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Urge Cooperation

Churchmen Hail Signing Of Civil Rights Measure

Religious leaders, hailing signing of the civil rights bill into law, stressed that it is up to all Americans to make it work.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles said he was "happy that the elected representatives of the people have kept faith with the constitution of the

United States and the benign spirit of Abraham Lincoln."

"We are confident that the provisions of this new law will be accepted and obeyed with docility, understanding and Christian love," Cardinal McIntyre said.

HE CALLED THE rights act "a

concrete expression of the conscience of all men of good will" and added: "The formation of that conscience of all men has been the concern and the work of the Church for many long years. To this end, she has labored by precept and example to instill in men's hearts those lessons of human dignity and human equality which flow from Christ's teachings."

The cardinal said it was an "additional reason to rejoice" at the bill's enactment that "its provisions reflect the healthy climate of racial justice which prevails here in our state and in our archdiocese."

"THE PEOPLE of Los Angeles have supplied a living example of those moral principles which are now enshrined in the law of our land," Cardinal McIntyre said.

Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington said the Civil Rights See Churchmen Hail, page 2A

Civil Rights Statement

Of The

North Carolina Council On Religion and Race

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is now a law of our United States. About it President Lyndon Johnson said: "No single act of Congress can, by itself, eliminate discrimination and prejudice, hatred and injustice; but this bill goes further to invest the rights of man with the protection of law than any legislation in this century."

Since this is true, we recognize that it is now the responsibility of all people in the Judeo-Christian tradition to prove that they are our nation's best citizens. Therefore, we pledge ourselves and urge all religious people to do two things:

First, we call upon the God-fearing people of North Carolina to find the ways and means of implementing the provisions of the Civil Rights Act in our state so that injustice in voting, in the use of public accommodations and facilities, in public education, and in employment may be eliminated from every place.

Secondly, recognizing that more than civil law will be needed as the Civil Rights Act is implemented, we call upon the people of God in North Carolina to follow divine law in applying the religious principles of justice and love so that hatred and prejudice may be eliminated from every heart.

In North Carolina we have a tradition of being "good neighbors." Therefore, let each of us continue to practice the biblical command to love our neighbors as ourselves.

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Bolivian Prelate Raps Report by LOOK Magazine

Paterson, N.J. — (NC) — An auxiliary bishop of La Paz, Bolivia, has described as false a U.S. magazine's report that some leading Catholics are acquiescing in an unpublicized birth control drive in Latin America.

Bishop Gennaro Prata, S.D.B., who was residing at Blessed Sacrament parish rectory during a visit, strongly denied the allegation.

The 41-year-old Italian-born prelate was asked for comment on an article in Look magazine which alleged that "an unpublicized campaign for birth control is underway in Latin America with the acquiescence and measured support of key elements of the Roman Catholic Church."

He called the Look article "an insult to the intelligence of Latin America as well as impugning the integrity and loyalty of our priests."

"Furthermore," he said, "how far can one trust a journalist who will not reveal his sources? What priest could condone birth control because it is 'a lesser evil' than abortion? The author's logic defies description. An evil, even a lesser one, is not permitted."

The prelate, a member of the Salesians of St. John Bosco, stated that "if we have learned anything from the history of attempts to solve complex social problems by the simple expedient of birth control, we have learned that the country which decides on birth control has lost its vigor, is dying, if not already dead."

Bishop Prata said the article's implication that "our part of the world is dead or dying" is an insult. "We don't need fewer people — we need more people. We need immigration. We need people with skills and the technical knowledge to help us develop our natural resources."

OFFICIAL

The following clergy appointments are announced by the Most Reverend Ordinary through the Diocesan Chancery:

The Most Reverend Charles B. McLaughlin is appointed Director of Vocations.

The Reverend John A. Wall is appointed Assistant Director of Vocations.

James E. McSweeney
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Bishop Waters Will Bless Henderson Church Sunday

On Sunday, July 12th, a new Saint Paul's Church will be dedicated at Henderson, North Carolina. The Most Reverend Vincent Waters, D.D., will perform the dedicatory ceremony. The new and larger church is located at 1833 Oxford Road just west of the business district. The location is on 1/2 acres of land acquired in 1963 through the generously contributed council and work of the firm of Zollicoffer and Zollicoffer.

The Church of Saint Paul's in Henderson has experienced steady growth over the years, but its most recent advance was made possible by the Catholic Extension Society with a grant of \$10,000. Two other gifts were made possible through the influence of Bishop Waters. A gift of \$5,000 because of a matching fund of \$5,000 raised by the local parishioners. And finally a grant of \$15,000 from the American Bishop's Committee. The exceptional interest of our most reverend Bishop in assisting the present pastor has made possible a feasible financial program for our new parish and if the present support from our Saint Paul's Parishioners continues we should be

able to meet our payments on the additional funds used in the new churches construction.

