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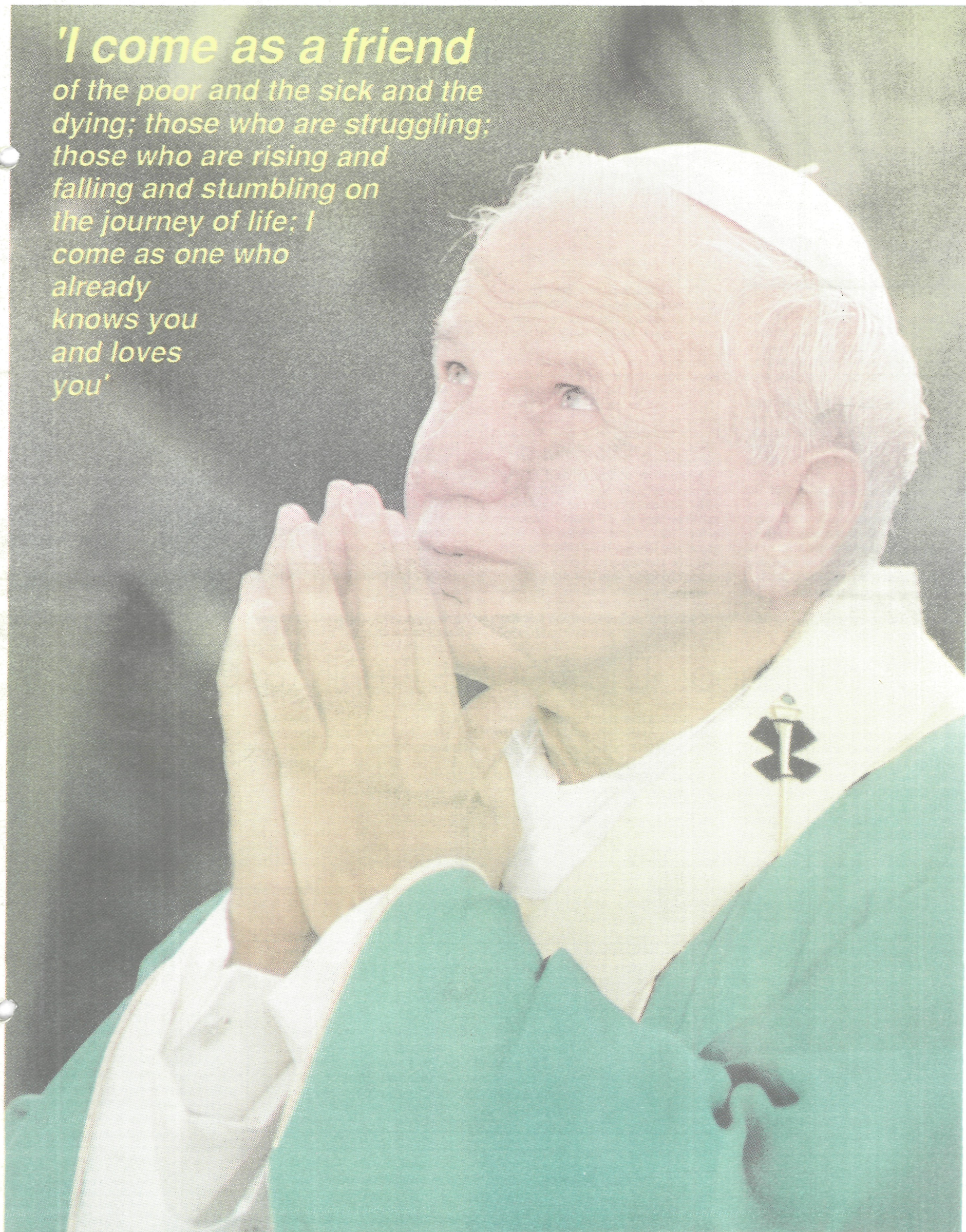
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**'I come as a friend**  
of the poor and the sick and the  
dying; those who are struggling;  
those who are rising and  
falling and stumbling on  
the journey of life; I  
come as one who  
already  
knows you  
and loves  
you'



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# The Pope had tears in his eyes

## Archbishop: Holy Father moved by cries to continue the Mass

By Robert O'Steen  
Editor, The Voice

The rain may have cut short the Papal Mass at Tamiami Park but it did not cut short Archbishop Edward McCarthy's enthusiasm for the historic and spiritual significance of the papal visit here.

"Even the rain which interrupted the liturgy did not dampen our spirits," the Archbishop said later at a press conference.

'Cries of the faithful to continue the service despite the downpour actually brought tears to the eyes of the Holy Father'

ference.

"The overwhelming cries of the faithful to continue the service despite the downpour actually brought tears to the eyes of the Holy Father. He was so impressed by the faith that that represented."

The Archbishop said it may have been providential that the Mass was interrupted to "remind us that actually it can never be concluded but must continue and be intensified ever after in the lives of all of us."

He told the media gathered at the downtown Marriott Hotel that one of the most important aspects of the visit was for the public to actually "experience the charming, loving father of us all" at a time when much of what they see in the media is controversy.

The media sometimes depict the Church as one big crisis of dissent among priests, nuns and laity, he said.

Yet, during the Pope's visit to the

cathedral it was "almost vibrating with the shouts of welcome of priests and nuns."

One of the local paper's front page headlines inaccurately referred to "tough talk" by the priests in their meeting with the Pope, the Archbishop said. Yet, at St. Martha's there was a "warm reception and profession of love and loyalty," he said, full of smiles, applause and hands reaching out.

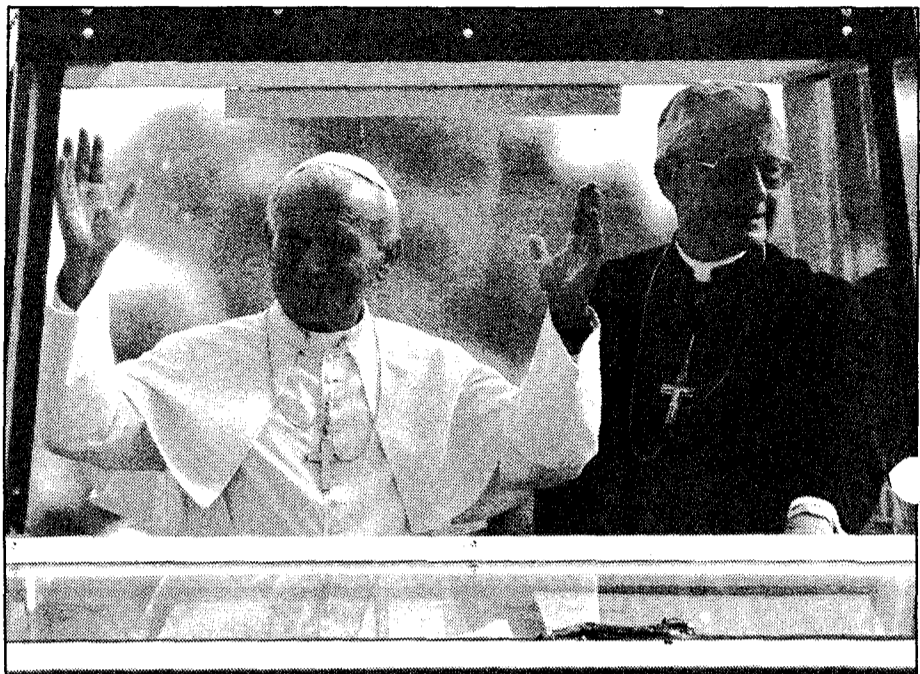
He also pointed out that the "tough" issues referred to such as celibacy are not new and are already being dialogued about in various ways. He said, in fact, the Pope's visit could result in a boost in vocations as happened, for instance, in Ireland after his visit there.

The Archbishop said he felt this direct experiencing of the Pope will go down in history and may represent a turning point toward unity in South Florida.

He applied the same reasoning to the Pope's meeting with the Jewish leaders, citing the way the rabbis and Pope reached out to each other to touch hands as he entered the hall, and the Pope's mandating of a new Vatican-Jewish study of their relations and of the Holocaust.

Archbishop McCarthy said one of his personal highs came when he arrived at Tamiami Prk for the Papal Mass and saw legions of people stretched before him. Some articles had suggested the Orange Bowl might be adequate for the crowds, but he said he wanted to make sure that not one person who wanted to have this experience would be deprived of having it.

"So when we got there and saw this huge number of people it confirmed



Papal Press Pool photo

Archbishop McCarthy stands slightly behind Pope as advised by papal secretary.

our judgment that people really wanted to have this experience."

Asked if the Pope noticed the massive Cuban presence at the Mass, the Archbishop said that he was told not to talk with the Pope as they rode through the throngs at the park so he could concentrate on the people.

But as they rode through the cheering flag-waving crowd, "I heard him mention a number of times, 'Cubans, Cubans.' And I did whisper to him that the flag was a Cuban flag. I think he was delighted."

Concerning the Pope's spiritual life, the Archbishop mentioned how the Holy Father was up before 6 a.m., had breakfast, then went into the chapel at the Archbishop's home where he stayed and had an hour of prayer, then made the Stations of the Cross which are also present in the home. "I was very im-

pressed by his prayerfulness."

"Also no one is more a prisoner than the Holy Father," said the Archbishop. "Every moment of his day is committed. He has very little personal time for himself," he said, pointing out that communications had to be set up in the Archbishop's house so the Pope could continue handling Vatican business even while traveling.

All in all, the Archbishop said, one visiting priest who had been involved with several papal trips indicated that this one was the "most memorable," one with the "most intense spiritual preparation."

It was an extraordinary spiritual moment "which has helped us in South Florida to know a little better who we are and, even more, what we might become."

## Archbishop: The Pope is 'really a prisoner'

A brief handshake and greeting is one thing, but what do you talk about with the Pope for 23 and a half hours?

"I felt it was so delicate," said Archbishop McCarthy, the man charged with that otherwise enviable task. "Normally he doesn't like a lot of conversation because he wants a chance to think about what he's going to do next."

But "I got the impression he wanted me to talk a little bit to him," so as they were being driven in a limousine from site to site, "I was filling him in on some things of Florida," including the ethnic make-up of the neighborhood around the Cathedral and the fact that people were waving Cuban flags.

"He mostly listens, or maybe asks a question now and then," but generally "he's not that communicative," said the Archbishop. "He's always thinking about what's going to happen next, just somewhat reserved, not carrying on an animated conversation."

"You have that feeling that this is a man who's really a prisoner," added the Archbishop: always "the Pope" and rarely permitted an intimate moment. "He seemed to be very relaxed at

the house, though, we were pleased with that. At the very end he seemed to open up a little more."

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Papal protocol: Yes, the host bishop does get to ride around in the Pope-mobile with the Holy Father, as does the Pope's personal secretary, although he always remains seated.

Archbishop McCarthy was uncertain whether to sit or stand until he was told to stand by the Pope's secretary. At that point, not wanting to interfere with people's view of the Pope, he simply stood slightly back and watched.

"It was beautiful!"

Also, the Pope's staff strongly discourages chit-chat during Popemobile rides, because the Holy Father is "totally absorbed in greeting people."

Even while riding in the limousine, Archbishop McCarthy said, the Pope was constantly "looking out the window" and trying to "wave back... He really seems instinctively to want to reach out to people."

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The smaller-than-expected crowds at Thursday night's parade route benefited one Kendall family who waited

less than an hour to see the Pope — and still got a close-up view.

Bob and Donna Zelinski of Kendall, along with their children, Korin, 13, and Kit, 11, arrived at 7:40 p.m. at Biscayne Boulevard and 7th Street. "We were watching TV and they said the crowds were very thin, so we jumped on Metrorail and came down," said Bob.

Donna is the only Catholic in the family, and they had not been planning to go to any Papal event. But "I've been watching [him on TV] all day," she said, "and it affected me more than I thought it would."


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When the Pope wants to practice his Creole, it's time to find a Haitian, quick.

Father Pablo Navarro, secretary to Archbishop Edward McCarthy, had to do that twice, once at St. Mary Cathedral, the other at the Archbishop's residence.

At the end of the Cathedral welcoming service, a Haitian woman was plucked from the choir to help Pope John Paul brush up on his pronun-

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### Correction

Due to a printer's error, a photo of Thomas Mishler (left), designer of the Papal altar, did not appear in the Sept. 4 "papal preview" issue of *The Voice*.

The photo which did appear --incorrectly-- under the caption for Mishler was that of Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey. *The Voice* regrets the error.



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# After Pope: More people at church

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After two whirlwind days of cheers, tears of love, and warmth, Pope John Paul II left South Florida in a flash of lightning and a smile from his airplane window.

He apparently also left behind thousands of Catholics drawn closer to Christ and the Church.

**'Right now, there is very definitely a chance for parish priests...to cash in on this, to hang on to the Pope's coat tails so to speak.'**

Fr. Sean Mulcahy,  
St. Maurice parish,  
Fort Lauderdale



Pope John Paul II greets cheering crowd as he makes his way toward altar at Tamiami Park. (Pool photo)

The first weekend after his visit, parishes were already reporting increased attendance at all their Sunday Masses, as well as numerous phone inquiries.

At Our Lady of the Lakes parish in Miami Lakes, for example, approximately 400 more people than usual attended Sunday Mass, said Father Edmond F. Whyte, pastor.

"I'm sure many of those that were at church this week were fallen away," Father Whyte said. "He reinforced that deep, good pride that Catholics should have. We experienced solidarity in being one joined to the Holy Father and to Christ through him."

"I have to be realistic and not expect thousands of thousands coming back to the fold just because, in an emotional setting, a lot of people have been affected," observed Msgr. Jude O'Doherty, chief organizer of the Pope's stay in Miami. "But many are questioning their own way of life, reconsidering their values, their heritage and the Catholic traditions. I think that's great."

"I think we have to be prepared as a diocese, as parishes and institutions," Msgr. O'Doherty added, "to be able to meet the needs of these people."

"The Holy Father challenged us to be faithful to our baptism and our vocation," said Father Thomas

O'Dwyer, who headed spiritual preparation for the Papal visit. "He was very clear on what we need to do, which is evangelize."

Father Sean Mulcahy, pastor of St. Maurice Church in Ft. Lauderdale, agrees. He said his church has been placing more emphasis on evangelization, and the Pope's visit presents a unique opportunity to reach out to people.

"Right now there is very definitely a chance for parish priests, since they are the foot soldiers, to cash in on this, to hang on to the Pope's coat tails so to speak," Father Mulcahy said. "With all the visibility and exposure, now is the time to say 'we're here folks. We miss you, we need you, and we love you.'"

The Pope preached his message of prayer, love and reconciliation by action as well as by words, impressing priests and populace alike.

"His most important message was his testimony," said Father Ernesto Garcia-Rubio, pastor at Our Lady of Divine Providence parish in southwest Dade. "We must see him as an example, as we become people of prayer."

"He stressed the fact that there is a

deep need to pray," said Father Daniel Kubala, pastor at Good Shepherd Church and associate coordinator of the Papal visit. "It was important to be reminded by someone whose schedule is so incredible, yet who constantly makes time for prayer. I was impressed he got up so early (5:30 a.m.) for holy hour."

"You could see the effect his humor, patience and sensitivity to the people around him had," said Father James Fetscher, pastor at St. Louis Church in Kendall. "A picture was worth a thousand words."

Father Fetscher said he had already been approached by someone who thought he might have a vocation to the priesthood, an interest attributed directly to the Pope's message.

For Father O'Dwyer, the high point of the Pope's visit was when 350 priests administered the sacrament of Reconciliation at the Mass.

"What amazed me was what his presence could do," Father O'Dwyer said, "to see kids, old people, literally lining up in rows to receive the sacrament. There was an awful lot of healing going on."

The challenge now, all agree, is to

kindle the flames Pope John Paul II left in people's hearts.

Father O'Dwyer is already working with the Archdiocesan Office of Worship to set up a schedule of monthly periods of perpetual adoration. These would take place at a different parish each month, culminating with a 40-hour period to end Sept. 11 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The traditional adoration would include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries, prayers to the Sacred Heart, sacrament of Penance and talks by priests on reconciliation and the presence of Christ in the world today.

"It would be a rallying point again," Father O'Dwyer said, "when we could remember the good that happened [when the Pope was here] and the good that can happen when we get together."

According to Father Fetscher "people will now have time to digest the message without distraction, and that is what our agenda is: to help them digest the message."

"The challenge to us will be to keep it going," he concluded, "and I think we can."

## ARCHBISHOP MCCARTHY TELLS SOUTH FLORIDA CATHOLICS:

# We must continue what was started at Mass

### My beloved in Christ:

The Successor of Peter has been in our midst amid joy and excitement. Pope John Paul II gave us a new vision of what it is to be an authentic Catholic. He created new dreams that we can become as children of God and of the Church. He spoke of compassion, of justice, of peace. He called us to prayer, to spiritual renewal, to a new commitment to the Lord. As a concerned father he urged us to renounce the sins that are being presented in our times under the false name of progress.

Even the torrential rains which interrupted the liturgy did not dampen our spirits. The overwhelming cry of the faithful to continue the Mass despite the downpour was a powerful expression of faith that brought tears to the eyes of the Holy Father. I believe that the ceremony was interrupted as a Providential symbol that the spirit of the Papal visit could not be concluded. It must forever live on and be intensified in our lives. The Holy communion we missed must be experienced in every Eucharist when mystically we are united at the table of the Lord with

John Paul our Pope, the universal Church and with each other.

I wish to express my profound appreciation and admiration of all who participated in the unforgettable moment of Grace that was the Holy Father's visit. It was a time when thousands were reconciled with the Church and the spirit of all was renewed. I salute the clergy, religious and faithful who tirelessly worked so joyfully and effectively in making the marvelous preparations that warmed the heart of His Holiness and won the admiration of all.

I salute the officials, the community leaders, the members of the media and the members of all faiths who were extremely helpful as they graciously shared with their Catholic friends the joy and exhilaration of the visit. His Holiness' presence was an experience that gave a new sense of community and shared pride to all of us of South Florida.

It is extremely important that we not miss the grace-filled opportunities that are now before us. We cannot permit the spirit of faith, prayer and love to subside. I beg each individual,

each family, each parish, each organization or agency to ask seriously what they can do, what resolutions they can make, what new directions they can take to live out the spirit proclaimed and experienced in the visit of Pope John Paul II.

The Pope's visit was a moment of conversion, a moment in time which must change our future in the Church of Miami. In the Post Pope period individuals and families, parishes — all — must ask how they can without exception or condition be more faithful to the Gospel, more true to the authentic teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ. The Archdiocesan Synod, now in progress, will be a marvelous opportunity to introduce the Holy Father's high ideals into our lives in South Florida.

I beg every Catholic to become the right hand of the Pope — inviting alienated Catholics to come home, urging the unchurched to become members of the People of God. This is a special moment to invite young people to consider a vocation in the service of the Church as Clergy or

Religious. This is a marvelous time for parish renewal. It is an appropriate time to organize parish programs to warmly welcome new converts through the community experience of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

This is an extraordinary moment in time when with prayer, sacrifice and surrendering our hearts, the Holy Spirit can move among us in South Florida. The way has been beautifully prepared by the Vicar of Christ. God bless you!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy  
Archbishop of Miami

### About the cover

The picture of Pope John Paul II on the cover of this issue of *The Voice* was taken during last Friday's Mass at Tamiami Park by one of the photographers in the South Florida press pool who covered the event.

# 'Guard freedom, serve humanity'

## Pope tells Americans after meeting with Reagan at Vizcaya

MIAMI (NC) — Pope John Paul II told President Reagan Sept. 10 the United States must live, guard and transmit the political and human freedom that is the "very fabric" of the nation.

The pope, addressing Reagan after an hourlong evening meeting in Miami, said accepting shared responsibility for such freedom unleashes a "great new force" for serving humanity.

"Linked to service, freedom is indeed a great gift of God to this nation," the pope said.

The two leaders, who had greeted each other four hours earlier at Miami International Airport on the pope's arrival from Rome, held their substantive talks at what is described as south Florida's most ornamental estate, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, a 70-year-old, 70-room mansion on Biscayne Bay, two miles from downtown Miami. Vizcaya is a Basque word meaning "elevated ground."

In his brief remarks at the end of the meeting, Reagan said he and the pope discussed progress toward "the establishment of genuine peace in Central America," prospects for improved U.S.-Soviet relations, progress toward reducing intermediate-range missiles as well as economic needs of poor nations and respect for economic rights of individuals.

### Central America

No details were released on the private meeting, but a senior Reagan administration official said later the president "in discreet diplomatic language" appealed for the pope's help in persuading Nicaragua's Sandinista government to make genuine democratic reforms.

The same day the administration announced a new \$270 million aid request for rebels seeking to overthrow the Sandinistas.

The official said Reagan did not ask for direct papal intervention in Central America but stressed the importance of having Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua as chairman of that country's national reconciliation commission to analyze and judge the progress of democracy.



The Pope and President Reagan met privately at Vizcaya during the Pope's first day in Miami. (Pool photo)

The president and Mrs. Reagan met the pope at the residence, posed for photos for about two minutes, and then Reagan and the pope entered the residence for their private meeting.

As the two met, archbishops and Secret Service agents strolled and c

to a patio area to deliver their speeches.

On peace in Central America, Reagan said he told the pope the United States is committed to extending democracy throughout Latin America.

"But peace is not only the absence of war, it also involves respect and trust between nations," the president said.

said.

He also said it is important for wealthy nations to help poorer nations, but "in the long term it is more important to share the conditions for moral causes of prosperity and the respect for economic rights."

Reagan also said the United States was unshakably committed to expanding "human freedoms around the world."

