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Rites for Catholics Killed in Rioting

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Saigon, Vietnam — (NC) — A poignant funeral for all six Catholics killed on Aug. 27 at the entrance to army headquarters was held Aug. 30 through miles of city streets after a Solemn Requiem Mass.

The Mass was celebrated in the church attended by refugees from North Vietnam in a working class district. Praying crowds had filled the church and annexes on Aug. 28 and 29.

DELEGATIONS CAME from other parishes, filling the church, yard and streets for the funeral. Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen, Ton Hoan, Interior Minister Gen. Lam Van Phat, both Catholics; a group of officers representing the armed forces headquarters, and a Buddhist bonze attended.

The enormous throng, orderly and reverent, carried the names of their parishes in white letters on black banners. A parish choir chanted the Latin funeral prayers. Sometimes the strains of beloved Vietnamese hymns rose from the slowly moving ranks.

VIETNAMESE soldiers and police were stationed, but not obtrusively along the route. Some of the soldiers saluted as the six

hearses, each carrying a flag-covered coffin and white-clad mourners, passed. (White is the mourning garb in Vietnam as in China.)

About 40 priests walked in the procession, mostly refugee priests from the north.

On each coffin was a framed photograph of the dead person, the youngest a girl of 16 and the oldest a man of 38. One was a non-commissioned officer in the armed forces. A woman of 33 must have been the mother of a family.

The crowds and the panoply did not quell the grief of the mourning families, still dazed by their sudden loss.

Chapel Hill School Plant Welcomes Public

CHAPEL HILL — Sisters of Notre Dame recently arrived at St. Thomas More Parish here to open the first four grades of the new parochial school will welcome visitors to the new school and convent on September 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. New St. Thomas More School is located on Highway 15 & 501 west of Raleigh Highway No. 54. Fr. Francis J. Murphy is pastor; school principal is Sister Jane Raphael.

Belmont Hosts 250 Young Xian Students

BELMONT — Over two-hundred-fifty Catholic high school boys and girls, their Chaplains and moderators from the deep and middle south gathered at Belmont Abbey, North Carolina, three days last week for the annual Study Week of the Southern Region Young Christian Students. Their purpose was to renew their spiritual and apostolic fervor, exchange ideas, compare techniques and map strategy for their apostolate in schools and parishes during the coming school year.

Their meetings and deliberations centered around the altar where they began each day with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in which they participated fully with hymns, dialogue, Offertory procession and the reception of Holy Communion. To make the Mass more meaningful the priest faced the delegates during the celebration and a commentator gave short explanations from time to time.

In order to provide inspiration and food for thought an outstanding group of speakers addressed the students during the week. Father Richard Madden, O. C. D., a noted author and retreat-master for young people, challenged the delegates to mold and pattern their lives on the life of Christ. He suggested that if they had not read

and meditated upon the four Gospels they were poor material for their Y. C. S. group.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alexander O. Sigur, Newman Club Chaplain at S. I. L. in Louisiana, told the students how to relate their apostolic lives to modern society in which they live; a sense of responsibility for the needs of others is as important as caring for one's own personal needs. The theme of outgoing Christianity was reiterated by Father Donald Scales, O. S. B., instructor in theology at Belmont Abbey and Sacred Heart Junior College, when he quoted the sermon of Cardinal Suenens at the second session of the Vatican Council: "The purpose of the Christian life is to know God and make Him known; to love God and make Him loved; to serve God and make Him served."

The importance of knowledge for members of Y.C.S. was emphasized by Mr. George Herndl, instructor in English at Belmont College. Mr. Herndl told the delegates that they should seek knowledge not merely for the sake of becoming a good doctor, lawyer or engineer but because there is a value in true knowledge itself.

A long-time chaplain of Y.C.S. and the Chairman of the National

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pope pleads peace . . .

Thru Mutual Trust . . . Instead of Might

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — (NC) — In a plea for peace among nations, Pope Paul VI denounced nationalistic pride, prestige politics, the armaments race and social and economic antagonisms as symptoms of a "regrowth of divisions and oppositions among peoples."

The Pope called on all nations to remember that "security rests . . . on an effort toward mutual understanding, on the generosity of loyal mutual trust, on a spirit of collaboration for common advantage, and on aid, particularly to developing countries" more than on "the hypothesis of a lawful and collective use of armed force."

"In a word," he said, "it rests on love."

Speaking at his weekly general audience, the Pope noted he was departing from his "usual familiar and spiritual colloquy" to discuss "some serious thoughts . . . caused by two stimulating motives."

The first, he said, were the 50th anniversary of World War I and the 25th anniversary of World War II. The second, were the "acute disagreements, already stained with blood and pregnant with menacing omens, existing today among various countries."

In a voice choked with emotion, Pope Paul pleaded:

"Men of good will! Listen to our

humble voice, the voice of a brother and a father, evoking memories of two fearful wars, not to project empty and frightening phantoms upon the world's present stage, but to extend to the depths of men's hearts an invitation to wise and responsible reflection, an exhortation to peace, above every other interest and every other value, that of human dignity and fraternal concord, and a foretaste of the joy and prosperity which can never again be born of war but only of peace in sincerity and goodness."

The Pontiff recalled his predecessor's warnings before both world wars. He said that at the time of the first, Pope Benedict XV's voice, "although it resounded deeply in the hearts of people and won tardy recognition from the minds of thinkers and historians, yet had only an . . . ineffective reception on the part of the governors of nations and the leaders of public opinion."

Regarding World War II, he

quoted the radio message of Aug. 24, 1939, issued by Pope Pius XII eight days before war broke out. In it he said: "Politics freed from morals betrays the very ones who wish it to be so emancipated. The danger is imminent, but there is still time. Nothing is lost by peace. All can be lost by war. Let men return to understanding one another. Let them start again to negotiate."

