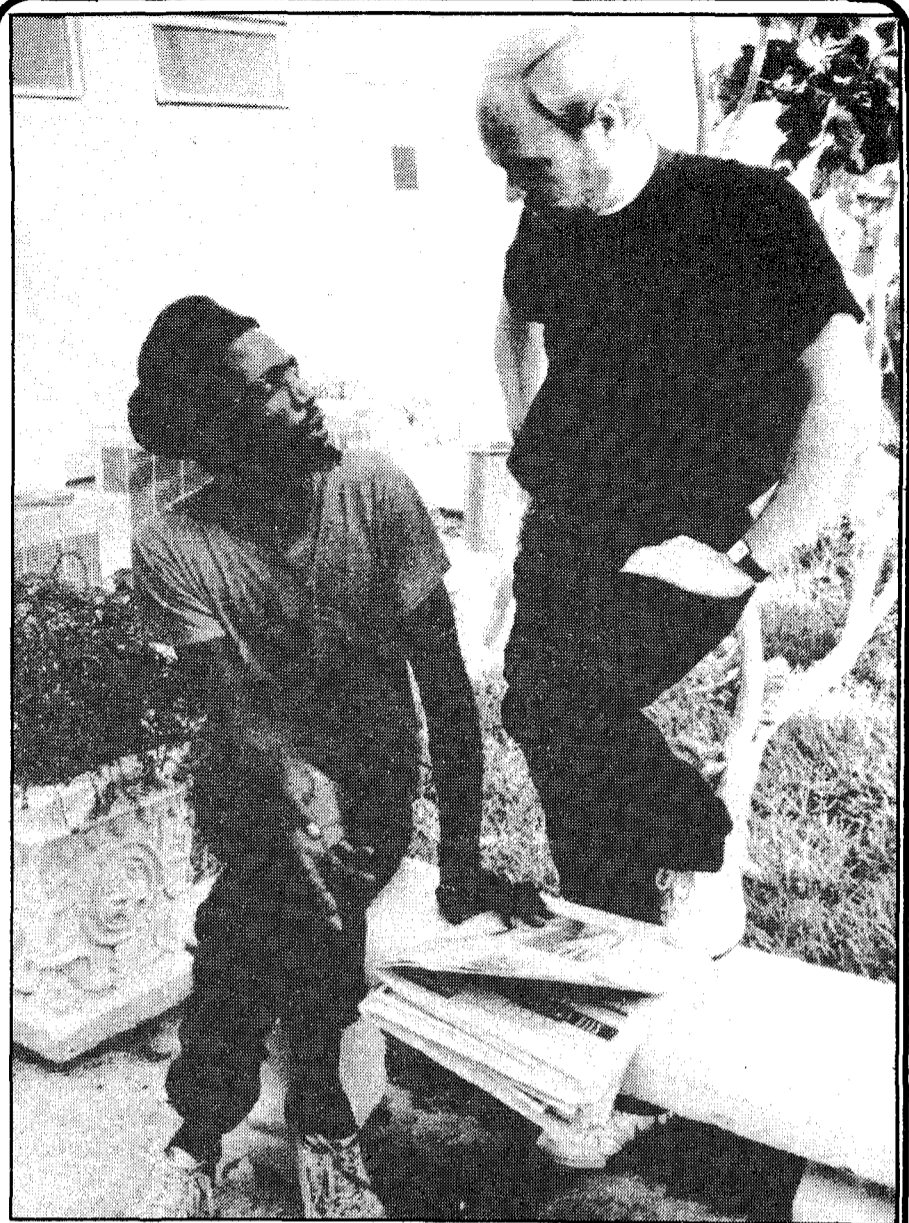
### Special Groups

Special groups of lay people will also receive special attention, such as the young, the sick, ethnic and racial groups.

At a youth rally Sept. 12 in the New Orleans Superdome, young people in school is the theme as the pope hears and responds to presentations by students in Catholic and public high schools and a Catholic college student.

