

Pope Establishes New Offices

—Laity, Justice and Peace

By James C. O'Neill
(NC News Service)

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI has established two new Church offices to foster the lay apostolate and to deal with special studies for justice and peace throughout the world.

The establishment of the two offices, which will have central offices in Rome, fulfills two recommendations made by Second Vatican Council Fathers to meet the demands of the modern world.

In a motu proprio (a document drawn up on the Pope's own authority) the Pope has ordered the establishment of a Council on the Laity and a Pontifical Commission for Studies on Justice and Peace.

Msgr. Achille Glorieux, secretary of the former post-conciliar Commission of the Lay Apostolate, has been named secretary of the Council on the Laity. To assist him are two subsecretaries, Mieczyslaw de Habucht, permanent secretary of the Conference of International Catholic Organizations, and Miss Rosemary Goldie of Australia, executive secretary of the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate.

Miss Goldie's nomination ranks her as the Catholic woman holding the highest office within the administrative office of the Church.

Msgr. Joseph Gremillion of the U.S. Catholic Relief Services, who is from the Alexandria, La., diocese, has been chosen as permanent secretary

of the Commission for Studies on Justice and Peace. Martin Work, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men, is among the 12 members to be chosen for the Council on the Laity. Two other Americans have been named members of the justice and peace commission, James Norris, assistant to the director of Catholic Relief Service (CRS), who was a spokesman for the lay auditors at the ecumenical council and proposed the idea of the creation of such commission in the council hall, and Msgr. Luigi Ligutti, a permanent observer of the Holy See for the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization. Among the consultants of the commission is Auxiliary Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom of New York, executive director of CRS.

The Council on the Laity will consist of 12 lay members and a group of consultants drawn from bishops, priests, and laymen and women.

The commission for justice and peace consist of 12 ecclesiastics and laymen and women and a group of consultants drawn also from bishops and laymen.

In both cases the Pope chose members and consultants on the basis of geographical representation and particular competency in the various fields involved.

Both organizations are "erected 'ad experimentum' (as an experiment) for five years," the document specified. "Practical experience may suggest suitable changes in their aims and final structures," it said.



A PROBLEM SOLVED — This bronze statue of Pope John XXIII, the work of Stefan Locatelli, was cast in Milan. Measuring 12 feet in height and 8 feet in breadth, and weighing more than 1,650 pounds, the problem was to get it to the seminary in Sotto il Monte, Pope John's birthplace, for which it was intended. It was carried on a specially designed and constructed trailer. (NC photo)

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"Perhaps never as today has the Church been in such tension of thought, of apostolic, pastoral and charitable activity. Perhaps never as today has the Church been so present so purposely in the world with the voice of its principles, with the dedication of its service, with the assertion of its love." — Pope Paul VI

Policy On Indulgences Revised, External Objects De-emphasized

By Father John P. Donnelly
(NC News Service)

VATICAN CITY — The Holy See has altered its practice of granting indulgences for prayers and good works, emphasizing the necessity of personal piety and playing down the necessity of external objects or places as conditions for gaining them.

The changes are contained in an apostolic constitution entitled "Indulgentiarum Doctrina." In summary it contains three principal revisions of the Church's traditional practice:

—Partial indulgences will no longer be counted quantitatively in days or years. Instead a qualitative norm will be used, based on the dispositions of the individual and the perfection with which he says a prayer or performs a good work. To this quality of personal merit known only to God, according to the constitution, the Church will add further merits from its own treasury.

—A considerable reduction in the number of plenary indulgences which can be gained. The general law will be that only one plenary indul-

gence may be gained in any one day. An exception is made for the hour of death, when a plenary indulgence may be granted even though another has been acquired on the same day. Conditions for gaining this indulgence "at the hour of death" henceforth will exclude the necessity of a priest being present or holding some object in the hand or of having acquired a right to this indulgence by having received what is popularly known as a "papal blessing."

—The reorganization of the discipline attaching indulgences to objects or places such as a rosary or some particular church.

According to Msgr. Giovanni Sessolo, regent of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, which deals with matters concerning indulgences, this last is intended to make the gaining of indulgences "more simple and more dignified. . . Referring to them as 'indulgences on objects or places' has been abolished in order to make it clear that an indulgence is granted because of an action of the individual person, while the object or the place is only the occasion for gaining it.

Lait Support Bishop Against Pickets

PHILADELPHIA — (NC) — Three lay organizations here have expressed their support of Archbishop John J. Krol of Philadelphia and criticized groups who picketed the archbishop's residence and office to protest the transfer of a Jesuit priest.