In his remarks, the pope said freedom stands out from the nation's "many admirable values."

"From the beginning of America, freedom was directed to forming a well-ordered society... to promoting its peaceful life... to the preservation of human dignity.... to the safeguarding of all human rights.

"This is the freedom that America is called to live and guard and to transmit," the pope said.

Repeating words from his 1979 U.S. trip, the pope stressed that as a powerful nation, America's commitment must be all the greater to better the "lot of those whose very humanity is constantly threatened by want and need" and to create a just world order.

"Attachment to human values and ethical concerns, which have been a hallmark of the American people, must be situated especially in the present context of the growing interdependence of peoples across the globe," the pope said, again repeating remarks he made at the White House when he met President Jimmy Carter.

He said the United States throughout its history has been generous in welcoming immigrants and refugees and in feeding the world's hungry, but should be able to "match" such generosity in helping to establish a world order "that will create the necessary economic and trade conditions for a more just relationship between all nations."

America must exercise its freedom so as to "benefit the cause of freedom in other nations and among other peoples," he said.

"The only true freedom, the only freedom that can truly satisfy is the freedom to do what we ought as human beings created by God according to his plan," the pope said.

It was the fourth meeting between the pope and Reagan. They have met twice at the Vatican — last June and in June 1982 — and in Fairbanks, Alaska, in May 1984, when the pope was on his way to Asia.

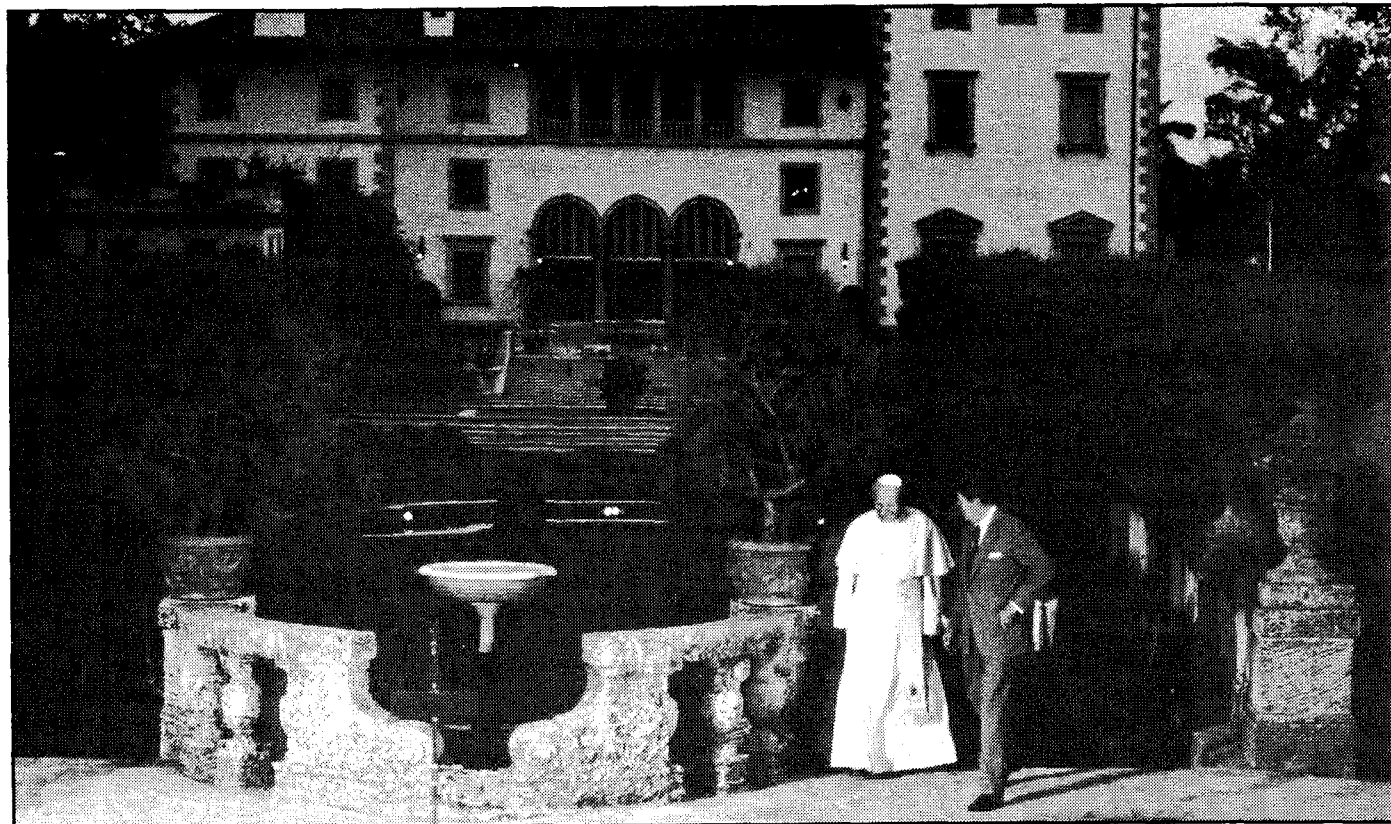
**'From the beginning of America, freedom was directed...to the preservation of human dignity and to the safeguarding of all human rights...This is the freedom that America is called to live and guard and to transmit. She is called to exercise it in such a way that it will also benefit the cause of freedom in other nations and among other peoples.'**

Pope John Paul II

strollers was Frank Shakespeare, U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

When Reagan and the pope emerged from the residence, they walked in the gardens, then climbed a stone stairway

Progress in "actually reducing nuclear weapons will depend on Soviet willingness to get down to hard work" and cooperation could lead to reducing strategic arms by half, the president



After their private meeting, the Pope and the President strolled through the gardens of Vizcaya. (Pool photo)

Holocaust: 'Never again!' Never again!

# Pope, Jews take a step closer

## Vatican promises full study and document on the Shoah

By Araceli Cantero  
Editor, La Voz

At his meeting with U.S. Jewish leaders in Miami, Pope John Paul II offered words of friendship and reconciliation, but no excuses for his controversial June audience to Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

"The differences in faith should not cause enmity but open up the way of reconciliation," the Pope said in his speech at the Dade County Cultural Center Sept. 11.

Under strict security measures, 200 representatives of national Jewish groups met with the Pope, and heard a speech by Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, who represented the Synagogue Council of America.

Outside the building, other groups, some in concentration camp garb, protested the Pope's recent meeting with Waldheim, a meeting which threatened the cancellation of the Miami meeting.

John Paul II, the Polish Pope who grew up only a few miles from Auschwitz, called the Holocaust a "ruthless and inhuman attempt to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe."

His words brought bursts of applause from the audience, as he promised cooperation in the development of "common educational programs...that will truly promote mutual respect and teach future generations about the Holocaust so that never again will such a horror be possible."

"Never again! Never again!" the Pope repeated in the midst of loud applause.

Rabbi Waxman called the meeting with the Pope part of "the process of healing" needed between Jews and Catholics.

Even though Waxman represented the Synagogue Council, which includes branches of reformed, conservative and orthodox Jews, the latter declined to participate in the meeting with the Pope to protest his meeting with Waldheim, who has been accused of participating in the extermination of Jews during World War II.

After the Miami meeting, Henry

Siegman, executive director of the Jewish American Congress, observed that, although the Pope's comments did not reveal anything new, he had treated the "matter of our differences with a tact and generosity not known before. This can only contribute to improvement in our mutual understanding."

"The fact that we met is already a positive sign," said Rabbi Solomon Schiff, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami. "The fact that we listened to each other in a public session is very encouraging," he added. In his opinion, the Pope clearly stated that there are no theological barriers to the recognition of the state of Israel.

In their speech, the Jewish leaders expressed their disapproval of the Pope's meeting with Waldheim last June.

"Obviously, the differences expressed after that reunion have not been resolved," Rabbi Waxman said in his speech.

He pointed out that the Holocaust was the "culmination of centuries of anti-Semitism in European culture," a fact for which "the teachings of the Church bare a heavy burden." The Rabbi expressed "concern over the absence of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel," and insisted that formal relations should be established soon.

The Pope referred to this proposal in his speech and said that after the tragic extermination of the Shoah, the Jewish people began a new period in their history.

"They have a right to a homeland, as does any civil nation," he said.

But he also declared that "what has been said about the right to a homeland also applies to the Palestine people." The Pope pleaded for the search of "solutions which will lead to a just, complete and lasting peace in that area."

Before exploring the controversial issues, Pope John Paul recalled the common heritage shared by Jews and Christians, saying: "It is fitting to emphasize our faith in the One God, who chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and made with them a Covenant of



Pope John Paul greets Jewish leader as Rabbi Mordecai Waxman who acted as spokesman for the Jews, looks on. (Pool photo)

eternal love, which has never been revoked."

He also recalled the promise made to Abraham and the spiritual fraternity which it established. "In your descendants all the nations shall find blessing--all this because you obeyed my command," he quoted from Genesis.

The Pope pointed out that this nation was forged by immigrants, and that Jews and Catholics alike have contributed to the success of religious freedom in America.

"This spiritual fraternity, linked to obedience to God, requires a great mutual respect in humility and confidence," he stated.

In condemning the Holocaust, the Pope indicated the efforts of previous

Popes against anti-Semitism and Nazism, more concretely a declaration made by Pope Pius XI in 1938 that "anti-Semitism cannot be admitted," and that the Nazi cross is an "enemy of the Cross of Christ."

Pope John Paul reaffirmed his hope that "history will reveal ever more clearly and convincingly how deeply Pius XII felt the tragedy of the Jewish people, and how hard and effectively he worked to assist them during the Second World War."

The Pope concluded his speech with a call for peace.

"Shalom! Shalom!" he repeated, "God bless you on this Sabbath and in this year: Shabbath Shalom! Shanah Tovah we-Hatimah Tovah!"

## Cardinal: Miami's relations set example

By Robert O'Steen  
Editor, The Voice

Shortly after Pope John Paul's parade passed the Omni Hotel Thursday night, Cardinal Johannes Willebrands told a gathering of Jewish and Catholic leaders inside that together they and the Vatican would make a proper study of the Shoah (Holocaust).

"We will arrive with a good document," he told the crowd of about 400 at a banquet in celebration of the papal visit and strong local inter-faith relations.

The evening was marked by warmth and numerous compliments for those who have worked over the years to maintain positive Catholic-Jewish relations in South Florida.

The cardinal drew laughter earlier when he noted that he was late because "Someone put me in the wrong motercade," alluding to the elaborate security arrangements prevalent that day.

But he added that perhaps his timing was symbolic of Catholic-Jewish relations, late but now under way.

"I was happy to learn that there are good relations in Miami between Christians and Jews. And it should serve as an example that if it is possible in

Miami, it is possible everywhere," he said.

The cardinal, who heads the Vatican See for Religious Relations with the Jews, traced the modern improvement in relations to Pope John 23rd who ordered a declaration on Jews prepared for Vatican II, which eventually exonerated Jews of any charge of deicide.

He pointed out that both groups have lived separately for so long, including 'hostile events' and that the new steps must be taken carefully "that we do it the right way."

Cardinal Willebrands said the two groups have already discussed the complex interrelationships between the social, religious and political aspects of the Jewish people, their religion and Israel. "We were not afraid to discuss them," he said, implying that the coming Vatican document will not sidestep issues, though it must be done slowly.

"It will take time because it comes from the problem of evil."

Msgr. Bryan Walsh, reminded the group that "Thirty or 40 years ago we were both very small minorities in this area. We knew what prejudice and discrimination were.



Msgr. Bryan Walsh, Cdl. Johannes Willebrands and Rabbi Solomon Schiff, chat during interfaith dinner. (Voice photo by Robert O'Steen)

"Today we are just about at the point of passing the halfway mark. Catholics and Jews in the three southern counties of Florida now number just about 50 per cent of the population," said Msgr. Walsh, who is chairman of the Archdiocese Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission.

"There are no problems in the city of Miami in communications between Catholics and Jews," said Aaron

Podhurst, president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, in introductory remarks. He observed that the whole country could follow Miami's example.

Later in the evening Podhurst observed that it was 4 a.m. Rome time and graciously suggested that Cardinal Willebrands who is 78 be allowed to leave early, which he did to warm applause.

Thou art Peter!

*Matthew 16:16*

*Alleluia*  
*Alleluia*

*Catholic Cemeteries*  
*of the*  
*Archdiocese of Miami*

'The best you can look for is attitudinal change and I think a lot of it happened today'

# Priests, Pope have heart-to-heart

## Seek affirmation, help in celibacy

By Araceli M. Cantero  
Editor, La Voz

During a heart-to-heart dialogue with the Pope in Miami, an American priest shared the concerns of 57,000 peers in the priesthood and promised John Paul II that they would listen to his advice.

"We need to know the Shepherd very well," the Pope responded. "We need a deep personal relationship with Christ," he repeated in various ways during his answer.

The cheers and the excitement that welcomed John Paul II into the small crowded church of St. Martha, gave way to intense silence, as Father Frank McNulty of New Jersey gave a 30 minute address to the Holy Father, in the presence of 750 priests from around the nation and members of the U.S. hierarchy.

They nodded, in assent, at hearing Father McNulty tell the Pope that "bonding among priests and bishops has increased in our country." And when the priest from New Jersey talked about their role in the renewal of the American Church, they all applauded.

"Bishops and theologians may have been the architects of the Council (Vatican II), but your priests are the ones who struggle to enmesh it every day in varied ministerial settings," he told the Pope.

Nine times during his address, the speaker was interrupted with applause. It happened when he praised the U.S. bishops' stand on controversial issues of social justice, and also when he talked about the tension priests experience as they try to both witness to the full truth of the Gospel and to the mercy of Jesus.

"It troubles us that people often do not perceive the Church as proclaiming integral truth and divine mercy, but rather as sounding harsh, demanding," the priest said as he indicated as a possible reason the "technical approach of some of our ecclesial documents."

John Paul II gave U.S. priests credit for trying to be gentle and forgiving in their ministry, but he also warned them that no gesture of mercy can go contrary to the demands of God's word.

"If it does," the Holy Father said "it can never be truly compassionate or beneficial to our brothers and sisters in need," the Pope explained. He reminded priests that "Jesus, who was himself the perfect expression of the Father's



Fr. Frank McNulty, left, addresses Pope who reacts to comment about papal poetry while Abp. McCarthy, far left, and Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, Vatican Sec'y of State, right, look on. (Pool photo)

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—Fr. Frank McNulty

mercy, was also conscious of being a sign of contradiction," compassionate, yet demanding adherence to God's laws.

Representing the priests of the United States, Father McNulty had entitled his presentation to John Paul II "If Priests Could Open Up Their Hearts."

He spoke of the joys and consolations of the American priesthood, in the minds of a pluralistic society. He mentioned the priests' hunger for deeper prayer, and the little time for it. And he also praised the struggle of his peers to make a reality the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

"The renewed Church in the country is alive and well," he said, as the priests applauded.

The applause was even longer when Father McNulty recognized the contribution of women. "Their collaboration with priests has been generous and effective," he said, asking

the Holy See to "continue to explore the range of service that women might appropriately offer the Church."

There was no response by the Holy Father on this point.

The priests presentation was the result of much personal reflection and wide consultation with U.S. priests. And while Father McNulty did present a wide range of issues affecting the American priesthood, it was done with great diplomacy and much caution in the choice of words.

The priest, who is vicar for priests in the Archdiocese of Newark, did not ask directly for optional celibacy. Instead he asked for support and exploration of its discipline.

"Support for those who want to persevere, and exploration of how priests can help each other make it a transparent sign of pastoral charity," the priest explained.

The Pope responded, "Our love for Christ, rekindled frequently in prayer, is at the foundation of our commitment to celibacy."

And while the priest did question whether the issue of celibacy was related to the shortage of vocations, the Pope did not seem to see it that way.

He called priests to deeper faith in the power of the Paschal mystery, and to proclaim that "He is able, in virtue of his death and resurrection, to draw young people to himself, in this generation as in the past."

He asked them to declare that Christ

**If gestures of mercy go against God's word 'It can never be truly compassionate or beneficial to our brothers and sisters in need'**

—Pope John Paul

"is strong enough to attract young men even today to a life of self-sacrifice, pure love and total dedication to the priesthood."

Furthermore, he reminded them that while "it is important to find satisfaction in our ministry," the nature of such satisfaction must be clear.

"The physical and emotional health of priests is an important factor," the Pope said, as he commended the U.S. bishops "for giving attention to such matters in recent years." But the Pope added that, in the final analysis, "the fulfillment that comes from our ministry does not consist in physical or psychological well-being; nor can it ever consist in material comfort and security," the Pope said, reminding them of their true fulfillment in service.

"Each of us is most truly himself when he is 'for others,'" he said.

Father McNulty thanked the Pope for caring "enough to ask us how it has been for us."

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# Pope to priests: It's a long way to change

By Araceli M. Cantero  
Editor, La Voz

"It's a long way to Tipperary," the Pope said smiling, as if to warn American priests he had no quick answers to their questions.

After hearing a talk on the issues affecting U.S. priests, the Pope paused briefly and looked calmly at the 750 priests gathered at St. Martha's Church.

"I'm thinking of my speech," John Paul II said, after hesitating. He drew laughter.

When the Bishop of Rome was done with his message, many in his audience understood why he had used the words of that song.

"Maybe the problem with us Americans is that we want to solve problems real quick," said Father Mike McNally, a priest of the Palm Beach Diocese who teaches church history at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach.

He found that Father McNulty and the Pope had both spoken about the American priesthood, each from a different perspective: "One spoke as an American and the other as a universal pastor that is calling to renewal in spirituality and prayer."

"I was really moved by the way the priest presented our experience," said Father Juan Lopez, Pastor of St. Raymond Church in Miami.

"He touched on all the issues with extreme delicacy, honesty and truth," he said.

Father David Russell thought the priest talk was proof that Fr. McNulty "is an accomplished communicator."

For the pastor of St. John Neumann Church, the Pope's best response had been his willingness to listen.

"The beautiful thing is that he allowed a priest to speak to him from his heart."

"Obviously it was not the speech of a priest from Brazil," said Father Frank

O'Loughlin, an Irish priest from the Diocese of Palm Beach, responsible for migrant ministry. He showed some disappointment at the issues raised by Father McNulty, and thought his talk represented priests of a typical American suburban parish. But he admitted being "terribly moved" when he greeted the Pope and held his hand.

"After all, the papacy is the center of our highest aspirations," he said.

"I think the priest's talk pretty much reflected where my peers are," said Father Tom Wenski, a Polish-American who is director of the Haitian Catholic Center in Miami.

His concern was that the talk ignored the future with half of the U.S. church being Hispanic. "He expressed no pastoral concern about that," the Miami priest added.

Reluctant to comment after only one hearing of the priest's presentation, Bishop Agustin Roman thought the talk had "much about the priests'

hardships, and little about their joys."

"Among Hispanics, the role of women is not at issue," he said. "We know that among us, women have been the first evangelizers. Our concern has traditionally been how to get men to Church," he explained.

"Maybe I speak from my experience at a Marian Shrine," the Cuban bishop said. "We Hispanics, have a wider concern for evangelization outside the parish and through the mass media. There was nothing of that in his talk," said the bishop.

As for the Pope's response, "he spoke to us of what is permanent. He could not give us solutions to concrete pastoral problems," Bishop Roman added.

The priest who had presented the talk was not disappointed that the Pope didn't respond directly. When the session was over Father McNulty told reporters that "the Church moves slowly," and he added that "the best

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## Pope to priests: It's a long way to Tipperary

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you can look for is attitudinal change, and I think a lot of it happened today."

The Pope embraced him after his talk and "when he hugged me I felt he was hugging every priest in this room," Father McNulty commented, still moved by the experience.

He recalled how, on his way out, the Pope took his hand and said "You found good words..."

"He repeated the poem, and said I was right... He had a marvelous twinkle in his eye."

The Holy Father had obviously been moved by the use of his poetry in the priest's presentation. On the way out, the Pope retraced his steps "and he was looking at me... I was so stunned" the priest recalled.

For almost two hours, the priests had

waited inside St. Martha's Church, on Biscayne Boulevard, for the arrival of the Pope.

On a large TV monitor they had watched his plane touch ground at Miami's International Airport and had followed his motorcade to St. Mary Cathedral, where the Church of Miami gave him a warm welcome.

And when he finally arrived at St. Martha's, the quiet waiting turned into a hushed frenzy, as the priests tried to catch a closer glimpse of the Pope or even a touch of his hand.

Father Wenski got the Pope's attention, thanks to the Polish language. He practised the few words he still remembers, and waited patiently for the Pope's exit from the sacristy.

I reached out and shouted in Polish "and he must have recognized my

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**-Bishop Roman**

Polish face," the priest said, happy for the brief encounter and blessing.

"I told him I was from Spain, and he repeated after me Zaragoza, Zaragoza," said Father Lopez of St. Raymond, who also received the Pope's blessing.

"We may think we are already hardened and jaded by life... but having the Pope in front of you is indeed a profound experience..." he recalled. "Indeed, he comes as Peter."

Father Alfred McBride, an information officer of the National Conference of Catholic bishops, said he felt that the Pope sees many U.S. priests as viewing things from a sociological point of view. That, he said, was why he thought the Pope kept urging the priests more toward a personal relationship with Jesus.

## Priests speak to Pope

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"You have listened; we will do the same. Tell us what we can do to help build up the body of Christ," he concluded.

The Pope's response was clear and basic. Again and again, he called priests to the essence of their identity: "To be other Christs," and to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.

"We all have questions that arise from the exercise of our priesthood," he said.

"These questions require us to seek continually the light and wisdom that come only from the Holy Spirit."

