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Mar. 25, 1985

Dear Henri,

Thanks for the wonderful check for \$100.00. It is most appreciated because the postage went up again - 5th time in seven years. Somehow I've made ends meet - thanks to the Sacred Heart and friends like you.

Did you ever do an article on Blessed



Bernard de Hoyes? Perhaps I could adapt it to the newsletter. He is a fascinating and very effective apostle of the Sacred Heart.

Again, thanks. Blessings

cordially in the Sacred Heart,

Wally Fern

P.S. In the icon (12th century), "Christ the Merciful One" is pointing to the wound + Heart. Note the horizontal line: I could loan you a black + white photo, but I'll need it back for a Newsletter. I could do a short article on it for your magazine for June.

HOW  
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# Priestly Heart newsletter

317 LEROY AVE., BUFFALO, NY 14214

May 21, 1985

Dear Henri,

Thanks ever so much for your very generous check. It was a good shot in the arm.

Enclosed is our liturgical mailing from the International Institute of the Heart of Jesus. If we ever get more funds from the De Pance Foundation which gave them is in financial reorganization, I'd like to see about some fine or ordinary translations for the French parishes in Canada. Fred Powers, S.J. takes care of the English-speaking ones and Willie Arias<sup>S.J.</sup> does the parishes in Puerto Rico.

I am printing the Popes talk to the National Directors of the Apostleship of Prayer in the June issue of the m  
Its very good.

How is your health, Henri? I wish you did not live so far away. I'd like to talk a lot with you. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND THE BEST TIME TO CALL YOU. Its not in the ANNUAIRE DE L'EGLISE CATHOLIQUE AU CANADA, 1983.

Blessings and best wishes.

Cordially in Christ,

Wally Kern

P.S. The icon has Christ pointing to his pierced side  
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12th century Byzantine Mosaic

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100 West 50 Street, New York, N. Y. 10019 (212) 581-4640

September 17, 1976

Dear Friend:

For some time now we have been waiting for a book that would assess, however partially, the major accomplishments of Fr. John Courtney Murray, S.J., as a theologian and, in particular, as the principal force behind Vatican II's Declaration on Religious Freedom.

With the publication of Fr. Donald E. Pelotte's John Courtney Murray: Theologian in Conflict, that gap has been amply filled. Fr. Pelotte's book traces the history of Fr. Murray's developing ideas on the relationship between Church and State and shows how difficult it proved for these insights, born of Christian tradition and the American experience, to find a home within the Catholic Church. Fr. Pelotte rehearses the debates, but he devotes considerable space to analyzing the fundamental questions themselves.

By special arrangement with the editors of the Catholic Book Club, whose October selection this is, I am able to offer Fr. Pelotte's book, retailing at \$9.95, to members of the John Courtney Murray Forum at the Club's special discount price of \$7.25. I am enclosing a copy of the CBC's October newsletter, which gives a fuller description of the book, and a convenient order form. Please note that on prepaid orders there are no postage and handling charges.

I know you will find this book both instructive and inspiring. It certainly contributes to the purpose of our Forum - to keep alive and enrich the theological heritage left us by this great American Catholic thinker.

Sincerely,

*Thurston Davis, S.J.*

Thurston Davis, S.J.

This month's selection:

# John Courtney Murray: Theologian in Conflict

by Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

One of the key documents to emerge from Vatican Council II was the *Declaration on Religious Freedom*. Along with several other major statements by the council (the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*), the declaration articulated a new sense of the relationship between the Catholic Church and civil society. Largely the result of the influence at the council of bishops from the United States, the declaration was also the historic vindication of one of the most creative and controversial figures in American Church history, the Jesuit theologian John Courtney Murray.

In this careful study of Father Murray's developing ideas on the relationships of church and state, Father Donald E. Pelotte reconstructs the debate that was carried on in U.S. theological journals during the 15 years that preceded the opening of the council in 1962. For the most part, the issue was drawn between Father Joseph C. Fenton of the Catholic University, writing in the *American Ecclesiastical Review*, and Father Murray, writing in *Theological Studies*. The terms of the debate may seem somewhat antique in 1976. Father Fenton defended what many at the time considered the classical, Catholic position, that religious pluralism in a society was a regrettable reality to which the church would adapt but which it could never condone. Ideally, civil society and the state should confess the true religion and express corporate worship of God in its terms. Father Murray, on the other hand, argued that while the American model of a religious pluralistic society, protected by the First Amendment, should not be considered normative for other nations, it was as acceptable to genuine Catholic doctrine and tradition as the European confessional state.