Three days later he plans to meet with young people in Los Angeles. Youth gatherings in St. Louis, Denver and Portland, Ore., will join in the meeting through television links. On Sept. 16 he is to visit students at Immaculate Conception, a Los Angeles Catholic elementary school.

In Phoenix, a retirement mecca, the elderly and the sick will have a special place Sept. 14 as the pope visits the pediatrics ward of a hospital, speaks to Catholic health care workers, and anoints the sick during a Mass marking the feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The cross and the Christian meaning of suffering are favorite themes of Pope John Paul when he visits the sick and handicapped.



**SPECIAL ATTENTION** — Certain lay groups such as the young, the sick, ethnic and racial groups will be addressed during the Pope's trip. Here a homeless man talks with Brother Bonaventure Tosner at Camillus House in Miami. (NC photo)

In San Francisco the pope is to meet with people suffering from AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The pope is to meet with black Catholic leaders in New Orleans, with Native Americans in Phoenix and with fellow Poles in the heavily Polish city of Hamtramck, Mich. Hispanic Catholics have no special meeting devoted exclusively to them, but they are expected to figure significantly in events across the Southwest and West.

Agricultural work is expected to receive particular emphasis in the Monterey Mass for workers. In Los Angeles, still the film capital of the world, the pope is to address communications workers. Urban workers and the urban poor and unemployed are expected to receive special emphasis in the address on social justice in Detroit.

Those who work full time or professionally in church jobs will naturally be singled out for particular attention during the papal trip. It is through their diverse ministries that the life of the church takes on shape and form.

### Speak to priests

In Miami the pope is to speak to priests. In New Orleans he meets with religious educators and teachers in Catholic grade schools, high schools and colleges and universities. In San Antonio Catholic Charities and social action workers are on the agenda, followed by candidates for priesthood or religious life. Health workers are addressed in Phoenix.

The nation's bishops meet with the pope for more than four hours Sept. 16 in Los Angeles. He meets men and women Religious the following day, in San Francisco, and permanent deacons and their wives in Detroit Sept. 19.

When Pope John Paul and the bishops meet, an exchange on a wide range of concerns in the Catholic Church in the United States is expected. The meeting itself is closed to the press and general public, but the main papal

text, and possibly the texts of four bishops who are to speak to him on various topics, are expected to be released.

There is no particular meeting or event in the advance papal schedule which is specifically devoted to such issues as sound family life, respect for all human life, sexual morality, or the Christian response to consumerism, secularism and the arms race. But all of these are themes close to the pope's heart, and he is almost certain to address them at some point in the trip.

The pontiff is scheduled to meet privately with President and Mrs. Reagan in Miami and possibly with Mrs. Reagan again in Los Angeles. It was not known a month beforehand whether any formal statements would be used or made public for either meeting.

### Other faiths

While his visit is aimed mainly at U.S. Catholics, the pope is also slated to meet with leaders of other faiths and religions in the country where ecumenical and interfaith relations are among the most advanced in the world and often a source of controversy.

In Miami the pope is to meet Sept. 11 with American Jewish leaders — who almost called the meeting off when the pope met this summer with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who has been accused of covering up his Nazi military record and possible links to war crimes during World War II.

That afternoon the pope flies to Columbia, S.C., to meet and pray with leaders of other Christian faiths.

In Los Angeles Sept. 16 the pope meets with local Jewish, Moslem, Hindu and Buddhist leaders.

Even the meetings with non-Catholic leaders are aimed at Catholics as well, as the pope expresses by word and example the relations Catholics should have with fellow Christians and believers of other faiths.

## Cuban nuncio meets with Pope

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (NC) — Pope John Paul II held a private meeting with Archbishop Giulio Einaudi, papal pronuncio to Cuba, Aug. 27, at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo.

The Vatican announced the meeting but did not say what was discussed. The meeting came two weeks before the pope's Sept. 10-11 trip to Miami, where there is a large Cuban exile community opposed to the Communist government of President Fidel Castro.

Earlier this year, Jose Felipe Carneado, the Cuban Communist official in charge of relations with the Catholic Church, said the government would regard the pope's visit to Miami as a test of his attitude toward the Cuban government.