In his presentation Father McNulty had drawn applause from his peers, noting the charism of theologians, and their desire for a "free sense of inquiry

and a loving fidelity to the wider mission of the Church."

John Paul II, made it clear that the same Holy Spirit that gifts theologians, has gifted the Church with the "charism of the Magisterium, through which he guides the whole community in the fullness of truth."

And to reassure priests about his understanding and support, the Pope reminded them of his own experience.

"Like yourselves, I learned as bishop to understand firsthand the ministry of priests, the problems affecting their lives, the splendid efforts they are making, the sacrifices that are an integral part of their service to God's people," the Pope said.

On several occasions during Father McNulty's presentation, the Pope nodded, with his left hand pressed to his head as he listened intently.

But his face especially came alive when the priest tried to express his own desire of reaching the Pope's heart by using the words of a poet:

"We face the truth, and lack the words, have no gesture no sign..." he recited looking directly to the Pope.

Recognizing his own poetry, the poetry of Karol Wojtyla, John Paul II began to smile, and he also changed posture, as the priest continued explaining.

"This is an encouraging note, that we have a pope who is also a poet, because poets know the human heart."

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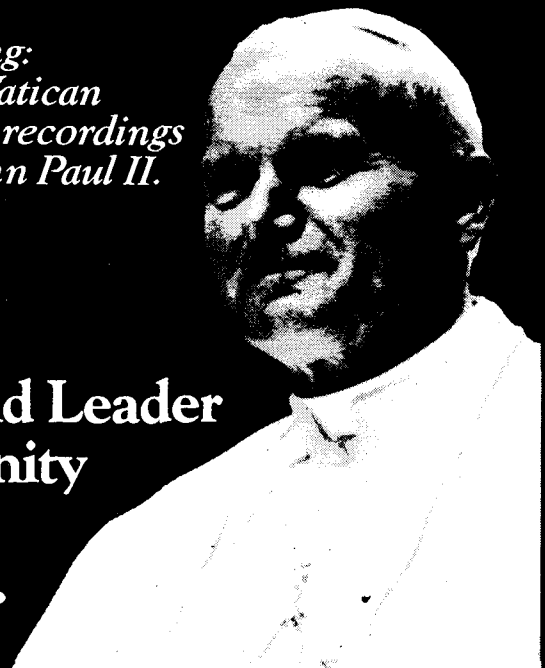
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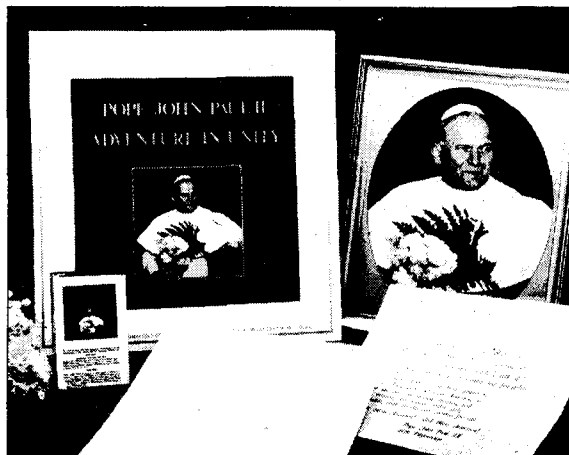
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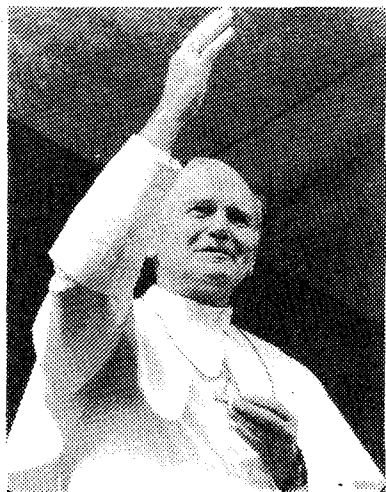
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# Teen: 'Pope kissed me, I started to cry'

Young people sing, come face-to-face with the Pope

By Prent Browning  
Voice Staff Writer

The moment had a touch of unreality.

Erma Prieto had moved into the house across the street from Archbishop Edward McCarthy's residence just 10 days before the papal visit. Now she and her daughter-in-law, Pilar Atencio, both Catholics, were waiting on Prieto's lawn in the pre-dawn hours Friday morning to see the Pope. After spending the night at the Archbishop's house, the Pope was to leave at 8 a.m. for a historic meeting with Jewish leaders at the Metro-Dade Cultural Center.

"We love the Pope," Atencio said. "What a thrill to have the opportunity to see him." Like other neighbors she was outside and watching the scene by 6:30 a.m.

The normally quiet Morningside neighborhood at that early hour was ablaze with floodlights and the crackling of walkie talkie's as dozens of secret service men and national guardsmen roamed the roped off streets and nearby park. Security precautions here, as in other parts of the papal visit, seemed to dwarf those that would surround a mere United States President, raising the Pope to a status all his own. Photographers' equipment were searched as they were escorted through nearby Morningside Park, each of them hoping Archbishop McCarthy and the Pope would take an early morning walk under the floodlit trees.

The word soon filtered through that



Sister Isabel Ordoño, coordinator of Hispanic Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese, leads a group of young people who sang for the Pope in English, Spanish, Creole and Polish. (Pool photo)

Pope John Paul II, already up by 5:30 a.m., had turned down the Archbishop's invitation for a walk and was spending the time in prayer instead.

When the sun rose, the moment finally came. The Pope, followed by Archbishop McCarthy, was greeted by three young people, part of a choir of over 20 teenagers from Catholic youth groups throughout the Archdiocese.

"We're not a professional choir," Lara Getzinger, 16, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Youth Group in Coral Springs, said in a prepared message.

"It's better that way," Getzinger said the Pope replied.

"Please receive our singing with all

our love," continued Getzinger.

"Your singing is your love," replied the Pontiff.

"The Pope kissed me on the head and I started to cry," Getzinger said afterwards.

Two other messages were read to the Pope, one in Creole and one in Spanish.

"We (the people of Miami) are a mosaic of different cultures and we're proud of it," said Francisco Gonzalez of Encuentros Juveniles, a Hispanic Catholic Youth Movement, in Spanish.

The Pope put his hand on Gonzalez's head and asked, "You are Cuban?"

The choir sang a traditional Polish song and afterwards the Pope gave rosaries to each of them.

Several journalists who happened to be Polish decided to shout "Long live the Pope" in the pontiff's native tongue. The Pope turned and looked across the lawn in the direction of the reporters and smiled.

Then he waved goodbye to the youths and, still smiling, disappeared inside his limousine.

As the limousine sped off, the choir concluded with a Gospel song, left to contemplate a moment they'll not soon forget.

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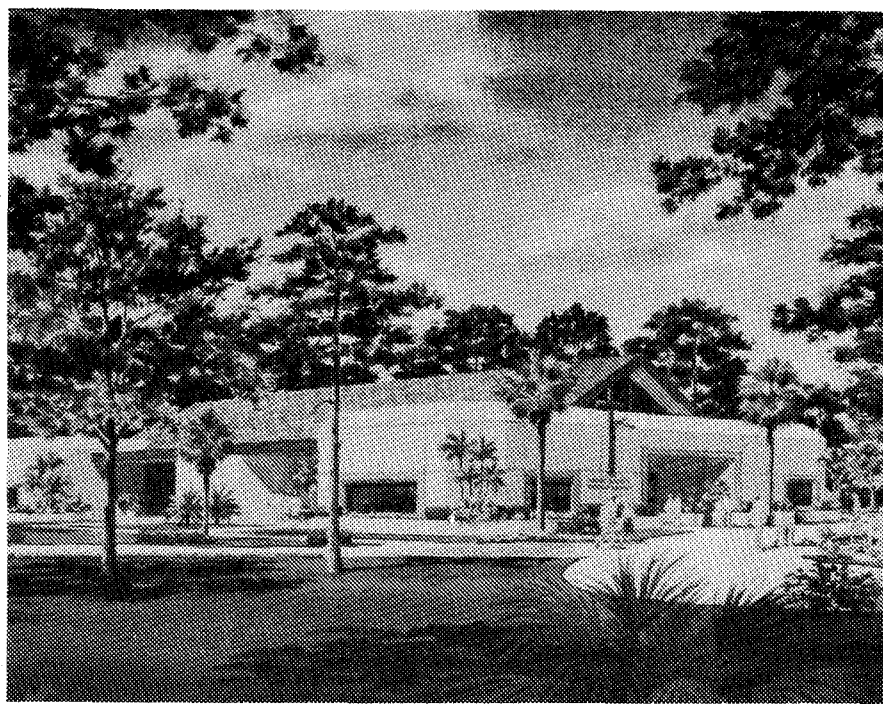
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By Marjorie L. Donohue  
Voice Correspondent

It's "official" — the first meals served to Pope John Paul in the U.S. were "American style" at the residence of Miami's Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy.

Mrs. Margarethe Lachance, who was also housekeeper for Miami's first Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, prepared a varied menu for 20 persons, including the papal entourage and Florida's bishops.

Clear beef broth was followed by a salad of Boston bibb lettuce with a dressing of oil, vinegar, cream, onions, garlic and chives, Margarethe's own recipe. The main course consisted of Chicken Piccata, "ala Margarethe," with a sauce of capers and wild mushrooms; curried rice, small browned potatoes, cauliflowers, carrots, red cabbage, white asparagus, and string beans.

Hot rolls, butter, tea and coffee were also served. A specially made ice cream cake decorated with the papal coat of arms and Key Lime pie were offered for dessert.

Margarethe, who has insisted for months that she would not be nervous said later she wasn't. "I didn't get emotional and cry either," she said, admitting that she expected to do that.

The Holy Father sat at the head of a 12-foot long table in the new dining room, recently added to the episcopal residence in Morningside Park. Archbishop McCarthy sat at the right of the Pontiff and Bishop Thomas Grady of Orlando sat at the Pope's left since he is the first of Florida's prelates to be ordained to the episcopacy. Miami's Auxiliary Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey, C.P., Florida's newest bishop, sat at the foot of the table.

In the living room area, another table was set up for 10 other visiting Church dignitaries from the U.S. and Rome. Pope John Paul gave the blessings before and after dinner.

The table where the Pope sat was covered with a linen, ivory-colored cloth which has a hand-embroidered border on a cardinal-red background. The meal was served on ivory-colored Lennox China imprinted with the crest of Archbishop Carroll.

Large serving plates have wide rims of cardinal red decorated with gold overlay. Heavily ornate silver completed the place settings with ruby-trimmed cut crystal goblets, in which wine and water were served.

The goblets were a gift to Miami's first Archbishop from Mrs. Maytag McCahill, deceased benefactor of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Arrangements of yellow and white flowers, the papal colors, adorned the tables.

The Holy Father, who had left Rome almost 18 hours earlier, and guests sat down to dinner shortly before 9 p.m. (3 a.m. Rome time).

"He ate lightly," said Mrs. Maria McDonald, a secretary to Archbishop McCarthy, who was serving with her daughter, Isabel and Kristie Lachance, Margarethe's daughter. "He had the broth, some of the beef roast, and small portions of vegetables and salad."

"I showed him the cream cake before we cut it," Maria added. "He smiled and thanked me. I hope he didn't think I made it."

The Pope opted for the cake instead of the pie, Maria said. She was obviously pleased since the cake was her idea.

The Holy Father retired shortly after 10 p.m. but was the first one up in the morning, rising before 6 a.m., Margarethe explained. She had arrived at the house to cook breakfast at 5:30

## Luckiest priest in U.S.: Had breakfast with Pope

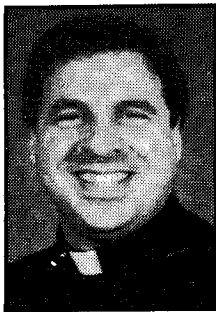
Of all the priests in all of America, Father Pablo Navarro is probably unique in one regard, ever since last Friday.

His breakfast that morning started out pretty normal. He had gotten up early and proceeded to eat quietly and alone.

Suddenly the door opened and in walked Pope John Paul II, successor to St. Peter, Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

"I almost choked on my croissant!" Fr. Navarro said later.

As Archbishop's McCarthy's priest-secretary, Fr. Navarro had risen early in the Archbishop's residence in Morningside Park and started to eat "because I was convinced the Pope was going to



Fr. Navarro

eat in his own bedroom" since the Holy Father has so little time to himself.

But the Pope's valet had overslept because of the jet-lag hours and no food was yet ready to be served to the Pope. So when he walked in and said "I'll just eat here," according to Fr. Navarro, "I almost choked and started to leave."

The Pope's secretary asked Fr. Navarro to stay, however, and he ended up being probably the only priest in America to dine and converse privately for over a half-

hour with the leader of the Catholic Church.

The Holy Father ate fruit and scrambled eggs.

"Our conversation was very general. He asked questions about Miami and the United States. He asked about vocations and spirituality when he found out that I had gotten a degree in spiritual theology. He is also a great admirer of St. Teresa of Avila.

"So we spoke a little bit about that. We spoke a little about Cuba since I am a Cuban. So the half-hour went rather quickly after I almost choked at first since he was sitting next to me.

"It was a totally unexpected surprise and grace. It was wonderful!"

--R.O'Steen

a.m.

Since his valet was not yet there, Father Pablo Navarro, the Archbishop's secretary, helped Margarethe serve him breakfast at about 5:50 a.m.

"We had planned to serve him in his room," Margarethe said. "But the Ho-

ly Father came down to the dining room."

Breakfast for the Pontiff consisted of croissants, bagels, egg rolls, a variety of juices, fruit salad, blueberries and

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## Priests, nuns go wild over Pope

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

For a glance or a touch of the Pope, even the priests and Religious of the Archdiocese will climb on pews and clamber over each other.

That's what happened at St. Mary Cathedral last Thursday the moment Pope John Paul II walked in. The tension and excitement which had been building since noon, when the 1,000 ticketed guests began taking their seats, exploded three hours later into a frenzy of out-thrust hands, applause and camera flashes, with people — priests and nuns included — standing on pews to get a better look.

"Viva el Papa! Viva el Papa! Viva el Papa!" they thundered, clapping to the rhythm of their shout. Touched by his message and his presence — and, in some cases, the Pope himself — many of these VIPs, in essence the Religious and lay leaders of the Archdiocese, walked out of the Cathedral with tears in their eyes.

"I kissed his hand twice," said Dulce de los Reyes, whose husband, Rafael, is a permanent deacon. They were seated in perfect grasping distance: just off the center aisle, which the Pope passed on his way in and out of the Cathedral.

"I grabbed his hand and told him, 'Holy Father, pray for Cuba,'" reported an extremely excited Deacon Rafael. He said the Pope paused, look straight at him and responded in Spanish, "I always pray for Cuba."

"I hugged him," said Deacon Ray Ortega of St. Benedict parish in Hialeah, who added he was not about to hold anything back on this occasion. After receiving the Holy Father's blessing, a Papal aide handed him a Rosary embossed with the Papal coat of arms.

"This is the best gift that God could have given me," said Ortega.

Others, whose hands were merely touched by the Pope's, received cards with his picture, signature and a prayer on the back. Even those who couldn't touch the Pope felt touched by him.

"I was amazed at the intensity of his eyes," said Lynda DiPrima, who was in the Cathedral along with her husband John, a member of the Archdiocesan Synod body. "When he looks at you he doesn't look through you, he really looks at you."

The experience of being the first Catholics to greet the Pope in Miami, of reciting the Our Father with him, and of listening to him speak in both English and Spanish affected everyone, including Archbishop Edward McCarthy, who had met the Pope at the airport and would spend nearly every minute of the next 23 hours at his side.

"Absolve me from my pride," the Archbishop begged the Pope, as he introduced the clergy, religious and laity as "among the finest in the world."

He added, "We pledge our undying love and fidelity to you," and himself began the shout. "Viva el Papa!"

**"I think he called on us to really reflect on what our faith is all about."**

**—Sr. Marie Danielle**

"It was a tremendous experience. You can't put it into words," said Father Zdzislaw Nawrocki, who directs the Polish apostolate in the Archdiocese.

DiPrima said she experienced "a unifying feeling" in the church as the people waited for the Holy Father's arrival. Then, when he spoke, "everyone was stone quiet."

"I think we could have listened to him all day," said Sister Marie Danielle, superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese. "I think he called us to really reflect on what our faith is all about."

"Prayer is the one thing that unites us," said DiPrima, referring to the theme of the Pope's talk.

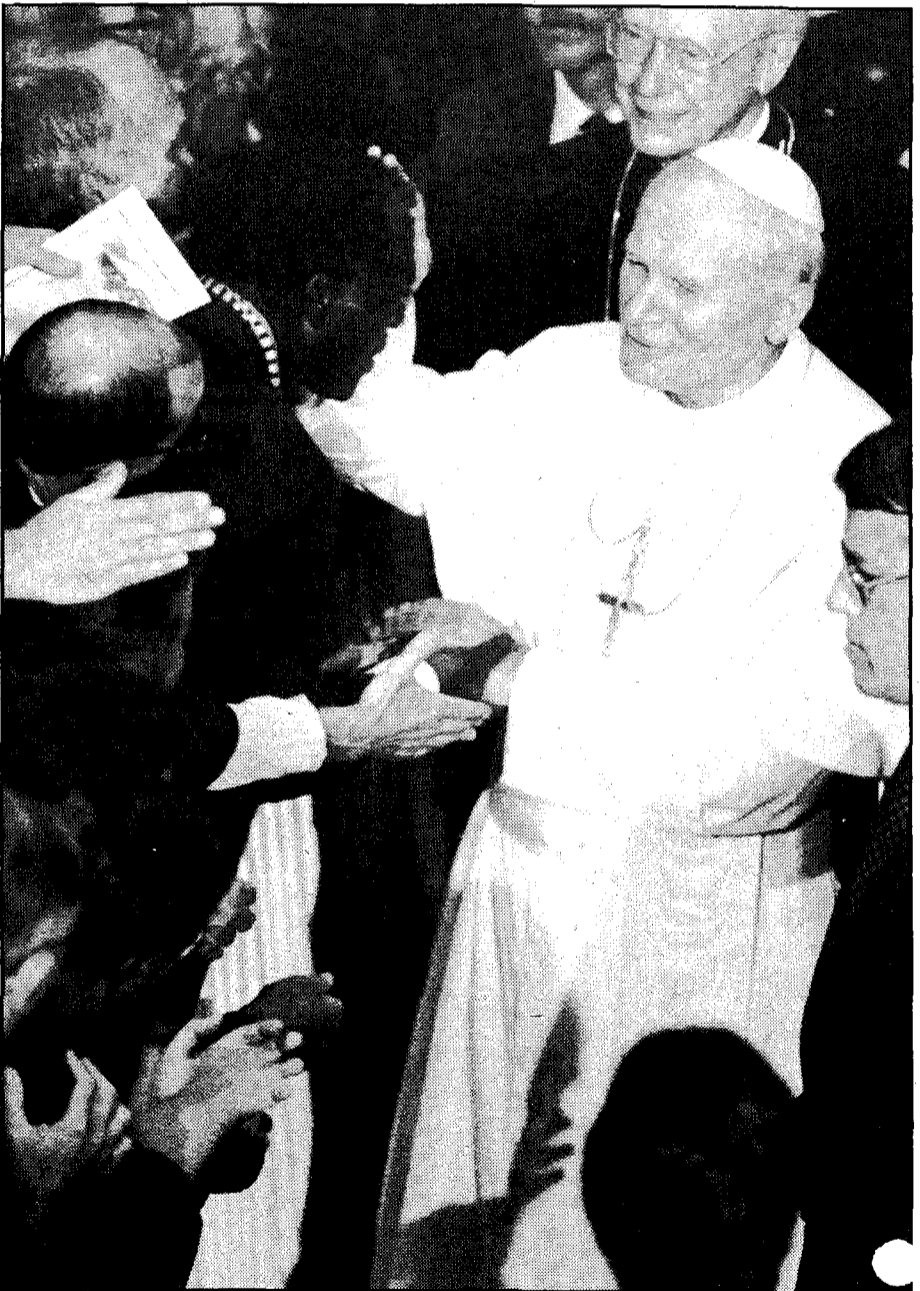
"I thought it was beautiful. It is pure Gospel," noted Zoila Diaz, director of Lay Ministry in the Archdiocese who, coincidentally, had been charged with looking after all of the Pope's needs while he was in Miami.

That job done and her volunteers in place at all the different Papal stops, Diaz was teary-eyed as she walked away from the Cathedral. "It was very moving to hear him speaking in our language (Spanish)," she explained.

But her mother, walking alongside, had a better explanation: "Everyone was crying."



Women Religious can't hide — or control — their excitement as Pope John Paul II walks into St. Mary Cathedral, his first stop in Miami. Below, Father Sergio Carrillo of St. John the Apostle Church in Hialeah, receives Papal blessing as other priests' hands reach out to Pope. (Pool photos)



## Pray, pray, pray! Pope tells Miamians

*Pray even for those who cause you suffering*

Pope John Paul II's first message to Miami's Catholics was notable for its simplicity and directness: Pray, pray all the time, he said, and pray even for those who cause you pain.

"I know that Miami is no stranger" to the sufferings of exiles and refugees, the Pope said pointedly at his first Miami stop, a meeting with local priests, Religious and lay leaders at St. Mary Cathedral.

But "we must pray... not only for those who suffer, but also for those who inflict suffering."

Looking up from his prepared text to glance directly at his audience, he added, "We must never underestimate the

power of prayer... to bring good where there is evil."

Striking a more theological note, he said the perfect prayer is the Our Father, because it teaches us that God's will must be "our first concern." In fact, prayer is mainly for our benefit, since God "already knows what we desire even before we ask."