In 1954 his theological antagonists in the United States succeeded in having Father Murray rebuked by Roman officials, and for a number of years he was forbidden to publish on the subject of church and state. A skillful sampling of the extensive correspondence at that time between Father Murray and his superiors in the church and in the Jesuit order offers a rare insight into a fascinating and sometimes painful episode, not only in Father Murray's personal life but in the history of the church in the United States.

In a thoughtful epilogue, the author identifies some of the implications of Father Murray's work that remain to be explored. That work concerned, in one

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form or another, the interrelationships of Catholicism and American culture, and involved three large questions that still demand attention: the development of doctrine, the democratization of the church and the Catholic presence in American society.

Current interest in American church history is growing, and is long overdue. Books on American Catholic intellectual history are rare. The present volume would seem indispensable for anyone who wants to understand the special character and history of the American Catholic Church.

Publisher's Price: \$9.95

JOSEPH A. O'HARE, S.J.  
CBC Price: \$7.25

## Theology in the Market Place

Fr. John Courtney Murray struggled to have theology face the real issues of life in a pluralistic society. For additional insights on the dilemma of church and world, you might want to look at one of the following selections:

### THE RUNAWAY CHURCH

by Peter Hebblethwaite

Peter Hebblethwaite brings a journalist's eye and a theologian's comprehension to a survey of where the Catholic Church has moved since Vatican II. He knows what has happened, but even more importantly, he asks what the changes have meant, and his conclusions point not to despair but to a realistic sense of hope about the vitality of the church.

Publisher's Price: \$8.95      CBC Price: \$6.50

### BIBLE AND ETHICS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

by Bruce R. Birch and Larry L. Rasmussen

What does the Bible contribute to our thinking about ethics? That precise and very important question lies at the heart of Christian ethics and it forms the central theme of this remarkably ecumenical book. The authors avoid both "bibliolatry" and fashionable secularism in their effort to relate the Word of God and the tradition of the church to the moral dilemmas each of us must face. A synthesis we have long needed.

Publisher's Price: \$8.95      CBC Price: \$6.50

### CHRISTIAN AT THE CROSSROADS

by Karl Rahner

In this slim volume, Fr. Rahner combines theological reasoning and pastoral sensitivity to produce in small compass a synthesis of his basic positions. "What Is Man?" "Why Am I a Christian?" — These are the kinds of questions he tackles, and he adds as well a series of pointed reflections on prayer, confession, Lent and Easter. A fine summary for confirmed Rahnerians and a useful introduction for beginners.

Publisher's Price: \$5.95      CBC Price: \$4.50

### TO HEAL AND TO REVEAL: THE PROPHETIC VOCATION ACCORDING TO LUKE

by Paul S. Minear

A distinguished Scripture scholar combines here a close reading of the text of St. Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles with a profound concern for the needs of Christians today. The result is a call to hear the voices of the prophets among us and to see them as sharers in a tradition that Jesus inherited and transformed.

Publisher's Price: \$8.95      CBC Price: \$6.50

### BLESSED RAGE FOR ORDER: THE NEW PLURALISM IN THEOLOGY

by David Tracy

Fr. Tracy describes four different models of theology present in contemporary discussion: the orthodox, the liberal, the neo-orthodox and the radical. After assessing their strengths and limitations, he proposes what he calls a "revisionist" model for fundamental theology — an attempt to effect a reinterpretation of contemporary consciousness and of Christianity. A demanding book, but one well on its way to becoming a classic.

Publisher's Price: \$12.95      CBC Price: \$9.75

### INNER COMPANIONS

by Colman McCarthy

Columnist McCarthy details the lives of men and women who have helped him flee from the cheap and the crass and develop instead an appreciation for quality in working and living. They include writers (Flannery O'Connor, Sigrid Undset), psychologists (Jung, Adler), social activists (Dorothy Day, Paulo Freire) and mystics (Teresa of Avila) — for a grand total of 53 inspired renegades.

Publisher's Price: \$8.95      CBC Price: \$6.50



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VERY REV. DR. DONALD E. PELOTTE, S.S.S.

One of the most interested and supportive persons concerned with the evangelization and apostolate to the native American community today is the Very Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., provincial superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Pelotte, whose great-grandparents were full blooded Abenaki Tribe members, is one of the twelve known Indian priests in the United States. For the past several years he has been active with the programs of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Tekakwitha Conference. He was present in Rome June 20, 1980 as a member of the official pilgrimage when Pope John Paul II beatified Kateri Tekakwitha. At that time he had the honor to greet and speak with the Holy Father.