Carneado tied this to a possible invitation for a papal trip to Cuba. "There are a million counterrevolutionary exiles who will seek to profit from the papal visit for their own cause," said Carneado last February.

"But we have confidence in the political ability of John Paul II," he added.

The pope's Miami schedule does not list a special meeting with Cubans. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, Vatican press spokesman, said the pope would not ignore the presence of Cubans, many of whom are Catholics, during his Miami visit.

The Vatican and Cuba have diplomatic relations. Under normal Vatican procedures in such circumstances, the pope does not visit a country unless he receives an invitation from the bishops and from the government.

# Pope puts her 'in stitches'

By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

Going from needlepoint on pillows to the Pope's Coat of Arms wasn't done in "three easy steps." It took long, tedious hours, and Therese Abdella has calloused fingers to prove it.

The finished crest of the Pope on a 22 x 26-inch canvas will adorn the back of the chair in which the Pontiff will sit when he meets with some 500 priests from across the nation in St. Martha Church on Sept. 10.

Father John McLaughlin, pastor of the church, which adjoins the Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center, was seeking someone to do the needlepoint when a member of nearby St. Rose of Lima Church suggested Abdella, a former parishioner there. "She is so talented, if anyone can do it, she can."

Abdella, a native of Worcester, Mass., says she "picked up" the art of needlepoint as "something to do at night when we were keeping warm in front of the fireplace." Admittedly, she has always been interested in arts and crafts.

She and her husband, Edward, were married at St. Patrick Church, Miami Beach, 32 years ago, and moved to Miami Shores in 1960. They now belong to St. Martha parish.

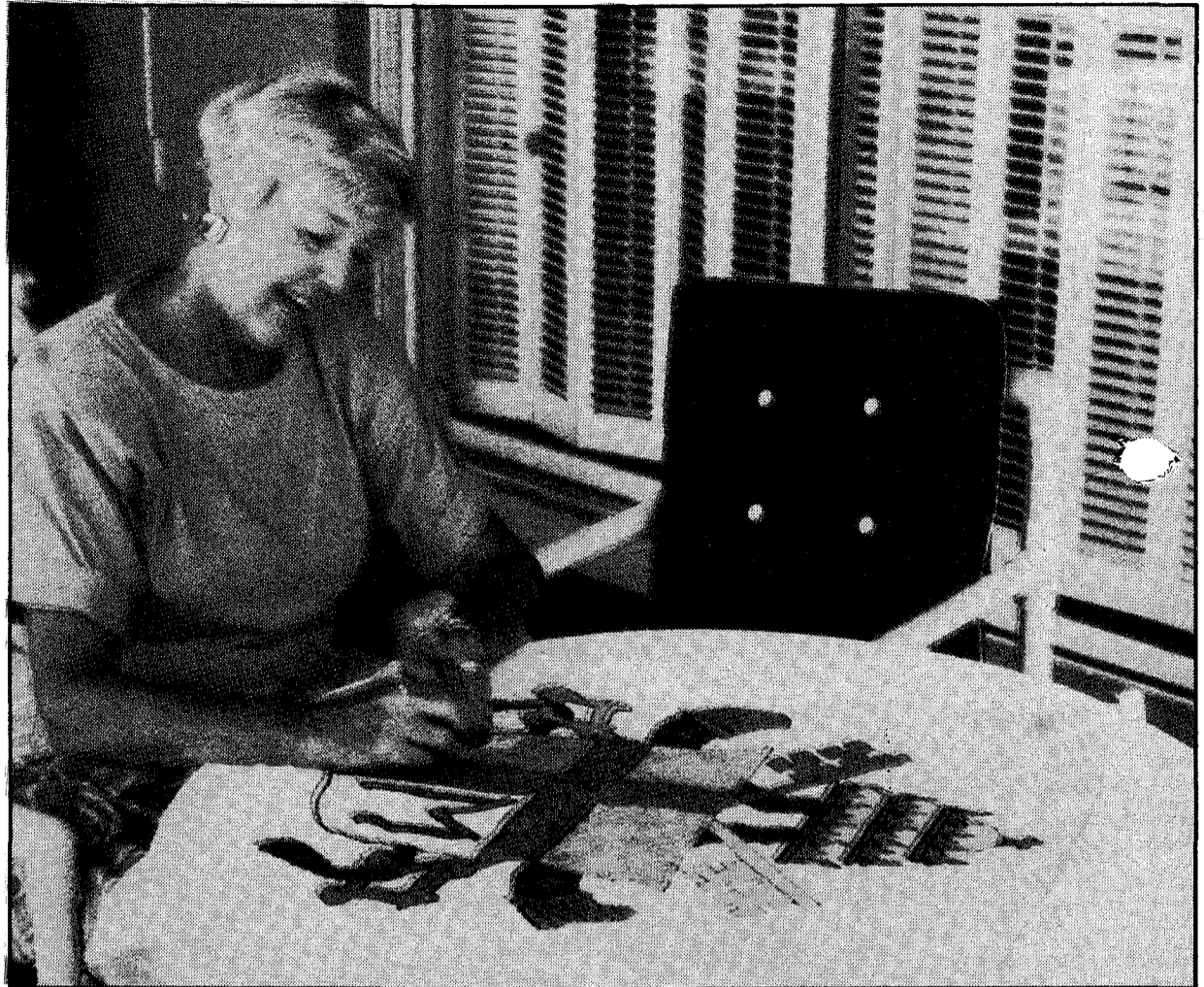
Although she plays tennis every morning, even in Miami's 90-degree heat, she has spent four or five hours daily on the coat of arms since April 21. "It's different from doing the pillows," she explained. "That needlepoint comes in a kit with a stenciled pattern and measured yarn."