"Beset as we are by human weakness we naturally ask God for many things. Many times we may be tempted to think that he does not hear or answer us." But "God is always listening to us and answering us," the Pope said.

It's just that he looks at things "from the perspective of a love far

greater and a knowledge far deeper than our own. When it appears that he is not fulfilling our desires by granting the things we ask, however unselfish and noble they may be, in reality he is purifying those desires of ours for the sake of a higher good that often surpasses our understanding in this life. The challenge is to 'widen our hearts'... by accepting his will."

Prayer also "widens our hearts" by making us realize that "sometimes our own troubles and desires are small compared to the needs and to the sufferings of so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world," the Pope said.

"There is the spiritual suffering of those who have lost their way in life

because of sin or a lack of faith in God. There is the material suffering of millions of people who lack food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and education; of those who are deprived of the most fundamental human rights; of those who are exiles or refugees because of war and oppression."

To be effective, the words of our prayer must be accompanied by action on behalf of those who suffer, the Pope said.

"A life of self-denial and charity is a sign of conversion to God's way of thinking, to his way of love. By humbling ourselves through penance, we open ourselves to God. By giving in charity, over and above the demands of justice, we open ourselves to our neighbor." the Pope said.



Television spotlight casts glow on Pope John Paul II as he speaks to priests, Religious and laity inside St. Mary Cathedral. (Pool photo)

## 'Haitian people, I love you!'

*Cheering throng outside Cathedral gets warm Creole greeting from Pope*

By Mariolga Fernandez  
Voice Correspondent

The excitement ran through the air like a wave of blue and red when Pope John Paul II turned to the mostly Haitian crowd outside St. Mary's Cathedral last Thursday afternoon and greeted them in Creole.

South Florida's Haitian community feels it owes a great debt to the Holy Father. When he visited that country in 1983, his words ignited a wave of change that swept "Baby Doc" Duvalier out of power. His greeting at St. Mary's last week sent the crowd cheering:

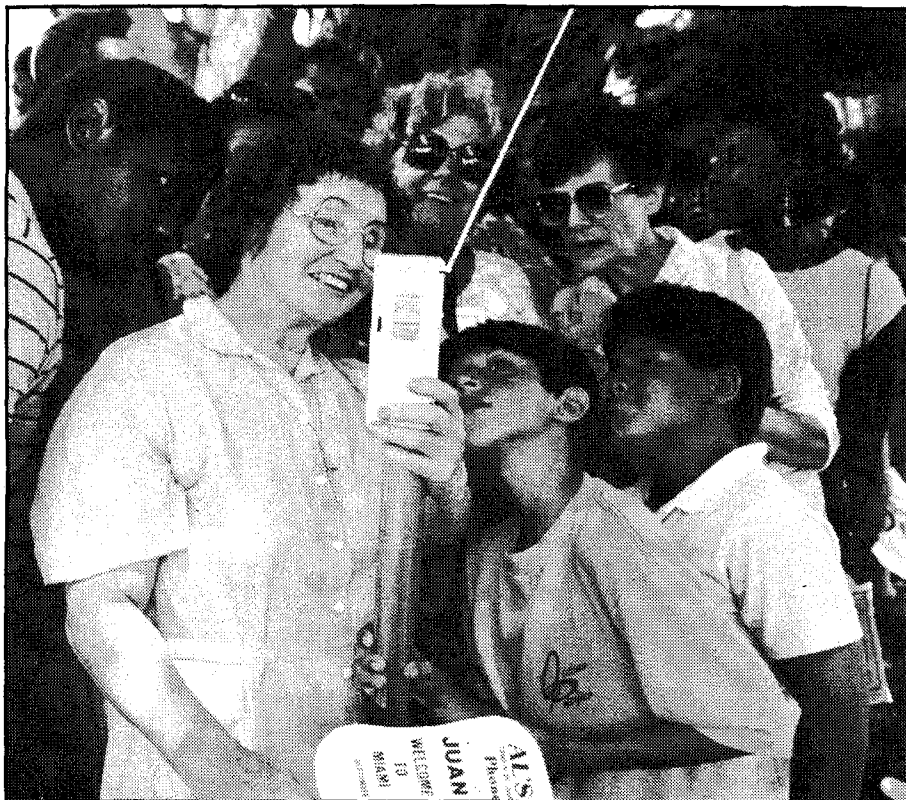
"Haitian people, I greet you. I love you very much. I know of the many hardships you have endured. I know you have faith in God... and your devotion to Our Lady is well-known to me. Therefore there is still hope for the people of Haiti."

His pauses were interrupted with jubilant cheers from the Haitians.

Nelly Gouthier, a parishioner at St. Mary's, said she enjoyed seeing the Pope. "And we enjoyed the blessing he gave us for love and peace."

"I've never seen him before, and it was nice seeing him for the first time," said Patricia Joseph, 11, a student at St. Mary's School. "I had been very anxious to see him."

The crowd outside the Cathedral, which included Haitians as well as Americans, Cubans and members of other South Florida ethnic groups, had been awaiting the Pope's arrival since



Haitian, Hispanic, 'Anglo' and black parishioners of the Cathedral gather to watch Pope on TV while waiting for him to come out and greet them. (Pool photo)

noon that day. As many as 3,500 tickets had been distributed to parishioners of three inner-city churches: St. Mary's, Holy Redeemer in Liberty City and Notre Dame D'Haiti.

No one without a ticket could enter, and security was tight. Dressed in their Sunday best, the ticket-holders passed through a metal detector and handed their personal belongings to Secret Service personnel or Miami police who carefully searched everything.

From the gate they walked along a roped off section to the Cathedral

lawn, and staked out their position before someone else took the choice spot.

The anticipation had been slowly mounting all day. Some of the people outside the cathedral had brought television sets to watch the Pope's arrival, and as the Holy Father disembarked from Shepherd I, a roar went through the crowd. Thunderous applause and yells greeted his arrival at the Cathedral a short while later.

"I am happy to take advantage of the moment and see such a beautiful

thing happen to us in Miami," said Maria Ricciardella, who was there because her friend, Mary Lichtenstein, is a parishioner at St. Mary's.

Orfa Londono and her friends were there to welcome the Pope. "We came because we wanted to see the Pope, we wanted to be close to him because he is the messenger of Christ."

"I felt great peace when he talked," said Lilia Arias, her friend.

"I was left speechless with tears in my eyes," said Patricia Reinhart. "It's a confusing emotion, you don't know whether to laugh or cry."

"The feelings of love so great that he brings," she continued, "and his ability to unite us, not only the Catholic community but other Christian religions is why I am here."

Most of the people had only seen the Pope in photographs or on television. They had only heard his words on tape or read them in newspapers. Suddenly he was standing in front of them.

"This is the most wonderful thing," said Mary Ward, a parishioner of St. Mary's for over 30 years. She had been planning for months to see the Pope at the Cathedral with her mother and her handicapped nephew, Richard Murphy, but her mother died in March.

"She told me: 'If I don't get to see him, you go. God will help you get there,'" Ward said. "He is so holy, so precious, and here I am, 60 years old and I get to see something like this. It is the most wonderful day in my life. I just thank God I have eyes to see him."

The Cathedral was the Pope's first stop in Miami. The enthusiasm and love he encountered there, many said, was only representative of the love which emanates from him.

"His spirituality," said Reinhart, "we can see the presence of God in that beautiful face of his."

# He said 'You have a pretty smile'!



Julie McCormick, 9, of St. Anthony's in Ft. Lauderdale, greeted Pope at airport. (Voice photo by Robert O'Steen)

By Robert O'Steen

Editor, The Voice

It was the smile that did it. Julie McCormick with that Judy Garland yellow-brick-road smile, the kind that attracts tooth fairies and Popes—just had to be chosen to present flowers to the Holy Father.

So when Papal visit organizers asked around, Father Timothy Hannon, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Fort Lauderdale, nominated Julie, 9, a fourth grader in the parish school, who, incidentally wants to be an artist or dancer when she grows up. Her parents Bernard and Peggy McCormick said okay.

"I felt real excited and really nervous," she said of her wait on the tarmac at the airport as Pope John Paul neared.

"He came down the red path (carpet) and I gave him the flowers.

"He shook my hand and said 'You have a pretty smile'!

"I said, 'Thank you. Welcome to Miami.'"

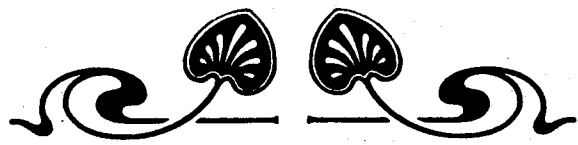
She also got to kiss Mrs. Reagan.

"I'll never forget this. I was interviewed by the TV. My friends think it's great too. They also got interviewed by the TV."



Julie McCormick presents flowers to Pope John Paul at Miami International Airport. (Pool photo)

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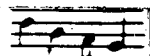
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# 'It is the most exciting event of my life!'

## At St. Martha's and Pastoral Center

By Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

It was a very special, emotion-packed moment for about 800 jubilant Archdiocese of Miami employees as Pope John Paul II walked out of St. Martha's Church into the Pastoral Center's Atrium to greet and bless them.

They had been waiting since 1:30 p.m., watching the Pope's arrival and his scheduled stops on three 26" TV screens set up especially for that day. The tension mounted as they watched the papal motorcade arrive at their familiar Pastoral Center, when everyone stood, cheered and clapped, and some even tried to sneak a glimpse of the pontiff walking into St. Martha's Church.

But as the Pope finished his address to U.S. priests inside the church, the air was charged. People seemed to hold their breaths during those seconds that seemed more like hours until he stepped out. Eyes were shifting from the TV screens to the door that leads out of St. Martha's, and you could almost hear a pin drop.

"I'm jumping out of my skin!" exclaimed Stephen Carey, one of 55 stewards present who happens to be of Polish descent. "It is the most exciting event in my life!"

Finally, as the Holy Father came out, people jumped up from their seats, ignoring instructions to remain seated, cheering and clapping with furor. Cries of "Viva el Papa!" resounded.

"I assure you that these people work full-time for the Archdiocese," Archbishop Edward McCarthy told the Pope in his introduction, recalling a

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Archbishop McCarthy presents the Pope to Pastoral Center workers, parishioners. (Voice photo/Prent Browning)

St. Mary's

Cathedral

Welcomes

Pope John Paul II

# Pope in Miami

## 'Most exciting moment...'

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story about Pope John XXIII who once, when asked how many people worked at the Vatican, answered: "about half."

Then Pope John Paul II spoke: "I can say only that your Archbishop is very happy of having so many, so good, women, men, all together doing the same apostolate, building the same apostolate of peace... I offer you my greeting and also my blessing, everyone of you here blessed, and also your families and all your loved ones."

"Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus, Amen."

Although the moment was over quickly, it will live in the minds of those present forever. What probably turned out to be one of the closest views of the

Pope left people shaken, elated and honored.

"Amen!" said Herbert Lambert, a steward and member of St. Martha's. "I'm still shaking. I think everyone is in shock right now. We'll recapture the moment when we develop the pictures."

"For a Catholic," he added, almost choked with emotion, "we can't see Peter, Paul, Jesus. This is Peter, Paul, and Jesus to us."

"I'm still in a little bit of shock right now," admitted Martha Shorter, a teacher at Holy Rosary School in Perrine. "It was so close and so quick! It was beautiful!"

"Oh! It was marvelous! I couldn't be any closer, I'm very fortunate," said Vivian Decker, who processed creden-

tials for the 600 priests that met with the Pope inside St. Martha's.

"He's not just a leader," Decker said, "He sets the pace. He is our shepherd."

To Jose Humbert, having the Pope so close was "the greatest thing in my life."

Humbert, a budget specialist for Catholic Community Services, sees Pope John Paul II as "the most courageous Pope," and admires him for traveling so much and risking his life to reach out and take the faith to people. He believes he got a "booster" to his faith and that things would some-

how be different after his glimpse of the Pope.

"It strengthens your faith," said Jamaican-born Daphne Murray, who works at the rectory in St. Martha's. "It was heartening, because I don't know if I'll ever see him again."

Vivian Shannon, who has worked for seven years at the Archdiocese's Health Insurance office, hopes the Pope's visit will leave a mark on Miami.

"I hope it will bring people together," she said. "At least that's what we've all been praying for."

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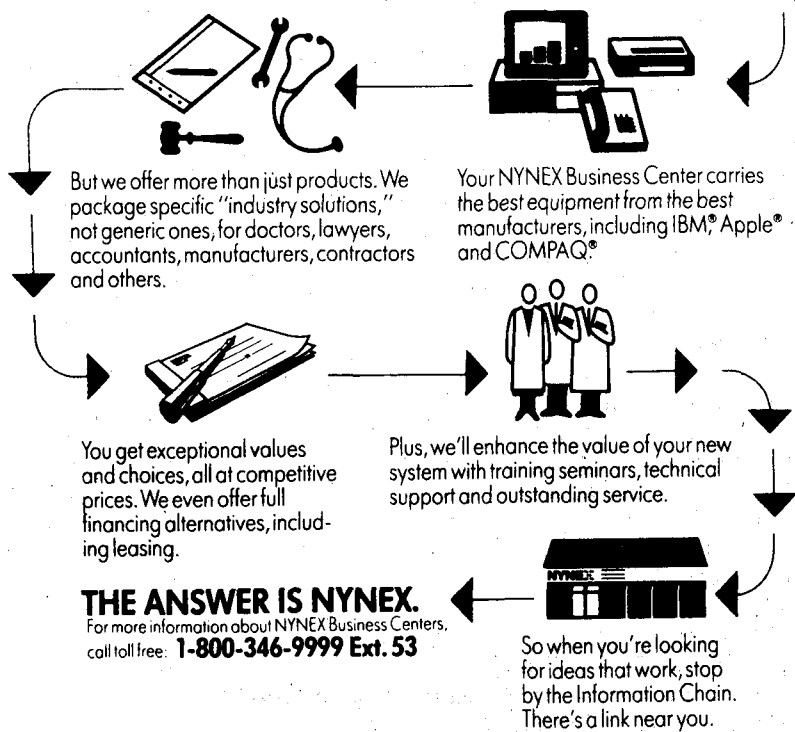
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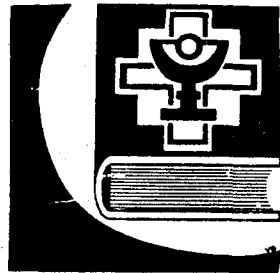
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## Stewards brave rain, heat --and crowds

By Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

They came earlier than most, as workers rather than spectators. They got wet, hot, tired and hungry, just as everyone else.

But to the 4,000 volunteer stewards who served at the Mass, the experience was worth it.

"The whole day has been special to me," said John Waddell, who worked at Pod 18 from before midnight until

**'There weren't any fights, yelling or arguing. It was very well organized. A few tried to cut under the rope, but that was it.'**

John Waddell,  
volunteer steward  
from St. Louis parish,  
Kendall

the Mass ended after the storm. "People were laughing and crying. It was a very emotional day, full of love."

Waddell, a parishioner at St. Louis Church in Kendall, said he volunteered because he wanted to be part of an event he thought would "bring some people to the Lord."

"If He is using this visit to share the Gospel and touch some hearts," he said, "we are glad to be here."

The hardest part of the job was keeping people from surging to the fences as they tried to get the best view of Pope John Paul II as he rode by in his "popemobile," but the stewards could identify with the feelings of the crowd and were willing to take a little criticism.

"The people don't appreciate that you're doing your job first and foremost for the Pope," said Robert Fernandez, a steward from the St. Louis Young Adult Group who was the object of some barbed remarks from the surging crowd.

But "it's all worth it," he said. "The Pope gets it worse than I do. He gets criticized by all kinds of people. If he can take it, so can I."

Many Mass-goers were upset because they couldn't leave or return to their pods after 8:30 a.m., when the Secret Service declared no one could move outside their areas until after the Pope's arrival at 10 a.m.

At that time, stewards were instructed to hold hands and form a human chain along the fences to prevent people from pushing through and climbing over.

"You're covering our view," people shouted.

"I've been here since 5 p.m. yesterday. I must see him!" said others, trying to get to the front of the pod.

And so the discussion among spectators continued: "Sit down!" "If they're not going to sit down neither am I!"

But this didn't seem to deteriorate into brawls anywhere.

"There weren't any fights, yelling or arguing," said Waddell, "it was very well organized. A few tried to cut under the rope, but that was it."

Mangui Sengelmann, also from St. Louis, said she thought she'd have chainlink-fence marks on her body from the masses swelling forward as the "popemobile" rode by.

"I thought it was great," she said. "We were all there to praise God and see our Pope. Some of those people had been there for hours, and of course they wanted to get a good view."

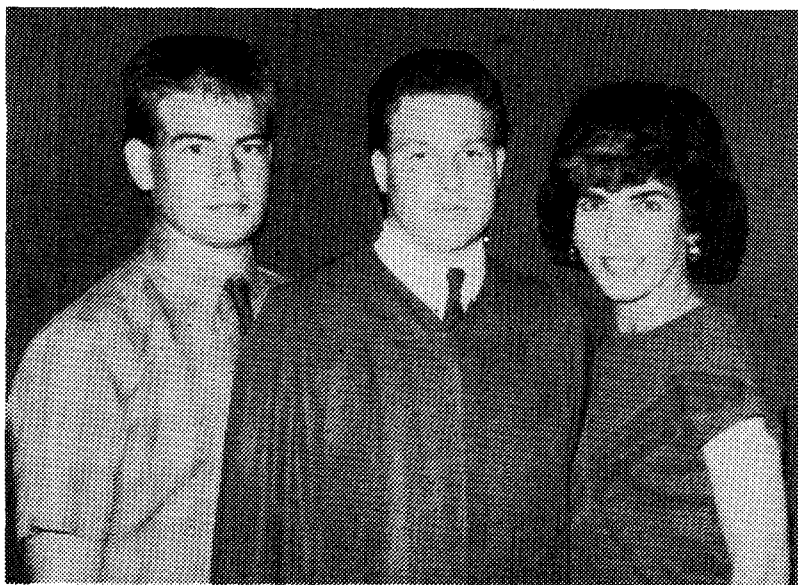


This was not the typical position of stewards, who actually stood most of the night at Tamiami Park. However, one did manage to catch a few zzzzz's before the crowds descended on the site. (Voice photo/Jim Varsallone)

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# Singing in the rain!

Mass at Tamiami Park an experience of brotherhood and unity, South Florida-style

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto  
Voice News Editor

"Yeeeah, God!" shouted Archbishop Edward McCarthy. "Yeeeah, God!" the people shouted back.

Then the deluge began. And the people only shouted louder, to the pounding rhythm of the rain, "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Papal Mass at Tamiami Park was just getting underway, and if words could sum up the communal feeling of the more than 200,000 Catholics who gathered there on that day to pray with their Pope, those words would be as close as one could get.

But words are inadequate. This was a day filled with excitement and devotion, with shouts that rang to heaven and tears that shook the soul, with bitter-sweetness and feelings that can only be captured through images.

So welcome to a Catholic revival and brotherly love, South Florida-style:

It began with the eerie glow of the altar and its cross, lit as hundreds of thousands poured in the gates in the middle of the night, while loudspeakers flooded the surrounding darkness with sacred music.

On the edges, two other lights shone, video screens showing the Pope's image on a yellow background, with one huge word spread across the bottom: UNITY.

At 5:30 a.m., as the Pope got up to pray in another part of town, the people who later would pray with him were ordering hot dogs for breakfast.

Wave by wave it began to form: a sea of yellow in Pod 13, the "youth pod," which for both color and enthusiasm turned out to be a news photographer's dream-come-true. By 7 a.m., activity there had reached the frenzy level.

"It holds 4,000 and we're almost full," said Tim Colbert, area coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese. "I was baffled at how many just poured in at midnight."

All dressed in yellow "Pope T-



Young people from junior high through college age --and others who were young at heart-- were prominent among the more than 200,000 Mass-goers, and easily recognizable by their yellow "Pope t-shirts." (Pool photo)

shirts," about 1,000 of his young people were of 'Anglo' background, he said, and 2,500 were Hispanic. Their ages ranged "from junior high through college --plus their chaperones and grandmothers."

best: little white dots huddled in a vast semicircle, a sea of humanity gathered around an altar and a cross.

It was a city built for a day and for this one day, one moment, it was a city of love.

"The walk-ins came in droves," said Marian Cavagnaro. "It was so neat

to see them."

The Broward resident, a laboratory technician at Jackson Memorial Hospital, had been there since 10:30 p.m. Thursday, one of hundreds of young adults who, along with thousands of others not-so-young, served as stewards. "Not many people are sleeping," she added. "They're too excited."

"We're not going to be chased away for no reason," said Pat Kelly of St. Bartholomew parish in Hollywood, who came with her husband and three friends.

They had boarded a shuttle bus at 3:15 a.m. and set up camp along a rope marking Pod 72. With cameras, binoculars, lawn chairs and coolers full of soft drinks and snacks, they were prepared to experience "a lifetime dream come true": seeing the Pope.

But weren't they scared? Some commentators had warned that the heat might kill people. "You couldn't die in better company," said Kelly.

Rafaela Torres came in a wheelchair at 3 a.m., with nine members of her family. "She would have died if we hadn't brought her," said her daughter, Belkis Velez.

"This will be the last time I see him," said Torres, a parishioner of St. Timothy in Miami. "And the first."

Nearby, more than 100 Vietnamese Catholics from West Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties who had arrived at midnight and walked three miles to get into the park, were equally determined "to see him."

They planned to wave a large yellow and red-striped Vietnamese flag. Why? "Because we're Vietnamese," said Thong Pham, one of the group.