Father Pelotte was also the official representative of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men last August in Denver, Colo., when 650 native Americans and 23 American bishops participated in the annual Tekakwitha Conference.

In January 1981 he was elected for the second three year term as the provincial superior of his congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and Brothers in the United States, England, Ireland, East Africa, Vietnam and The Philippines. He is one of the youngest major superiors in the nation and puts in a lot of travel in the course of a year. Recently in San Antonio, Texas he was elected to the national board of major superiors. This year he will go back to Rome for the general chapter of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation.

His twin brother, Dana, is also a member of the Blessed Sacrament community and serves as the finance director of the congregation's church in Menasha, Wisconsin. They were born on a farm in Waterville, Maine of a very poor household. The family knew poverty, cold and had many difficult problems to overcome while the children were growing.

On June 6, 1975 Father Pelotte became Dr. Pelotte as he was granted a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University, New York. His doctoral thesis entitled "John Courtney Murray, Roman Catholicism and the American Experience" was published and became a popular, much in demand, book.

Born in Waterville, Maine, April 13, 1945, his early education was in the public schools of Waterville. Later he studied at Eymard Seminary in Hyde Park, N.Y. and at John Carroll University, Cleveland. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Edward O'Leary at St. Francis de Sales Church in Waterville, on September 2, 1972.

The Indian community and especially the Catholic native American community are grateful to Father Donald Pelotte for his deep concern for American Indian people.



FATHER PELOTTE GREETES POPE JOHN PAUL II IN ROME JUNE 1980

### Items of Interest

—*Indian Hymns.* Father Alban Fruth, OSB, has written 65 Indian hymns and is now publishing a hymn book. These have been acclaimed as excellent hymns. Anyone interested may write to Father Alban, Holy Family Church, 280 Reservation Road, Cloquet, Minnesota 55720.

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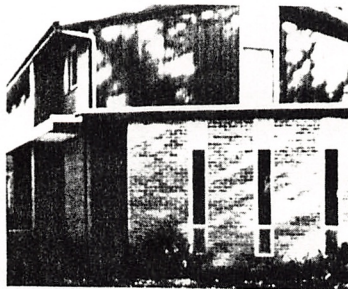
—*Text Books.* Mr. James J. McQuade, 515 Half Hallow Road, Deer Park, N.Y. 11729 has a quantity of text books for grades 1st through 8th. If interested write to Mr. McQuade for more information.

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—*Third Annual National Catholic Lay Celebration of Evangelization.* In an effort to have this event truly "national" and of greater service to the entire Church, three regional "Editions" of the Celebration of Evangelization are planned for 1981. The sites and dates are as follows:

PORTLAND, OR., August 6-8  
ST. LOUIS, MO., August 13-15  
HARTFORD, CT., August 21-23

NOTE: Monsignor Lenz and Father Ted Zuern, S.J. of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions will be facilitators at the Hartford gathering.



KATERI INDIAN CENTER,  
SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

This new Center was opened in Sept. of 1980 by Most Rev. Paul Dudley, D.D., Bishop of Sioux Falls. It is staffed by Father Gary Lantz and Father Philip Elmer of the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers and the purpose is to reach out to the Indian community of the city. It is estimated that there are 1200 Indians living in Sioux Falls. Sunday Mass is offered in the Center Chapel and activities such as AA group sessions and socials are held in the meeting hall. The Center works with the State prison, the county jail, hospitals, and works closely with the social agencies of the area.

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# lifetime

Official Newspaper of The Diocese of Tucson

Dear Father Henri Béchard,

It was so nice to speak with you last month. I am sending the information you requested during our telephone conversation.

The issue date that the Tekakwitha Parish story appeared in was June 16, 1985.

I would like to note a correction in the third paragraph. The words St. Nicolas should be corrected to St. Nicholas.

Please feel free to make any changes in wording or paragraph arrangement.

I am also enclosing three photographs you might like to use.

In my conversation with Sister Louise Bauer O.S.F., she noted no changes or update of information. However she did tell me that there is a new associate pastor, Father Luke Mikschl, S.T., and a new coordinator, Sister Pauline Rappold, S.S.N.D.

She did not have figures on the number of people registered in the parish as it is non-territorial and, she said, a census has not been taken in the outlying missions of the parish.

If there are specific questions you would like answered please drop me a note and I will pursue them.

Thank you for your time and interest. I hope we will someday meet. God Bless You.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly Kordick*  
Kimberly Kordick

1855 North 6th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85705 (602) 624-0180



Recipient of the Bishop's Appeal

D. Chicorelli  
1079 Rottkamp Street  
Valley Stream, New York  
11580

December 18, 1985

Dear Reverend Béchard:

I thought you might be interested in reading this article that appeared in the New York Daily News on December 15th, about the long road to canonization.