The new church is of contemporary Swiss chalet inspired design and the plans were done by John Latimer of Durham. The contractor was George W. Kane. The church cost about \$50,000 and a new rectory about \$10,000. The seating capacity is about 225 including the choir loft. A handsome bronze tabernacle, four crab-or-chard stone altars, stations of the cross imported from Italy, velvet wall drapes and all lighting were special and beautiful gifts of special friends.

The history of Saint Paul's dates from 1906 when Father Thomas Price of Maryknoll fame purchased land on the corner of College and Montgomery Streets. The old church was completed in 1908. In 1924 the first Pastor, Father C.G. Lagle, was sent to Henderson and since then there have been about 21 resident pastors.

The general public has been invited to attend the dedication and many citizens of prominence and many distinguished clergy are expected.

A great boost to the life of the parish came when the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart took up residence here to teach and train parishioners in Christian Doctrine. Although these sisters have moved to Farmville and Statesville, North Carolina, they still come back each week to continue their wonderful and inspiring work. Another great help to the parish was the expansion and beautification of the old property from 1953 to 1958. However, the greatest help has been the steady growth in the number, quality, and loyalty of parishioners who have so generously supported the pastor in his programs.

Don't miss Mrs. Walter (Nancy) West's article on William Gaston, which appears on page 6 of the OUR SUNDAY VISITOR section of this issue.

Bishop Mussio Defines Parish Without Future

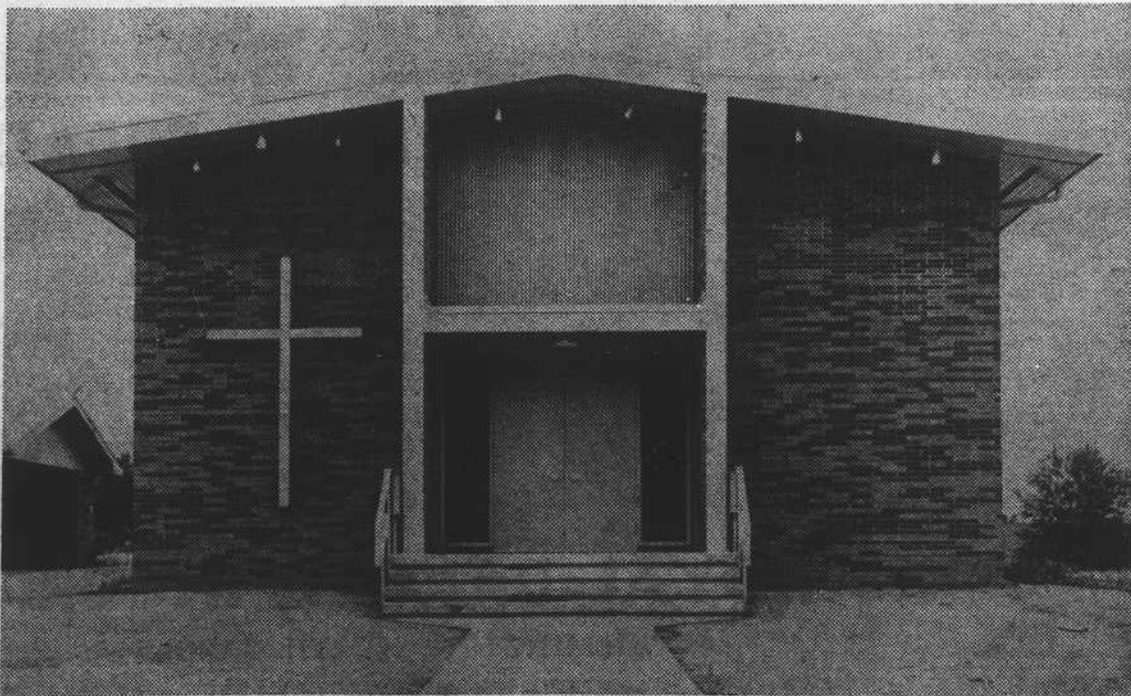
Amsterdam, Ohio — (NC)—The parish without a future today is the parish that lives in the past, Bishop John King Mussio of Steubenville, said here.

Speaking at the 50th anniversary celebration of St. Joseph's parish here, the bishop also made the following observations:

"A parish today must move, and parishioners must likewise move . . . when you find parishioners who are content to do nothing contribute to the new spirit of our time, you will find a parish that is slowly dying."

"Buildings for the sake of building, liturgical excitement simply for the novelty, embellishments simply to spend money, social programs just for the fun of it, highly organized groups for the sake of organization — all of these are the death of true parish life."

"The parish . . . must 'sell' itself to its people. The (Vatican) Council is perfecting that selling technique whereby the parish can become effective in making Christian truth highly desirable for a beautiful yet expectant public."



The New St. Paul's Church, Henderson, N.C.