



BETHLEHEM — Manger Square with the entrance to the Basilica of the Nativity, where the Latin-rite Patriarch Alberto Gori, O.F.M., will lead pilgrims on Christmas Eve. (NC Photos)

Pope Paul Proclaims Jan. 1 a Day of Peace

Vatican City—Pope Paul VI has made this coming Jan. 1 a Day of Peace for Catholics and has urged all men of good will to celebrate it every year "as if it were their own initiative."

Catholics will have "the duty of observing" the Day of Peace with "the religious and moral expressions of the Christian faith," the Pope said.

He expressed the hope that "the exaltation of the ideal of peace may not favor the cowardice of those who fear it may be their duty to give their life for the service of their own country and of their own brothers when these are engaged in the defense of justice and liberty, and who seek only a flight from their responsibility."

AT A PRESS conference arranged by the Holy See, an official of the Papal Secretariat of State asserted that this could not be taken as a condemnation of conscientious objection. The official, Msgr. Paul Poupard, referred to Paragraph 79 of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, which encourages laws providing for "those who for reasons of conscience refuse to bear arms."

The Pope further declared: "Peace is not pacifism. It does not mask a base and slothful concept of life but it proclaims the highest and most universal values of life: truth, justice, freedom, love."

MAURICE CARDINAL ROY of Quebec, president of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace, said at the same press conference that pacifism "does not carry the positive element of reconstruction." He said the Pope

"puts us on our guard against a negative attitude."

(Msgr. Poupard observed that "everybody distinguishes between pacifism and conscientious objection.")

The Pope's exhortations were contained in a 2,000-word message dated Dec. 8 and made public one week later, after copies of it had been sent to various international organizations and heads of state.

The first and somewhat longer part of the message was addressed "to all men of good will," including governments, international organisms, religious institutions and "youth, whose perspicacity regarding the new paths of civilization . . . is more lively." The second and final part was addressed to the bishops and the faithful of the Catholic Church.

Raleigh Diocese

Continued from page 1A promoting an approval and accreditation status of the parochial schools fulfilling State Education Department requirements as well as regional recognition.

Before coming to North Carolina the educator was employed by the public school system of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, as school psychologist.

He will also seek working relations with public education in relation to available federal assistance in the field of materials and equipment.

'Adeste Fidelis'

One of our earliest carols is "O Come All Ye Faithful," translated from the Latin, "Adeste Fidelis." This is said to have been written by Bona Ventura, Bishop of Albano, who was born near Florence in the Tuscany district of Central Italy in 1221.

The birthplace of the true carol was Italy and the originator is said to have been St. Francis of Assisi. Although he never wrote a carol himself, his comrades carried out his ideas and many fragments of carols have been traced to the Italian monk-writer Jacopone.

Soccer Players At Belmont Win Championship

Belmont—Averaging 2.6 goals per match, the Belmont Abbey College soccer team finished its 1967 season with 10 wins, clinching the NAIA Area 5 (Southern) Championship.

The Crusaders sustained only four losses and played to two ties in winning the area title and runner-up honors in the regional playoffs.

Coach Stan Dudko reported that he was "well-pleased with his whole team" in his first year as soccer coach. Formerly a soc-

cer standout and presently an instructor in economics, Dudko took over and ably managed the team that was fourth in the nation in 1966 with a 17-3 slate.

Coach Dudko credited the defensive playing of backs Luis Rodriguez, Gary Lennon and Tom Dillon with holding down opponent scoring opportunities. "Without their excellent defense, we could not have had such a fine season," he indicated.

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