I hope and pray that in Kateri's case Sainthood will be sooner and not later.

May you have a Blessed Christmas and a very rewarding New Year.

Sincerely in Christ

*D. Chicorelli*

Rev. Father

This item was published  
in our Catholic paper. Thought  
you would be interested. Will  
send you the address when  
it is available.

Keep us in your prayers.

Mrs. Joseph Connolly  
3337 E. Camden  
Tucson, Ariz. 85716

as

Effective February 1, 1985

Rev. Owen Farrell, S.T.  
Appointed Pastor of the newly erected parish of Blessed Kateri  
Tekakwitha, Tucson



# KATERI TEKAKWITHA

December 5, 1985

You can help Kateri's Cause by reciting the Lord's Prayer daily for her prompt Canonization.

The Editor  
Arizona Catholic Lifetime  
1855 N. ~~Sixth~~ Sixth ~~Street~~ Avenue  
Tucson AZ 85705  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

Someone sent me the enclosed clipping. I would like your permission to reproduce it in the modest quarterly entitled Kateri. I am currently preparing the March issue or rather two issues, for they appear in English and French.

*that I publish*

You can help Kateri's Cause by speaking about the Lily of the Mohawks to your friends.

Has a church or chapel been set aside for the Amer-Indian population? If so, would it be possible to obtain a photo of it? I would gladly cover any costs entailed.

Thanking you in anticipation and wishing you ~~the~~ the joy of Christmas in Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's company,

Henri Béchard, S.J.  
Vice-Postulaotr

You can help Kateri's Cause by finding a new subscriber to "Kateri": (\$2.00).

"Every genuine testimony of love which we show to those in heaven tends toward and terminates in Christ, Who is the 'crown of all saints'."  
(Vatican II.)

*for we know*

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April 4, 1986

The Most Reverend Bishop-Elect Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

5384 Wilson Mills Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44143  
Your Excellency,  
U.S.A.

episcopal ordina-  
tion! How happy I was to learn of your on-coming ~~ordination~~  
tion! Time and time again with Msgr. Lenz, with Fr. Thomas  
Egan, S.J., former Director of the Martyrs' Shrine <sup>at Amherst, N.H.</sup> and now Superior  
of the St. Regis Mission straddling the United States and Canada,  
and with other friends, it had been discussed and anticipated.

I was particularly pleased <sup>Were</sup> that you had been chosen, for  
both of us are from Maine. ~~I had~~ your Mother still ~~been~~ with us,  
how happy she would ~~have been~~ <sup>be!</sup> I'm sure, however, that she  
will be present at Gallup on May 6 ~~at Gallup~~. Her prayers  
will continue, more than ever before, to accompany you.

I'm grateful for the invitation to be present ~~for~~ <sup>at</sup> your  
elevation to the episcopacy and I plan to be present. Since  
there are so many Native Americans in the diocese of Gallup,  
it will be my privilege to offer you a ~~small~~ relic of Blessed  
Kateri Tekakwitha.

<sup>Blessed Kateri</sup>  
Each day I will pray that ~~she will~~ watch over you very  
specially and help you take on your new responsibilities.  
And may that help continue down the years.

After all the beautiful ceremonies, when you are settled  
down in your new function, so sacred in the eyes of God and  
of the Church, may I ask you to remember Blessed Kateri's canoni-  
zation in your ~~Masses~~ Eucharistic Celebrations and other prayers?  
As you know, she had great devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed  
Sacrament. St. Julian Eymard, had he known <sup>about</sup> her, would have been  
interested in her.

Kindly remember me in your prayers.

Very <sup>Cordially</sup> ~~sincerely~~ yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Henri Béchard, S.J.

April 4, 1986

The Most Reverend Bishop- elect Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

Very Warm Thanks,  
Your Excellency,  
S.S.S.

How happy I was to learn of your on-coming return to the time and time again with Mr. J. Thomas, former Director of the Martyrs' Shrine, and now Superior of the St. Regis Mission straddling the United States and Canada, and with other friends who had been dispersed and anticipated.

Mil neuf cent quatre-vingt cinq est terminé. Je tiens à vous exprimer ma reconnaissance de votre dernier envoi et aussi de tous les autres que vous avez faits pour hâter la canonisation de Kateri Tekakwitha. Je compte sur elle pour vous prouver sa reconnaissance et je sais que je ne serai pas déçu.

Avez-vous remarqué les timbres de Noël de la poste canadienne? Au Centre Kateri, nous avons affranchi des centaines de lettres et c'est avec un soupir de regret que nous avons apposé ces timbres d'un fort mauvais goût, où il n'était pas question de la Nativité du Seigneur. On dirait qu'il y a au bureau de ces Messieurs préposés au choix des sujets de nos timbres-poste, une détermination inébranlable d'évacuer le Christ de Noël.

Revenons à la bienheureuse Kateri. Quand sera-t-elle canonisée? Vous savez déjà qu'il nous faut un miracle de premier ordre. Et le bon Maître demande beaucoup de prières à cet effet. Depuis la béatification en 1980, je quête entre 50 000 et 100 000 promesses écrites d'un Pater et d'un Ave par jour jusqu'à sa canonisation. En cinq ans, j'ai pu en recueillir environ 16 000. A ce rythme, ça prendra 30 années avant d'atteindre les 100 000!

Au cours de 1986, je vous propose un gigantesque effort en vue d'accélérer la cueillette de ces promesses. En retour, si vous acceptez, c'est Kateri elle-même et mieux encore, le Seigneur et sa Mère bien-aimée qui vous béniront.

Paix et joie en compagnie de la Bienheureuse tout le long de 1986!

le vice-postulateur,

Henri Béchard, S.J.

THE DIOCESE OF GALLUP

*invites you to the Episcopal Ordination of*

THE MOST REVEREND DONALD EDMOND PELOTTE, S.S.S.

*as Coadjutor Bishop of Gallup*

*at twelve noon*

*on Tuesday, the sixth of May*

*nineteen hundred and eighty-six*

RED ROCK STATE PARK ARENA

Gallup, New Mexico

*to be conferred by*

THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT F. SANCHEZ

*and*

THE MOST REVEREND JEROME J. HASTRICH

THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY M. PILLA

*Homilist*

THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT F. SANCHEZ

*Reception  
Red Rock Convention Center  
After Mass*







# DIOCESE OF GALLUP

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## *Greetings:*

*The clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese of Gallup join me in inviting you to share our joy on the occasion of the ordination of Bishop Pelotte. You are invited to come and stay in the Land of Enchantment with its beautiful red rocks and canyons as long as you wish.*

*We are 135 miles from major airlines in Albuquerque. Mesa Airlines does not have sufficient seats to accommodate all who might wish to come from Phoenix or Albuquerque. We are arranging transportation on Monday, May 5, from the Albuquerque Airport to Gallup. Buses will be leaving at 2:15 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to see some of scenic New Mexico with a stop at the old mission of San Jose at Laguna, going back to the 17th Century. Major airlines from the east and the west have convenient flights into Albuquerque arriving before 2:00 p.m. Should there be need of buses or cars from Albuquerque at other times, we will try to accommodate you.*

*Buses will leave at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, May 6, for Red Rock State Park which is 8 miles east of Gallup. Buses or cars will leave early at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7, making it possible to catch planes leaving at 9:00 a.m. or later for the east. There will be transportation also for those leaving later in the morning.*

*In case of inclement weather, the ordination will take place in the Convention Center at Red Rock State Park, but this would be limited to 1,000 people. In this event, we would have the reception in the dining area of the Convention Center. We are hoping and praying for good weather.*

*It is our hope that you will honor us with your presence to enjoy some of the beauty of the southwest.*

*With every best wish, I am*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*+ Jerome J. Hastrich*



## *Bishop Elect Donald Pelotte—First Native American Named to U.S. Hierarchy*



February 24, 1986  
COADJUTOR NAMED FOR  
GALLUP, N.M. DIOCESE

WASHINGTON—Pope John Paul II has named Very Reverend Donald Pelotte, S.S.S., Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, to be Coadjutor Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico.

Coadjutor Bishop-designate Pelotte is 40 years old. The Most Reverend Jerome J. Hastrich, Bishop of Gallup since 1969, is 71.

The appointment was announced today at a Consistory in Rome, and in Washington through the office of the Apostolic Nunciature.

Donald Pelotte was born April 13, 1945 in Waterville, Maine. His father was an Abenaki Indian, his mother of French descent. Both are deceased. After entering the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, an order whose members serve in 9 states including New Mexico, he studied at the Eymard Seminary in Hyde Park, New York.

From 1974 to 1976 he was Formation Director at the Congregation's House of Formation in Chicago, and from 1976 to 1978 was Rector/Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Seminary in Cleveland. In 1978 he was elected as the youngest Provincial Superior in the United States, and was re-elected in 1981 and again in 1984. He is a member of the National Board of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, and of the Board of Directors of the Tekakwitha Conference, a gathering of Catholic native peoples who, together with other laity, clergy and religious, minister to native American communities.

