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" I have received many appeals from various sources, including Jewish personalities, who are praying that every effort is made to avoid more loss of human lives, destruction and suffering in Lebanon. It is very important that those vanquished in battle obtain honorable conditions. That can be a necessary step towards the recognition of the just aspirations of all the peoples involved in the conflict." -- JOHN PAUL II, in message to Israeli President Ytzhak NAVON. (7.9.82)

" I hope there will be a clear assumption of responsibility on the part of the Vatican Bank which appears to have played the part of de-facto partner in certain operations with the Banco Ambrosiano ( of which the Vatican owns 1.6 percent, plus an unknown amount of interest in Ambrosiano's foreign subsidiaries.) -- Italian Treasury Minister Beniamino ANDREATTA, addressing Italy's parliament concerning that country's largest postwar finance scandal and the ties between the Vatican Bank, officially known as the Institute of Religious Works, and the scandal-ridden Banco Ambrosiano whose chairman, Roberto CALVI, was found dead, hanging from the Blackfriars Bridge in the heart of London's financial district. (6.29.82)

" I am completely unaware of any move by the Holy Father to get rid of me." -- 60-year-old Lithuanian-American ( Cicero, Illinois ) Archbishop Paul C. MARCINKUS, president of the Vatican Bank and Chief Administrator of the State of Vatican City, as well as the pope's personal body guard on trips abroad, answering allegations linking him to convicted bank swindler Michele SINDONA, now serving a 25-year sentence in the United States for fraud in connection with the collapse in 1974 of the Franklin National Bank of New York, and the late Roberto CALVI, found dead, hanging from a London bridge on June 18, 1982, after the Banco Ambrosiano, of which he was chairman, had come under investigation for dealings which included \$1.4 billion in questionable foreign loans to Latin American banks and possible illicit arms sale through a Peruvian subsidiary. (7.9.82)

" The donkey is a holy animal, a symbol of poverty and humility; it carried baby Jesus and Mary on its back... I will not eat until the Pope either agrees to let the donkey come to Rome or at least explains to me why he doesn't want him here." -- Brazilian chauffeur Damiao Galdino DE SOUZA, explaining to reporters why he started a hunger strike in St. Peter's Square to protest Vatican refusal to accept a donkey he gave Pope JOHN PAUL II during the pope's visit to Brazil in 1980. (7.26.82)

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TO QUOTE IS ONE THING,... TO AGREE IS ANOTHER...

" First, we agreed that only God is infallible. Second, we agreed that the church is infallible. How that infallibility is exercised is through general councils or an individual. Therefore, the pope could express that infallibility. But the way you know that his pronouncement is infallible is that you must have the assent of the people to it." -- Protestant-Episcopal Bishop Arthur A. VOGEL of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri, commenting on the new concept of infallibility recently agreed upon by the INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMISSION. -- THE KANSAS CITY TIMES.(5.1.82)

" The Church is the whole people of God, and therefore, the pope cannot act independently of the church because he is part of it." -- Notre Dame University Theology Department Head, Rev. Richard McBRIEN, addressing the annual convention of the CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, in New York City. (6.11.82)

" They are trying to make it seem that I have become just one more African witch doctor. It is through my faith in God that I have the power to cast out evil spirits and heal." -- Archbishop Emmanuel MILINGO of Lusaka, Zambia, founder of his country's Catholic charismatic community, which advocates faith healing, commenting in Rome to reporters on his recall and suspension by the Vatican which describes its measures against the African prelate as " a period of rest and treatment." (7.26.82)

" There are hundreds of Latin American priests, nuns, and even bishops, who have sided with the socialist process of social change." -- From the appeal of the MEXICAN UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY (PESUM), urging Christians to vote for socialist parties. (5.82)

" Vote for the party of your choice, even if the choice is for a socialist platform, party or candidate." -- From the official document entitled " Living Your Political Responsibilities in a Christian Manner," issued by the Catholic bishops of Mexico's Southern Pacific district. (5.82)

" One could vote for a Marxist party. What's even more important, the dialectical variety of Marxist thought allows for an individual to be faithful to Christ and be a good Marxist at the same time." -- Bishop Sergio MENDEZ ARCEO of Cuernavaca, Mexico, commenting on his country's July 4 presidential election. (5.24.82)

" A convinced Marxist cannot be a Christian, just as a Christian cannot be a Marxist. Because Marxism goes against God." -- Archbishop Girolamo PRIGIONE, the Vatican's Apostolic Delegate in Mexico, in a formal statement reacting to the above statements regarding Mexico's elections. (5.82) -- ( Editor's Note: As of August 1982, the above quoted " Red Bishop of Cuernavaca " has not been called to Rome for " a period of rest and treatment. ")

" He was best known as the chief architect of the liturgical renewal which took place throughout the Catholic Church during and after Vatican Council II." -- From the RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE obituary of Archbishop Annibale BUGNINI, the Vatican's papal nuncio in Iran, who died July 3 in a Rome hospital at the age of 70. (7.6.82)

" May he rest in peace!" -- Father Gommar A. DE PAUW, leader of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, when asked to comment on the demise of his former "friend," the then " Father Bugnini " during Vatican Council II from 1962 to 1965. (7.4.82)



" Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry and of Islamism and refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Saviour; may It now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life." -- Passages eliminated by the Lefebvrist SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X from the official Roman Catholic " Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus." -- As published by THE ANGELUS, " English Language Publishers & Editor for Archbishop Marcel LEFEBVRE and the International Society of Saint Pius X," Dickinson, Texas.) (6.82)

" I thought we could have a nice picnic lunch afterward." -- Archbishop Joseph L. BERNARDIN, explaining to reporters why he decided to conduct a " mammoth outdoor Mass " in Chicago's Grant Park, four days after being installed as that city's new archbishop with special services in Holy Name Cathedral for " churchwomen and permanent deacons and their wives." -- RNS. (7.23.82)

" The church's action in this case was a very nuanced response to a very specific situation." -- Bishop Bernard F. LAW of Springfield-Cape Girardau, Missouri, explaining how, on June 29, -- a first for the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. -- with the full approval of JOHN PAUL II, he ordained a 51-year-old married man a priest, with the former Protestant-Episcopal minister's wife and two daughters present at the ordination. -- Quoted by Charles AUSTIN of the NEW YORK TIMES. (7.4.82)

" When, before long, the unsuspecting sheep in the parishes will find their married ' permanent deacons ' promoted to the priesthood, and their apostate former pastors, wives and children included, ' active ' again in a neighboring parish, they might recall that the law of priestly celibacy was effectively destroyed in the USA on June 29, 1982, ... the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, to boot." -- Father Gomma A. DE PAUW, leader of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, when asked to comment on Bishop Law's above quoted statement to the N.Y. Times. (7.4.82)

" On the second Sunday of the assembly, the bishops joined the monks in a Eucharist. A number of women were among the ' extraordinary ministers ' who distributed the bread and wine during the communion." -- RNS reporting on the 10 days that 252 American Catholic bishops spent together at Collegeville, Minnesota, in " an unprecedented assembly so challenging and relaxing that many of them want to do it again." (6.23.82)

" His frequently praying to ' God the mother,' as some retribution for 5,000 years of patriarchy." -- Reason given by the feminist magazine Ms for including a Minnesota Catholic priest on a list of ' 40 Heroes ' encountered during its first 10 years of publishing. -- RNS. (6.28.81) -- ( Editor's Note: The priest in question is the Rev. Harvey EGAN, pastor of Minneapolis' St. Joan of Arc Church, best known for inviting pro-abortion feminist Gloria STEINEM to preach the sermon at two Masses on Sept. 17, 1978. -- Ms' list of " heroes " also included one Protestant minister and a " former Catholic priest." The minister is the Rev. Howard MOODY of New York City's Judson Memorial Church who was cited for " founding the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion that helped women obtain illegal abortions before the Supreme Court ruling of 1973. The " former Catholic priest " is Daniel MAGUIRE, presently professor of ethics at Jesuit Marquette University in Milwaukee, who was cited as the author of " The Moral Choice: A New American Justice." )

# OLDIES... BUT GOODIES...

" By their fruits you will know them... A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit." -- JESUS CHRIST. (Matthew 7, 15-18)

" At that time when Jesus drew near to Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it." -- Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, according to St. LUKE. (19,41)

" Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." -- ST. PAUL. ( I Cor. 10, 12)

" He that trusteth in Me, and desireth not to stand by his own judgment, will be void of human fear. For I am the Judge and Discerner of all secrets... I will judge the guilty and the innocent... The testimony of men oftentimes deceiveth; My judgment is true; it shall stand and not be overthrown." -- IMITATION OF CHRIST. (III,46,3-4)

" We offer Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, humbly begging of Thy mercy that it may arise before Thy Divine Majesty, with a pleasing fragrance, for our salvation and for that of the whole world." -- From the TRADITIONAL LATIN ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS.

" Who is to guard the guards themselves?" -- JUVENAL.(1st cent. A.D.)

" Money to get power, power to protect money." -- Motto of the MEDICIS. (15th cent.)

" I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: ' O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.' And God granted it." -- François VOLTAIRE. (18th cent.)

" The cream rises to the top. So does the scum." -- WELLINGTON. (19th cent.)

" Alas! Holy Father! There are times when those who obey are heading for perdition." -- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA to Pope GREGORY XI. (14th cent.)

" The words of the Consecration, which are the form of this Sacrament, are these: ' For this is my Body; for this is the chalice of my Blood, of the new and eternal Testament, the mystery of faith, which shall be shed for you and FOR MANY unto the remission of sins.' If anyone omits or changes anything in the form of the Consecration of the Body and Blood and in this change of words the words do not mean the same thing, then THERE IS NO SACRAMENT." -- From the official ROMAN MISSAL, On Defects, V. (16th cent.)

" The ' NOVUS ORDO MISSAE ' ( New Order of the Mass ) means infidelity to that sacred deposit of doctrine to which the Catholic Faith is bound forever." -- Alfredo Cardinal OTTAVIANI. (1969)

MEMORANDA: August 3, 1979: Death of Alfredo Cardinal OTTAVIANI, Protector of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement; August 10, 1968: Dedication by Bishop Blaise KURZ of the C.T.M.'s Headquarters' Ave Maria Chapel in Westbury, New York; August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; August 22: Immaculate Heart of Mary; Sept. 3: St. Pius X, Patron of the C.T.M.; Sept. 5, 1978: Pope JOHN PAUL I sends Apostolic Blessing to the C.T.M.; Sept. 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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" To ask such questions is easier than to provide the answers." -- JOHN PAUL II, visiting a chemical plant near Leghorn, Italy, speaking to a worker who had asked the Pope's opinion of a local schoolteacher distributing prayercards calling for opposition to atheism and the downfall of Communism. -- Quoted by RNS. (3.22.82)

" If one day it is said that in 1982 the lay employees of the little state of Vatican City demonstrated publicly against their employer in order to obtain economic reforms and improvements, it will not make anyone marvel." -- From the newsletter of the Vatican Lay Employees Association, representing some 1,600 workers with salaries ranging from \$680 to a maximum of \$1,000 a month. -- (3.19.82)

" I greet the representatives of the Circus of Moscow and I am happy to have them here for the audience." -- JOHN PAUL II, exchanging greetings with Nicolay LUNKOV, Soviet ambassador to Italy, who accompanied the first Soviet circus ever to "play" the Vatican. -- (3.24.82)

" Hairdressing is an art and, like all the arts which concern the expression or the representation of the human body, it has ethical aspects which depend on the idea it creates of the human person and of interpersonal relations." -- JOHN PAUL II, speaking at a special audience for the international hairdressers festival in Rome. -- (4.21.82)

" The final report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission expresses the view that the one Christian Church is a communion of local Churches... Instead of the single barque of Peter sailing the ocean of history we are now given the picture of a whole flotilla of vessels... Unity does not mean absorption when we speak with Rome." -- Anglican Archbishop Robert RUNCIE of Canterbury, speaking in the London suburb of Croynton. -- RNS. (3.19.82)

" Our posture in El Salvador seems to have so isolated us from our natural allies that even the boundlessly agreeable President PERTINI of Italy seems to have come to Washington with a view to inquiring whether the United States might develop a foreign policy not quite so far to the right of the Pope's." -- Columnist Murray KEMPTON, in NEWSDAY. (3.26.82)

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" Both exploitative capitalism and Marxist communism look upon human beings merely as means of production, as 'hands' or 'cogs,' and, on this account, they are equally destructive of human dignity." -- Official declaration of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference of the Antilles. -- (2.28.82)

" I guess I sensed from the beginning that we were embarking on some kind of collision course, just as, in general, I believe the Roman Catholic Church is on a collision course with the United States government. " -- Bishop Leroy T. MATTHIESEN of Amarillo, Texas, discussing the resentment caused by his appeal, last August, to people involved in the production of nuclear bombs to seek other employment. -- Quoted in THE WASHINGTON POST. (3.20.82)

" The nuclear arms race is the greatest spiritual crisis in history." -- Seattle Archbishop Raymond G. HUNTHAUSEN, announcing to a " peace conference " at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, that, after withholding 50 percent of his income taxes as an armament protest, he will join a boat blockade when a Trident submarine arrives in Puget Sound this summer. -- (3.24.82)

" Bishops are the first to surrender when atheists threaten the world. That's the way it seems anyway. Whatever became of pulpit anti-Communism? Many old-fashioned believers are wondering." -- Columnist Bill REEL, in the New York DAILY NEWS. (3.25.82)

" We are moving because of philosophic reasons. The basic reason is to put the seminary into a setting where it can be intouch more intimately with the world in which we live." -- Newark Archbishop Peter GERETY, explaining why his New Jersey seminary -- enrollment down from 300 to 100 -- is moving from its rural Darlington site to the grounds of Seton Hall University. -- RNS. (3.17.82)

" He was a noted fund-raiser who was among the most generous prelates in the nation in donating funds to the Vatican... In his tenure in Chicago, more than one-third of diocesan clergy left the priesthood..." -- Kenneth A. BRIGGS of the NEW YORK TIMES, in that paper's obituary of Chicago's Archbishop, John Cardinal CODY. (4.26.82)

" I wish to let everyone know that I have forgiven my enemies... I can turn aside from the personal abuse, the plotting, the media maneuvering, and even the incomplete untruths. But, God will not so forgive. God's is another way." -- John Cardinal CODY, 74, in letter left to be read after his death, amid allegations that the Chicago archbishop diverted \$1 million in church funds to a lady-friend step-cousin. (4.25.82)

" It is evident that JESUS did not fully understand why He had to suffer and die, but He knew it was God's will for Him." -- Archbishop James V. CASEY of Denver, Colorado, in his 1982 Lenten pastoral to his " dear Family in Christ," published on the front-page of the DENVER CATHOLIC REGISTER. (2.25.82)

" After more than two months we are still waiting for any reaction from the Vatican to the above quoted clear-cut public rejection of the divinity of Our Lord by a " Catholic " archbishop." -- Father Gommar A. DE PAUW, leader of the C.T.M. (5.1.82)



" To incite some riots in the springtime." -- Georgetown University Jesuit Robert F. DRINAN, former Massachusetts Congressman and current president of AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, " jokingly " explaining the purpose of his visits to college campuses like the one of Drew University, where he called on the 40 million American voters between the ages of 18 and 30 to "rise and revolt against the United States, the numero uno merchant of death." -- THE BEACON, official paper of the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. (3.18.82)

" The number of pastorally active priests in the United States declined by 18 percent during the 1970s...In the diocese of Brooklyn, for example, the total number of priests in service has dropped by a third -- from 1,006 to 671... -- Vatican Yearbook of Church Statistics 1982.

" Most Canadians -- about 80 percent of those interviewed -- no longer believe in such fundamental Christian tenets as the divinity of Christ, resurrection of the body and life after death, or the importance of prayer, even though 90 percent of the people still claim a Protestant or Catholic affiliation." -- Survey conducted by sociologist Reginald BIBBY of the University of Lethbridge. (3.2.82)

" The revised Code of Canon Law will be promulgated some time this year. My guess is that it will be greeted by most Catholics with a huge yawn... You're not inclined to be too serious about legislation when you know that the whole system is being revised." -- Holy Cross Father John REEDY, columnist for THE BEACON, Paterson, N.J. (3.18.82)

" The old model of the parish as a service station which met all the needs of its customers is disappearing rapidly. In a sense the customers have taken over the gas station and are in the process of remodeling it and getting ready to open it as a cooperative venture." -- Dr. Jay P. DOLAN at a consultation on American Catholic parish life held at Notre Dame University. (3.31.82)

" It is meaningful to me and to any Catholic. It means that I can get married again and take communion at the altar... I'll probably have it around August." -- Alice Mc MAHON, wife of the CARSON T.V. show announcer who left his wife and four children 10 years ago, commenting on the formal application for a marriage annulment she has filed with the office of Philadelphia's John Cardinal KROL. -- N.Y. DAILY NEWS.(3.24.82)

" We are not overly concerned about the number of nuns in the United States. There are now about 130,000, down from about 180,000 fifteen years ago. What does concern us is the quality of discipleship among nuns, committed to making sacrifices and being involved in political and social issues." -- " Spokespersons " for the NATIONAL SISTERS VOCA-TION CONFERENCE interviewed by the Cleveland PLAIN DEALER. (3.20.82)

" The liberalization that followed the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s contributed to an increase in drinking among nuns... Nuns began drinking more openly and could enter liquor stores and buy what they wanted... Today at least 15 percent of the country's nuns are alcoholics." -- Official " nuns spokespersons " on the Board of Directors of the INTERCONGREGATIONAL ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM. -- Reported in the PITTSBURGH PRESS. (3.20.82)



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" You now indeed have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you." -- JESUS CHRIST. (John 16, 22)

" Behave yourselves honorably among the pagans; that whereas they slander you as evil-doers, they may through observing you by reason of your good works glorify God in the day of visitation." -- ST. PETER. (1 PETER 2, 12)

" Make no great account of who may be for thee or against thee, but mind and take care that God be with thee in everything thou dost." -- IMITATION OF CHRIST. (II, 2)

" JESUS CHRIST possesses the knowledge which is called vision, and in such fullness that it surpasses the scope and clarity of the similar celestial knowledge that all the saints in Heaven have." -- PIUS XII. (1943)

" For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art the Lord, Thou alone, O JESUS CHRIST, art most high. Together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father." -- From the TRADITIONAL LATIN ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS.

" Bishops or priests must not get involved in worldly affairs, and if they do they should be removed from office." -- ECCLESIASTICAL CANONS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES. (4th century)

" The clergy must lead a more holy life, both interiorly and exteriorly, than laymen, and must excel them in giving an example of virtue and good deeds." -- CODE OF CANON LAW, Canon 124. (1917)

" Catholic Soldier: Military service is not just a necessity. It is an opportunity for you to do great work in a new kind of life, for God, for self, for others." -- From " TEAMING UP FOR GOD AND COUNTRY," a World War II booklet published by the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States the day after the attack on Pearl Harbour. (1941)

" A striking experience in the history of the Church is the fact that we have more sol-diers as canonized saints than saints from any other profession, Saints George, Hadrian, Ignatius, Maurice and Sebastian among them. And this is not surprising at all, since the definition of sanctity is bravery supernaturalized." -- Francis Cardinal SPELLMAN. (1942)

" Either Communism must die, or Christianity must die. The Devil is their God, MARX their prophet, LENIN their saint." -- Billy GRAHAM. (1954)

MEMORANDA: May 9: Mother's Day; May 15: Armed Forces Day; May 20: Ascension; May 22, 1966: Bishop Blaise Kurz becomes Moderator of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement; May 30: Pentecost; May 31: Memorial Day; June: Month of the Sacred Heart.



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Ever since 1968 when, as a result of erroneous interpretations and implementations of the Second Vatican Council's decisions, **the centuries-old Sacrifice of the Mass** became threatened with extinction, the C.T.M., as the Movement is commonly known, has concentrated its efforts on the maintaining of **the completely unchanged Latin Roman Catholic Mass**, sometimes called the "Tridentine" Mass, as ordered "in perpetuity" by St. Pope Pius V in 1570:

"By this our decree, to be valid **IN PERPETUITY**, we determine and order that **NEVER** shall anything be added to, omitted from, or changed in this Missal...

At no time in the future can a priest, whether secular or order priest, ever be forced to use any **other way of saying Mass**. And so as to preclude once and for all any scruples of conscience and fear of ecclesiastical penalties and censures, we **herewith declare** that it is **in virtue of our Apostolic Authority** that we decree and determine that this **our present order and decree** is to last in **PERPETUITY** and **can never be legally revoked or amended at a future date....**And if anyone would nevertheless ever dare to attempt any action contrary to this order of ours, given for all times, let him know that he has **incurred the wrath of Almighty God and of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul.**"

(Decree QUO PRIMUM, St. Pius V, July 19, 1570.)

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# Personal from

*Fr. Gorman A. DePauw.*



*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?  
—Galatians 4:16*

My loyal Catholic Friend:

This is truly a very special issue of our CTM-Newsletter, one that some might well consider worth turning into a keep-sake. Indeed, before the pontificates of PAUL VI and JOHN PAUL I settle down for good into the pages of History, we are herewith adding a small footnote to those pages, by focusing the spotlight on the very special relationship the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT had with the Holy See during those extraordinary and turbulent days. Our suggestion is you read this special newsletter the way it was composed: Very carefully, and weighing every word.

I know that your next question is: " But what about the new Pope?" Well, at the risk of disappointing some of our friends, we will not yet attempt predicting what to expect during this new pontificate. After almost six months in office JOHN PAUL II remains the same enigma as when he was elected this past October 16.

Even his first encyclical, "Redemptor Hominis," (The Redeemer of Man), dated March 4 and released March 15, 1979, unusually long as encyclicals go, did not erase all question marks.

But then again, Popes are never remembered for what they said, but rather for what they did! So we will just have to wait a little longer to see what Pope John Paul will do to bring our Church back from the brink of destruction to which the misinterpretations and misrepresentations of the Vatican II-decrees have brought it. Meanwhile our prayers to the Holy Ghost remain more than ever in order.

The very day the new Pope released his first encyclical was also the day our CTM entered its 15th year of fighting " FOR TRUTH AND TRADITION." When we first raised the flag of resistance some predicted that we could not hold out for very long. But, with the grace of God and the exceptional loyalty of the "few that are chosen," we did! Fourteen years is not exactly a fly-by-night span...

How much longer will we go on?.... As long as it takes to bring sanity back to OUR Church!...And that's a promise!...



# **A POPE IS DEAD...**

## **LONG LIVE THE PAPACY!...**

A sermon delivered by Father Gommar A. De Pauw, J.C.D., Founder-President of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement, at all Masses offered on Sunday, August 14, 1978, at the C.T.M.-Headquarters' Ave Maria Chapel in Westbury, Long Island, New York

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Last Sunday morning I informed you that, even though the newsmedia were not saying one word about it, friends in Rome had let me know the day before that Pope Paul VI was gravely ill. And as a result of that information, I asked you last Sunday to pray for the Pope and for the Church.

Today, exactly a week later, I am asking you the same, to pray for the Pope and for the Church. With one big difference: today Pope Paul VI is dead, and the Church in even greater need of prayers.

Each time we offer the traditional Mass we pray and profess in the Apostles' Creed: "Credo in ... Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. -- I believe ... in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."

Part, -- indeed, a most essential part -- of the catholicity and apostolicity of that One and Holy Church is the papacy, that almost 2000-years-old-institution that goes back to the day when the divine Founder of that Church told an undeserving and unworthy human being whom God's grace would eventually transform from an ugly coward into a heroic martyr, the eternal words, "Tu es Petrus.... Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

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### **"ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH"...**

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It is not difficult to believe in, and remain loyal to the papacy when the Chair of Peter is occupied by an incumbent who possesses all the human and superhuman qualities which the wishful imagination of loving sons and daughters likes to attribute to the one we lovingly call the "Holy Father." And the record is there for all to see, that God has blessed His Catholic Church with a long list of outstanding Supreme Pontiffs who more than amply fulfilled the most demanding expectations, among them seventy-seven who were later canonized as true Saints.

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### **A LONG LIST OF OUTSTANDING SUPREME PONTIFFS...**

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But, ... one's Catholic faith is truly put to the test when one studies the history of the Church, only to discover that among the 262 successors of St. Peter -- while no one ever failed the infallibility exam -- some failed the general test miserably, outstanding among those failures such doctrinal disasters as Honorius I (625-638) and moral disgraces as Alexander VI (1492-1503) of Borgia fame.

# THE POPE OF CONTROVERSY



Official Vatican Photograph of His Holiness Pope PAUL VI (1963 - 1978)



But just as one remains a loyal American while most unhappy with certain American presidents, so true Catholics throughout these twenty centuries always knew how to distinguish between the papacy and the pope, between the Chair of Peter and its temporary incumbent. And while at times very unhappy with what certain popes said, did, or were, true Catholics always remained loyal to the papacy, realizing that one is no longer a Catholic if he breaks with the papacy, regardless of whether he leaves Peter's bark from the left or from the right.

And so it is natural that, having learned History's lesson to the fullest, the 13-years-old CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT has kept another truly Roman Catholic tradition alive, that of honoring the papacy at the passing away of a pope.

Ever since word of Pope Paul's death reached us last Sunday afternoon, the papal flag and the CTM-standard have been flying half-staff over our headquarters, with the bells of mourning tolling every hour. Last Monday, the first day after the Pope's death, an overflow crowd attended a memorial Latin traditional Requiem Mass at our chapel, with coverage by NBC-TV News. And until the end of the official nine day Church mourning period the customary church entrance bunting and exposition of the late pontiff's picture will remain outside and inside the chapel. In all this, we, traditionalist Roman Catholics, are indeed proceeding along the line of one of our Church's most sacred traditions, that of loyalty to the papacy, loyalty to the Chair of Peter.



*The Westbury Times, Westbury, N.Y.*

*Thursday, August 17, 1978*

**IN MEMORIAM: Picture of the late pontiff, Pope Paul VI, is encircled by wreath on front door of Ave Maria Chapel in Westbury while black draping is hung across building's front gable, as members of traditionalist church mourn the recent death of the pope.**

As I stated in my declaration to the press this past Manday, " I would be less than honest if I would now start saying that we, traditionalist Roman Catholics, have always been happy with every word and action of the late Pope Paul VI." What I wrote about the post-Vatican II Church in my "Open Letter to Pope Paul VI" on August 15, 1967, made headlines the world over at the time, since no one had ever said it before. I did reread that long letter this past week, and I neither retract it nor regret it.

The demise of a pope, however, should be no exception to the rule that permits children to always remember their father the way they want to. And so, today, and for the rest of my life, --

I would like to remember Pope Paul VI as the Supreme Pontiff who said: " Some persons speak of reforming the Church and giving up the Church's traditions. Those persons are not on the right road. Those persons bring sorrow to the Church and undermine her spiritual and social structure. -- Paul VI, Feb. 21, 1966.

I would like to remember Pope Paul VI as the Supreme Pontiff who said: " Latin is still the official language of the Catholic Church, despite the new vernacular liturgy. Latin will live again with greater impetus, despite fears for its survival." -- Paul VI, April 10, 1966.

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## **"GIVING UP THE CHURCH'S TRADITIONS...NOT THE RIGHT ROAD"... — PAUL VI, APRIL 10, 1966**

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I would like to remember Pope Paul VI as the Supreme Pontiff who not only honored me with the Silver Medal of his pontificate, but who, against all protocol, granted me, a simple priest, a personal audience in Rome, on that for me unforgettable December 1, 1965, and who, placing both his hands on my head, gave his blessing to me and to the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, a blessing which, in spite of repeated pressure on the part of reformist churchmen, he never retracted, but instead, enabled one of his closest cardinals in Rome to send me, as recently as this past February 28, 1978, Rome's, true Rome's appreciation for what the Roman cardinal called our " fidelity to Catholic Tradition."

I would like to remember Pope Paul VI as the Supreme Pontiff who in his handwritten spiritual last will and testament, made public the day before yesterday on the eve of his burial, ever so subtly and humbly admitted some of his mistakes: first, by warning the Church of the future not to accept " the world's thinking, customs, or tastes;" then, by stating that ecumenism with our separated brethren should never mean " giving up the true Catholic doctrine;" and, finally, by asking " forgiveness from all those to whom I did not do the right things."

As we all will do some day, Pope Paul VI has entered eternity, has met his Maker and Judge, that Judge Who already rendered His just verdict last Sunday afternoon at 3:40 PM, New York time. In true Christian charity, let us now leave Pope Paul VI's record in those divine hands, and in the hands of History for its more remote and therefore more objective judgment.

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## **BLESSING TO THE C.T.M. NEVER RETRACTED...IN SPITE OF REPEATED PRESSURE FROM REFORMISTS...**

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**MOST CRITICIZED PICTURES** -- Clockwise from top left are pictures of Pope PAUL VI as he met with U.S. and world politicians: President John F. KENNEDY; Martin Luther KING, Jr.; Senator Robert F. KENNEDY; President Lyndon B. JOHNSON; President Gerald FORD; Israeli Prime Minister Golda MEIR; Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei GROMYKO; President Richard NIXON. -- Some praised such encounters as wise world leadership. Others called them cheap politics, or worse.

Meanwhile, life goes on, and our Church is preparing the election of a new pope. If there ever was a time that our Church needed prayers, that time is now! Those in the hierarchy who have brought our Church to the brink of destruction, did not even wait for the burial of Pope Paul VI to start their diabolically clever maneuverings. If these evil men obtain the upperhand at the coming papal conclave, we may well end up with a new pope whose doings could make us, traditionalist Roman Catholics, wish we were back living in the days of Paul VI!

But, thank God, there are also still men of true faith, traditionalists at heart, among the cardinals-electors! Oh yes, I am sure that those of you who, as I did, watched the entire funeral of Pope Paul on television yesterday, found many a reason for shock and disappointment. What a far cry from the awe-inspiring traditional papal funerals inside St. Peter's basilica in the past! But, if you knew, as I do, the fight some conciliarist cardinals had put up in order to show the world a one hundred percent New Order service in the Italian vernacular and including people's communion-in-the-hand, then you would have rejoiced as I did over the first conciliarist public defeat in many a year! Pope Paul's funeral, in spite of its at times unbelievable flaws, was a 75% return to the traditional Latin Mass, including the old Latin Canon with the only valid Consecration words "pro multis -- for many" of the traditional Latin Mass, and not the invalidating "for all men" of the New Order services in our parishes! And how hard this defeat came to the conciliarists became at once evident when an American priest in charge of one telecast did not hesitate to translate the valid Latin "pro multis" - consecration words into the falsified "for all men." By nightfall the defeated conciliarists even went as far as to replace the real Roman Latin funeral service of the Pope with telecasts of New Order English memorial services from Chicago and Washington, D.C.!

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## POPE PAUL'S FUNERAL...FIRST CONCILIARIST PUBLIC DEFEAT IN MANY A YEAR...IN SPITE OF UNBELIEVABLE FLAWS...

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Is yesterday's partial victory for true Catholicism a first sign of better things to come? Was it the first turn around the corner, the beginning of a complete return to the traditional Latin Mass and all other traditions of the true Roman Catholic Church? How I wish I could be sure of that! Perhaps it is, ... if we pray hard enough!

PRAY, AND PRAY, AND PRAY we must these days!

Today, and every day until a new pope is elected, I personally will offer all my Masses, here in the chapel or wherever I may be traveling, as Masses listed in the traditional missal as votive Masses "pro eligendo pontifice -- for the election of a pope," for the election, that is, of the right man to the Chair of Peter; of a holy man who will have learned from the mistakes our Church has made these past ten years, and who will have the God-given courage to undo those mistakes and lead God's Church back to even greater accomplishments than those we now can only nostalgically reminisce about.

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## PRAY FOR A NEW POPE WITH THE COURAGE TO UNDO THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST TEN YEARS...

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My dear people, I beg you to pray for the same intention. Offer your Masses and Holy Communions for the same intention. Keep the same intention in mind when we pray those beautiful prayers to the Blessed Mother and the Archangel St. Michael after our Mass. Do the same with your daily prayers and rosaries. I ask you especially to have your children pray and storm Heaven, as an old expression goes, for the same goal. I ask you in particular to turn out in force for Mass this coming Tuesday, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother; not only because it is a holyday of obligation, but also because you want to join me in special prayers for our Church in these all-decisive days, and beg the Queen of our Church to intercede with her Divine Son and have Him send the Holy Ghost to enlighten those mortal men who carry the awful responsibility of electing the successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Christ; to strengthen the good ones among them, and to prevent the evil ones among them from doing more damage to our Church than weighs already forever on their consciences.

In the words of the Secreta prayer of the Mass for the election of a new pope: " Grant to us, O Lord, that we may have cause to rejoice, finding a pontiff pleasing to Thy majesty presiding over the conduct of our Holy Mother the Church." -- Amen!



**MOST QUESTIONED PICTURES** -- Clockwise from top left are pictures of Pope PAUL VI as he met with leaders of some of the world's most prominent sects: Anglican Dr. Michael RAMSEY; Orthodox ATHENAGORAS; Armenian VASKEN I; Coptic SHENOUDA III; Anglican Dr. Donald COGGAN; Buddhist DAILAI LAMA; and first embracing and then kissing the feet of Eastern Orthodox MELITON. -- Some hailed such meetings as acts of great Christian charity. Others called it ecumania...

# THE PAPAL AUDIENCE...

## SOME COULDN'T DIGEST...

Historians are already busy trying to pinpoint the historical highlights of the 15-years-long pontificate of the late Pope PAUL VI.

Some point to his re-opening of the Second Vatican Council (1963) interrupted and technically closed by the death of JOHN XXIII. Some single out, either as a high or as a low mark, his 1965-visit to the United Nations in New York. Others speak of his pilgrimage to Fatima (1967), or his *Novus Ordo Missae* -- in our opinion the gravest mistake he ever made! -- which he issued in 1968, the same year he wrote his most controversial encyclical on birth control, *Humanae Vitae*, which also was to remain his last encyclical.

Whatever the history books may finally settle on in the field of doctrine and Church discipline, for us of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT the emotional highlight of the pontificate of Paul VI will always remain that pontiff's face-to-face encounter with our Movement's founder, Father Gommar A. DE PAUW, December 1, 1965.

Here we were in the late fall of 1965. The Catholic Traditionalist Movement, less than a year old, had been enthusiastically received by people the world over, and strongly urged on by several bishops and some of the most powerful cardinals in the Church, such as New York's Francis SPELLMAN, and the Vatican's own Antonio BACCI, Michael BROWNE, Amleto CICOGNANI, and Alfredo OTTAVIANI.

The unanswered question, however, remained: "Where does Pope Paul VI personally stand in regard to the C.T.M. and its already controversial leader?"

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### THE UNANSWERED QUESTION REMAINED: "WHERE DOES POPE PAUL VI PERSONALLY STAND...?"

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No doubt that Cardinals Spellman and Ottaviani were telling the truth when they assured Father De Pauw that the Pope "knew all about" him and the C.T.M., and "will never touch you."

Equally true that some Vatican officials kept insisting on calling him "Eccellenza" and "Monsignore" since the late Pope John XXIII provided him with special Vatican II credentials, and Secretary of State, Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, promoted the then professor De Pauw to Domestic Prelate, a promotion which Baltimore's Lawrence Cardinal SHEHAN successfully prevented from being finalized.

Just as true that when the same Shehan demoted the founder of the newly established C.T.M. from dean of a major seminary to last assistant in some dilapidated parish, the Vatican at once arranged the priest's transfer from Baltimore to the diocese of Tivoli-Rome. (No matter how persistently the Baltimore establishment denies it, the authenticated, signed and sealed canonical Roman documents are there to prove it!)



All this being true, the fact was increasingly becoming clear that little by little a party-line was starting to surface in the Catholic press and among its clerical echoing parrots in the parishes: "No matter who backs the C.T.M. among bishops and cardinals, the Pope is personally against it, and Father De Pauw, in his disobedience to the Supreme Pontiff, is nicely on his way to becoming another Martin LUTHER. ( Even NEWSWEEK, a year later (Dec. 26, 1966), did not hesitate to speak of "modern American Catholicism's first Martin Luther," when labeling Father De Pauw "the closest thing to a public dissenter this country has produced since Vatican Council II."

And so it came as no surprise when Father De Pauw told his "inner circle" in Rome, where he had been serving as "personal expert" and "procurator" during Vatican Council II (1962-1965): " I am not leaving this city until I meet the Pope personally, to hear from his lips whether I should stop breaking the Church apart, as some accuse me of doing, or continue, as I believe, serving the Church's best interests."

On Wednesday Nov. 24, 1965 Father De Pauw, backed in this by Cardinals SPELLMAN and OTTAVIANI and Bishop Blaise KURZ, the future C.T.M.-Moderator, presented himself to the Vatican Secretariat of State to request a personal encounter with Pope PAUL VI, "any time, any place, at the convenience of His Holiness."

## "I AM NOT LEAVING THIS CITY UNTIL I MEET THE POPE PERSONALLY,...ANY TIME, ANY PLACE"...

When four days later, Nov. 28, the OSSERVATORE ROMANO carried the information that Baltimore's Cardinal SHEHAN had been received by the Pope, it did not take a detective's acumen to figure out that the chances of the C.T.M.-leader ever meeting the Pope face-to-face were not exactly a gambler's dream.

Yet, ...Well, why don't we just let Father De Pauw's personal diary speak for itself. Vatican protocol requires that no one who was personally received by a Pope ever directly quotes from his conversation with the Supreme Pontiff as long as that Pope is alive. With Pope Paul VI now deceased, the C.T.M.-leader agreed to, for the first time, make public, with direct quotations, what transpired that day, thus giving our readers a foretaste of what to expect when his long overdue "Roman Diary" will be published.



*Most Holy Father,  
 Father Dominick De Pauw, S.J.  
 and members of the Catholic  
 Traditionalist Movement,  
 humbly prostrate at the feet of  
 your Holiness, beg the  
 Apostolic Blessing.  
 His Eminence Benigno Antonio Kardinal  
 Ex. Off. Vaticanus die 5 Nov. 1965.  
 F. De Pauw  
 Ach. M. M.*

# "MY ROMAN DIARY"

By

FATHER GOMMAR A. DE PAUW

*(Excerpts from a forthcoming book)*

" TUESDAY, NOV. 30, 1965 -- The storm which has been plaguing Europe for the last four days is still raging this morning here in Rome, to the point where the Sisters here have to send their chauffeur to drive us to the chapel of the generalate. After the Mass the pouring rain stops sufficiently to let us walk to the bus that will take us to the Council session in St. Peter's. My travel companion today is Bishop Richard ACKERMAN of Covington, Kentucky, who discusses the "awful" picture published in this week's NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER showing an Oklahoma priest celebrating Mass facing the people and flanked by two teen-age girls. The bishop expresses the hope that the Holy Father will get to know this. I assure him the Pope will.

" At St. Peter's Square, learning that there is nothing of importance going on in today's Council session, I leave the Council bus for the one to the railroad station where I take another bus for Tivoli, an hour ride of approximately 40 kilometers, to take care of the final formalities of my incardination into that diocese.

" When I arrive around 10:30 in Tivoli a real downpour of a cloudburst is flooding the streets...and me. I still manage to find a taxi to bring me to the "Curia Vescovile" (Bishop's Chancery) at the Via S. Anna. The chancery is a new building consisting of two modest rooms, one for the vicar-general and one for the chancellor, plus a small waiting corridor with four small chairs.

" The vicar-general, monsignor Mario IACOVELLI, is most accommodating. He is unable to converse with me in Latin, but we get around in Italian. He says that for them here my excardination from Baltimore and my incardination into Tivoli-Rome is a "fait accompli" if I only will now take the oath required by canon 117,n.3. He places an open Latin breviary in front of me to take the oath on. He apologizes that the two copies of the incardination form I have to sign are in Italian instead of Latin, but I state that I have no objections to the Italian text which I fully understand.

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## THE VICAR-GENERAL...UNABLE TO CONVERSE IN LATIN...

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" The main gist of the text is that I swear not to leave the diocese of Tivoli without the written permission of the bishop. To make sure no one is fooling anybody I ask the monsignor if Bishop Luigi FAVERI of Tivoli has explained my situation to him. He assures me that the bishop has indeed, and again apologizingly says, "This oath-taking today is only 'pro forma'. You will be going back to Spellman's city immediately." When I make attempts to sign the papers, he again most apologizingly this time interrupts me by saying that I have to read the formula aloud. When I am half way through, he stops me by saying, "That's good enough. Just sign now." He then shakes my hand and wishes me the best of luck.





**NON-EXISTING PICTURE (1965) -- December 1, 1965, Father Gommar A. DE PAUW, president of the newly founded C.T.M. was granted a personal audience with Pope PAUL VI. The official papal photographer was forcibly stopped from taking the customary pictures, by Chicago-born Bishop Paul C. MARCINKUS, shown here in the background during an audience of a foreign dignitary in 1970. (See article.)**

" I thank the good monsignor but insist that, to do everything just right according to Canon Law, the bishop send me official "litterae discedendi" (permission to live outside the diocese) clearly stating that he permits me to return to the U.S.A. The monsignor hereupon asks when I plan to leave for the States, and when I answer that I intend to leave next week, he agrees that those letters should be "subito"(at once) prepared. He assures me that, since the chancellor does not come to the office today, those letters will be made tomorrow.

" To show my appreciation for his quick and good service I leave the good monsignor a 10,000 lire bill (some \$16) for one Mass to be offered by him for my intentions. The poor man is most appreciative.

" From the curia (chancery) I go to the nearby cathedral. What a dirty-looking dilapidated place! And freezing inside! There must be better places than this to pray your breviary!

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## THERE MUST BE BETTER PLACES THAN THIS TO PRAY YOUR BREVIARY...

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" It has started raining again, and with half the streets still without side walks the mud and water are a problem. After being steered to the wrong bus I finally get to the right bus for the return trip to central Rome. These Roman buses are some places! I have already become used to see boys and girls neck in public, but today in this bus from Tivoli to the center of Rome I ran into a "first" for me, seeing a man in his twenties publicly neck with... his teen-age boyfriend! This city is rotten in more ways than one!

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## THIS CITY IS ROTTEN IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!...

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" When around 2 p.m. I return to the Villa (Villa Maria Regina, a Vatican-sponsored "pilgrims house" run by German nuns, in Rome's Ponte Milvio section, where Father De Pauw stayed during the Vatican Council II with some thirty American and German bishops), I find on my desk two other documents which Bishop Kurz asked Bishop Faveri to sign in St. Peter's Basilica this morning during the Council session: one document approves my appointment as "personal secretary" to Bishop Kurz, and the other my appointment as Council procurator for Bishop BUEHL of Bavaria.

" The mail also brings me a copy of a letter sent by 27 seminarians and laymen from St. Mary's, Kentucky to all the American bishops, and expressing their admiration for me and the C.T.M.

" - While the Mexican hierarchy is being entertained downstairs by Bishop Joseph HOEFFNER of Muenster, Germany, I receive a complete file from that country explaining the Mexican C.T.M.'s position in view of the notorious "condemnation" of our Movement by Mexico City's archbishop MIRANDA.

"If anyone says that the Mass ought to be celebrated in the VERNACULAR only, . . . let him be anathema (cursed).

—ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF TRENT.



" - At 5 p.m. when we are just about ready to start dinner -- a special one in honor of the visiting Mexican bishops -- a car with diplomatic Vatican license plates rolls up the driveway. The chauffeur informs the portress-sister that he has a message from the Vatican. To the visible surprise and disappointment of the bishops -- especially of Muenster's Bishop Joseph Hoeffner, later to become Cardinal-Archbishop of Cologne, -- the document is for "il professore De Pauw."

" Printed in Italian, and signed by Archbishop -- later Cardinal -- Mario NASALLI ROCCA DI CORNELIANO, Maestro di Camera di Sua Santita, (Master of the House of His Holiness) it simply states: " Sua Santita ricevera in audienza il Rev. Sac. Gommar A. De Pauw nel giorno di domani mercoledì alle ore 17." Translation: "His Holiness will receive the Reverend Father Gommar A. De Pauw in audience tomorrow, Wednesday, at 17 hours (5 p.m.)"

" Since I do not have a black "ferraiola" (the formal mantle required by Vatican protocol for priests personally received by the Pope) and obviously do not have sufficient time to have one made up for me, Bishop Kurz immediately turns to a German bishop whose name I do not know for the moment, to have that bishop's secretary, who knows his way around here, provide me with one.

" A little later Bishop KURZ tells me that he has no objections to become publicly linked with the C.T.M., and that he would like to meet some of our New York members and speak to them. He adds that, since I am his secretary and theological adviser, all bishops already suspect that he is backing the C.T.M. anyway! ( A year later, the German-born American Bishop Kurz, an exiled missionary bishop from China, and guest of New York's Cardinal SPELLMAN, effectively became Bishop-Moderator of the C.T.M. until his death in 1973.)



FAMILIAR SIGHT (1962-1965): The CTM-leader on his way from the Vatican Secretariat of State (in background with personal papal quarters) to the Holy Office (now called the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.)

" WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1965 -- This looks like quite a day ahead of me. The Council is for all practical purposes finished. The signing of papers seems to be all that is left to be done.

" 10 a.m.: German Monsignor Heribert SCHAUF gives me a lift in his car to the Vatican. We park in the inner-square in front of the Vatican Library where I had a confidential meeting with Eugene Cardinal TISSERANT a few months back, and where a few days ago burglars stole some invaluable documents and jewels. Schauf goes to a special meeting of the Theological Commission of which he is a member, representing the German hierarchy. He sure loves to speak Latin with me. I take care of some more practical things, and go to the Vatican Bank to cash some American checks, some personal, and one sent to me, in the amount of \$200, from an "admirer" in Michigan who wants me to give the money to "a bishop or bishops whose priests are very poor."

" From the Bank I go to the Secretariat-General of the Council to straighten out the question of my being Procurator for Bishop Berthold BUEHL. Monsignor LUPPI is out, so I deal with always friendly French-speaking Don TOSTI. When I show him my Tivoli incardination papers and Bishop FAVERI's approval for my continuing procuratorship he states that there is no more any problem for me to sign the official Ecumenical Council decrees. At once he invites me to sign the decree on Divine Revelation and the one on the Laity, telling me to come back for the other decrees to be signed tomorrow. Stating that I can sign in any language I prefer, I happily sign in Latin: ' Sacerdos Gummarus Albertus De Pauw, Procurator Exc. ac Revm. Berthold Buehl, episcopi titularis Methonensis.'

" Don Tosti, a real swell and humble priest, an exception among those Vatican peacock-monsignori, then apologizes for the trouble I have encountered here at the Secretariat-General of the Council during this last session. He gives this explanation: ' We are just small office boys here! What could we do when your Cardinal SHEHAN continuously gave us hell? Shehan was furious when he realized that you could attend all the Council sessions without his recommendation. What I would like to know is if the unfatherly way that cardinal treated you is typical of the relationship between bishops and priest in America.' I assured the good priest that Shehan was not at all like most American bishops.

" From the Secretariat-General I go to the N.C.W.C.-office to pick up Bishop KURZ' flight-ticket for next Thursday's return-trip to New York.

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## "WE ARE JUST SMALL OFFICE BOYS HERE"...

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" I run into Bishop Albert ZUROWESTE of Belleville, Illinois, who is delighted to ' shake hands with the leader of the Traditionalists.' ' I am not afraid to be contaminated,' he says jokingly, adding that he is glad that the ' Catholic press was unable to destroy me.' As a former president of the N.C.W.C.'s Press Department he adds that under his presidency the Catholic press did not do what it is doing today. He parts most friendly, saying that he was looking forward to receiving my next C.T.M.-communication.

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast; and hold the TRADITIONS which you have learned."

(2 Thess., 2, 15.)—SAINT PAUL.



" From the Via della Conciliazione I take a taxi to some German convent near San Maria Maggiore where the bishop of Wuerzburg's secretary, Domvikar Albert WAGNER had arranged for me to pick up the ferraiola required by Vatican protocol for tonight's personal audience with the Pope. In a nearby office I also finally succeed to find a machine capable of making a few photostatic copies of my invitation to that papal audience, since I learned that the original one must be handed over to a papal attendant tonight.

" When I arrive back at the Villa there wait already for me the documents from the bishop of Tivoli, attesting to my good standing as a priest of his diocese, and giving me permission to leave the diocese and return to the United States. Actually the letters are even stronger than anything I had hoped for. They state that I can go anywhere in the world: 'Americam aliasque regiones.' Who said that Italian offices are slow? This beats everything for fast service, since I only left the Tivoli chancery twenty-four hours ago!

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## WHO SAID THAT ITALIAN OFFICES ARE SLOW?...

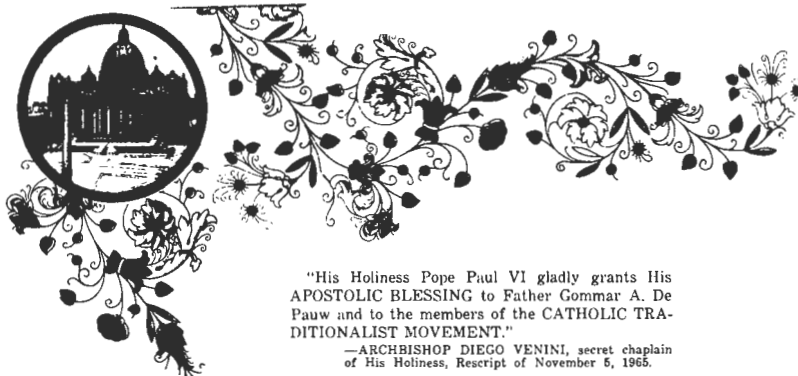
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" I spend practically the entire afternoon preparing the Latin letter, explaining once more the position and aims of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, which I intend to leave with the Pope this evening when I will meet him.

" 4 p.m.: I take a good deal of friendly ribbing on the part of the Villa bishops when they notice me getting ready to go to the papal audience. Since I never wore these things before in my life, I frankly do not know how to put on the ferraiola and the cincture required for the occasion. With a surprised Bishop William CONNARE of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, looking on, it is Covington, Kentucky's Bishop Richard ACKERMAN who comes to my rescue.

" Just when I am ready to go into the taxi for St. Peter's Basilica the Rome correspondent of UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, Rufus GOODWIN, telephones me to inquire whether or not I know anything about a special explanatory note being added to the Council Declaration on Religious Liberty. I tell him that I too had heard that rumor, but that this was only one of the many rumors now making the rounds in Rome. I ask him to excuse me as I am on my way to a papal audience.

" When I arrive at the specially designated side entrance of St. Peter's, two types of uniformed attendants conduct me past a whole row of surprised looking bishops to a specially reserved chair on the right side of the throne of the Pope. During the following general audience, attended by the Patriarch of Lisbon, Portugal, Cardinal Goncalves CEREJEIRA, Pope Paul speaks on the theme of St. Peter being told by Our Lord at the lake of Tiberiades that his love for Christ is expected to be greater than that of the other apostles.



"His Holiness Pope Paul VI gladly grants His APOSTOLIC BLESSING to Father Gommarr A. De Pauw and to the members of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT."

—ARCHBISHOP DIEGO VENINI, secret chaplain of His Holiness, Rescript of November 6, 1965.

" At the end of the general audience I am conducted to a side-chapel of St. Peter's, the one where the body of St. Josaphat is exposed for veneration and a giant-size statue of Pope Pius XII adorns the wall.

" The entrance to the chapel proper is closed with a red velvet curtain. There seem to be about thirty people waiting to be received by the Pope, most in small groups, such as a couple ambassadors with their families, a group of California Congressmen, the editorial staff of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, and a group of Indian dignitaries. A smaller number is to be received individually by the Pope: the Chief-of-Staff of the Philippine Armed Forces, U.S. Senator Eugene McCARTHY, the future presidential contender from Minnesota, the ASSOCIATED PRESS Rome correspondent BOLTON, and myself.

" The Philippine General is very friendly and cordial, but Senator McCarthy is not interested in carrying on a conversation while we are both waiting side by side. I guess he did not consider me a potential voter for him.

" At least three times in a row, red-uniformed lay-attendants and security-officers come to check my official invitation and identification papers, to see if they match their own information.

" After about a half hour waiting, the papal official photographer FELICI arrives. As I had become very well acquainted with him since the very early days of the Ecumenical Council, Signor Felici is amazed and delighted to see me waiting to be received by the Pope. He assures me to go out of his way in my case and not only take the customary black-and-white pictures of any personal papal audience, but special color pictures as well. He asks me for my address in Rome where he will have them delivered the next day.

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## THE GENERAL WAS FRIENDLY,...THE SENATOR WAS NOT...

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" It is about 6:45 p.m. when a red-uniformed papal lay-attendant accompanies me into the chapel where Pope Paul, flanked by two Roman monsignori, seated on his throne, awaits me. On the side stands Chicago-born Monsignor Paul MARCINKUS, the Pope's English interpreter, and senior American attaché at the Secretariat of State. With a loud voice Marcinkus introduces me as 'il Padre De Pauw del Movimento Americano per la liturgia tradizionale.' ('Father De Pauw of the American Movement for the traditional liturgy')

" While walking in the direction of the Pope I am still calm enough to notice how an angry looking Marcinkus runs up to the papal photographer, whispering and pointing his finger at him. I couldn't help thinking 'There goes my picture!' ( Three days later, Dec. 4, when Felici's promised pictures had not yet arrived, I went to the office of the pontifical photographer. What I had suspected was true. Marcinkus had stopped Felici from taking any picture of me being received by the Pope!! Felici's assistant showed me the official list of those whose picture was to be taken while being received by the Pope, and my name was clearly on it. In any case, if my 'opposition' thinks that they thus destroyed the evidence of my audience with the Pope, they are mistaken. I had photostats made my official personal audience invitation, before surrendering the original as required by papal protocol. And I have the papal archives to back me up!!)





BASILICA VATICANA

Ingresso: Arco di San Giuseppe  
(Piazza di S. Maria)

*Sua Santità riceverà in udienza*

*il Rev. Sac. Gommar A. De Pauw,*

*nel giorno di domani mercoledì*

*alle ore 17*

Vaticano, 30 NOV. 1965



*Il Maestro di Camera di Sua Santità*

*(Mario Nasalli Rocca di Corneliano)*

*Signore: velo e rigorosamente accollate.*

*Ecclesiastici: abito piano.*

*Non sono ammesse persone oltre quelle indicate nel biglietto.*

" THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE! " -- If one were to believe the "Catholic" press, led on by Baltimore's Cardinal Shehan's Catholic Review, the CTM-leader, Father De Pauw, never had a personal audience with Pope PAUL VI. -- The above is a photostatic copy of the official Vatican invitation to such an audience. The invitation, dated November 30, 1965, was signed by the future Cardinal Mario Nasalli Rocca di Corneliano, then "Master of the House of His Holiness," and reads: "His Holiness will receive the Reverend Father Gommar A. De Pauw in audience tomorrow, Wednesday, at 5p.m." The audience actually took place that day, Wednesday, December 1, 1965.

" The Pope literally receives me with wide open arms. After I kneel and kiss his ring he does not let go, and for the next five minutes he holds both my hands in his, while time after time he forcibly presses them to indicate his approval of some of my words, or emphasize some of his own.

" While we look each other straight in the eyes, I told the Pope, in Latin, that I wanted, first of all, to express personally the unswerving loyalty and filial obedience to the Holy ROMAN Catholic Church of the millions of traditionalist Catholics in the U.S.A. and the world, whose true feelings I had expressed in the survey-report I had presented to him nine days earlier.

" I then thanked him for the way he had intervened in the work of the Ecumenical Council, when he forbade that Council to discuss the problems of birth-control and the priestly celibacy. I told him that this was the kind of action the traditionalist Catholics expect from the Pope, the successor of Peter and the Supreme Pontiff. I added that for us the Pope is not just the presiding officer of a college of bishops, but the supreme chief with unquestionable authority over all Catholics, including bishops and cardinals.

" I then also expressed our delight over his encyclicals 'Ecclesiam Suam,' 'Mense Maio,' and 'Mysterium Fidei,' which all stressed the unchangeable doctrines of our Church.

" Next I stated that I was soon returning to the United States to resume the public leadership of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, and that I wanted to assure him personally that this Movement stands ready to cooperate most loyally with Pope and bishops for the implementation of the Vatican Council's decisions, but only as these decisions had been voted by the bishops and promulgated by the Pope, and not as they are being misinterpreted by the self-styled so-called experts of the extreme Left. I repeated that now that I was resuming the public leadership of the C.T.M., the fight against those misrepresentations and misinterpretations would go on stronger than ever.

" Finally I asked the Pope for his personal special blessing for me and the members of the C.T.M., now that our big fight was just beginning.

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## I ASKED THE POPE FOR HIS PERSONAL BLESSING...

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" The Pope nods his head approvingly, looks me straight in the eyes, and continues holding my hands in his. He starts to speak in Italian, and calls in Marcinkus to act as interpreter. I tell the Pope, in Italian, that there was no need for an interpreter, since I understand Italian, but speak Latin to him as a matter of principle and policy. To my great satisfaction, and Marcinkus' embarrassment, the Pope sends his interpreter away.

" Here the Pope, until now very friendly and fatherly, assumes a worried and nervous looking facial expression. He looks almost sad, and I really feel sorry for him, when he starts by saying that I, and all Catholics, should realize that the Church is going through one of its gravest periods in History.

" He asks me to urge the people not to lose faith in the Church, and to continue to believe that, once the dust stirred up by the Ecumenical Council has settled down, the unchangeable Church will come out of all this with new rejuvenated vigor. But, to achieve this, he adds, it is necessary for all Catholics to obey the decisions of the Vatican Council II.



" I answer by saying that as long as I am the leader of the C.T.M., our Movement will never lack that obedience. But I repeat once more: ' Obedience to the Council decisions as they were voted and promulgated: yes! But we refuse to swallow the misrepresentations of those decisions on the part of certain so-called experts. I add that Catholic traditionalists believe in the Pope and in the bishops, but not in some of their advisors.' ( Please note this diary was written in 1965. Fourteen years later, in 1979, we regretfully admit that we no longer believe in certain bishops either.)

" I made sure to ask one concrete concession which had become of great special symbolic and practical importance to us. I asked the Pope not to allow the destruction of the Latin Rite, and allow us, Catholic traditionalists, at least one old-fashioned Latin Mass a day in each parish.

" The Pope answered that this was up to the bishops in their respective dioceses to grant us .

" I answered that we knew that this question could be solved by our bishops today, but that many of our bishops are ill-advised on this subject. Therefore, I added, I was imploring the Pope to use his influence to convince our bishops to listen to this request of the traditionalist Catholics. I added: ' Most Holy Father, I assure you that the salvation of countless souls is at stake, not only in the United States, but in many other countries as well, where Catholic traditionalists feel exactly the way we do in America, as I know first-hand from personal contacts with their leaders.'

" The Pope had tears in his eyes, but said nothing at this point. When an Italian monsignor came to remind the Pope that ' my time was up,' the Pope waved him off and kept my hands in his.

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## I ASKED THE POPE TO ALLOW AT LEAST ONE OLD-FASHIONED LATIN MASS A DAY IN EACH PARISH...

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" I gave the monsignor a dirty look, and asked the Pope once again to give me and the people I represented his personal " special blessing " for the success of the mission I was now entering into, now that I was resuming the C.T.M.'s public leadership.

" The Pope seemed to hesitate for a few seconds. Looking me straight in the eyes and holding my hands in his, he asked: ' It is this special blessing you want?' I answered: ' That is correct, Holy Father.' He then raised his hands and gave me his blessing in the traditional Latin form, ending by placing both his hands upon my head and keeping them there for quite some time without saying a word.

" I thank the Pope and kiss his hands while he reaches for a picture of the Blessed Mother with on the backside his papal coat of arms and in his own handwriting the Latin inscription: ' Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. -- In nativitate beatae Mariae Virginis 1965 -- Paulus P.P. VI.' ( ' Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. -- Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, 1965 -- Paul VI, Pope-Pontiff. ') Giving me the picture he says: ' For you, a little memento.'

" When I get up and start leaving, the Pope starts talking again to me, at the visible annoyance of the two Italian monsignori behind his throne. This time he inquires about my family. I ask him to bless them all, and especially my oldest sister, for 33 years a medical missionary nun in Africa.

" The Pope reacted surprisedly, and asked if he had understood correctly that I had a sister who had been a missionary for more than 30 years in Africa. When I answered that he understood correctly, he shook his head in admiration, saying, ' Thirty years a missionary! What a wonderful life! I most certainly give her a very special blessing , and - here he spoke to one of the attending monsignori - give her one of these special Madonna pictures too.' Here the Pope made the sign of the cross in some distant direction.

" As long as I had the Pope for myself, I nervedly asked, ' And please also bless all other members of my family and my personal friends.' Again making the sign of the cross, the Pope said, ' Yes, all of them, especially their children and the sick and the suffering.'

" I get up, and an attendant in red-gold uniform conducts me to a small little stairway leading to a secret exit from St. Peter's to the Porta Santa Maria. I am so excited I almost put my overcoat on over my borrowed ferraiola. The papal Swiss guards salute and present their halberds when I leave the Vatican grounds.

" When I arrive a little late for supper at the Villa, the American and German bishops are all waiting in the dining room to hear how 'I made out.' Some look just a bit envious.

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## THE POPE MADE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN SOME DISTANT DIRECTION...

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When newsmen the world over headlined " Traditionalist Leader Received and Blessed by Pope !" a furious Cardinal SHEHAN reacted with his own headline in the BALTIMORE CATHOLIC REVIEW: " Vatican official : No Private Audience for De Pauw!" The Vatican official referred to was a substitute at the Vatican Secretariat of State by the name of Angelo DELL' ACQUA. Technically Shehan and Dell'Acqua were not lying. The time spent by the C.T.M.-leader with Pope Paul VI was not a "private" audience like the ones granted with great fanfare to kings and presidents, but only a "personal" one, sometimes referred to as the "bacci-manu" (hand-kissing audience). (It was not the fault of Father De Pauw that even the NEW YORK TIMES raised his audience to "private.")

What Shehan, putting pressure on a then low-ranking Vatican official, tried to accomplish, however, was to destroy the credibility of the C.T.M.- leader by presenting him to the public as a liar, not beyond making up stories to enhance his own image. As a matter of fact, in a concomitant article in the same "Catholic" paper, a Shehan-stooge did not hesitate to write -- an article echoed in most "Catholic" papers in the U.S.A. -- that Father De Pauw never met the Pope personally, and that the closest the C.T.M.- leader ever came to Paul VI was being present at an audience for some 500 advisers, secretaries and chauffeurs, at the end of Vatican II. ( Actually Father De Pauw did not even attend that audience!)

Dell' Acqua, even though he rapidly rose to Cardinal, did not survive this deception for very long. He dropped dead a few years later, on a street in France. The orchestrator of this dirty trick, Shehan, now 81, is still living with it...

# THE POPE OF HOPE



*Ioannes Paulus P. II*





SECRETARIA STATVS

EX AEDIBVS VATICANIS, 5 Septembris 1978

Reverende Domine,

Iuvat me Tibi nuntiare Ioanni Paulo I, Supremo Pontifici, acceptissima fuisse bene ominantia verba, quibus Eum ob profectionem ad munus Supremi Ecclesiae Pastoris es prosecutus.

Pro quo observantiae et amoris officio Ipse gratias maximas agens, Benedictionem Apostolicam Tibi libentissime impertit, quam etiam ad cunctos, quos caros habes, vult pertinere.

Haec de mandato Beatissimi Patris rescribens, me Tibi addictissimum profiteor.

+ J. Card. Villot

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Reverendo Domino

Domino GOMMAR DE PAUW

TRANSLATION: Secretariat of State.  
From the Vatican: September 5, 1978.  
To the Rev. Father Gommard De Pauw.  
Reverend Father: I have the pleasure  
of informing you that the Supreme  
Pontiff, John Paul I, was most eager

to accept the good wishes which you sent him the day he assumed the office of Supreme Shepherd of the Church. -- He personally sends you his profoundest thanks for such an expression of loyalty and love, while at the same time taking the greatest satisfaction in sending his Apostolic Blessing to you personally and equally to all those in your care. -- While I am sending this letter to you by order of the most Holy Father, I declare myself at the same time your most devoted (s) J. Cardinal Villot.

# THE C.T.M. NEVER SLEEPS...

We have always considered it a serious mistake on the part of the late Pope PAUL VI that on November 16, 1970, he declared cardinals who reached their 80th birthday no longer eligible to participate in the election of a new Pope. But if any exceptions were to be made to this rule, they certainly should not have been in favor of those who, at the time arrogantly sure they would outlive Paul VI, pressured the Pope into that cave-in. Among them was Baltimore's answer to Rasputin, Lawrence J. Cardinal SHEHAN.

There were those who said that Shehan's name would never again pop up in anything controversial where Rome was concerned, after his unsavory entanglement with the Vatican in 1965, when he tried unsuccessfully to undo the C.T.M.- leader's canonical transfer from his archdiocese to the diocese of Tivoli-Rome.

But those speculators did not foresee 1978, the year in which the diminutive former Baltimore archbishop would once again make the Vatican blush, and this time regarding nothing less than a papal conclave convoked to elect a new Pope.

At C.T.M.- headquarters -- watchdog with an eye on many things! -- we had been aware for a long time that Shehan's birthday had quietly been changed in the ANNUARIO PONTIFICIO, the Vatican Directory that lists all cardinals, from March 18, 1898, to December 18, 1898, rejuvenating him at once by nine months!

When during the summer of 1978 rumors about Pope Paul's increasingly poor health and possible resignation grew more and more persistent, one Gary MAC EGIN and other liberal friends of Shehan, calling themselves "the Committee for the Responsible Election of the Pope," rushed a 300-page book into print titled "The Inner Elite: Dossiers of Papal Candidates." Listed among the cardinals-electors expected to participate in a conclave "taking place before Dec. 18, 1978" -- you guessed it! -- Baltimore's Shehan, glowingly described as one who "as head of his diocese showed great sensitivity in dealing with people," and "can be counted on to support an open, moderately progressive candidate" to succeed Pope Paul VI.

It was bad enough that no sooner reached the news of Pope Paul's death the media or all American news services started listing Shehan, who had turned 80 five months before the Pope's death, among the cardinal-electors. But when the C.T.M. learned that the Vatican Secretariat of State had indeed sent an official invitation to Shehan to participate in the upcoming conclave, and that Shehan was already on his way to Rome, we immediately cabled the Vatican authorities the following telegram: "Current ANNUARIO PONTIFICIO and various publications erroneously list Cardinal Lawrence SHEHAN of Baltimore as born December 18, 1898. Correct birthday is March of same year, making him 80 years old and excluded from the papal conclave. Please do not permit cloud of illegality to hang over future papal election."

Three days later the Vatican responded to what it termed our "thoughtful telegram" with expressing "appreciation for the consideration of bringing this matter to our attention," and informing us that "the correct age of Cardinal Shehan has been clarified, and therefore will pose no problem for the upcoming conclave of Cardinals to select a successor for the late Pope Paul VI."

# **"HABEMUS PAPAM!"...**

## **"WE HAVE A POPE!"...**

A sermon delivered by Father Gommar A. De Pauw, J.C.D., Founder-President of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement, at all Masses offered on Sunday, August 27, 1978, at the C.T.M.- Headquarters' Ave Maria Chapel in Westbury, Long Island, New York

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You will recall how last Sunday I passed on to you the information I had received the previous day from our contacts in Rome, that, contrary to what some "infallible experts" were predicting, we could very well have one of the shortest papal conclaves in history, so much so that we could very well have a new Pope come next Sunday.

Obviously our Roman contacts knew what they were talking about. For here we are, after only one day of conclave voting, celebrating the election of Pope John Paul I, the former Albino Cardinal Luciani of Venice!

What we did at the passing away of Pope Paul VI, we are doing again today: not venerating or exalting any individual, but honoring and perpetuating the papacy. The entrance to our chapel is once again decorated -- this time with the yellow and white papal colors -- while the papal flag and CTM-standard are flying full-staff over our buildings.

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### **HONORING AND PERPETUATING THE PAPACY...**

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Obviously at least some of our prayers have been answered!

First of all, the enemies of our Church -- and some of them were right inside the Sistine chapel! -- were unable to let the world enjoy the spectacle of a prolonged conclave indicative of bitter in-fighting and profound disunity.

You may have heard of the young priest in the New York archdiocese who last Sunday led his congregation in prayer for the non-election of a new pope and the end of the papacy. But you may not be aware of the fact that this young clergyman's views were not far removed from the thinking of some cardinals who were hoping and maneuvering for weeks, if not months, of conclaving, resulting finally in a "rule by committee," thus factually proving, to the delight of some Catholic and non-Catholic ecumaniacs, that the Church of Christ did not need a pope to live on.

"Some persons speak of REFORMING the Church and giving up the Church's laws, TRADITIONS, and aspirations . . . They feel that the whole structure of the Church should be revised, and that the laws of the Church are outmoded and out-of-step with the present times. Those persons are not on the right road. They bring sorrow to the Church and undermine her spiritual and social structure."

—POPE PAUL VI, February 21, 1966.





**FIRST PICTURE -- Flanked by his Masters of Pontifical Ceremonies, Pope JOHN PAUL I waves and smiles to the crowd in St. Peter's Square on Aug. 26, 1978, immediately following his election by the conclave of 111 cardinals.**

Our prayers were also answered by the fact that none of the leading "papabili" -- leading candidates -- of the "experts" was elected.

I still get chills while thinking what could have happened if some of those "favorites" had been elected!

( Cardinal Luciani had not even been mentioned as a "long shot" by Ladbroke, England's professional bookmaker, which made the Curia's Sergio Cardinal Pignedoli the 5-2 favorite.

Neither was Cardinal Luciani's name on a list of "papabili" drawn up by the Italian ambassador to the Vatican, and a winner-only pool conducted among foreign journalists in Rome had to return all the 1,000-lire bets because not one of the visiting media experts picked Cardinal Luciani.

The Rome papers too did not fare much better, with only one of them mentioning the patriarch of Venice as a serious possibility, and that paper was -- what irony! -- Rome's Communist paper "Paese Sera."

One American television crew, ever so capably assisted by one of those American priests who were out-experting each other on various networks, decided to film interviews in advance with the 15 leading candidates, but for reasons of time and economy cut back to an even dozen taped sessions. Cardinal Luciani was 13th on the list!

The biggest piece of crow, however, must still be stuck in the mouths of American "experts" Gary MacEoin and Andrew Greeley and their "Committee for the Responsible Election of the Pope." Their "The Inner Elite," a 300-page dossier of papal candidates, gave eight pages to Argentinian Cardinal Pironio, six pages to Italian Cardinal Benelli, five pages to Belgian Cardinal Suenens, four pages to Dutch Cardinal Willebrands and American Cardinal Dearden, with less than a page given to the one who was really to become Pope!)

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## THE BIGGEST PIECE OF CROW MUST STILL BE STUCK IN THE MOUTHS OF "EXPERTS" LIKE...

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What kind of a person is the new Pope, and what can one expect from him, judging his past?

I wish I could say that I know the new Pope personally, but I don't. Until last night I was sure I never was near him in my entire life. But then I learned that he must have been among the number of Italian bishops with whom I shared many an "expresso" when I served in Rome during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). If I did, I certainly do not remember it.

The present Pope was at that time one of the youngest among a few hundreds of bishops of small Italian dioceses, bishops who never made a speech at the Council, but who could always be relied upon to follow the Ottaviani-Ruffini "traditionalist" line -- unfortunately, the minority line most of the time -- when it came to voting.

The first time I ever heard of him as a possible pope was the day before the closed conclave began, when our Roman contacts informed the CTM that our number-one "traditionalist" candidate, Pericle Cardinal Felici, had no chance of being elected, but that Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani's "second best" choice, one Albino Cardinal Luciani of Venice, could still beat the then front-runner Paolo Cardinal Bertoli.

All I know about the new Pope is what I gathered this past night, when I did a little homework and made a few phone calls, and I wish to share that information with you this morning.

Albino Luciani was born of extremely poor parents -- his father a migrant often unemployed brick layer, and his mother a hospital maid -- in the little town of Forno di Canale, renamed Canale D'Agordo in 1964, between Venice and the Austrian border, in Northeastern Italy, on October 17, 1912, thus making him the first pope born in the 20th century.

(UPI, stressing how the Lucianis never forget the humble origins and grinding poverty to which the Pope was born in that Dolomite village 65 years ago, quoted the new Pope's brother Edoardo, 60, a retired grammar school teacher, as saying: "You just cannot imagine what it was like in those days. From May to October we went without shoes. The rest of the year we had to have them because the place was covered with snow.")

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## THE FIRST POPE BORN IN THE 20TH CENTURY...

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Perhaps the burden of poverty and unemployment was too much for the father of four children, making the future Pope's embittered father give up the practice of his religion and instead become an outspoken anti-clerical socialist militant, while working as an immigrant laborer in Switzerland and Germany.

At no time, however, did the father prevent the son from following his calling to the priesthood, a dream which came true for young Albino when, obviously an outstanding student, he prematurely finished his seminary studies to be ordained a priest at the early age of twenty-three.

A couple years of parish work in his native diocese of Belluno were followed by post-graduate studies at Rome's Gregorian University, where he obtained his degree of Doctor of Theology.

Appointed professor of theology and canon law in his own former major seminary alma mater of Belluno, the training of young priests -- with teaching catechism to children in a nearby parish over the weekends -- became Father Luciani's life work until in 1958, at age 46, he was among the very first bishops appointed by the then newly elected Pope John XXIII.

During his eleven years as bishop of Vittorio Veneto he became known as the bishop of the poor, dressing like a simple priest, wearing no jeweled crosses or rings, and visiting his parishes not in the customary chauffeured bishop's limousine, but ... on a bicycle!

(On Tuesday August 29 the media announced that Pope John Paul had decided to "simplify" the traditional "trimmings" of the papacy. While we are all for expressions of humility of this "Servant of the servants of God," we hope the new Pope will not follow the advice of those who want to do away with every symbol of his supremacy and turn the Supreme Pontiff into simply a "first among equals.")

In 1969, at age 57, Pope Paul VI appointed him archbishop and patriarch of Venice, followed by promotion to cardinal at age 61, in 1973, serving as a member of the Roman Curia's Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship.

"Have pity on your new Pope who truly did not expect to rise to this office. Help this poor Vicar of Christ in carrying his cross."

-August 30, 1978



And now Albino Luciani is Pope John Paul the First, Vicar of Christ on earth, 262nd successor of St. Peter!

I suggest we give our new Pope two things: a chance, and a prayer.

Let us, first of all, give the new Pope a chance! A chance to undo the damages done to our Church during the two preceding pontificates, those of John XXIII and Paul VI, and in particular a chance to bring back the traditional Latin dignified liturgy surrounding the eternal Sacrifice of the Mass his saintly predecessor Pius V ordered "in perpetuity."

( We wish to believe that it was just a temporary "last hurrah" of the papal speech-writer, a left-over from the days of Paul VI, rather than the new Pope's own evaluation, when in his first formal message to the College of Cardinals (Aug.27) he described the Second Vatican Council as a "magnificent impulse of renovation and life.")

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## GIVE OUR NEW POPE TWO THINGS: A CHANCE AND A PRAYER

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I am not worried about the name selected by the new Pope. And I told the worried traditionalist Catholics who already telephoned me, that I do not read in that double name the foreboding of a continuation of all the spiritual sufferings we traditionalist loyal Roman Catholics have had to undergo since the Second Vatican Council.

If the new Pope intended to become a carbon copy of Pope John XXIII he would have called himself John XXIV. If he had intentions of becoming another Pope Paul VI he would have called himself Paul VII. But he did nothing of the kind. He called himself "the First," a clear indication that he has every intention of being his own man, starting a new direction.

But why then the names John and Paul? I frankly admit that I do not know. I am sure the new Pope will explain this selection some day. Perhaps it was nothing more than a sentimental form of respect for the two individuals who placed him on the road to the papacy, Pope John who made him a bishop, and Pope Paul who made him a cardinal.

( Father De Pauw's "What's in a name"-guessing work did not have to wait very long for confirmation. Only a few hours after this sermon was delivered, both UPI and AP news services reported the new Pope's own explanation, given from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to the more than 200,000 people in the square below, the first Sunday of his pontificate: " John Paul explained how he decided on the double pontifical name: ' What name to take? I had thought little of it!' Noting that John had made him a bishop in 1958 'with his own hands right here in the Basilica,' and that Paul made him a cardinal in 1973, the new Pope said: ' So I said to myself, I will call myself John Paul.' ")

Let us, traditionalist loyal Roman Catholics, give this humble man a chance as Pope! If he is good enough for Cardinal Ottaviani, he should be good enough for us!

The new Pope's past record is as traditionalist as we could have hoped for in any papal candidate at this point in time. Never has the new Pope as bishop or cardinal upheld anything but the traditionalist views regarding sexual morality, the sacredness and the indissolubility of marriage, the celibacy of priest, the rejection of the idea of priestesses, and the Catholic Church's unique position as the one true religion. And while we would have preferred more courage and less compromise on the part of Cardinal Luciani in the defense of the traditional Latin Mass, here too we can hope for the new Pope to soon display the same unwavering position which turned him -- the son of a socialist laborer -- into the leading anti-communist, anti-socialist, anti-marxist among the Italian bishops.

"Blessings to the American people. They are a grand people."

-September 5, 1978

( The day after Father De Pauw' sermon the combined UPI and AP wire services published the following: " Although he is not, on his record, the answer to a liberal Catholic's prayer, the new Pope is said to have the same qualities of compassion, simplicity, humility, directness and kindness that made Pope John XXIII popular."