Pope Paul indicated that the present situation may be similar to the one preceding the outbreak of the second war. He said: "The diffidence which surrounded the warning interventions of papal teaching does not discourage us from renewing our paternal appeal for peace whenever the moment of history, and especially the duty of our apostolic office, require it."

Pope Paul continued:

"Peace is a supreme good for humanity, living not in eternity but in time. But it is a fragile good, arising from mobile and complex factors in which man's free and responsible will is in continual play. Therefore, peace is never completely stable and secure. It must at every moment be rethought and reconstituted."

'Unfortunately Topical'

Pope Paul in Second Appeal For Prayer for World Peace

Castel Gandolfo, Italy — (NC) — For the second time in less than a week Pope Paul VI spoke of peace to a crowd of thousands gathering at his summer residence to get his blessing.

The Pope said (Aug. 30) that peace does not concern only politicians — it concerns everyone. "It is not only a political, but above all a moral theme," he declared.

"We must foster peace in two ways. First is that of educating ourselves and of reforming our mentalities, of fashioning our minds according to the desire, program and purpose of peace. We must be the sons of the Gospel which outlines our program: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' That is to say, we must give to our mode of thinking, of living and of undertaking social and international relations, an evangelical orientation which is brotherly, that is to say human, or in other words open to many solutions which are not those of violence or of killing the brothers with whom we do not agree."

THE POPE said he spoke on peace because it is a subject which is "unfortunately topical." He cited countries suffering from "unrest

which is more than political — which has turned into warfare, at least guerrilla warfare, and tensions which remove precisely that tranquility of order which is the definition of peace."

He discounted the charge that his solution is pacifism, "which renounces defense when it is necessary and renounces the rights of a people and the obligations which a people or a constituted authority

impose for this defense." Rather his solution is to "orient one's life to that goodness and universal charity which the Gospel brought into the world . . ."

"WE MUST CONSIDER peace not only as our own human work but as it truly is, a gift of God. Peace descends from heaven and makes men good . . . and we obtain it by praying," the Pope said.

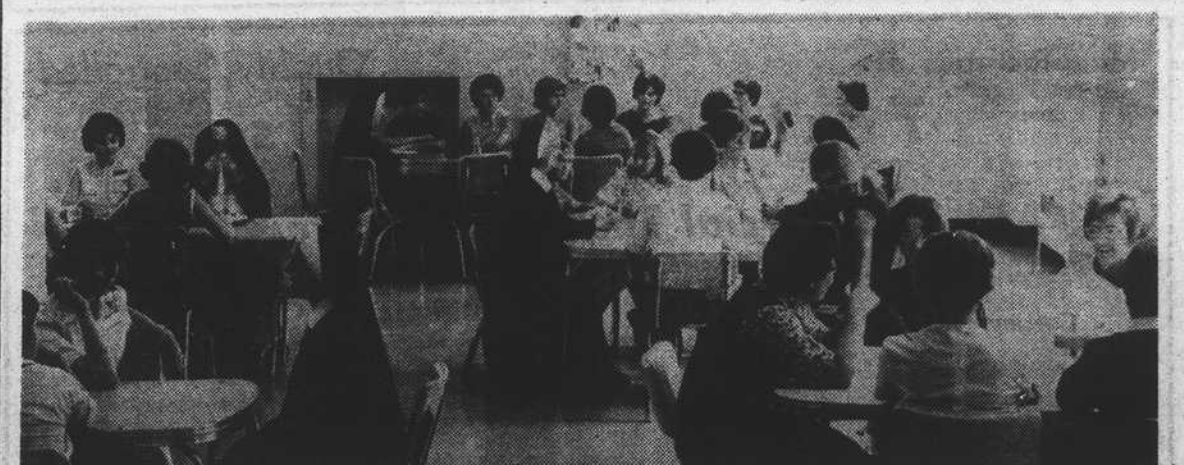
"Let us pray while we are in time and always, because the good of peace truly deserves this continuous vigilance of our invocation . . . peace must always occupy a place in our spiritual intentions because it is a theme of such a great importance for the life of mankind, civilization, the Church and the well being of all who live in this world," Pope Paul concluded.

Ten Young Ladies Enter Apostolate In North Carolina

RALEIGH — Ten girls will officially dedicate themselves as Mary Missioners to a year's service in North Carolina Catholic missions this Sunday. Bishop Vincent S. Waters will preside at the Raleigh Cathedral Mandate ceremony when these young ladies formally offer themselves as lay missioners to serve the diocese. Symbol of their service is the Mary Missioner medal which each will receive from the Bishop before they are assigned to the Mission houses at Winston-Salem and Farmville.

Those to offer their services are:

Pamela Williams, High Point, North Carolina; Cecilia Moelter, Wabasse, Minn.; Brenda Falcone, Dument, New Jersey; Mary Gasperini, Derby, Conn.; Marie Drebinke, Oakland, New Jersey; Kathleen Przybylek, Eileen Finerty, Barbara Harrison, Rosemary Pappiti, Valerie Kowalski, all of Wilmington, Delaware.



PROJECT MERCY — Brought together at Sacred Heart Junior College, Belmont, girls interested in making firsthand contacts with sisters of various religious communities. Belmont Mercy Sisters invited sisters from various religious communities within Raleigh Diocese to carry on a weekend dialogue with girls from North Carolina and other states. Participating, besides Belmont Mercy Sisters, in the vocation workshop were the Religious of Christian Education, Asheville; The Little Sisters of the Assumption, Charlotte; Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity, Charlotte, and Franciscan Sisters from Waynesville.