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## ***Educator Honored for Native American Interest***



Father Frank R. Haig, S.J., president of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. was presented the first-ever "Outstanding Service to the Central New York Indian Community" award by the North American Indian Club of Syracuse and Vicinity, Inc. at the organization's 15th annual meeting. Seen above making the presentation are Marcia Pierce Steele, president and William Merchant, treasurer of the North American Club.

According to the North American Indian Club's director, Ginny Doctor, Father Haig was chosen for the award because he has been "very instrumental in promoting higher education for the Indian community in Central New York and has encouraged activities on Le Moyne's campus that are of interest to the local Native American community.

The College's John Ben Snow lecture series brings three speakers to the campus over a period of three years to make presentations on Iroquois life and culture. In addition to the public lecture, speakers also attend regularly scheduled classes and lecture on various topics related to Iroquois life. The series, which is funded by the John Ben Snow Foundation in Pulaski, N.Y., offers the public an opportunity to learn more about the Native American community and develop an appreciation for its unique historical and cultural characteristics.

## **Lenten Reflection from the Sacred Heart-St. Ignatius Newsletter, White River, S.D.**

Lent provides a time for considering our relationships with God and with others, a time for reconciliation on four levels, with God, with ourselves, with each other, and the whole created world. Through the practices of Lent...prayer, fasting, and works of charity, we can aid reconciliation. More concretely, we should be seeking reconciliation with particular persons, like a member of a divided family, or a neighbor that disagrees, or groups with opposing views. In any case, can we make that first step? Whatever step we take begins with reflection, a little self dying to self, and a lot of saying "Yes, Lent can be a time of new life together if we make it so."

## **Belated Tenth Anniversary Congratulations**

A letter from Father René Astruc, S.J., Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program of the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska arrived many months ago and these congratulations should have been offered sooner. He wrote that the now retired Bishop of Fairbanks, Bishop Robert Whelan, S.J., ordained 30 Yup'ik Eskimos to the permanent diaconate. Three have died: Michael Nayagak, Damien Keatoak and Louis Steve. One is not in service right now and the remaining 26 are: Joseph Phillip, William Tyson, Nick Charles, Cyril Alexie, David Eric, David Boy-scout, Jacob Nash, Frank Smart, William Trader, Stanley Waska, James Gump, Joseph Lake, Henry Teeluk, Alvin Owletuk, Nicholas Tommy, Larry Charles, Maxie Altsik, Thomas Jumbo, Patrick Beans, Sr., Dan Akerelrea, Teddy Sundown, Bruno Chakuchin, Nick Ther-chik, Mike Agaiak, Dick Lincoln and Charlie Steve.

Another 13, reported Father René are finishing their training and will be ordained soon. "God has blessed us with good deacons and the life of the Church in the villages benefits a great deal from their services," he wrote.

Another nice thing Father René wrote was: "We appreciate the work of the Catholic Bureau of Indian Missions and want to assure you of our prayers."

Again, congratulations to all the deacons and those working with them. Our apology to Father René and the deacons for the delay of recognition.

## **Blessed Kateri Pro-Life Supporters**



Photographed January 22, 1986 at the Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C. were four members of Blessed Kateri Parish, Penns Valley, Pa. Chuck Hall, Ralph Gray, Lynn Ellen Dixon and Anthony Bonetti seen above were representing the rapidly growing mission parish that has developed out of St. John the Evangelist, Bellefonte, Pa. and Our Lady of Victory, State College, Pa. There is an amazing spirit in this new parish and the people give the credit for the blessings received to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha because there is much devotion to her. An interesting thing is that the parish members are not members of the Native American community.

**EVERY DAY...WITHOUT EXCEPTION...  
PRAY FOR THE CANONIZATION OF  
BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

Reverend Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., Ph.D.

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Albuquerque, N Mex  
May 1st 1985

Dear Father (Beckard),

It has taken me a long time to get some snapshots of my statue of Blessed Kateri ready to send to you. A friend of mine took them a couple of months ago, but just brought them to me last night.

I trust you will enjoy them.

In case you fail to "decipher" the words on the lower back, it says "St. Coletta School, Jefferson, Wis."

I have had this statue 50 years. A priest, now deceased, gave it to me in 1935 or about that time.

There are so many Indian tribes in this great southwest that I hope the Catholics among them know about the Indian girl who deserves sainthood and will pray for that day.

