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Pope's Pentecost Sermon

Catholics Asked to Pray For Church on Birthday

Vatican City — (NC) — Pentecost Sunday crowds were asked by Pope Paul VI to pray on the Church's birthday that it be holy "as the needs of the times demand in its ministers and in all the faithful."

Holiness, said the Pope, is especially needed regarding the fourth session of the ecumenical council

"when the Church must clearly define its position in the midst of the world in which it lives, and draw from itself the light and gifts so as to offer the world example, wisdom and the salvation which Christ has placed in its hands."

"For this the Church must be holy," he said, "guided by the Holy Spirit and filled with wisdom and love for all men."

POPE PAUL invited 24 rectors of Rome seminaries to celebrate Pentecost Mass with him. Several thousand young men studying for the priesthood attended the Mass.

A visual high point of the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica came during the Gloria when red rose petals representing the tongues of fire that descended on the disciples came fluttering down from the basilica's dome. Another reminder that Pentecost is the feast of tongues came at the Epistle and Gospel, which were read in Latin and Greek.

IN A HOMILY directed chiefly to the seminarians, Pope Paul spoke of the implication of Pentecost in the life of a priest.

"This feast must be celebrated in the inner sanctity of our souls," he said. "And if the Christian religion possesses the secret of drawing God close to man, our vocation must make us, more than any other Christian, understand and savor the mystery of the nearness, indwelling, friendship, spiritual intimacy, inner inspira-

tion, sweetness and strength, peace and joy which the Holy Spirit grants to souls through grace."

After treating briefly of the mystery of grace, the Pope said: "Not only does the priest receive grace, but he spreads it. Not only is he sanctified by grace, but he is made a worthy instrument of sanctification by grace."

THE POPE referred to the fact that his listeners have been studying for the priesthood in Rome.

"Let us not miss the fullness of this moment," he said. "Immense significance stems from living in Rome, and from becoming aware in Rome of one's own ministry received or to be received, because here the communion and indeed the unity of our priesthood is vast and more profound."

"Here the sense of the powers conferred by Christ on the continuers of His work of salvation is more manifest and tremendous. Here the relationship between the spirit and the hierarchy appears in all its wonderful balance."

Reports that Pope Paul would spell out his promised reforms of the curia on Pentecost Sunday had been printed in many newspapers but did not materialize.

Among the concelebrants at the Mass was Bishop Francis F. Reh, rector of the North American College.

Pope Paul Blesses U.S. Astronauts

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI gave a blessing for the American astronauts, James McDivitt and Edward White of the Gemini 4, during their four-day, 62-orbit journey in outer space.

At his regular Sunday noon appearance (June 6) at his window overlooking St. Peter's Square, the Pope said: "May our blessing reach throughout the world and leap even to the sky for those who are exploring the paths of the stars."

OFFERS FIRST MASS

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — (NC) — A Brazilian paratrooper chaplain with 201 jumps to his credit, Father (Capt.) Daron celebrated the first Mass here for peace forces of the organization of American States.



ARCHBISHOP MARTIN J. O'CONNOR, the American president of the Vatican's Commission for the Communications Media, will head the Holy See's delegation to a "Convocation of Religion for World Peace," to be held in San Francisco in late June to observe the 20th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. (NC Photos)

Bishops Protest Nudity in Movies

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

NEW YORK — The National Legion of Decency will continue its "policy of resisting every effort to employ nudity in film production."

The policy and reasons supporting it were outlined in a statement issued here (June 9) by the Episcopal Committee for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television.

The statement was signed by Archbishop John J. Krol of Philadelphia, committee chairman; Bishop Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport, Conn.; Bishop Loras T. Lane of Rockford, Ill.; Auxiliary Bishop John A. Donovan of Detroit, and Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles, committee members.

THE STATEMENT acknowledged that while "some may regard this policy as rigid and perhaps arbitrary," the committee feels it is acting "in the best interest of the national community and of the motion picture industry itself."

On May 13 the legion announced it had classified "The Pawnbroker" movie in its condemned (Class C) category "for the sole reason that nudity has been used in its treatment." At that time the legion stated: "The good of the motion picture industry as well as of the national community requires that a marked effort on the part of some producers to introduce nudity into film treatment be discouraged, for such treatment is open to the gravest of abuses."

The text of the statement by the bishops' committee follows:

For several years there has been definite evidence of an attempt, till now unsuccessful, on the part of some producers to introduce nudity into major American films.

In itself nudity is not immoral and has long been recognized as a legitimate subject in painting and sculpture. However, in the very different medium of the motion picture it is never an artistic necessity. The long history of film production proves that dramatic and artistic effect has been achieved

without recourse to nudity in motion picture treatment.

THE TEMPTATION for filmmakers to exploit the prurient appeal of nudity in this mass medium is so great that any occasion to its use, even for otherwise valid reasons of art, would lead to wide abuse.

For this reason, the National Legion of Decency will continue to apply the policy of resisting every effort to employ nudity in film production. Though some may regard this policy as rigid and perhaps arbitrary, it is a policy which is in the best interests of the national community and of the motion picture industry itself.

Three National Study Weeks on Workshop Reform Are Scheduled

by Rev. Robert W. Hovda, Editor, The Liturgical Conference

More North American Catholics than ever before will have an opportunity this summer to participate in a Liturgical Week, a four-day lecture-study-practice session on the Council's reform of public worship, in three locations spanning the continent. Liturgical Weeks will be held in Baltimore's Civic Center, June 21-24; in Portland's (Ore.) Memorial Coliseum, Aug. 16-19; and in Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

CONDUCTED by the Liturgical Conference, a Catholic association which for 25 years has been a publications and meeting forum in which Christians could discuss and promote the renewal of public worship, this year's three national Weeks are a first. In previous years, the Conference has conducted one national Week each year. For many years these were small, though influential, meetings. Since Pius XII's liturgical reforms, however, and especially since Pope John called a council which made public worship its first business, the Liturgical Week

has become one of the largest annual gatherings of Catholics in this country.

The theme of this summer's Weeks, "Jesus Christ Reforms His Church," was chosen in the light of the council's teaching in its constitutions on the sacred liturgy and on the Church. General sessions each morning and evening will develop this theme, with two major addresses in each session. Introductory sessions for newcomers to the problems of public wor-

ship will be held each afternoon, at the same time as ten study group meetings for specialized interests. The program and schedule are the same in Baltimore, Portland and Chicago.

HIGHLIGHT of each of the four days is the celebration of Mass in the main assembly hall, providing both a demonstration and an experience of what the talk and discussion during the rest of the day

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ASHEVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH installs new council officers for 1965-1966 as follows: Anton Felthaus, President; Mary Harris, Vice-

President; Michael Reusing, Treasurer; and Kate Hudgens, Secretary.

DIocese Donates \$5,201.90 For the Propagation of the Faith

His Eminence, Gregory Cardinal Agagianian, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, has written to His Excellency, Bishop Vincent S. Waters, to express his gratitude for the sum of \$5,201.90, which was collected in the Diocese of Raleigh last year for the work of the Foreign Missions.

In accepting the contribution, which was forwarded through the Office of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Cardinal Agagianian wrote:

"This continued generosity of the good Catholics of Raleigh towards the Church in other lands makes it a pleasant duty for me to express my warmest personal thanks to Your Excellency and to the Rev. Robert E. McMahon, your Diocesan Director, for all that you have done and are doing to aid the missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith."