

Lay Apostolate Is Emphasized By Pope Paul

Vatican City — (NC) — The organized lay apostolate is of great importance in the life of the Church, Pope Paul VI told a general audience, and should not be looked down on.

The Pope, who has spoken at several audiences on the theme of the lay apostolate, told his visitors that there are two fundamental forms of the lay apostolate; one is of the individual himself and the second is the associative or organized apostolate. The Pope noted that many do not like being organized.

"Many prefer to be free," he said. "To have to stand in a row or in a circle together with others and pursue the apostolate easily gives rise to discomfort."

THE POPE noted that some feel that the organized apostolate "often creates unpleasing bureaucracies, hierarchies, externals. The organized apostolate seems a cumbersome network without spontaneity. . . . It aims at numbers, at power. It does not seem to be in keeping with the climate of our times."

In answer, the Pope countered: "But let us be sincere. Does not every natural activity develop and affirm itself in an organized form? . . . The organized apostolate is of great importance also because in the Church communities, as well as in various environments, it often is required that it be exercised through common action."

The Pope recommended friendship as one of the most important means for fostering the formation of efforts of organized apostolates. "How many good works have started in this way," the Pope exclaimed.

"THE MULTIPLICITY of these institutions shows what freedom of initiative they have within the Church and what large choice is offered to the willing faithful who wish to exercise the apostolate in the forms he prefers and in the company of brothers with whom he has affinities for some special reason of spirit, tastes, language, method, personal knowledge or experience."



"ROSARY PRIEST," Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., visited men of the U.S. Navy base at Nha Be (Jan. 14) during his recent Vietnam tour. He was the guest of Msgr. James J. Killeen (left), New York archdiocese priest who is senior U.S. Navy chaplain in Vietnam. Here Chief Warrant Officer James F. Fagan of New York accepts a rosary from Fr. Peyton. (NC Photo)

Cardinal Reviews Role Of Church in Politics

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — Raul Cardinal Silva Henriquez of Santiago has denied that the Church in Chile is meddling in politics, but at the same time stressed the obligations of Catholics to apply the Church's social teachings in promoting the common good.

In an interview in the magazine *Ultimas Noticias* that covered politics, Catholic publications, education and social reform, the cardinal said: "The Church is made up of lay people, priests and bishops. The laity shows diverse political inclinations and membership, which is all to the good when it means that Catholics are fulfilling their serious obligation of promoting the common good."

"Now, when it comes to bishops, clergy and Religious, there is a difference. They all certainly have citizenship rights in a democracy, as Chile is, by which they can and must have political interests and preferences. They cannot, however, participate in a militant form in factional politics, or engage in propagandizing them. I feel that the great majority are abiding by this obligation to their pastoral role."

THE CARDINAL was then asked about Church-sponsored

publications that the interviewer claimed "take positions on social and economic issues that divide Catholics and even make them leave the Church," and he replied:

"Catholic publications indeed deal with social, economic and political issues, which is not meddling in politics. The popes also deal with such issues in their encyclicals, in formulating a socio-economic doctrine of the Church. This is because such problems have a vital and close connection with Christ's teachings."

"Some of the writings are mere opinion, others point to viable solutions. But at any rate, it is regrettable that some Catholics resent such contributions to the point of leaving the Church over differences of opinion and thinking, when charity and democracy teach us that we must be tolerant."

ASKED IF "Catholic colleges and high schools are justifiable," Cardinal Silva answered:

"Yes, indeed. This is part of the Church's contribution to society, as science, arts and the professions must go hand in hand with the great Christian values and virtues for the good of the community."

In answering a question on the feelings of many Catholics on liturgical changes, the cardinal said: "The new liturgy, as intended by the Church, is a means of strengthening spiritual life and improving the quality of the believer."

Seattle Archbishop

Mayor Scored on Civil Rights Issue

Seattle — (NC) — Archbishop Thomas A. Connolly of Seattle, before 2,100 persons at the annual Seattle Catholic Interracial Council's banquet, openly criticized Mayor J.D. ("Dorm") Braman for his failure to appear at the event.

Implying that Braman had chosen to absent himself from the dinner because he was fearful his attendance would

be construed as favoring open housing legislation for Seattle, a campaign to which Archbishop Connolly is giving leadership, the prelate said he often had noted the local press referred to Seattle's "weak mayor form of government."

The archbishop paused dramatically then added: "I shall not develop that idea."

"I would counsel our mayor or not to tremble in his boots," Archbishop Connolly said. "There is no reason for him to remain away from this meeting on the excuse that to attend might give the impression he endorses open housing legislation."

In support of civil rights the archbishop, called "on the clergymen of all faiths to mobilize the citizens of our community to the fact that thousands of their fellow citizens are victims of grave injustices."

Principal speaker at the banquet (Feb. 7) was Auxiliary Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., of New Orleans, who asserted "the pace of integration is up to the white man. . . . He alone can delay it . . . but he can not halt it. . . . The Negro is making rapid advances and the idea of social justice has finally arrived. Those who have opposed integration know now they have been fighting a lost cause."

Bishop Perry urged minority group members to remember the teachings of Christ even as they struggle for their God-given rights.

"Continue the battle for what is right because it is right, not because one's own pride has been hurt; follow the sufferings of Christ to the end, even to Calvary," he said. "Do not cease to be a Christian because others have. Upbraid the oppressor, but do not curse him; temper wrath with meekness without falling victim to passive inactivity; yes, hate the evil men do, but without hating the evildoer."

The Seattle CIC awarded Archbishop Connolly its St. Martin de Porres plaque, presented to an individual or group whose activities on behalf of minor groups in Seattle have been outstanding. The presentation was made by Father D. Harvey McIntyre, assistant chancellor and moderator of the interracial organization.

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ents who simply say, "Shush," or who do nothing more than appeal to "old loyalties" are failing to meet the needs of young people, she said.

Part of the problem, she said, is "a certain naivete" which leads youngsters to "expect too much."

"They expect everybody to be a roaring saint," she declared.

At the same time, she added, "they do have a legitimate gripe, for they're asked to take an awfully tough stand for themselves on such things as honor, integrity, and chastity by a lot of people who are mediocre."

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