Father, please keep praying for my son Donald Mann as he is under great stress and physically and mentally needs help. And - once in a while say a "Hail Mary" for me.

Gratefully  
Catherine R. Hemerson  
5410 Phoenix NE # 3  
Albuquerque  
New Mex. 87110

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Rév. Père Léon,

Salutations chaleureuses d'un confrère missionnaire  
parmi les Cris & Saulteux du Nord (à l'est du Lac Winnipeg) du Manitoba.

En lisant le "Code Historique" de notre mission St-  
Marguerite à Bloodvein, j'y trouve des annotations très intéressantes  
de la dévotion à Kateri par le P<sup>re</sup> missionnaire Louis Gauthier O.M.I.,  
et les fidèles de sa petite communauté. En voici des extraits:

"Samedi 22 janvier 1938-

À ce nom de la Réserve, le chef (Dane Fisher) écrit au  
Pape pour faire canoniser Catherine Tekakwitha."

Jeudi 8 décembre 1938

M<sup>re</sup> Ovis salue la vie de sa petite fille (digne) adoptée avec les  
religieuses de Catherine Tekakwitha.

Samedi 2 mars 1940

Alex Boucher a mal à son main, supposément de sang, que je  
recommande à Catherine Tekakwitha.

Lundi 4 mars 1940

Le main d'Alex Boucher beaucoup mieux

Mardi 5 mars 1940

Kateri a guéri Alex Boucher.

Samedi 6 avril 1940

George Seyoum recommence et je lui donne une reliquie de  
Catherine Tekakwitha.

Dimanche 5 mai 1940

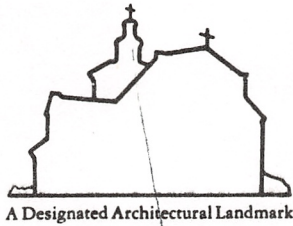
Catherine Tekakwitha me guérit de la peste. (d'l'eau de feu)

Lundi 2 décembre 1940

George Seyoum est beaucoup mieux que l'an dernier, semble guéri: car il  
a fait construire une église: on a payé la moitié; il a une reliquie  
de Kateri Tekakwitha "

Je pense que cela pourrait vous intéresser pour vos archives sur les  
mérites de l'enthronnement de St. Kateri, tel qu'en quelques années avant  
la déclaration de sa béatification.

Salutation, l'abbé Armand Barville



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Most Loving Jesus,  
Incomparable Word,  
Unconquered Strength,  
Indescribable Divinity,  
Healer of souls,  
Most merciful Savior,  
Lover of humankind,  
Look after me. \*

~~Blessings.~~

*Wally*

\* Have mercy on me  
is more typical of the East.  
Use either one.





**NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 24, 1986**

**HIGHLAND HTS. PRIEST NAMED FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN**  
**BISHOP IN THE UNITED STATES BY POPE JOHN PAUL II : Feb. 24**

The Very Rev. Donald Edmond Pelotte, S.S.S., Ph.D., Provincial Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Community of Religious in Highland Hts. since 1978, has been appointed Co-Adjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico, by Pope John Paul II. His appointment was made public today in an announcement by the Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland, long-time friend and associate of the new Bishop-Elect Pelotte, who is also the first Native American priest to be ordained to the episcopacy in the United States.

"Pope John Paul is making Bishop-Elect Pelotte's appointment public today in Rome during a special Consistory of Cardinals in session there. As Co-Adjutor with right of succession, Bishop-Elect Pelotte will minister to the Diocese of Gallup with the Most Rev. Jerome J. Hastrich, Bishop of Gallup, who has served that diocese for 17 years", notes Bishop Pilla.

**Ordination set for May, 1986**

Though all details have not been completed as yet, Bishop-Elect Pelotte is anticipating an Ordination Ceremony during the first week of May, 1986; details will be announced at a later time. Archbishop Pio Laghi, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in the U.S., will be the Principal Ordaining Bishop. Bishop Pilla has announced that a special celebration will be held at St. John Cathedral, Cleveland, honoring Bishop-Elect Pelotte after his episcopal ordination in New Mexico; details to be announced at a later date.

Bishop-Elect Pelotte has chosen : "Strengthen One Another" (Romans 14:19) as his episcopal motto.

**NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS: (GREEN) STATEMENT OF BISHOP-ELECT PELOTTE; (YELLOW) STATEMENT OF BISHOP PILLA; (PINK) STATEMENT OF BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS: (BLUE) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION.**

For more information regarding this news release contact Patrick J. DiSalvatore in Cleveland at 696-6525 or in Akron at 535-1926.