Gregory Jasiurkowski, 12, stood on a chair and waved two flags, one

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The helicopter cameras captured it



Colorful banners --used to mark both Communion and confession spots-- are carried up the steps of the altar just prior to the beginning of Mass. (Pool photo)

## Prayer, confessions mark wait for Pope

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Polish, the other the Vatican's. He had been in the United States a year, and had seen the Pope in his native Poland twice. There were "more people" there, he said, but "I'm very happy that the Pope came here."

"This is a great mission, the best mission we could have had in this area," said Msgr. Wadih-Peter Tayah, who had brought along 72 of his parishioners, Maronite Catholics from Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Miami.

"This is a beautiful opportunity that the Lord has given us," added Delia Fernandez of Immaculate Conception Church in Hialeah. "It's something incredible."

Elena Gianan Laxton, a native of the Philippines now living in New Port Richey, Fl., flew in with about 15 other members of a Focolare group, a Marian organization dedicated to promoting love and unity.

"I call it a divine adventure," she said, as she recalled not only the middle-of-the-night trek to the park but the wait there as well.

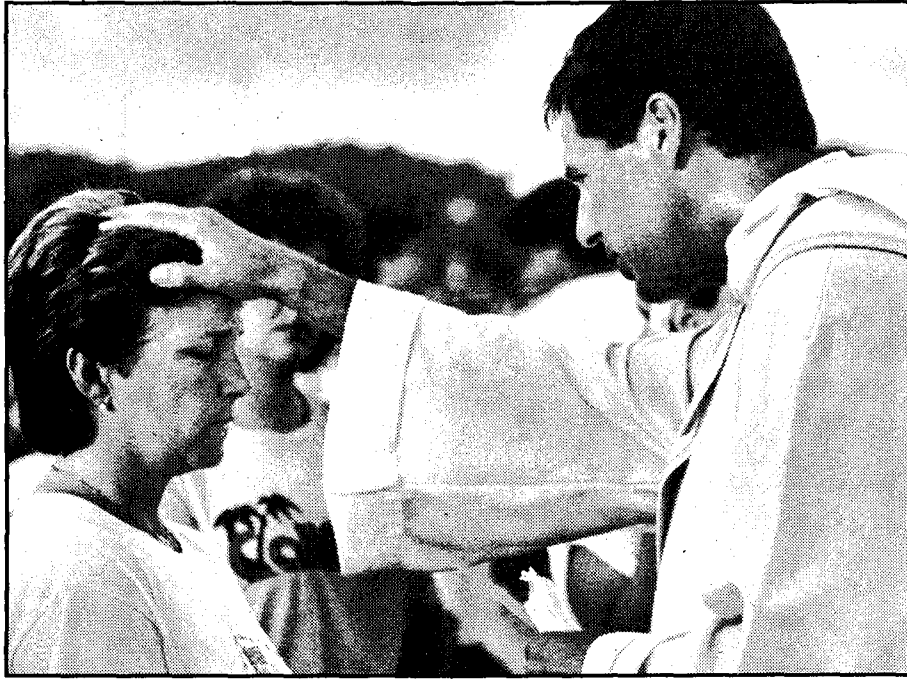
"Somebody sat on my chair, and somebody stepped on my cooler. You get aggravated," she said, and begin to realize how really hard it is to have peace and unity in the world.

But "people are trying," she added, and it's all worth it if "you truly offer that aggravation for the love of God."

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Their prayers rose with the sun.

First a Living Rosary, led in three languages --English, Spanish and Creole-- with each decade offered for a different intention: peace on earth, an end to hunger, an end to prejudice and racism.



Hundreds of Mass-goers took the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as priests spread out through the site in the early morning. (Pool photo)

Then the priests poured forth, an endless line of white robes glistening in the early-morning sun, led by red, green and yellow banners. At each pod one banner came to rest, held aloft by young people clad in white and yellow, with three or four priests making a wide circle around it.

At first, only a few people came for confession. Then more, and more, and more, until lines began forming, 10 and 15-people long. The priests' sweat sparkled in the hot, bright sun --as did some of the confessants' tears.

Father Eugene Kernan of New Jersey: "Some people are coming back [to the Church], sure. I think the spirit hits them. It's a good opportunity."

All along the music was playing: Polish, Mexican, Haitian, Cuban, Roger and Paul, and the Miami Girls and Boys Choirs. That's when the people and the flags began swaying. Father David Russell made the announcement: "Cuban flags waving to a Haitian beat. That's unity."

Oh, yes, those Cuban flags, thousands of them. Why?

"To show him that we're Cuban and that we welcome him," explained Jorge Camarazo of St. Kieran parish in Miami.

As the Pope's motorcade approached and the streets of this city-

for-a-day were swept clear of people by security men, the words and prayers of different faiths rang throughout the park, led by a Jewish rabbi, a Greek Orthodox priest and three Protestant ministers: an 'Anglo', a Hispanic and a black woman.

"His devotion to peace and his love for his fellow man are an inspiration to all," said the rabbi --Irving Lehrman of Temple Emanu-el-- of the Pope.

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Then he came in.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have an announcement to make: Pope John Paul II is here!"

Wild is too mild a word for what happened next: entire "pods" surged forward as one body, hands and flags and banners and cameras held aloft, along with children. The older ones were pushed forward to snake their way through the crammed bodies, as everyone pressed up to the fences and stewards stiffened and held tight to avoid being crushed.

The Popemobile stands almost 15-foot tall, yet it seemed to be swallowed up by the throng of hands and flags as it snaked its way through street after street of the park.

The Pope looked from side to side and smiled and gestured with pleasure. Standing next to him, Archbishop Edward McCarthy wasn't smiling: he was beaming.

"Beautiful!" said Marie Salzano afterward. She was a steward from Our Lady of Mercy Church in Pompano Beach, and literally felt the weight of the crowd on her back as the Pope passed. "Oh, I don't think anybody cared," she said, smiling, when asked

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# Skipping class to see Pope

By Mariolga Fernandez  
Voice Correspondent

It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and we were not going to miss it, despite the fact that we were technically skipping class.

Approximately 90 University of Miami students and friends gathered for a pilgrimage organized by St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center last Thursday night. Our destination was the Papal Mass at Tamiami Park.

"People think I'm crazy," said David Dueppen, "but here I am with a bunch of college kids who are just as crazy as I am."

We wanted to see the Pope — it was a special event in our religion and most of us could not imagine not going. The threat of missing an important class did not faze us; the imminent heat and humidity could not stop us. We were going to see the Pope and participate in his Mass.

"This is a once in a lifetime event. It's a fun, social, as well as spiritual event, kind of like a religious Woodstock — Popestock," said John Scarano, one of the Campus Ministers who organized this "pilgrimage."

We left St. Augustine at about 11:30 p.m. for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, on Miller and 107 Ave., where we would leave our cars. Then we gathered our sleeping bags and backpacks and various other paraphernalia and began our 2.5 mile trek to the Papal Mass site.

Less than a block later we were joined by members of St. Timothy's Rejoice group and their families dressed in yellow "Archdiocese of Miami Youth" t-shirts. Little did we know they would remain our constant companions throughout that night and the celebration of the coming day.

At 1:15 a.m. we arrived at Pod 13 — our destination. The youth pod. We set up camp and waited. It seemed that no one knew what to do next. People talked quietly to each other as classical and jazz music from radio station WTMI emanated from the nearby sound tower.

Paul Rod pulled a book from his bag and plugged a miniature reading lamp to a pocket-sized battery he had brought. He looked at the book, turned the light off and put everything back in his bag. Then he took out a hand-held television set.

David Dueppen unwrapped a new pack of cards, then he shuffled them in his hands for a while before putting



A balancing act: some did not hesitate to climb on someone else's shoulders to take a closer look at Pope John Paul II. (Pool Photo)

them away again.

We were restless, but we were also very tired — it had been a long day.

By 4 a.m. almost all of us were asleep. At 6 a.m. we were up again. That is when the anticipation began to affect us. I started wondering why everyone was really there.

"It is really special that despite our differences of opinion on the Pope's policies, we can get together in the spirit of Jesus Christ," said Barb Humphrey, Campus Minister at St. Augustine and co-coordinator of the pilgrimage.

"I am here because he is the Pope, the pillar of the Church, the vicar of Christ," said Sheila Smith. "I'd like to hear his words and participate in the Mass that he will celebrate."

We were ready for him, now all we had to do was wait.

Fortunately, the organizers of the Papal Mass considered our dilemma. The pre-Mass entertainment brought a festival atmosphere to the sleepy crowds. As soon as the Haitian band

began playing people got on their feet and danced.

For almost two hours we were kept busy and happy by various groups and bands. People danced and sang and laughed, despite the muggy heat. Suddenly we were no longer St. Augustine or St. Timothy or St. Thomas University students or any other youth organization. We were Catholics united by one event, and we were having fun.

Earlier that morning, Love 94's Greg Budell exclaimed: "This is God's Country." And it was.

"It's not a solemn event," said Kenny Agosto, a St. Thomas University student. "It's kind of the bandwagon type of thing."

By 10 a.m. we were impatient. All night — and for some, all our lives — we had been waiting for this moment when we would see the Holy Father, now it was finally at hand.

The youth crowded at the fence that surrounded our pod, knowing the "popemobile" would pass by us. In

places the crowd was three-to-four bodies deep.

Teenage girls screamed, their eyes brimming with tears. Someone started a chant of "Viva el Papa." Arms waved Cuban and Papal flags. The fence was stretched to its limit as bodies leaned out to catch a glimpse of the Pope.

Then we saw him.

The excitement in the Youth Pod when the "popemobile" passed was electrifying. Young people were running along the fence line to catch just another glimpse of the Holy Father. Everyone broke into songs and cheers. Cameras clicked and buzzed and snapped. Girls cried, boys cried. People screamed in joy and excitement.

"He looked right at us and waved," said Amy Sirignano. "Kids were pushing against me to see him and I swear, at least four or five of us were crying. He was so close, so human, so real."

Sheila hugged Karen Kessel and exclaimed "isn't this great" after seeing the Pope.

"It was an emotional impact for everyone," said Paul.

When I turned to look at the St. Augustine group, everyone had their arms raised above their heads, hands clasping hands, and everyone was singing for the Pope. Their joy was truly evident; it struck my objective reporter soul and injected me with the beauty of the moment. Soon I was singing, too. And we raised our eyes to heaven.

The the rain started like a cloud had exploded.

At first it was a welcome relief from the heat of earlier that day. Some people pulled out umbrellas and ponchos, but most of us stood in the rain and let it drench our clothes — we didn't care, we were in the presence of the Pope.

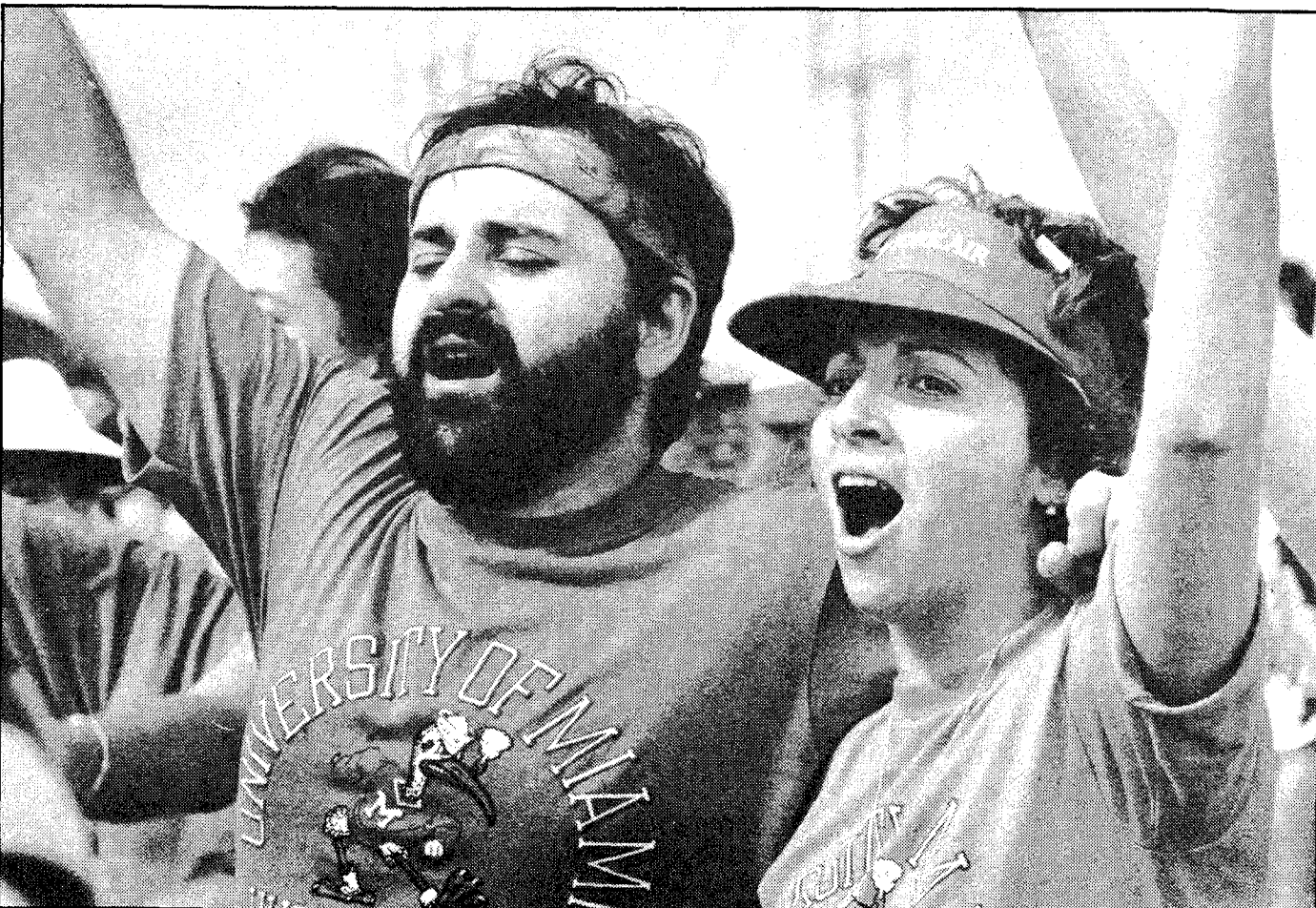
Soon we were warned to stay away from the sound towers because of nearby lightning strikes, but the weather could not dampen our enthusiasm.

"We don't want to send any of you home to the Lord today," Father David Russell announced, to which Paul responded just loud enough for me to hear him: "I'd go this way any day."

We very willingly stood in the rain and participated in the Mass.

"I can't believe I'm here," said Amy. "I can't believe how close I am to him."

Then, sometime toward the end of the Pope's homily, in the middle of a



John Scarano and friend break into song and praises at Pope's Mass. The UM Campus Ministry director organized a pilgrimage of about 90 students to see the Pope. (Pool Photo)

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**'And don't people go to the beach and spend 12 hours broiling under the sun? And don't they spend hours in line to buy tickets for Prince? For Catholics this is not just an event. It is a witness.'**

Imelda Castañeda,  
St. Kevin parish

(Pool photo)



(Pool photo)



(Voice photo by Marc Regis)



**'As I gaze at this great city with its many peoples and cultures, I pray that you will all help one another with your gifts. Stay in touch with your own roots, your cultures and your traditions; pass on your heritage to your children; and at the same time, place all these gifts at the service of the whole community.'**

Pope John Paul II's homily  
at Tamiami Park Mass

(Pool photo)

**'The Pope's visit was a moment of conversion, a moment in time which must change our future in the Church of Miami...I beg every Catholic to become the right hand of the Pope --inviting alienated Catholics to come home, urging the unchurched to become members of the People of God. This is a special moment to invite young people to consider a vocation...'**

Archbishop Edward  
McCarthy



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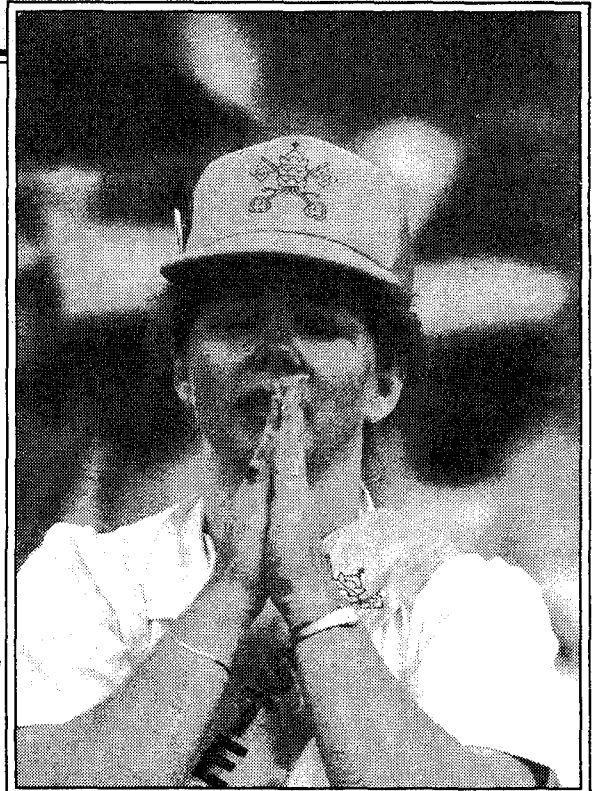


**'Every little drop that falls is a blessing. The more the better.'**

Iris Suarez,  
St. Kevin parish

**'For me, this has been a miracle. It's been worth it a thousand times over.'**

Edith Ortega,  
St. Timothy



(Photo by Jay Spencer)



## Rains come: 'Alleluia, Alleluia!'

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how it felt to be crushed.

Zaida Pino, a ninth-grader at St. Brendan High School, wound up seeing the Pope from inside a cardboard wastebasket, as the crowd continued to push forward and she, up against the fence, could go no further.

"I'll never forget this as long as I live," she said jubilantly. "It was worth being in the trash can."



Finally, the image that sums up both the joy and the heartbreak of the day, as flashes of lightning and peals of thunder put an early end to the Mass.

The Pope begins his homily:

"I am very pleased to be with you in Florida, this beautiful land of the sun," he reads from his prepared text. As the people laugh and clap he pauses, flashes a mischievous grin and ad libs, "but the sun, it means sometimes of rain."

Switching from English to Spanish to Creole, he sends a message to each and a message to all:

"I extend cordial greetings to those of you who are not members of the Church but are here as welcome friends. I thank you all for coming. I also acknowledge among you the presence of so many ethnic groups, including Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, others from Central America and the Caribbean, together with all the rest who make up the community of the Church. I embrace you all in the love of Christ."

He goes on to praise South Florida "as a crossroads of diverse cultures and languages...an international city of ever increasing influence. It is a gateway, a crossroads of diverse cultures and languages, a center of communication, travel and commerce, a bridge connecting early and modern American history."

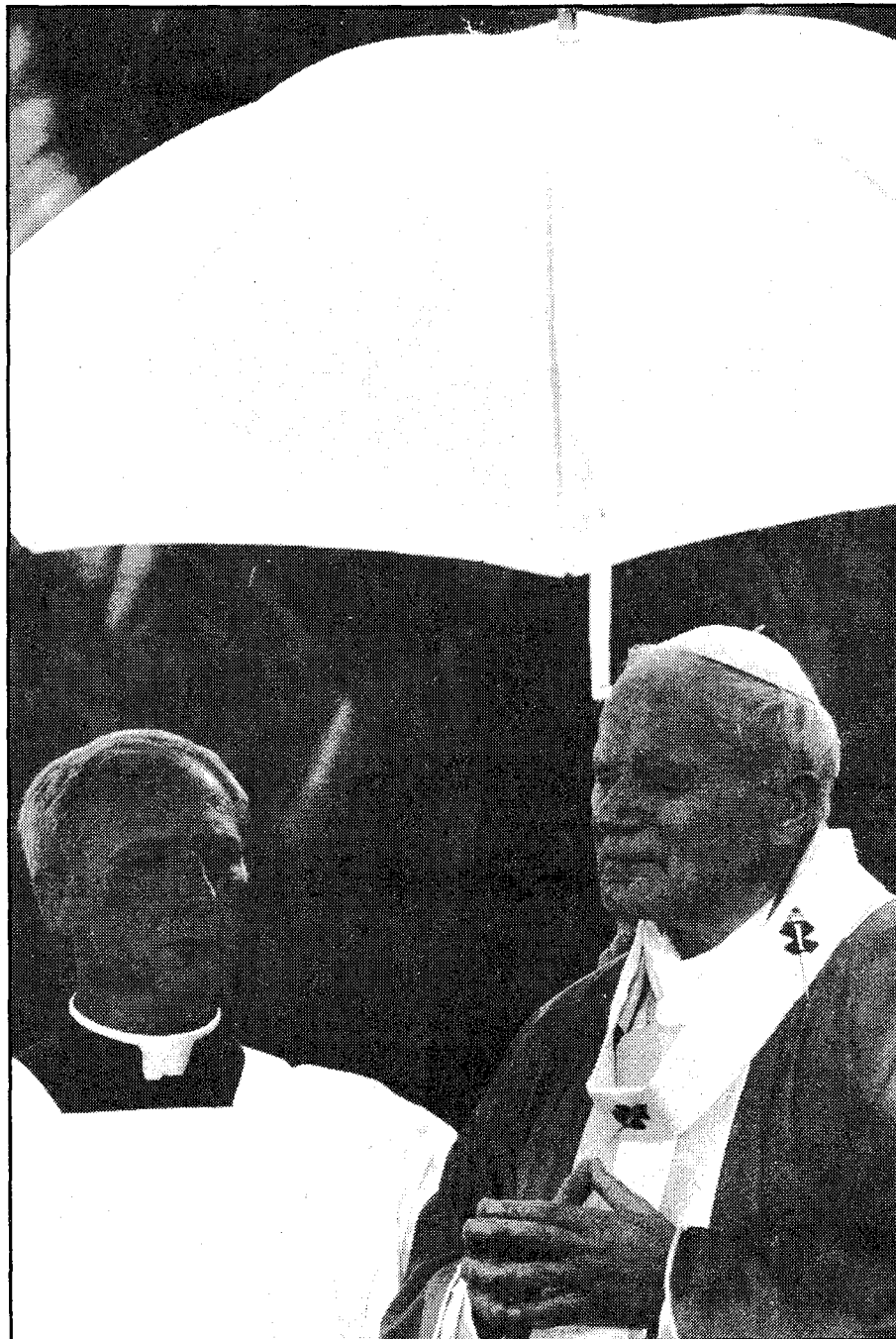
"Yours is a community of compassion, which over and over again has echoed the message inscribed on the

**'The civic community and the Church in southern Florida have time after time opened their arms to immigrants and refugees. These people were strangers and you welcomed them. And be sure that as often as you did it for them, you did it for Christ.'**

Pope John Paul II in Tamiami Park homily

Statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' The civic community and the Church in Southern Florida have time after time opened their arms to immigrants and refugees. These people were strangers and you welcomed them. And be sure that as often as you did it for them, you did it for Christ.

