

In Brief

The Holy Father's Intentions

Pope John Paul II has announced the following general and missionary intentions for March and April 2000:

March
That the Holy Year, a favorable time for repentance and mercy, may foster in us deep and lasting conversion.

That the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, may protect and sustain missionaries in their apostolic work.

April
That through Christians' generous welcome, refugees and immigrants may experience God the Father's goodness.

That the peoples of Africa, torn by discord and wars, may find in the Gospel the strength to repress any urge to revenge and violence and to open their hearts to mercy and reconciliation.

Orthodox Apologetics

Autographed copies of CUF President Emeritus James Likoudis' new booklet *The Divine Primacy of the Bishop of Rome and Modern Eastern Orthodoxy* are available from CUF. Author of the scholarly *Ending the Byzantine Greek Schism*, Mr. Likoudis' latest work is a powerful defense of the perpetuity of Peter's primacy of universal jurisdiction in the Church and a brilliant refutation of Eastern Orthodox claims to constitute the Church of the ancient Fathers and Councils. Examining the historical evidence found in the first millennium of the Church's history, he shows the first millennium Church's belief in papal supremacy and infallibility as taught in the documents of Vatican I and Vatican II.

To obtain an autographed copy of The Divine Primacy of the Bishop of Rome and Modern Eastern Orthodoxy, send a donation of \$15 or more to CUF, 827 N. Fourth St., Steubenville, OH 43952, or call toll-free (800) MY-FAITH (693-2484).

Ending the Byzantine Greek Schism may be ordered by calling Benedictus Books toll-free at (888) 316-2640. CUF members receive a special 40% discount on this title!

Keep Your Money!

Maryland Conservative Society (MCS) president Aisha Jaleel recently returned \$2,000 to the University of Maryland's Student Government Association (SGA) in response to the SGA's condemnation of MCS' pro-life views, thereby severing all ties to the University of Maryland's Student Government Association.

"Apparently the SGA and Mr. Holmes feel like free speech only applies to groups agreeing with their liberal values," Jaleel said. "MCS won't be associated with any person or group that discriminates against anyone for any reason."

The SGA Resolution of Condemnation was sponsored by student legislator David Holmes after he received a complaint from leaders of Women's Circle, a self-described feminist student group, about MCS activities to promote a speech on campus by Carol Long-Tobias of the National Right to Life Committee. Specifically, Women's Circle leaders complained to Holmes that they were offended by announcements chalked on campus sidewalks saying, "Abortion is Murder," "Abortion Stops a Beating Heart," and "Abortion Kills Future Feminists (Doctors, Lawyers, etc.)."

"Mr. Holmes has admitted that activities like chalking sidewalks have happened in the past. I have to wonder why he decided to take action only when a pro-life group does it. As a woman who believes in the traditional family, I'm offended all the time by what groups like Women's Circle put on the sidewalks, but free speech is free speech. I guess Mr. Holmes and I disagree on that," Jaleel said. "He actually accused us of 'denigrating abortion,' as if such a thing were possible."

The \$2,000 returned by Jaleel and MCS represents 100 percent of the annual funding they receive from the Student Government Association. "I don't care if this bankrupts our organization, I won't be part of a group that discriminates based on political beliefs or for any other reason," Jaleel said.

The Maryland Conservative Society is a non-profit, non-partisan student organization founded and run by University of Maryland students to promote the discussion of public policy issues on campus.

Magdalen College Accredited

Magdalen College has recently been accredited by the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE), a national accrediting agency for liberal arts colleges. In the AALE evaluation team's report, Magdalen College was commended for many aspects of its program. The college was praised for the integration of the program of studies, the "substantial writing requirements" in the program, the regular and ongoing evaluations of each student, the process of curriculum development, the goals of the curriculum and their reflection of the institution's purpose, the academic advising that is "more comprehensive than at other institutions," and the campus life, which provides "an atmosphere of extraordinary intellectual, spiritual, and social support for the students."

"The college is very happy and grateful for the AALE accreditation," said President Jeffrey Karls. "The AALE is dedicated to preserving and promoting outstanding liberal arts education and that has always been the goal of Magdalen College, too."

Magdalen College is a Catholic liberal arts college that was founded in 1973 and is located in Warner, New Hampshire. It offers an integrated curriculum of philosophy, literature, science, mathematics, art, music, language, and Catholic catechesis. An active teaching faculty and a limited student body ensure that students receive a personal, well-rounded education.