For the papal crest, she had to start from scratch, draw the coat of arms, and select the yarn. She has never worked on a canvas so large and admits she never envisioned herself "doing anything like this."

Although she's taken many aspirins for the leg cramps she had from sitting in the same position for hours at a time, Abdella says it was a challenge and taught her patience. "I also learned you never get too old to do something you'll be remembered by."

Her husband will also remember her work - he's been dining on frozen dinners for the most part since Therese began the work.

Designed by Swiss Archbishop Bruno B. Heim in London, an expert and author on heraldry, the coat of arms of Pope John Paul II is a simple shield with only two symbols: an off-center cross in gold on a field of royal blue; and the letter "M", for Mary, also in gold,



Therese Abdella has been stitching since April to make the needlepoint coat of arms that will adorn the back of the chair where the Pope will sit when he visits St. Martha next week. (Voice photo-Prent Browning)

in the lower right quadrant, expressing the strong devotion of the Holy Father to the Blessed Mother.

The crest also features, behind the shield, the crossed gold and silver keys traditionally referred to as the "keys of the kingdom." The three-ringed crown known as the tiara, in silver, is above and behind the keys and was associated with the papacy since the early 14th century until 1963. After the crowning of Pope Paul VI that year it was set aside. The keys are tied together with red cord, with a gold cross on each side near the tassels.

"If it weren't for the prayers of so many, I couldn't have finished it," Abdella said. Although she has seen the Pope during a general audience in Rome in 1984, his visit to Miami will definitely be "special" for her.

Needless to say, not only her husband but their three daughters are equally proud of their mother's contribution to the Pope's visit to Miami. Daughter Martha is a graphics artist in Brookline, Mass.; Barbara is employed at Saks Fifth Avenue in Bal Harbor; and Patricia teaches second grade at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School in Miami's inner city.