"I take this occasion to assure you of the Church's particular concern for those who leave their native countries in suffering and desperation. The frequent repetition of this experience is one of the saddest phenomena of our century. Yet it has often been accompanied by hope and heroism and new life. Here in Miami, I know, there are many who in the face of distress have been faithful to



With the help of an aide, the Pope takes shelter from the rain. Below, people huddle and use a little ingenuity to do the same thing. (Pool photos)



the Gospel and the law of God. Like others who have remained faithful to Christ and his Church in time of oppression, you must guard and protect your Catholic faith as you now live

your lives in freedom.

"Fidelity to religious practice requires great personal effort in a complex and industrialized society. It takes maturity of faith and strong

conviction to take up the Cross each day and follow in the footsteps of Christ...

"As I gaze at this great city with its many peoples and cultures, I pray that you will all help one another with your gifts. Stay in touch with your own roots, your cultures and your traditions; pass on your heritage to your children; and at the same time, place all these

**'He was so impressed by the faith of the people right in that downpour. They say he had tears in his eyes.'**

Archbishop McCarthy speaking about Pope John Paul II

gifts at the service of the whole community...Certainly..."

The Pope stops suddenly as an aide catches his attention. He seems puzzled. A long silence ensues.

The rain is coming down harder and harder now, playing havoc with the sound system. But few people are leaving. They are straining to hear, clothes rendered transparent by the water; some hide under umbrellas or pieces of plastic which they share freely with strangers; others just sit and soak, their heads bowed.



His own hands dripping wet, Archbishop McCarthy grabs the microphone at the lector's podium. "My beloved...My beloved...My beloved..."

Drums are beating and people are singing the Gospel acclamation, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." The Archbishop can't seem to make himself heard above the music.

"My beloved...go home."

"Nooooo," they shout.

Lightning crashes once more, all too near. The music stops.

"God has spoken," a woman tells a reporter to whom she has generously offered shelter.

Soggy, sad, a little dazed, in fact, everyone begins the long trek home.

"Is he going to come back and finish it tomorrow?" a teenage girl asks.

As it turned out, the Pope did finish celebrating the Mass, but alone with the bishops in the intimacy --and protection-- of his trailer. He insisted on coming out later to bless a few of the faithful who had remained behind, so the hopeful were rewarded.

It also turned out that the crash of thunder and lightning which followed the Archbishop's "go home" message was the last one heard at Tamiami Park that day. Although it remained cloudy the rains stopped even as the people were clearing out.

"At that moment it really looked like people's lives were at stake," Archbishop McCarthy told *The Voice* later. "Our concern was not the rain. It was the lightning. The predictions were that another [electrical storm] was about to strike within 10 minutes. They were very fearful that there would be some casualties if we continued."

He was told that the Pope was leaving the decision up to him. It was the first time that weather had interrupted a Mass being celebrated by the Pope.

"He was so impressed by the faith of the people right in that downpour. They say he had tears in his eyes," recalled the Archbishop.

But even he describes the unfinished Mass as "providential. What we were doing [that day] cannot be concluded. It must go on."



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# Searching for a (clean) bathroom

Bus ride from Hialeah only the beginning of adventure, emotion-filled day

By Yvonne M. Castrenze  
Special to The Voice

At 3:30 a.m. on that hot and humid Friday morning, hundreds of cars packed with faithful had already filed into Hialeah Race Track. We were all going to pray with the Pope at Tamiami Park, but now the heat and humidity had the better of us, and tempers were rising.

Some of the pilgrims were so anxious to begin their journey that they began to push and shove their way through the long lines to reach the designated shuttle buses.

Above the crowd's noise we heard a man's voice shouting, "Brothers and Sisters, humble yourselves! Remember that you are Christians, Remember, that we are going to see the Pope."

Some who heard him felt ashamed and stopped. Others continued to make it impossible to get through the gate.

Finally, about an hour later, we boarded, all of us already dripping from perspiration. The ride was long but comfortable, the best part being the air conditioning.

At 5:30 a.m., we reached the park and as we entered, we encountered thousands of pilgrims just like ourselves. Since we had no idea where we were going we decided to follow a crowd, many of whom were dressed in Pope T-shirts, had cameras and binoculars around their necks, and carried folding chairs and coolers.

We soon realized that they were just as lost as we were, so we stopped to ask

a steward for directions. He pointed to his right and smiled. Less than five minutes later we found ourselves asking another steward. This time he told us to go anywhere except the pods in front. Those were already full.

Soon we heard another steward asking if we had tickets to enter his pod. We flashed our tickets and officially became members of pod 21.

As soon as we found a clear spot we unfolded our chairs and settled down. We were now ready to see the Pope, but was the Pope ready? Our question was promptly answered by master of ceremonies Greg Budell. He announced that the Pope would be arriving in approximately five hours.

With five hours of waiting ahead of us, my mother and I decided to walk around the park. Our first stop was the portable bathrooms, where we were surprised to find very little lines. We soon learned why and began a search for a semi-clean portable.

We walked for over an hour, passing First Aid Stations, refreshment stands, vendors of Papal paraphernalia and scores of security personnel. At 7 a.m. we stopped our search and retired for lunch. As we were eating, the Rosary was being recited in three languages over the speakers. Then various singers and choirs performed for us.

An hour later we resumed our "bathroom search," this time straying far away from our pod. It was there, in an uncrowded area, that we found a

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Huge video screen at Tamiami Park enables one couple to watch the Pope as if in the comfort of their living room, unperturbed by crowds. (Pool photo)

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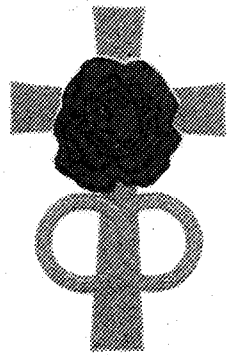
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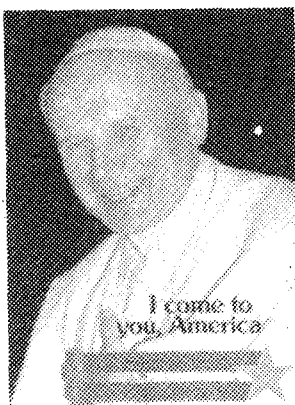
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## After Mass, people's mood seemed nicer

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semi-sanitized portable. Content with our achievement, we began to walk back to our pod.

That's when the cops stopped us. They were telling people, in no uncertain terms, that there was absolutely no way to re-enter our pods until after the "popemobile" passed.

It was only 9 a.m. and the Pope wasn't expected for another hour. We and the others around us protested, but the officers were under strict orders not to let anyone enter.

Our initial reaction was frustration, because our family had no idea where we were and we didn't want them to worry. But we soon realized that we had gained a terrific view of the Pope.

The hour flew by, and before we knew it an announcer informed us that the Pope had arrived. Everyone began to raise their hands and cheer. The cheering became louder as the "popemobile" came closer, and before we could believe our eyes Pope John Paul II was standing directly in front of us.

He stood in a bullet-proof glass case. His facial expression was calm and peaceful, his smile warm and loving as

his hands gestured in an upward position. Cameras snapped and the crowds trembled with excitement.

As soon as the Pope finished his tour, the gates were opened and we rushed back to our pod to be reunited with our family. A liturgical dance was being performed and the mood was one of peaceful unity.

The Mass finally began, and with it the rain. We tried to keep dry under plastic garbage bags as the lightning and thunder shook the earth. The rain was cold and felt like pebbles falling on our backs.

People huddled together under large pieces of plastic. Time seemed to have stopped. No one moved. Everyone had only one thing in mind, and that was to hear the Pope's message despite the havoc being caused by the wind and rain.

Soon after, Archbishop told everyone to go home. The Mass had ended... or so I thought.

But as I looked at the multitudes of drenched people. I realized that this Mass could never end, for the Pope had stirred people's souls.

That was evident when we reached



Under towels and plastic bags, people sought shelter from the rain at Tamiami Park. Nothing could dampen their spirits or silence their prayers. (Photos by Jim Varsallone and papal pool)

our bus-stop: we saw no signs of pushing or shoving, of selfishness or greed.

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# Barry U. students 'wowed' by Pope

By Jim Varsallone  
Voice Correspondent

Claude De Verteuil usually has little trouble falling asleep.

But last Thursday night, the Barry University senior found himself pacing the floors of his room with a slight case of insomnia.

De Verteuil probably was not the only person with a sleeping problem that night, as it was the eve of Pope John Paul II's Mass at Tamiami Park. He was one of a group of over 60 Barry representatives and students who ventured to the morning event.

"I was so nervous and tense about seeing the Pope that I didn't sleep from midnight to 4 a.m., said De Verteuil, a resident of Martinique in the French Antilles. "I've never seen the Pope really close up, and I was looking forward to seeing him and hearing his Mass."

De Verteuil and a portion of the group chartered a bus and departed from the Golden Glades Interchange, while the remaining Barry entourage met at nearby St. Rose of Lima Church for a pleasant 6 a.m. bus ride to the Mass site.

"It's hard to explain the way I felt," said Jan Kernahan, a Barry sophomore. "I felt strange and excited."

When the Pope arrived at Tamiami Park in his Popemobile, junior Louise Coulson snapped several photographs of the Holy Father and Miami Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, who proudly stood next to the Pope.

The mood of the Barry group was emotional and joyous. Even as the deluge started, people prayed and stayed for the Holy Father.

"Even though it rained, it was still

## UM students leave Mass sad but happy

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torrential rainstorm that made his voice nearly inaudible, the crowd broke into a chorus of "Alleluia," a chorus that lasted more than five minutes.

Archbishop McCarthy interrupted our joy: "My beloved..."

The Mass had been cancelled.

We responded loudly with forceful "no's." But the weather had become extremely dangerous and for our own safety we were asked to leave.

At first we were incredulous. Our feet planted where we stood, we refused to believe it was over, but a lightning bolt had already encouraged many people to leave. We remained.

We stood in the pouring rain in disbelief. We had made a pilgrimage to see the Pope, we had camped out all night and most of the day, we had skipped classes — now they were telling us to go home. Why?

The disappointment was obvious.

"I was sad yet I was also happy — happy because I had seen the Pope from up close, sad because we did not get to share the Eucharist with him," said Carol Sirignano.

"But the special thing," she continued, "is that in such a large group, everyone wanted to glorify God in some way — I think everyone felt that. I felt like God was within me the whole day."

And in the pouring rain, we gathered our belongings and trudged home through the dense and mellow crowds.

I was just a reporter covering a group of my peers taking a pilgrimage to see the Pope, but what I learned from these people and from this experience I will never forget.

Now when people complain about the youth of our nation, I will tell them about that day and the faith and hope that flowed from the young people around me, and I will reassure them that the future is in good hands.

worth seeing him," Kernahan said.

De Verteuil now understands why the Pope draws such a large audience wherever he travels. "It's because of his magnetism that he gathers the crowds that he does. He seems so humble and

'Alleluia' in the rain."

Father Mark E. Wedig, O.P., director of Barry's Campus Ministry, coordinated the university's pilgrimage. He also heard confession with a host of other priests for two and one-half

### Papal music records on sale

Two recordings of the music performed during the visit of Pope John Paul II to Miami on Sept. 10-11 are now available from the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life of the Archdiocese.

One recording is of the music performed during the Papal Mass at Tamiami Park. The other is of the music performed during the reception for the Holy Father at St. Mary Cathedral.

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down to earth."

Sister Marie Carol Hurley, O.P., a teacher at Barry, was pleased to see the youth of Barry participate.

"Wed had an excellent group attend," she said. "We heard the message, and it was a great display of faith. It was a great experience, especially when everyone was singing

hours prior to the Mass, in the hot sun.

The students appreciated Father Mark's efforts.

"He's a real asset to the university," said Michelle Fulton, a sophomore. "In a Catholic university, a majority of the students is Catholic. It was important and necessary for Barry and its young people to show their support."

Following the Mass, Father Mark flew to New Orleans and represented Barry at the National Catholic Education Association meeting with the Pope on Saturday. Over 235 representatives from Catholic colleges and campus ministries across the country attended the meeting at Xavier University.

Another Miamian who attended that meeting was Michael Galligan-Stierle, director of Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese and Southeast Regional representative to the National Association Diocesan Directors of Campus Ministry.

"It was very touching," said Galligan-Stierle, because it was evident the Pope "deeply cares for college students and he feels at home with them."

"He is very concerned that the message of Jesus be proclaimed to the college student within the framework of the Church's teachings," said Galligan-Stierle.

He said the Pope asked campus ministers to like bridges between modern culture and the traditions of the Church, as well as to "convey personally to every college student his love and admiration for them."

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# 'Here we are to see our Pope'

*Papal parade attracts thousands hoping to get a firsthand view of their pontiff*

By Jim Varsallone  
Voice Correspondent

"I would have walked on my hands and knees to see him," said Connie Obispo of Nativity Church in Branden, Florida.

That was the feeling of thousands of Pope followers who gathered along Biscayne Boulevard for a unique opportunity to see Pope John Paul II in person in a papal parade through Miami this past Thursday evening.

Obispo almost collapsed as the Holy Father passed by in his 'popemobile.'

"My chest started to hurt, and I could hardly breathe," the grandmother of 12 said. "I waited 30 years for this, and it was so moving."

The Pope stood tall in his bubble-shaped vehicle, and as he passed, people rose to their feet, cheering, clapping and waving. He responded by blessing and waving to the onlookers.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy proudly took his place next to the Pope and joined the Holy Father in his greeting of love and peace to South Florida.

"Several times I said, 'You see how Miami loves you, your holiness,'" McCarthy told The Voice.

"We saw the Pope in New York in 1979," said Albert Hamrah and Mary Scarfone of Middletown, Conn. "We were lucky as he stopped his car in front of us, and we saw him for 10 minutes. It sent chills up our spines. That's what it was like tonight. He conveys this warmth, a feeling you can't believe."

People began to line the boulevard from SE 2nd Avenue and 4th Street to NE 37th Street at noon. Some waited up to eight hours for the Holy Father's arrival, but they didn't seem to mind the wait. Many spectators raced down the street trying to follow the pontiff along the parade route.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime event," said Fred and Maria Ferrer of Our Lady of Divine Providence in Miami. "This is part of history, and people become very enthused when they see



"See how Miami loves you, your holiness," Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy told Pope John Paul II as they made their way down Biscayne Boulevard greeting thousands. (Pool Photo)

**'People need to witness the affection and love the Pope expresses'**

Father James Hoge

the Pope."

Carmen Padron and her daughter, also Carmen, were wearing identical T-shirts welcoming Pope John Paul II. As the 'popemobile' came in sight, they literally jumped up and down in joy, hugging each other.

"I can't believe it; he's so beautiful!" the two St. Michael the Archangel parishioners said. "We wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Maria Ferrer was born in Cuba. A 20-year resident of Miami, she joined hundreds of Cuban-Americans who waved Cuban flags in honor of the Pope.

It was a sea of Cuban and Vatican flags, Pope banners, T-shirts, buttons and signs along the entire parade path. William Swink of St. Raymond's Church in Miami, and Lister Witherspoon IV, a member of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild, proudly displayed a banner from the St. Vincent De Paul Society which greeted the Holy Father on his way toward Bicentennial Park.



11-month-old George Naya and his sister Cristina Fernandez, 8, cheerfully await Pope's arrival. (Voice Photo/A.Rodriguez-Soto)

He's the only Pope I got, and I'm proud of him," Witherspoon said. "My friend said 'you hold one end of the banner, and I promise you'll get VIP treatment at the Mass tomorrow.' So, I'll be sitting in pod number one, up front close to the Pope. I think his visit here is fantastic."

Jean Willis LaJeune of Haitian descent saw the crowds lining the streets, so he joined-in to see the Pope. Near LaJeune were Father James Hoge, OSB, of St. Benedict's in Crystal River, FL, and Father Edward J. Sullivan of St. Thomas University.

"This is great," Father Hoge said. "It's something America needs to see. We're in the shade sometimes, and people need to witness the affection and love the Pope expresses."

Cliff Murphy of Gesu Church, the oldest church in Miami, rode his bicycle to the parade to see the Holy Father. "It was an extraordinary day," Murphy said. "It was spiritual and a tremendous communal retreat. We're all tremendously excited and should thank the people and the Archdiocese of Miami for the daily Masses, prayers and preparation for this event. This meant so much to South Florida."

Not even a stalled automobile could stop West Palm Beach's Ireneusz Baska, his son, Slawomir, and friend Wieslaw Wojtas from getting to the Papal parade. Originally from Poland, the trio, in spite of the auto mishap, enjoyed the day immensely.

"I lived in Poland for 31 years," Ireneusz Baska said. "We've seen him many times, even when he was a Cardinal in Krakow."

"Of course, when we heard he was coming, we were going to see him. And here we are to see our Pope."

The Escamilla Carillo family came all the way from Merida, Yucatan in Mexico to see Pope John Paul. Since they couldn't go to Rome, coming to Miami to see him was a very logical alternative, they said. It had been a life-long dream for Manuel, 76, and his wife Nidia, 67.

"I am so pleased to have seen him," said Nidia. "It has been a blessing from God."

"Divino, bello," said Carmen Moguel de Mendicuti, who traveled with the Escamillas. "It was definitely worth it (to come from Mexico), just from the feeling I got when I saw him."



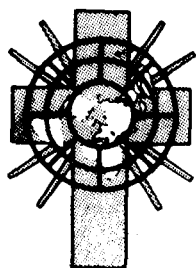
Parade goer proudly displays Polish Solidarity banner for Pope to see. (Pool Photo)

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# Pope: Dissenters a minority in U.S. Church...

By Agostino Bono

ON THE PAPAL FLIGHT TO MIAMI (NC) — Dissent from church teachings among American Catholics is a "serious problem," but not the majority view, said Pope John Paul II at the beginning of his U.S. visit.

There are "some persons" who differ with doctrine, but there is also "the great silent majority that is faithful," he told journalists aboard the papal flight to Miami.

The pope said that to be a good Catholic is to follow "the teaching of our Lord expressed through the church" which is a "theocratic" institution.

The pope also said homosexuals, especially AIDS victims, are not "outcasts" and their place is "in the heart of the church" along with other suffering people.

But it is impossible to say if AIDS, a sexually transmitted disease, is God's punishment for homosexuals, he added.

"It's not easy to know the intentions of God," the pope said. "He is justice. He is mercy. And he is love."

The pope noted that he plans to see AIDS victims in San Francisco.

"The church is doing all that is possible to heal and especially prevent the moral background of this disease," he said. Gay sex, promiscuity among heterosexuals and drug abuse are seen as the leading causes of the fatal disease of the immune system.

Regarding dissent from church teachings, the pope said, "of course it is a serious problem."

"But the other question is if that is the dissent of many, many faithful people or... the dissent of some very pronounced theologians or publishers,

writers, and perhaps journalists," he said.

The pope answered "don't exaggerate" when asked if the U.S. church

is headed for a schism.

## 'Silent majority'

During his Sept. 10-19 trip, the pope

said he plans "speaking to the great silent majority that is faithful and also speaking to those who are dissenting."

Catholics who believe they can violate church teachings and still be good Catholics are mistaken because "it is necessary to follow the teaching of our Lord expressed through the church," he added.

Various surveys have shown that many U.S. Catholics disagree with church teachings regarding such issues as birth control, abortion, divorce, married priests and women priests.

Of possible demonstrations against his policies, the pope said, "I am used to that."

"It would be not quite normal n having them, especially in the United States," he said.

"I am convinced that the American church is a good church, a very good church" with "so many wonderful aspects," he said.

The pope dismissed calls for more democracy in the church.

"The Catholic Church is not a democratic institution. It's an institution governed by Jesus Christ, a theocratic one," he said.

"It is difficult to make a comparison between the Catholic Church and her structures and a democratic state," he added.

## Comes to listen

The pope said he plans to listen to Americans during the trip as part of his ongoing process of studying the U.S. church.

"I'm listening on so many occasions, meeting the people from America, reading books or the papers, or meeting the bishops and priests," he said.