For more information about Magdalen College, please contact Mr. Jeffrey J. Karls, President, or Mr. Paul V. Sullivan, Director of Admissions, Magdalen College, 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, NH 03278, or call (603) 456-2656, or email admissions@magdalen.edu.

The Pope's Paper

Readership of the Pope's newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, is growing by leaps and bounds in North America. After 31 years in existence, the English edition is now printed and marketed in the United States and is reaching more people than ever before. Readership in the United States and Canada has increased by 40 percent since early last year.

In January 1998, the Cathedral Foundation in Baltimore began printing and marketing the English edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* in a partnership with the Holy See designed to bring more attention to the Vatican's official newspaper.

Daniel Medinger, CEO of the Cathedral Foundation, describes the arrangement. "It is exciting to use the internet to publish *L'Osservatore Romano* in the United States simultaneously as it's being printed in Rome," Medinger said. "This technological connection allows us to reach more readers in a timelier manner."

The Cathedral Foundation has recently launched a marketing campaign that includes advertising in Catholic magazines and newspapers around the country. *Lay Witness* magazine is participating, along with about 20 other publications. We consider *L'Osservatore Romano* the most important source of Church news and are delighted to make this valuable resource available to our readers at reduced rates.

"Many Catholics don't know the Pope has an official newspaper," said Rachel Box, marketing coordinator for *L'Osservatore Romano*. "The Catholic publications that run these ads are directly involved in the mission of the Holy See to increase readership of *L'Osservatore Romano*. They are a valuable link

between the Vatican and Catholics across the country."

The campaign offers subscriptions at a deep discount off the regular \$151 annual price. "Our mission is to reach as many readers as possible with *L'Osservatore Romano*. Part of our strategy is to make subscriptions more affordable," Box said. "It's a challenge because the newspaper carries no advertising, but the more readers we add, the more discounts we can offer."

The initial growth of *L'Osservatore Romano* in the United States and Canada is expected to continue. "Readers who want the most comprehensive authoritative reporting of Church events are turning to *L'Osservatore Romano*," Medinger said. "It's their direct link to the Vatican, and we're excited to be part of it."

To order L'Osservatore Romano, see the ad on page 53.

Latin Mass Confusion

The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDW) last summer answered a series of questions concerning the celebration of the modern Roman rite ("*Novus Ordo*") by priests who are members of institutions that enjoy the faculty of celebrating according to the Roman Missal of 1962 (commonly referred to as the "Tridentine" Mass). The Congregation affirmed the right of such priests to concelebrate *Novus Ordo* Masses and to celebrate the *Novus Ordo* when he celebrates a Mass for a community where Mass is celebrated according to the current Roman missal.

The Vatican's response raised some concerns in some Latin Mass circles, particularly the Fraternity of St. Peter, which claims to have the right to celebrate the Tridentine Mass exclusively. The Fraternity, erected in 1988 with special faculties from the Holy Father, has seen substantial growth over the past decade.

To help clarify the situation, the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei* released a statement on November 14, 1999, which provided in part:

The responses [of the CDW] constitute a statement on the juridical level: those who have the privilege of celebrating according to the liturgical books in use prior to the reform of Paul VI do not lose for that reason the right to celebrate according to the Missal of Paul VI—a right which belongs to every priest of the Roman rite. It is nowhere stated that these priests are obliged to do this, but that they have the right, and that no superior can forbid them from doing what the general law of the Church allows them to do. "An exclusive right" to celebrate according to the 1962 books does not exist and has never existed, and no official text makes such a mention. The texts of the Congregation for Divine Worship are very clear and leave no room for doubt on this point. It is then utterly false to talk about taking away from the Fraternity its exclusive right, because such a right never existed. On the other hand, it should be understood that there is no intention of taking away the privileges conceded to the priests and to the institutes attached to the Latin liturgical tradition.

Concelebration is a manifestation of the communion which exists between the bishop and the priests who have a pastoral mission in his diocese. This sign of communion, reintroduced in the Church by the Second Vatican Council, plays an important role today as an expression of communion between priests, traditionalists, and the bishops in the dioceses in which they work. One cannot refuse this liturgical sign without giving the impression that one refuses communion itself. This is why the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei* exhorts these priests to accept concelebration with their bishop since its task is precisely to facilitate this ecclesial communion of priests and faithful while guaranteeing the respect for their spiritual and liturgical traditions.

For the full text of the responses of the CDW and additional information on this subject, call CUF toll-free (800) MY-FAITH (693-2484) or visit our website at www.cuf.org. ■