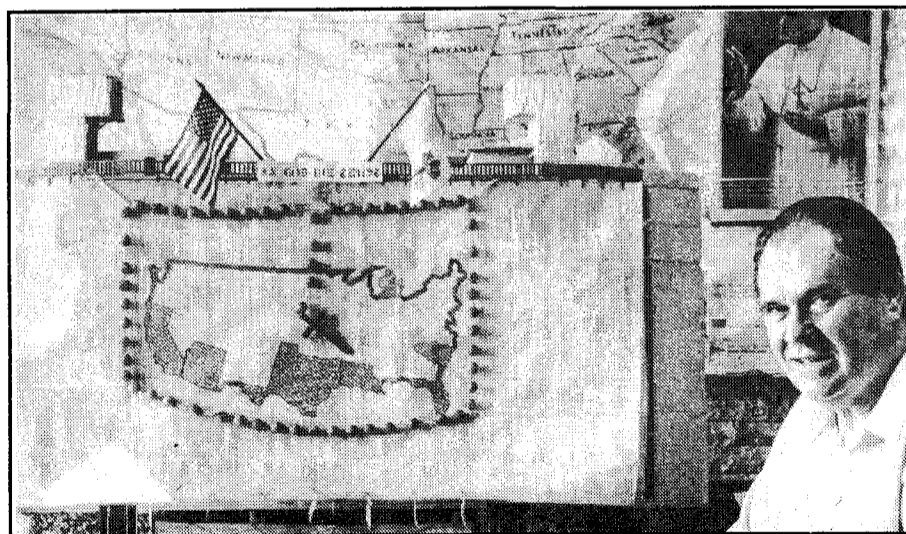
## Huge Rosary to remind us of unity

"This is no little project," says Robert C. Birmelin. And indeed, his plan to commemorate the visit here of Pope John Paul II includes a building-sized Rosary surrounding a map of the United States, with large U.S. and Vatican flags above, and huge banners that say "In God we Trust" and "Peace and Reconciliation."

Birmelin, a Catholic and semi-retired attorney who owns The Falls building at 5781 Biscayne Blvd. in Miami, has spent \$10,000 of his own money for materials and relied on the volunteer labor of about 100 "little people" --many of them non-Catholics-- who share his desire to send a message of peace and unity to the community on the occasion of the Pope's visit.

"This is an item of faith," says Birmelin, a member of St. Mary Cathedral parish who frequently strolls with Archbishop Edward McCarthy in nearby Morningside Park.

The Rosary, 50 feet high by 80



Robert Birmelin with a scale model of his building-sized Rosary and U.S. map. (Voice photo/Prent Browning)

feet long, is made of white styrofoam beads, each 8 inches wide by 2 feet long, and a yellow plastic chain. It is capped by a 12-foot by 8-foot wooden

cross which hangs at an angle, "depicting the idea that we all have to carry our cross."

The entire Rosary surrounds an

illuminated outline of the United States, because "we need the protection and the guidance of Mary." The states where the Pope is visiting will be lit up one at a time while he is there, then all together Sept. 19, the day the Pope leaves, as a sign that "we join with the other states in his beautiful occasion."

On the building's rooftop will be a Vatican flag and an American flag, with the words "In God We Trust" in between. At ground level, a 6-foot high by 36-foot wide banner will proclaim the theme of the Papal visit, "Peace and Reconciliation."

The Pope will spend the night of Sept. 10 nearby, but he will not be passing the building during his stay in Miami, a fact which does not bother Birmelin.

"Whether the Pope comes to it or not doesn't make any difference. It's not for that purpose," he says. "It's bigger than the Pope. It's getting the message across that we've got to not be so much concerned with our differences as with what we have in common. And this goes for the entire world. We can make this a better place."

The display will be visible to passers-by on Biscayne Blvd. both during the day and at night, and people "can get their own meaning."

In the meantime, Birmelin hopes the project will be like the Biblical "mustard seed," something that will grow beyond its relatively small beginnings.

In fact, he says he plans to put it up every year on Sept. 10. "What we want to have is a day, once a year, which will be peace and reconciliation day, when we can all do something for each other."

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### A bronze-coated prayer for the Pope

Dr. Samuel Plotnik, a retired Boca Raton surgeon, decided to put his hands to work once again --this time for the Pope. Plotnik, who is Jewish, met the Holy Father during an audience at the Vatican some years ago. "Moved" by the experience and convinced that there should be "brotherhood" among people of all religions, he sculpted a pair of hands holding a crucifix to present to the Holy Father on the occasion of his visit to Miami. At left, Fr. Dan Kubala accepts the gift for the Archdiocese. (Voice photo/Prent Browning)