## Pope John Paul II speaks:

### ON DISSENT IN U.S. CHURCH

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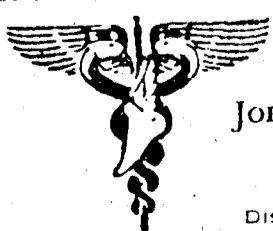
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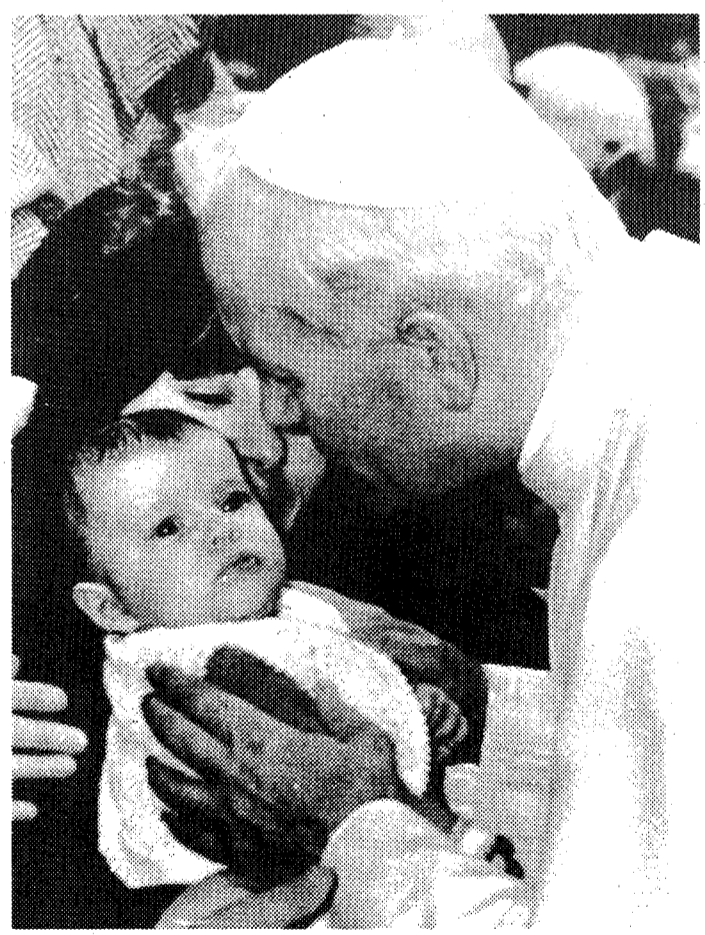
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# ...women should look to Mary, not priesthood

For the first time in public, the pope also defended his controversial June 25 meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

"He came as a president, democratically elected, of a people," he said. "It's necessary to show the same appreciation, the same esteem for every people."

The meeting was criticized by many Jewish groups which alleged that Waldheim was involved with Nazi war crimes as an officer in the German army during World War II. Waldheim has denied the accusations.

Because of the Waldheim affair, some Jewish groups threatened to boycott the meeting with the pope in Miami. But the meeting was salvaged

after two days of talks between U.S. Jewish leaders and the pope and Vatican officials before the visit.

### Women priests

When asked whether the church should allow women priests, the pope said supporters of women's ordination should read the last chapter of the Second Vatican Council's "Constitution on the Church" which speaks of the role of Mary, the mother of God.

The document casts Mary as the "exemplar both of virgin and mother" and a model for the church, but does not speak specifically of women and ordination.

In the past the pope has said that Mary is the prototype of Catholic

womanhood, yet Christ did not ordain her a priest.

The pope also said he plans to raise the issue of capital punishment with U.S. authorities, especially regarding the case of Paula Cooper, an 18-year-old on Indiana's Death Row for the 1985 murder of her 78-year-old Bible teacher.

Cooper, who is not Catholic, had written Pope John Paul for help in getting her sentence commuted. The pope said capital punishment is an important issue but he did not elaborate.

Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls later declined to say if the pope would try to convince authorities to lift Miss Cooper's death penalty.

In 1983, he appealed unsuccessfully for clemency in the case of Robert Sullivan, a convicted murderer who was executed in Florida two days after the papal appeal.

At international meetings, the Vatican has opposed the concept of capital punishment.

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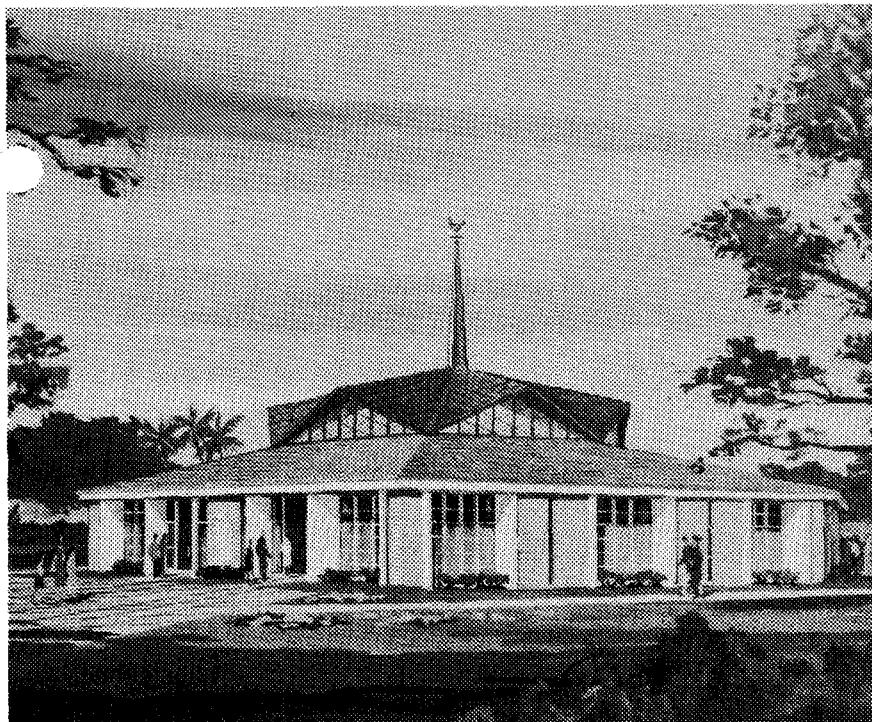
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## Jewish artist donated watercolors for Papal programs

Inge S. Houston  
Voice Staff Writer

A Jewish artist, described by some as "probably the prime watercolor artist in this country," donated three months of work and the reproduction rights for watercolors that decorated all the programs and VIP tickets used during Pope John Paul II's visit to Miami.

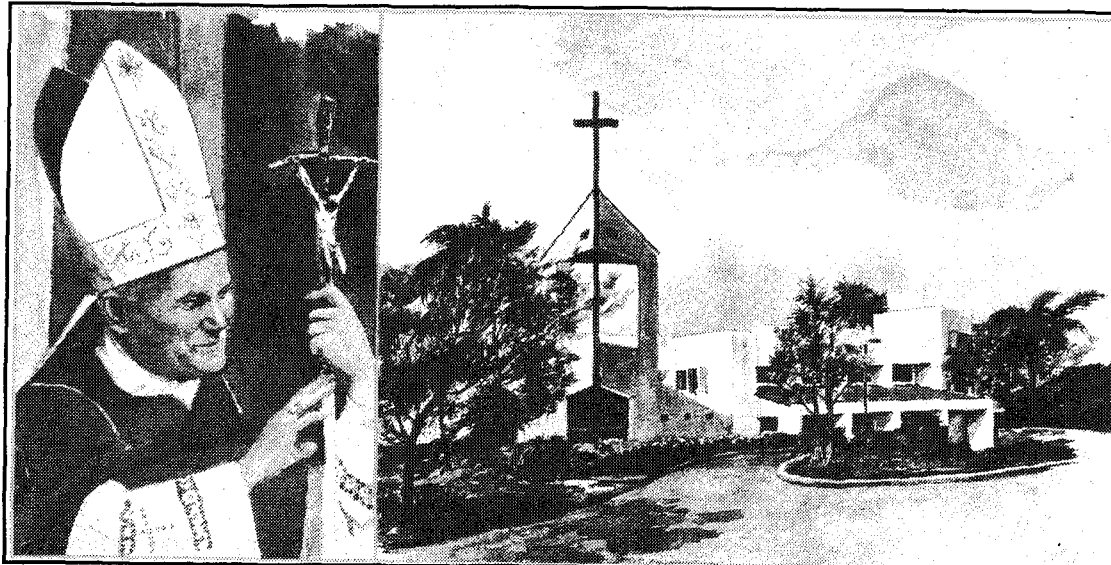
James Seeman, 73, spent three months working on sketches and watercolors of Pope John Paul and each of the sites he visited: St. Mary Cathedral, the Pastoral Center, Viscaya, the Dade County Cultural Center, and the Mass site. He also donated a painting of the Miami skyline.

Although he concentrated all his efforts on this project during that time, Seeman said he was honored to do it.

"A painter is happy when he can paint," he said, "as long as he can enjoy what he paints."

Well known for his paintings of historical landmarks, the former owner of James Seeman Studios said he was proud to donate his work when he was approached by the Archdiocese of Miami.

"I'm a great admirer of His



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Holiness," Seeman said. "I felt he'd done so much good that when I was asked I was proud to do it."

Seeman was introduced to the Pope at Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy's house on the night of his arrival in Miami, and called it the "experience of a lifetime."

"The Holy Father gave me a very

warm handshake," Seeman said. "He said he appreciated what I did."

Until his retirement, Seeman said he painted murals which were screenprinted on wallpaper and sold all over the world. He now resides in New York during the summer and in South Florida during the winter months.

But even after retirement, Seeman

continues to paint full-time. One of his latest projects was commissioned by Florida Secretary of State George Firestone. Seeman painted historical landmarks from the Florida east coast which were exhibited all over Florida, the last time at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach. He has also painted murals for Barnett Bank recently.

## Father Rizzo dies at age 42

DEERFIELD BEACH - A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Ambrose Church, for Father Edward Rizzo, who died in Key West on Monday.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the principal celebrant of the Mass for the 42-year-old New York City native, who had been serving since June as an associate at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church.

Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, who ordained Father Rizzo on Dec. 7, 1974 in Bayonne, N.J., for

the Diocese of Brownsville, will preach the homily.

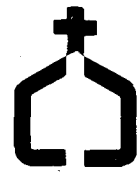
Before coming to South Florida in November, 1986, Father Rizzo had served in parishes and schools in the Diocese of Brownsville and the Archdiocese of New York.

During his first eight months in the Archdiocese of Miami he was an associate pastor at St. Ambrose Church.

Father Rizzo is survived by a sister, Mrs. Geraldine Coppala, and a nephew, Louis Coppala, both of Boca Raton.

Burial will be in New York City.

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When you release a bird, it immediately flies away, right? Not if the bird isn't particularly in the mood. St. Agatha school children learned the day before the Pope's visit. After students performed songs and displayed banners welcoming the Pope (St. Agatha is across the street from the Tamiami Mass site) they formed a circle and released doves, symbolizing Pope John Paul II's mission of peace. Many, however, landed on the ground or on cars and trees. After a moment of doubt the little girl above is able to get her dove airborne.

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## Come together, stand up for God's values

Following is the end of Pope John Paul II's homily at Tamiami Park, which was interrupted by the thunderstorm

...The work of building up the Body of Christ rests upon all of us in the Church. Certainly there is a vital need today for evangelization. And it takes a variety of forms. There are many ways to serve the Gospel. Despite scientific and technological progress, which truly reflects a form of human cooperation in the creative work of God, faith is challenged and even directly opposed by ideologies and life styles which acknowledge neither God nor the moral law.

Basic human and Christian values are challenged by crime, violence and terrorism. Honesty and justice in business and public life are often violated. Throughout the world great sums are spent on armaments while millions of poor people struggle for the basic necessities of life. Alcohol and drug abuse take a heavy toll on individuals and on society.

The commercial exploitation of sex through pornography offends human dignity and endangers the future of young people. Family life is subjected to powerful pressures as fornication, adultery, divorce and contraception are wrongly regarded as acceptable by many. The unborn are cruelly killed and the lives of the elderly are in serious danger from a mentality that would open the door wide to euthanasia.

In the face of all this, however,

faithful Christians must not be discouraged, nor can they conform to the spirit of the world. Instead, they are called upon to acknowledge the supremacy of God and his law, to raise their voices and join their efforts on behalf of moral values, to offer

with God, among yourselves and between different races and cultures.

In this context too I remind you of Christ's promise in today's Gospel, namely, that when all of us truly listen to his voice, "there shall be one flock then, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16).

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society the example of their own upright conduct, and to help those in need. Christians are called to act with the serene conviction that grace is more powerful than sin because of the victory of Christ's Cross.

An important part of the mission of evangelization is the task of reconciliation. God "has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5:18). For this reason, I am happy that in preparation for my visit to the United States you have made special efforts to promote reconciliation — reconciliation

Deeply conscious of the truth as it is presented to us in this liturgy by the word of God, let us exclaim once again with the Psalmist: "God be gracious to us and bless us, may the light of your face shine upon us" (Ps 66/67:2).

Who is this God to whom our prayer is addressed? Who is this God whom our community proclaims and to whom our hearts speak? Let us listen once again to the words of the prophet Zephaniah: "Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your god, is in your midst, a mighty

savior" (Zeph 3:16-17).  
The Mighty One!

It is he whom we invoke here, in this land, which in so many ways manifests the strengths and achievements of humanity, of human genius, of intellect, of knowledge and science, of technology and progress.

Who is this God? Once again as repeat: the Mighty One!

He alone is the Mighty One!

He who is! (cf. Ex 3:14).

He in whom "we live and move and have our being!" (Acts 17:28).

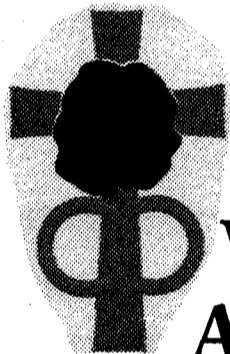
"The Alpha and the Omega!" (Rev. 1:8).

He alone is the Mighty One! Because he alone is Love.

Here in this land, in this culture of the most advanced progress and affluence, is not the human person at times insecure and confused about the ultimate meaning of existence — the ultimate meaning of life? Is not the human person at times very far from Love?

Yet only Love saves, and God is Love!

O God of love, O God who saves, "may the light of your face shine upon us!" (Ps 66/67:2) Amen.



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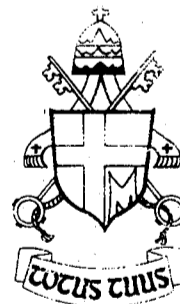
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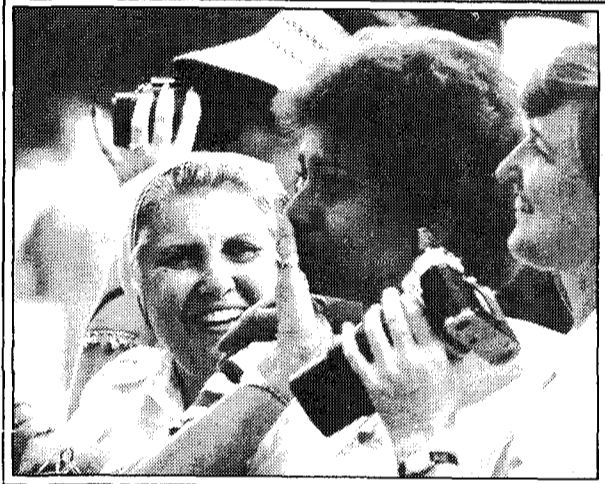
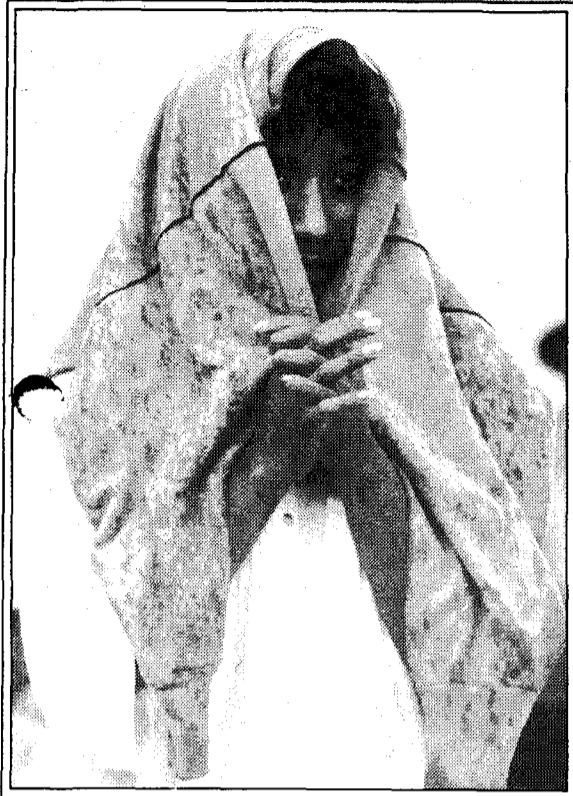


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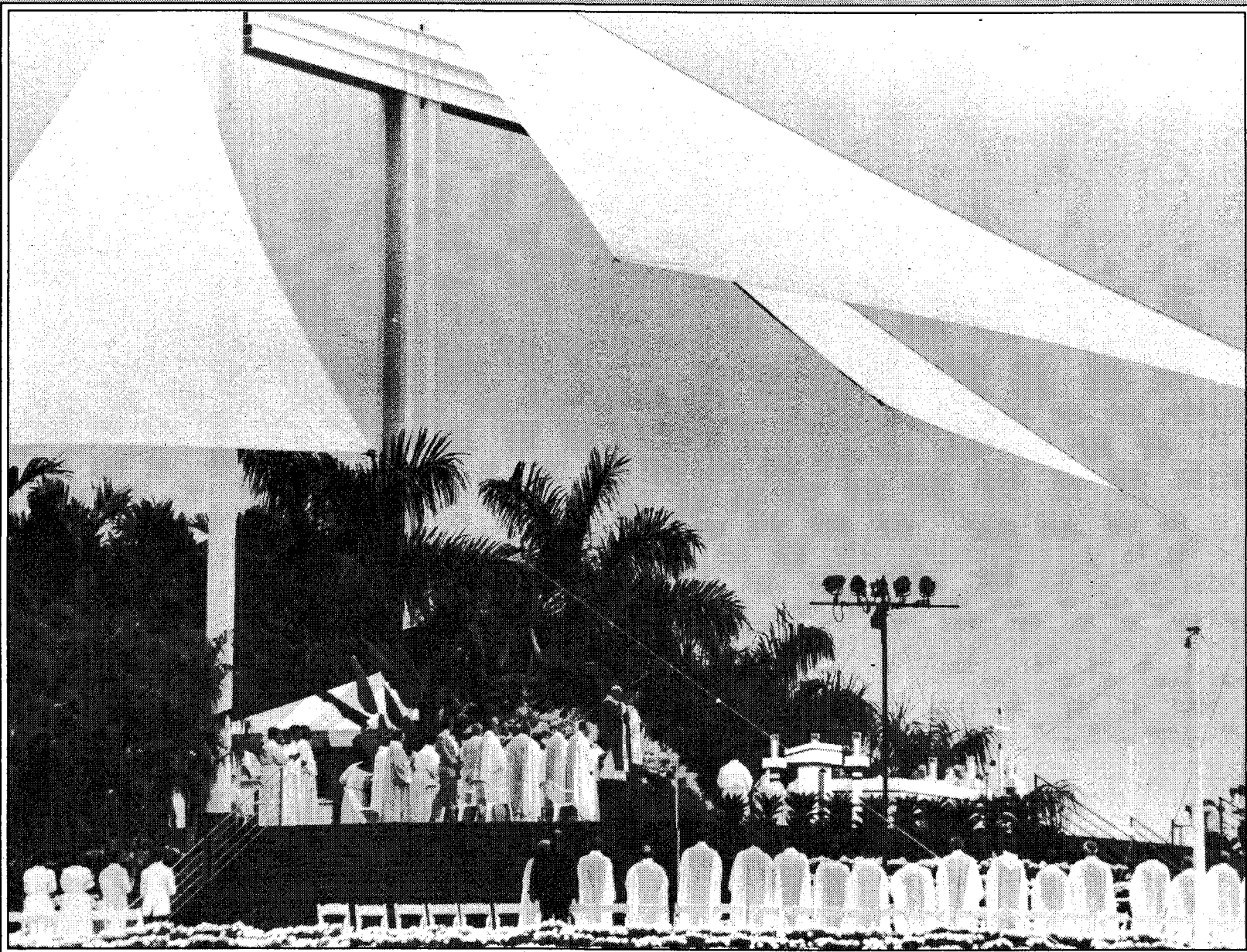
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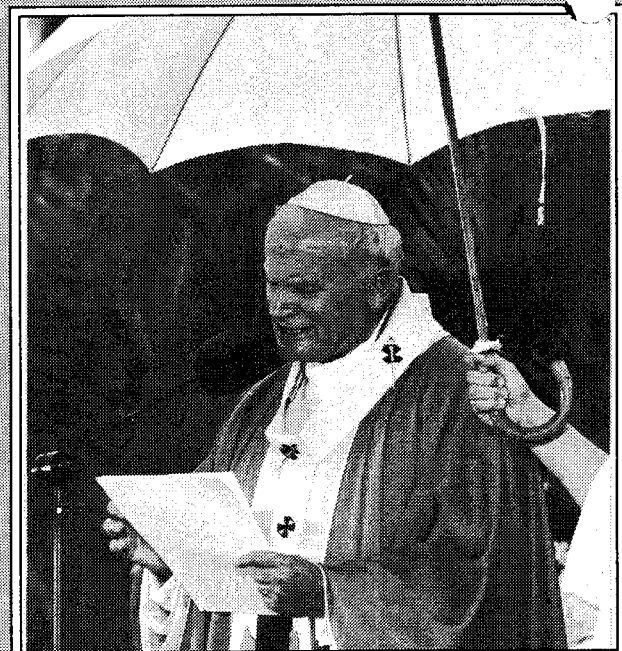
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Pope tells bishops

# Dissent can curb sacraments

Also discusses women, vocations, sexual issues

By Jerry Filteau

LOS ANGELES (NC) — Pope John Paul II, speaking to the nation's bishops Sept. 16, said it is a "grave error" to think that an individual's dissent from church teachings "poses no obstacles to the reception of the sacrament."