Issuing statements in support

R.I.P.

Sister Mary Sebastian Hall, OFP, the third grade teacher at St. Alphonsus School in Wilson died on Jan. 15. She was a member of the Oblates of Providence for 39 years and was 56 at the time of her death. She was born in Johnstown, Pa. and entered the religious life in high school. She served mainly in schools, including posts in Charleston, S.C., Mobile, Ala. and Baltimore, Md. She came to Wilson two months ago to substitute for an ailing Sister. She is survived by two sisters, nieces and nephews. Bishop Waters was present at the Requiem Mass. She was buried at the Motherhouse of the community.

of the archbishop were the Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus; Philadelphia County Chapter, Ancient Order of Hibernians; and the Alliance of Catholic Women.

Some 50 pickets marched (Jan. 2) for two hours in front of the archbishop's residence to protest the transfer of Father John F.X. Burton, S.J., by his Jesuit superiors from the faculty of St. Joseph's Preparatory School here to Baltimore. A group from seven to 10 kept up the picketing through the week for an hour each day in front of the archbishop's office.

Speaking in behalf of the K. of C., State Deputy Bernard S. Schockloss said that the "members stand united with Archbishop Krol in the current wave of efforts to belittle his leadership in the archdiocese of Philadelphia.

"We reprove, with all our strength," the statement continued, "the efforts of a self-appointed minority to vilify both the Church and Archbishop Krol in their efforts to renew the Church not according to the Vatican Council, but in line with their own incompetent, poorly

informed, and reckless ideas on what the renewal of the Church really means.

"We reject their effrontery in setting up pickets, both at the archbishop's residence and at his office, to insult his excellency and insult as well the vast majority of Catholics in this area.

"We are Catholics in the true and proper sense of the word, and we stand behind the archbishop.

Open House At Raleigh K. of C.

All men in the Raleigh area are cordially invited to an "open house" at the Columbus Club near Wilders Grove off Highway 64E. The Father Price Council #2546 wishes to show what the K. of C. has to offer mature Catholic men. There will be no obligation or pressure to join the Knights by attendance at this open house. It will be held on January 29 at 2:00 P.M. in the Columbus Club. Those desiring transportation or direction call: Mr. Ken Stroud, 828-4571 or Mr. Doug Tennant 467-1518.



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My dear Brethren:

Our Catholic people of North Carolina should burn with fervor for the peoples of Latin America. The Church is especially concerned with the vast regions of that continent inhabited by more than one third of its entire world population. Pope Paul stated: "Latin America, this is your hour . . . The whole world waits for your witness of energy, wisdom, social renewal, concord and peace, the newest witness of civilization." The United States Bishops' Committee for Latin America, charged with the duty of this country's Catholic program for Latin America, is fully conscious of the enormously important role which Catholics of the United States play with regard to the destiny that will profoundly influence the future of the Church throughout the world.

The need for the friendship of American Catholics with the people of Latin America stems not only from the grave needs there that require our assistance, but, more profoundly from our joint membership in God's human family; our sharing in the same Eucharist and our common hopes and aspirations for the future well-being of all mankind.

Today, we view the problems of the Latin American Church under a new light infused with the spirit of collegiality born at the Second Vatican Council. This spirit is the impetus for all our efforts in behalf of Latin America and causes us to realize that the needs in those countries are really reflections of ourselves in an era of Christian unity.

The United States' nearest neighbor, Mexico, holds one of the greatest missionary challenges, yet at the same time it holds equally great promise. Because of the challenge and the promise, the Diocese of Raleigh has sent two of its priests to work in that country's capital of Mexico City. Because we of the Diocese of Raleigh are members of a missionary territory, our Christian vocation impels us to be truly Catholic and missionary in our outlook. While we, in our missionary Diocese are blessed with one priest for every 354 Catholics, we are impelled to assist our Mexican neighbors. In the parish where Father Desmond Keenan is presently ministering, there is only one priest for every 10,000 Catholics.

During 1966 the faithful of the Diocese of Raleigh responded with an unflinching generosity to enable the Church in North Carolina and the United States to undertake an intensive missionary program for Latin America. Once again we appeal to your missionary zeal to contribute generously to the Latin America Fund collection which will be taken in every church of the Diocese on Sunday, January 29, 1967.

Asking that God will reward you richly for your concern for His family in Latin America and that He will shower the missions of Latin America with His graces and blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent J. Statur
Bishop of Raleigh