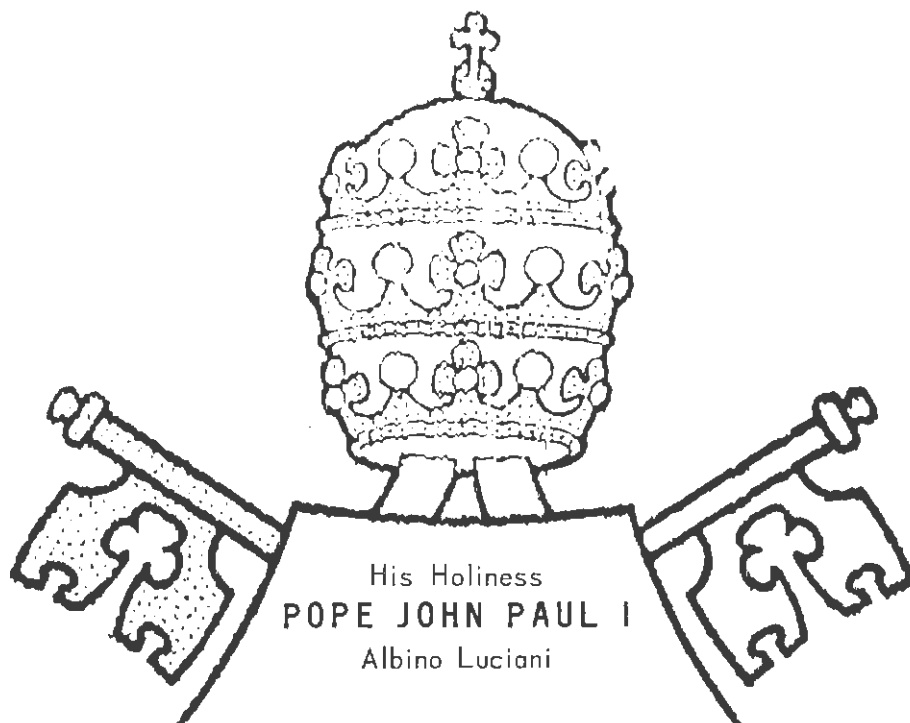
And in its September 4-issue Newsweek magazine wrote: " The new Pontiff offers a long history of traditionalist views. He opposes marriage for priests, ordination for women, abortion and divorce. He has been highly critical of homosexuality and the modernization of nuns' habits. ' Now even nuns are starting to dress like young ladies,' he noted recently. And he is famous for his adamant anti-Communism. During the last Italian election, he urged Venetians to vote for the Christian Democrats, insisting that there is no possibility of reconciliation between Marxism and Roman Catholicism. He has also chastised many modern theologians who, he thinks, have lost their fidelity to the Church." )

Besides giving him a chance, let us give our new Pope our prayers.

The official Church prayer for the Pope makes us ask the Lord to prevent the Pope from falling into the hands of his enemies, " in manus inimicarum." Let us particularly pray for that intention, after what we have witnessed these past fifteen years during the two previous pontificates. That the enemies of the Church, the enemies of the Pope -- some of whom will live right with him in the Vatican! -- may not succeed in turning a newly elected traditionalist Pope into another John XXIII or another Paul VI, but rather into another Saint Pius X whose successor Pope John Paul became, first in Venice and now in Rome.

Or, perhaps in a less militant vein, let me ask you to offer your Masses, your Holy Communion, your rosaries and your other prayers for the intention I am offering my three Masses here today, the same intention I expressed in the Latin telegram I sent to Rome yesterday afternoon, and which, translated in English, stated:

" In union with Roman Catholics the world over, the Catholic Traditionalist Movement rejoices in the election of a new Supreme Pontiff, His Holiness Pope John Paul the First. All our Masses on Sunday August 27 and our prayers will be offered for this intention: May the Lord enlighten and guide His new Vicar on earth into better and happier days for His Church and all its loyal members. "





LAST PICTURE -- Pope JOHN PAUL I gently pats the face of a little boy during his regular Wednesday audience at the Vatican on Sept. 27 -- in what turned out to be the pontiff's final Wednesday audience before his death on Sept. 29, 1978.



# A FATHER DIES...

Eulogies delivered by Father Gommar A. DE PAUW, J.C.D., Founder-President of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, September 29 and October 1, 1978, at the C.T.M.- Headquarters' AVE MARIA CHAPEL in Westbury, Long Island, New York, USA

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SEPTEMBER 29: When Pope PAUL VI died last month I felt like a Catholic priest who had lost his Pope. When this morning at 4 o'clock I learned of the sudden death of Pope JOHN PAUL I, after a pontificate of only 33 days, I felt like an infantry officer in the field who lost his commander-in-chief, a commander who, after 14 years of fighting against all odds, had just turned the tide of war into the direction of victory. I also felt like a son who lost a father, a spiritual father, who died -- we are told -- of a massive heart attack in bed, while reading the 15th century Flemish monk Thomas a Kempis' IMITATIO CHRISTI, Imitation of Christ.

The news of Pope John Paul's death reached the world the day the traditional Roman Catholic calendar honors St. Michael the Archangel. Instead of offering a Mass in honor of St. Michael today, we are offering a Requiem Mass during which offertory we will be praying to the same archangel for our Pope and all the faithful departed with the words "signifer sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam" -- "may Saint Michael the standard-bearer lead them into the holy light."

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## THE TIDE OF WAR INTO THE DIRECTION OF VICTORY...

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I am still too shocked and saddened by this totally unexpected turn of events to speak at length tonight. So I will just read you the text of the telegram -- or rather the English translation of the message in Latin -- which I have sent this morning to the Vatican in my capacity of president of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement:

" In union with Roman Catholics the world over, the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT mourns the sudden death of Pope JOHN PAUL THE FIRST. -- The shock of this tragedy is made even more intense for us, since only last week we received the new Pope's most affectionate greetings and blessing. -- A traditional Latin Requiem Mass will be offered for our late Supreme Pontiff tonight at the CTM-Headquarters' Ave Maria Chapel in Westbury, Long Island, New York. -- May Pope JOHN PAUL intercede in Heaven for the saddened Church he left behind."

His Holiness  
**POPE JOHN PAUL I**  
Albino Luciani

Born: October 17, 1912  
Elected Supreme Pontiff: August 26, 1978  
Inaugurated Supreme Pontiff: September 2, 1978  
Entered eternity: September 28, 1978

OCTOBER 1, 1978: If things were normal today you would find me in green liturgical vestments, offering the Mass of the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. Instead, for the second time in less than two months, I am offering a Requiem Mass for a dead Pope.

If things were normal today you would see in the chapel sanctuary the specially adorned statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary, because today starts October, the month traditionally dedicated to the Rosary devotion.

Instead, in the sanctuary stands the black-draped picture of the Pope who, after a pontificate of only 33 days, died of a massive heart attack -- so we are told, -- and I repeat: SO WE ARE TOLD -- while clutching in his hands the 15th century Flemish monk Thomas a Kempis' IMITATIO CHRISTI, the Imitation of Christ.

I wish to thank the many of you who joined me here this past Friday evening, the very day Pope John Paul died, in offering the traditional Latin Requiem Mass for the repose of his beautiful soul.

I want to add a special word of thanks to those members of our choir who, in spite of the short notice, came to add to this sad occasion the dignified atmosphere which only our Church's traditional Gregorian Chant can provide.

Today too I am offering my three Masses for the same intention, praying, among others, during the offertory prayer, to Saint Michael, the Archangel, on whose feastday Pope John Paul died, for our fallen commander-in-chief and all the faithful departed, with the words: "Signifer Sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam" -- "may Saint Michael, the standard-bearer, lead them into the holy light." And equally do we pray that some of that light may descend upon our Church, which, after a mere month of some light appearing at the end of the dark post-Vatican II tunnel, finds itself suddenly, brutally, plunged back into the darkness of uncertainty...and more.

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## IF THERE EVER WAS A TIME OUR CHURCH NEEDED PRAYERS,...THAT TIME IS NOW!...

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I ask you to offer your Masses, Communions, rosaries, and other prayers for the same intention today. I also hope that as many as possible will join me in special Masses for the future of our Church this coming First Friday evening at 8 o'clock and this coming First Saturday at noon, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, together with your children. If there ever was a time our Church needed prayers, that time is now!

At the memorial Mass this past Friday night I openly expressed my feelings, my shock and sadness at this totally unexpected turn of events. I am not going through that ordeal again this morning. So I will just read you the text of the telegram I sent last Friday morning to the Vatican, in my capacity of president of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT. (See above.)

In his short pontificate, Pope John Paul I had made it clear that he was going to reinstate the old Latin Mass as the preferred form of worship, as ordered by the Second Vatican Council.

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# ONE MAN IN HISTORY...



The only person ever to serve as Secretary of State to three Popes -- Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II -- and "Chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church" (Chief Executive) during two successive papal conclaves, was French Cardinal Jean VILLOT, who died at 73, on March 9, 1979.

Under Paul VI Villot was not exactly the answer to a traditionalist's prayer. But insiders told us of the "changed man" the Vatican number-two man had become through his direct dealings with John Paul I, an association Villot himself described after the latter's death as "the greatest spiritual experience of my life."

Villot surely had changed in his dealings with the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT. Twice within practically one month the CTM-leader received a personal letter from the cardinal. One letter, sent by Villot, Sept. 5, 1978, in his capacity of Secretary of State, and "by order of the most Holy Father," conveyed to Father DE PAUW the newly inaugurated Pope's "profoundest thanks for your loyalty and love, and the Apostolic Blessing to you personally and to all in your care." Another letter was sent by Cardinal Villot as Chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church on October 7, 1978, "most profoundly" thanking the CTM-leader for the declaration he had made after the death of Pope John Paul I. Villot's letter ended "with my respect and uttermost devotion in the Lord."

Jean Cardinal VILLOT is now part of History... and Eternity... R.I.P....



# "MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

## AT THE VATICAN?"

(*"Hospital Tribune"*)

We had every intention of following the Biblical injunction "to let the dead bury the dead" and turn the page over the Vatican's death-filled summer of '78. But, when on March 9, 1979, French Cardinal Jean VILLOT, Vatican Secretary of State and Chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, died at his Vatican apartment, we couldn't help joining the Italian people and Catholics the world over in saying "Please God! Not again!"

First we were told that the 73-year-old prelate was in a Rome hospital with influenza. A week later he is brought back to his Vatican apartment where, 48 hours later, the six-foot-four strong-as-an-ox son of a French peasant, who had no medical history, is declared dead from hepatitis and viral pneumonia. Result: people the world over are asking what kind of doctors they have at the Vatican, and Rome is more and more looking like the proverbial "nice city to visit, but not to live in."

With Villot's death the never resting Vatican rumor mills are once again turning at full speed. And every question asked six months ago has suddenly regained new urgency. Perhaps these questions should be raised again.

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### PERHAPS THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RAISED AGAIN...

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When two Popes, PAUL VI and JOHN PAUL I, a leading anti-communist cardinal, YU PIN of China, and a Russian Orthodox metropolitan rumored to be ready to defect to the West and convert to Catholicism, NIKODIM of Leningrad, suddenly collapse and die in Rome within two months, with the Secretary of State to follow in six months, eyebrows are bound to be raised, and the question will be asked "What's going on there?"

The failure of the Vatican to order an autopsy on the body of Pope JOHN PAUL I added to the suspicions and speculation about the cause of his sudden death on Sept. 28, 1978. Among the five sudden deaths at the Vatican within the last six months, his case is of particular interest.

The Vatican officially announced that the 65-year-old pontiff died of "acute myocardial infarction"--a heart attack-- around 11p.m. of Sept. 28 in his bed, after only 33 days as leader of the world's 732 million Roman Catholics.

Asked by reporters why an autopsy was not conducted, the Vatican press office kept repeating that such was the case because attending physicians agreed it would not reveal any more than what was already known.

As if someone in the Vatican was truly determined to produce a tragi-comedy and set all the rumor mills turning at once, even two versions were given as to who actually discovered Pope John Paul's body. (A repeat performance -- but with a much larger audience watching this time -- of the still unresolved mystery of inconsistencies, contradictions and "corrections" that clouded the news of the sudden death of New York's Francis Cardinal SPELLMAN on Dec. 2, 1967.)

There was, of course, the official Vatican statement issued about two hours after the 65-year-old Pope's body was found: " This morning (Sept. 29) at about 5:30 a.m. the private secretary of the Pope, Father (John) Magee, entered the bedroom of Pope John Paul I. Not having found him in his chapel as usual, he was looking for him in his room and found him dead in bed with the lights on as if he were reading." Later the same day Vatican Radio repeatedly reported that Pope John Paul had died with the book, *The Imitation of Christ*, (the 15th century spiritual classic by Thomas a Kempis), in his hands.

It did not take long, however, for the Italian news agency ANSA to question the official Vatican version that the Pope's body was found by his Irish-born secretary.

In a story it claimed was "partly confirmed" by the late Pope's brother Eduardo LUCIANI, ANSA said Pope John Paul I was discovered dead in his bedroom by one of the papal household nuns, Sister Vincenza, who was bringing him his morning coffee.

According to the ANSA story, as related by Religious News Service (RNS), Sister Vincenza, brought to Rome by Pope John Paul from his household in Venice where he was Patriarch-Archbishop, carried the pontiff a cup of coffee daily at 4:30 a.m. The Pope, said ANSA, rose before dawn in order to spend two hours in prayer and meditation in his private chapel before celebrating Mass at about 7 a.m.

ANSA said the nun left the coffee in the small anteroom of the Pope's bedroom. When she returned later to collect the cup, said ANSA, she was surprised to find it untouched. She knocked on the door of the Pope's bedroom and, receiving no answer, peeked through the keyhole and saw the lights burning in the pontiff's bedroom. Sister Vincenza then opened the door a few inches and saw Pope John Paul sitting up in bed, his eyes open, his glasses on and a few sheets of paper in his hand. The sister then dashed down the corridor and awoke Father Magee, who summoned aid, ANSA said.