The pontiff specifically cited dissent on "sexual and conjugal morality, divorce and remarriage... (and) abortion."

"It is sometimes claimed," the pope said, "that dissent from the magisterium (church teaching authority) is totally compatible with being a 'good Catholic' and poses no obstacle to the reception of the sacraments. This is a grave error that challenges the

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teaching office of the bishops of the United States and elsewhere."

He urged the prelates to dialogue with theologians "to show the inacceptability of dissent and confrontation as a policy and method in the area of church teaching."

In his morning meeting with the U.S. bishops, the pope also called on them to:

- Get more involved in their Catholic colleges and universities "to safeguard and promote their Catholic character."
- "Present as effectively as possible" the church's teachings against artificial contraception.

- Continue their "exceptional commitment and constancy" in fighting abortion.

- Promote the advancement of women but maintain the church's "quite clear" teaching that "women are not called to the priesthood."

- Work harder for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and resist the "prophets of doom" who say vocations won't come until church rules on priesthood are relaxed.

- Maintain church discipline restricting "the use of general absolution" as a substitute for individual confession.

- Uphold the church's "unpopular" teaching on homosexual activity "in the pastoral care that you give to homosexual persons."

- Respect the primary "right and duty of parents" in any sex education programs.

Pope John Paul also quoted his predecessor Pope Paul VI at some length in supporting the efforts of the U.S. bishops to maintain a consistent ethic of life and "oppose whatever wounds, weakens or dishonors human life."

He strongly praised efforts in U.S. dioceses to teach and promote natural family planning and urged every bishop to give such programs their personal "interest and support" in their own dioceses.

### Cultural values?

While acknowledging that U.S. Catholics are among the most educated laity in the world, he asked whether they are using their ability "to exercise great influence upon American culture."

The pope's long prayer-and-dialogue session with about 300 of the almost 400 U.S. bishops was held at Our Lady of the Queen of the Angels high school seminary in San Fernando, a small city



"T" TIME — Reginald Smith holds up a just-finished T-shirt for inspection at Neighborhood Artisan, a job-training shop in Detroit's inner city. Unlike most souvenir items being manufactured for the pope's visit to the United States, money raised by Neighborhood Artisans will benefit the city's unemployed. (NC photo by Dwight Cendrowski)

within the city of Los Angeles.

While the meeting was closed to the press and the public, all the texts from it were released to the thousands of journalists gathered in Los Angeles to cover the pope's two-day visit.

Although his comments on dissent and other controversies in the U.S. Catholic Church were sharply pointed, the pontiff did not criticize the bishops themselves. Rather, he repeatedly praised existing programs or efforts that the bishops are engaged in.

He thanked the bishops for their efforts against abortion and on behalf of human life, for their dialogue efforts

with theologians, for their dialogue with men and women Religious, for their dedication to promoting peace, justice and missionary work, and for their "many zealous and generous efforts to provide pastoral care to families."

Before he spoke, Pope John Paul listened to four representatives of the U.S. hierarchy addressing specific concerns in the U.S. church.

### Bishops speak

The representatives — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago and

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## What Pope did at other cities

WASHINGTON (NC) — Here at a glance are highlights of Pope John Paul II's second pastoral visit to the United States:

### COLUMBIA, S.C. (Sept. 11)

- Meeting with leaders from other Christian denominations, Pope John Paul praises ecumenical progress despite doctrinal differences. The non-Catholic leaders in a statement emphasize the pluralism of churches in the United States.

- At an ecumenical service for 60,000 the pope urges American families to retain fundamental values.

### NEW ORLEANS (Sept. 12)

- The pope embraces black Catholic leaders and tells an audience of black Catholics their heritage "enriches the church." He also says black Americans "suffer a disproportionate share of economic deprivation."

- Meeting with Catholic educators he praises the Catholic system's education of poor and minority students and children from broken homes. He warns Catholic university teachers that theological research should not stray from doctrine.

- In a Mass homily, the pope challenges the view that the church lacks compassion by opposing divorce. Divorce and its "ready availability" are not merciful, he says, and often develop into bitter disputes over property and, "more tragically," children.

### SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (Sept. 13)

- At an outdoor Mass, the pope praises those who have assisted Central American refugees and calls for greater compassion toward all immigrants. He urges an increased use of the sacrament of penance.

- The pope gets a tumultuous welcome from seminarians and tells them to embrace celibacy even though "this sacrifice is difficult because of our human nature."

- Delivering his only scheduled all-Spanish address, he tells Hispanics they must be "no less zealous" in evangelization and Christian service than the Spanish missionaries who first evangelized the continent.

### PHOENIX, ARIZ. (Sept. 14)

- The church blundered in its initial contacts with Native Americans and contributed to their oppression by European colonizers, said Pope John Paul

II. "The cultural oppression, the injustices, the disruption of your life and of your traditional societies must be acknowledged," he said. But the church also has historically defended Native American dignity and regards Native American culture as enriching the Catholic Church, he said. The pope also participated in a smoke blessing, a traditional ceremony in which a feather passed repeatedly through smoke was used.

The Pope has not endorsed the sanctuary movement "nor did he encourage violation of the civil laws" to aid illegal aliens, said Joaquin Navarro-Valls, papal press spokesman. Navarro-Valls issued a one-paragraph statement after being asked if papal remarks the day before in San Antonio, Texas, were an approval of the movement which provides shelter and transportation for illegal aliens, mostly from Latin America. "The Holy Father addressed the phenomenon of undocumented immigration on the moral, not legal, level," said Navarro-Valls. "While expressing compassion for undocumented aliens and admiration for those who seek to aid them, he did not endorse any specific movement or group," he added.

- The pope tells 16,000 Native Americans that the church blundered in its initial contacts with their ancestors.

- He emphasizes the church's health care ministry by visiting a Catholic hospital pediatrics ward, speaking to Catholic health care leaders and administering the sacrament of anointing of the sick at a Mass. He tells the Catholic health leaders they must show compassion for victims of AIDS and be wary of biomedical assaults on the dignity of human life.

- Speaking from the balcony of St. Mary's Basilica, he notes the economic growth of the Southwest and urges Arizonans who enjoy a high standard of living to help the poor.

### LOS ANGELES (Sept. 15)

- The pope appeals to communicators to use the mass media to improve the quality of life and avoid the temptation to "promote what is debased in people."

- He participates in a teleconference with youths in Los Angeles, Denver, Portland and St. Louis. He tells them that atheism is "one of the greatest problems of our time" and says hope is the antidote to the despair spawned by lack of faith.

- At a welcoming ceremony at St. Vibiana's Cathedral the pope says living Christian moral values is difficult today because of "peer pressure that is indifferent, if not hostile, to Christian morality."

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSIONING:**

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**Parish Social Ministry conference Oct. 3**

Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T. (Trinitarian), author on subject of parish renewal, 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.

The conference is open to all, especially to volunteers participating in Parish Community Service. For further details contact the Parish Community Service Office at 754-2444 in Dade or 522-2513 in Broward. There is a \$5 fee.

**It's a Date**

The South Dade Deanery is sponsoring a Day of Recollection on Oct. 1st at the Dominican Retreat House. Registration is at 9 a.m.

The Dominican Retreat House will be the location for a weekend retreat for women on Oct. 30- Nov. 1. For further info/reservations contact the Retreat House at 238-2711.

St. Augustine Ladies Guild will host a flea market at the church auditorium at 1400 Miller Road in Coral Gables Sept. 26-27 from 10 a.m. to 4 .

The Catholic Widowers Club of Hollywood will hold its monthly meeting on Oct. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Nativity Parish Hall, 700 Chaminade Drive, Hollywood, Florida. Music and dancing. "White Elephant Sale" after dinner. Guests: \$5. Any further info

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The North Dade Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will hold a meeting-social at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 at Visitation Church Social Hall, 100 N.E. 191st St. (near N. Miami Ave.) Miami. All faiths welcome. Call 652-0477 or 652-7847.

Immaculate Conception at 4600 E. 1st Ave. in Hialeah will host a youth rally (Theme: Jesus loves you) on Oct. 10. \$3 for lunch or bring your own. Music, discussion, games.

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**5 A Novenas**

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems. Who light all roads so I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusion I wish to be with you in eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Publication promised. C.A.

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# Pope, on theologians and women

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Archbishops John R. Quinn of San Francisco, Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee and Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati — and their topics were chosen through a poll of the country's bishops earlier this year. Their texts had been sent to the Vatican beforehand so the pope could respond.

Archbishop Quinn spoke on the church's moral teachings, and it was in response to that address that Pope John Paul denounced widespread views on dissent from church teachings.

He noted reports "that a large number of Catholics today do not adhere to" or "are selective in their adherence to" church moral teachings. But he said it is wrong to think that dissent poses no obstacle to Catholic participation in the sacraments.

The church, the pope said, "is a community of faith. To accept faith is to give assent to the word of God as transmitted by the church's authentic magisterium."

## Dissent not equal

For Catholics, "theological discussion takes place within the framework of faith," he added, and theological dissent "may not be proposed or received on an equal footing with the church's authentic teaching" or "proposed as a basis for pastoral practice."

He praised the bishops for engaging in dialogue with theologians over "the legitimate freedom of inquiry which is their right," but he said that dialogue should show "in particular... the inacceptability of dissent" as a theological approach.

Noting that Archbishop Quinn had referred to the need for conversion of both mind and heart in the faith life of people, Pope John Paul said that "throughout the length and breadth of the church there is need today for a new effort of evangelization and catechesis directed to the mind," especially in forming young people to be Catholic "in terms of doctrine and thought."

"Here the Catholic press can make a magnificent contribution to raising the general level of Catholic thought and culture," the pontiff added.

He urged the involvement of bishops in assuring sound teaching in Catholic seminaries and colleges and universities as well.

## On women

Archbishop Weakland spoke to the pope on Catholic laity in the United States, with special reference to women, and told the pope that there are more well-educated Catholics in the United States than in any other country in the world.

The pope responded that such a "major achievement" resulting from decades of work "offers great promise and potential." But he asked whether American Catholics are using their talents and skills to build a culture "influenced by the Gospel."

That area he particularly encouraged the bishops' work to promote family values and a comprehensive ethic of human life and human dignity "to proclaim in practice that all aspects of human life are sacred."

In discussing "the advancement of women," Pope John Paul said that "the aim of all the church's efforts on behalf of women" is "to promote their human dignity."

He said that "the personal dignity of women as women — a dignity equal to that of men's dignity" — must be affirmed "even before consideration is given to any of the special and exalted roles fulfilled by women as wives, mothers or consecrated women."

All church consideration of women must be based on "two firm principles: the equal human dignity of women and their true feminine humanity," the pope said.

He then reaffirmed the Catholic Church's position that "women are not

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"Although the teaching of the church on this point is quite clear," he continued, "it in no way alters the fact that women are indeed an essential part of the Gospel plan to spread the good news of the kingdom. And the church is irrevocably committed to this truth."

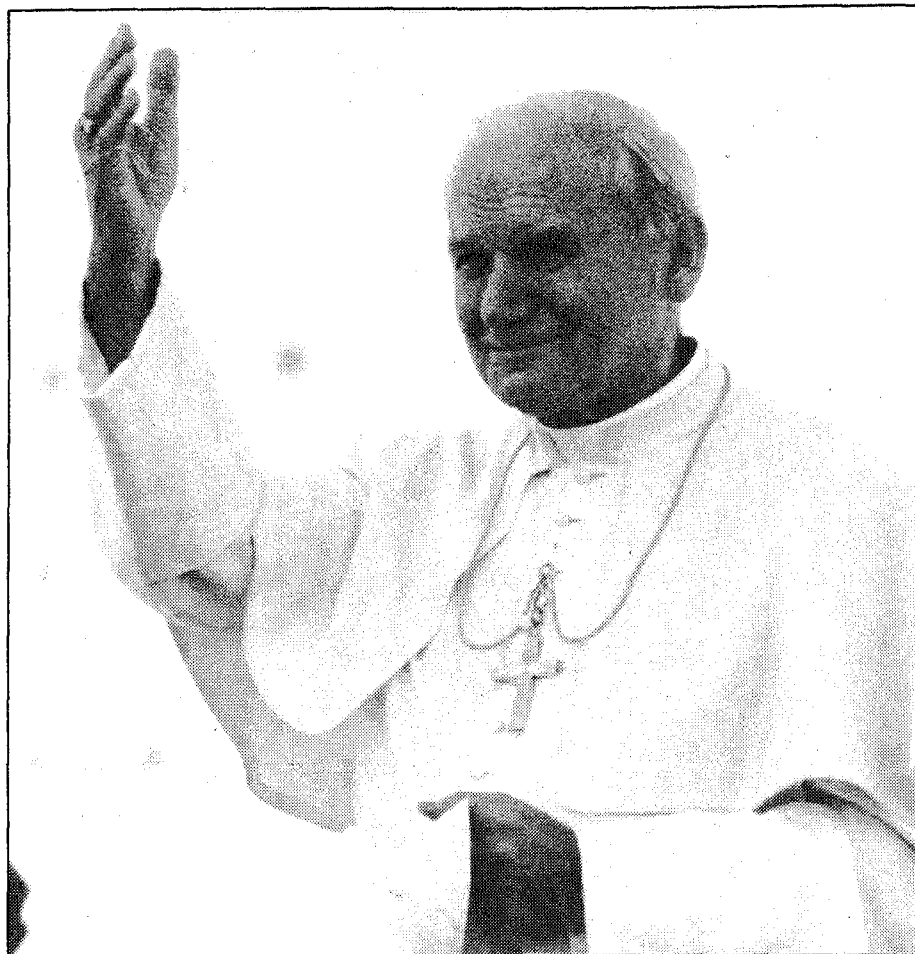
## On vocations

On vocations, the topic addressed by Archbishop Pilarczyk, Pope John Paul

with priests in Miami, the pope stressed the need to pray for priestly and religious vocations and actively recruit them.

The pope made no explicit mention of sentiment among some U.S. Catholics for resolving the clergy shortage through relaxed rules on priestly celibacy or women priests or by returning married priests to active ministry.

That seemed to be the point of reference, however, when he said that



said that while there are "encouraging" signs of "more active participation of the laity in the mission of the church," people must see lay ministry and priestly ministry as complementary, not in opposition to one another.

As he had six days earlier in talking

on the one hand the church must use "prudence and pastoral realism" in assessing the situation, but "at the same time we know that today, as always, there are 'prophets of doom.' We must resist them in their pessimism, and continue in our efforts to promote



Security was so tight at every point of the Pope's visit that observers had to resort to ingenious means to see the pontiff as in this case where a hand-held TV helps show what is going on up front.

vocations."

"The basis of our hope" in looking at the prospect of future vocations, he said, "is the power of Christ's paschal mystery... He is strong enough to attract young men even today" to the priesthood.

Cardinal Bernardin spoke on the relationship between local churches and the universal church, discussing unity within the church and the idea of the church as a communion of God's people.

Pope John Paul called the idea of communion "extremely important" and "the best framework for our conversation." He took that topic as the basis for discussing the unity of all local churches "in full communion with the successor of Peter."

The universal church, he said, is a mystery and "cannot be conceived as the sum of the particular churches, or as a federation of particular churches."

## Sexual issues

Near the end of his 23-page talk, Pope John Paul broke from the structure of responding to the four papers and briefly took up issues of general absolution, sex education and pastoral care of homosexual persons.

He singled out for praise a passage from a joint pastoral issued last April by the bishops of California, in which the bishops said, "The recovery of the virtue of chastity may be one of the most urgent needs of contemporary society."

The pastoral, titled "A Call to Compassion," was mainly a plea for sensitive, non-judgmental spiritual and physical care for those who suffer from acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

## Pope tales

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ciation before going out to greet the many Haitians gathered outside on the lawn.

Similarly, early Friday morning, the Pope wanted help with the Creole part of the sermon he would give at the Tamiami Park Mass. Father Navarro had to think quickly, because there was not a Haitian to be found inside the Archbishop's residence.

"Luckily," recalled the Archbishop, one of the hospitality volunteers outside the house was Haitian, and he was quickly escorted inside.

Which goes to show that getting a private audience with the Pope has nothing to do with clout — and everything to do with being in the right place at the right time.

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The first thing Pope John Paul II did when he walked into Archbishop McCarthy's house Thursday evening was pray before the statue of Our Lady of Charity, patroness of Cuba.

Even though it was 3 a.m. his time, "he knelt there for a lengthy period," said the Archbishop. Then he rose the next morning at 5:30 a.m., "before any of us," and spent a full hour in prayer at the chapel, including making the Stations of the Cross which line a hallway of the Archbishop's residence.

"He impresses you as a man of really a profound, deep faith," said Archbishop McCarthy.

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Did the Pope notice all those Cuban flags waving as he passed? You bet, said Archbishop McCarthy.

He had repeatedly told the Pope that 80 percent of Miami's Catholics were Hispanics, most of them Cubans, but "he really didn't comprehend that until he saw the people."

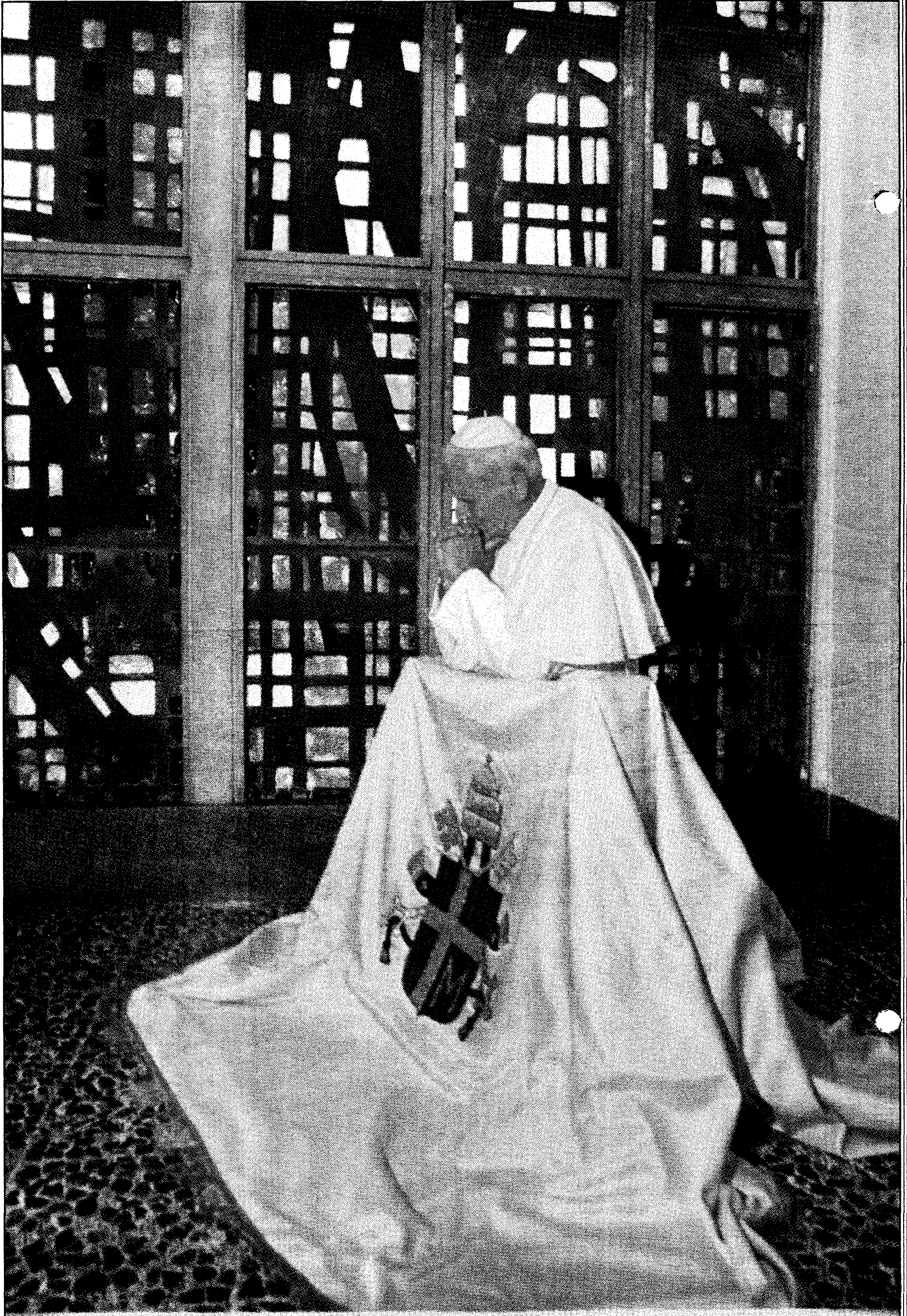
In fact, at one point, having noticed a number of red-and-white "Solidarnosc" (Solidarity) banners in the crowds, the Pope commented that "Cubans can write Polish very well."

—A. Rodriguez-Soto

*'The Lord bless you and keep you!  
'The Lord let his face shine upon you and keep you!  
'The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace'  
(Nm. 6:24-26)*

*'God bless America!'*

*--Pope John Paul II*



Pope John Paul prays in Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St. Mary Cathedral.

Pool photo