No sooner was the ANSA dispatch made public or Vatican press spokesman, Father Romea PANCIROLI, categorically denied it as being "without foundation in fact."

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## **"AT THE VERY LEAST,...A CASE OF NEGLIGENCE"...**

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To add to the confusion, a few days later Vatican Radio broadcast a "correction." "After due investigation," said the radio, "we are in a position to specify that the Pope, when he was found dead on the morning of Sept. 29, was holding in his hands some sheets of paper containing his personal writings, not a copy of the *Imitation of Christ*."

Could anyone blame an organization like CIVILTA CHRISTIANA for requesting the Vatican's Promoter of Justice (Canon Law's equivalent of a public prosecutor) to "open a judicial inquiry to ascertain the true causes of the death of the Supreme Pontiff"? Civilta Christiana was only saying aloud what millions the world over were whispering or thinking: "If President CARTER had died under such circumstances, you can be sure the American people would have demanded an explanation! How could the light be left on all night without anyone going to see if anything was the matter? The Pope could have been in agony for hours. Why does the Vatican have no emergency medical service? At the very least, this is a case of negligence."



**DEATH OVER ROME** -- For the second time in two months the government of the Church was in the hands of French Cardinal Jean VILLOT, Secretary of State and Chamberlain, shown here (middle of front row) leading the cardinals to the Sistine Chapel, Oct. 14, 1978, to begin the conclave to elect a successor to the late Pope John Paul I. -- Six months later, March 9, 1979, Villot himself was dead.





"My blessings and good wishes to you, FATHER DE PAUW, and to the men and women for whom you speak."

—ALFREDO CARDINAL OTTAVIANI, Letter of February 5, 1965.

**FIRST PICTURE (1963) --** Alfredo Cardinal OTTAVIANI, Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, places the papal tiara on Pope PAUL VI during coronation at the Vatican on June 30, 1963. It was the first time in almost a century that a papal coronation was held in St. Peter's square.

But no matter how loud the cries for an investigation were, the Vatican's answer was swift and unequivocal. Silvio Cardinal ODDI, speaking for the Commission for the State of Vatican City, the department in charge of the temporal administration of the papal enclave, emphatically stated Oct. 4, that the College of Cardinals "will not hold even a minimum investigation and will not even discuss the issue." "We know with complete certainty," the cardinal said, "that the death of John Paul I was caused by the fact that his heart stopped beating from completely natural causes."

One of Italy's top heart specialists, Dr. Pier Luigi PRATI of Rome's largest hospital, San Camillo, said that in his opinion the Pope's death "could have been due to a cerebral hemorrhage, but "in order to determine this, an autopsy would be necessary." But a less dramatic commentary came from Dr. Antonio DA ROS who was the Pope's personal physician when he was Albino Cardinal Luciani, Patriarch of Venice. In His opinion the burden of "the new post" and the sensitivity of the new Pope may have been contributing factors in his heart attack.

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## "WHY NO AUTOPSY?...THE CHURCH HAD NOTHING TO LOSE IF ONE HAD BEEN CONDUCTED"...

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" I met him at the Vatican a few days before his death," said Dr. da Ros. " His health was fairly good, but the stress of his new post was great. Perhaps he was not prepared, accustomed to that responsibility. I told the Pope he could not continue at that pace, and the pontiff replied he could not do anything about it, and that when one Pope dies they just elect another. In the 33 days of his pontificate the pace of his activities was very intense. All one has to do to be convinced of this is to check his schedule since he was elected Pope. This, joined to the particular sensitiveness of Albino Luciani, may have been a contributing factor to his death. "

The late Pope's personal physician's view found some sort of confirmation in what Rome's Pericle Cardinal FELICI said during a homily at a Requiem Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the late Pope on Oct. 10, indicating that the person whom the world quickly dubbed "the smiling Pope" might well have been crying on the inside.

The Vatican cardinal recalled an incident that took place on Sept. 3, the day of Pope John Paul's inauguration. That day, said Cardinal Felici, "I greeted the Pope with a liturgical expression that the Lord might make him happy on this earth. He answered me, smiling: " Yes, happy on the outside, but if you only knew what I'm feeling inside!"

Milan's highly respected daily, CORRIERE DELLA SERA, -- the late Paul VI's favorite paper -- echoed the practically unanimous views of the world's news media when it wrote that "doubts and suspicions" had arisen over the Pope's death, and that it could not understand "why an autopsy on Pope John Paul's body was not performed. "

In an editorial titled, "Why no autopsy?" Corriere said, "The Church had nothing to lose -- On the contrary, much to gain -- if an autopsy had been conducted."



**LAST PICTURE (1978) --** Pope PAUL VI is shown greeting Italian President Sandro PERTINI at Castelgandolfo, the pontiff's summer residence, on Aug.3, 1978. According to news sources, it is the last known photograph to be taken of the pontiff before his death, three days later.



Further, alluding to "doubts and suspicions" -- the other Italian papers were full of rumors pointing to either extreme-rightists or communists for the "foul play," -- the Milan paper noted that Chinese Cardinal YU PIN collapsed during the funeral of Pope Paul VI (Aug. 12) and died four days later (Aug. 16), and that Russian Orthodox Metropolitan NIKODIM had died of a heart attack on Sept. 5 during a private audience with Pope John Paul.

"A Chinese, a Russian, and then the Pope himself," said Corriere. "Coincidences. But never in recent times have there been so many deaths of a sudden nature and so close together in the Vatican. Suspicion is flowing through Rome already so full of suspicions, and is entering the Vatican. Not even the throne of St. Peter is safe."

To claim, as some self-styled canon lawyers did, that Canon Law -- Pope Paul VI's Apostolic Constitution of 1975, to be specific, -- excludes autopsies on the body of a Pope is simply not true.

Article 17 of that apostolic constitution neither imposes nor excludes, but simply says nothing concerning autopsies on the bodies of dead Popes. The article only directs the Papal Chamberlain (at that time French Cardinal Jean VILLOT) to "officially ascertain the pontiff's death in the presence of the papal master of ceremonies, of the cleric prelates... and of the secretary chancellor, who shall draw up the official death certificate."

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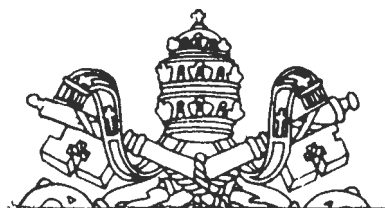
## CANON LAW DOES NOT EXCLUDE PAPAL AUTOPSIES...

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Neither did the late Pope's family help to clarify matters. The Pope's niece, Amalia LUCIANI, said that "in my family almost no one believes that it was a heart attack that killed my uncle," adding, "He never had heart trouble or any illnesses of that kind." "I think it was simply collapse," said the 23-year-old resident of the late Pope's home town, Canale d'Agordo, in northern Italy. "But only an autopsy would be able to furnish the answer to that question."

On the other hand, a cousin of Pope John Paul I, Agnes LACOTTE, 58, a daughter of an aunt of the late pontiff, said she was not surprised by his death. "Many members of the Luciani family had died of heart attacks," she said.

Pope John Paul himself had alluded to his health just a day before he died. Speaking to a group of sick who attended his Sept. 27 general audience, he said, "I want you to know that your Pope understands and loves you very much. Your Pope has been eight times in the hospital and has undergone four operations." The four operations the Pope alluded to were for tonsils, a gall bladder condition, an eye inflammation and a lung condition.



"We speak to you in Latin because, as is well known Latin is the official language of the Church, and Latin expresses in an evident and effective way the Church's universality and unity."

-September 3, 1978

But not only sensation-hungry magazines and boulevard papers raised questions. In the U.S.A. the monthly HOSPITAL TRIBUNE, a professional publication published by Medical Tribune, Inc., 641 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, with Arthur M. Sackler, M.D. as International Publisher and Harry Henderson as Editor-in-Chief, carried a huge tabloid-size picture of the present Pope, JOHN PAUL II, on the front-page of its Nov. 1978-issue with as title "Medical Problems at the Vatican," while its "Special Report" on page 4 carried the even stronger title "Medical Negligence at the Vatican?"

The one and a half page article by Bruce RENTON is highly critical of the poor medical services available to "the Popes, highest of the holy in much of the world," and calls them unbelievably inferior to the services at the disposal not only of other world leaders but even of such lesser luminaries as New York's Governor CAREY and Cardinal COOKE.

The article extends its criticism even to the present Pope JOHN PAUL II whom it describes, in spite of his Public Relations' image of the vigorous sportsman, as "yet another untested Pope," with "not a hint of health status or a physical exam."

Referring to the "sociomedical furor" created by the death of two Popes within the space of 53 days -- the article ignores the other "vatican deaths," -- Hospital Tribune expresses shock in discovering that Pope Paul VI died "of a presumed cardiovascular condition that just might have been reversible," and Pope John Paul I "of a presumed massive coronary occlusion, unattended, with no real clue as to his cardiovascular status, no evidence anyone knew what it was," ... and not so much as a death certificate issued." ( Referring to the death certificate issued by the Vatican doctors for Paul VI the article quotes an unnamed "young Italian heart surgeon" as saying, "If I had issued a death certificate like that in New York, I would have been run through the door.")

The most devastating criticism of the Vatican's medical services, however, is the one by the world's first heart surgeon, Dr. Christiaan BARNARD of Capetown's Groote Schuur Hospital, who headed a team of South-African and Italian doctors that investigated the death of Pope Paul VI from a purely medical viewpoint. Writing in SALVE, an Italian medical journal, Barnard wrote -- as quoted by Hospital Tribune -- that Pope Paul VI's "death certificate was impossibly vague, stating only proximate causes of death," and that Pope Paul "might have been saved had the Vatican possessed an ICU (Intensive Care Unit) or had the Pope been taken to a hospital and put in intensive care."

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## **"IF I HAD ISSUED A DEATH CERTIFICATE LIKE THAT IN NEW YORK, I WOULD HAVE BEEN RUN THROUGH THE DOOR"...**

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Popes Paul VI and John Paul I are gone. But the controversy surrounding their deaths lingers on, and is bound to continue for a long time. Perhaps somebody should tell the present incumbent on the Chair of Peter that before going ahead with his announced plans to build a tennis court and a swimming pool in the Vatican, the money could be more wisely spent on a well equipped ICU and a couple of decently salaried physicians and nurses!...

# FROM POLAND TO POPE...

On Monday evening, October 16, 1978, the day Cardinal Karol WOJTYLA, archbishop of Krakow, Poland, became Pope JOHN PAUL II, Father Gommar A. DE PAUW, founder-president of the CATHOLIC TRADITIONALIST MOVEMENT, offered a traditional Latin Roman Catholic Mass for the Church, at the C.T.M.'s headquarters' Ave Maria Chapel in Westbury, Long Island, New York.

To an overflow congregation which was given copies of the apostolic blessing sent to the C.T.M. - leader by the late Pope John Paul I just a few days before that pontiff's untimely death, Father De Pauw made the following declaration:

" Fifteen years ago I met a Polish cardinal in Rome. And speaking to a group of other Church dignitaries I remarked: ' What a great Pope this Polish cardinal would make! ' The name of that Polish cardinal was ... Stefan Wyszynski.

Last year Cardinal Wyszynski was taken to a hospital in Warsaw, the capital of his Soviet-occupied homeland, for what was at first described as minor problems. After undergoing surgery, however, the cardinal left the hospital a somewhat changed and more subdued man.

This afternoon I saw Cardinal Wyszynski on television, with a strange and sad sort of daze in his eyes, standing on the balcony of Rome's St. Peter's basilica, a few feet away from another much younger Polish cardinal who had just become Pope.

If Polish cardinal Wyszynski had become our new Pope, you would now hear me deliver a fiery talk of praise and admiration for an uncompromising foe of atheistic communism who became his country's living symbol of no-deal resistance to tyranny.

Considering what we know and what we do not know about the other Polish cardinal who just became Pope John Paul II, I believe the sensible position to take is the one suggested to me by a simple Catholic soul I met this afternoon when I stopped for a cup of coffee at a roadside diner: ' Let's wait and see. '

Meanwhile I urge you to do two things. First: Pray, pray very hard, for our Roman Catholic Church. Second: Continue to believe that, no matter what, the CTM will remain loyal to TRUTH AND TRADITION, because, where Truth and Tradition are, there is THE LORD'S CHURCH.

May the Lord and His Immaculate Mother protect us all. "

On October 17, 1978 the C.T.M. sent the Vatican a telegram on the occasion of the election of John Paul II. Exactly a week later the Vatican acknowledged "the thoughtful telegram" "with kind and cordial regards."

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**"KIND AND CORDIAL REGARDS"**

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# THE POPE OF?...



FIRST PICTURE -- Pope JOHN PAUL II, the former Cardinal Karol Wojtyła of Poland, acknowledges cheers of thousands in St. Peter's Square on October 16, 1978, after being elected to succeed the late Pope John Paul I.

The new pontiff is the first non-Italian Pope to be chosen in 455 years. The last was Adrian VI, a Dutchman who reigned from Jan. 9, 1522 to Sept. 14, 1523.

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