**Native of Maine and Theologian**

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From 1974 to 1976 Bishop-Elect Pelotte was Formation Director at his Congregation's House of Formation in Chicago, and from 1976 to 1978 was Rector/Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Seminary in Cleveland. In 1978 he was elected as the youngest Provincial Superior in the United States, was re-elected to the post in 1981 and again in 1984.

Listed in the 1985 **Who's Who in Religion**, he served as a member of the National Board of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men for 4 years and presently is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tekakwitha Conference, (National Catholic Organization for Native Americans named after Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mohawk-Algonquin Indian beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980).

#### About the Diocese of Gallup

Established in 1938, the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico, encompasses 55,468 square miles in NW New Mexico and Northern Arizona. The present Ordinary, Bishop Jerome J. Hastrich, has served there since 1969. 58 parishes, 42 missions and 46 chapels are staffed by 94 diocesan and religious order priests, serving 44,708 Catholics out of a total population of 355,340. There were 1,123 infant baptisms and 150 converts in 1984, with 308 deaths that same year. Nearly half of the Catholics in the diocese are of Indian descent, the highest concentration of Native Americans in all 160 dioceses of the United States. The Diocese of Gallup ministers to the Apache, Navajo and Hopi Reservations in Arizona and eight counties in the State of New Mexico.

STATEMENT OF BISHOP ELECT DONALD E. PELOTTE, S.S.S., Ph.D.

RE: APPOINTMENT AS CO-ADJUTOR OF THE  
DIOCESE OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO

Earlier today at a special consistory of Cardinals in Rome, our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, announced that he had appointed me co-adjutor to the Most Rev. Jerome Hastrich, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico.

I am deeply honored that the Holy Father has placed such confidence in me. For many years the Native American people have longed for this moment. That I should be the first native American priest to be chosen for this most important ministry in the Church is truly a humbling experience for me.

The Holy Father also honors my religious community: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. As a community dedicated to the Eucharist, our **Rule of Life** challenges us to work for justice and to place ourselves at the service of the poor and the marginalized. I see my new ministry as a way of responding to that challenge.

For the last twenty-six years the Blessed Sacrament Community has been my family in a very real way and that will never change. My religious brothers have all played a part in the shaping of my priesthood and my ministry. I am deeply grateful for their love and support and feel assured of the same for the future.

I look forward to working with Bishop Hastrich who for 17 years has worked tirelessly in his service of the Church of Gallup. Encompassing the ~~entire~~ <sup>Eastern</sup> Northern section of Arizona and the North Western part of New Mexico, this Diocese has the largest concentration of Native American Catholics in the U.S.A.. His ministry there has been noteworthy and I am eager to collaborate with him and all the priests, permanent deacons, the many Religious men and women and lay people in the common task of building God's Kingdom.

Finally, I wish to thank Bishop Pilla and the entire Diocese of Cleveland for making these last ten years the most happy and memorable ones of my life. In so many ways I have learned here what it means to be Church

**STATEMENT OF BISHOP ANTHONY M. PILLA ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP-ELECT DONALD E. PELOTTE, S.S.S., Ph.D.  
AS CO-ADJUTOR BISHOP OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 24, 1986**

The appointment of Bishop-Elect Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S. as Co-Adjutor Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico brings to the Diocese of Cleveland a sense of personal pride and thanksgiving. Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, has not only bestowed a great honor upon the Blessed Sacrament Community, which has exercised a marvelous presence within our Diocese, but he has also recognized in a special way our brothers and sisters who are Native Americans. We share the pride and the honor of these our dear Indian brothers and sisters in the Lord.

The appointment of Bishop-Elect Pelotte also brings a sense of personal gratitude. I can personally attest to his particular service in the Diocese of Cleveland as well as his strong convictions in providing leadership to the Blessed Sacrament Community throughout the United States. As Provincial Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Community, Bishop-Elect Pelotte has been an inspiration to many. As a brother priest and co-worker concerned for the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Cleveland, Bishop-Elect Pelotte has been a close collaborator and friend. I am personally grateful that he has been a companion and an advisor to me for the past eight years. As such, I knew him for his wisdom, his loyalty and his enthusiasm for ministry in the Church.

We all realize that Bishop-Elect Pelotte is being called to a larger responsibility in the Church. He will be in a position to provide even greater service to the Church. We pledge him our prayers, support, continued friendship and prayerful assistance as he sets to the task of a difficult ministry especially among some of the poorest and neglected in our country. Even though his ministry takes him far away, we shall look to him as a close and continuing friend to the Diocese of Cleveland.

**STATEMENT OF MONSIGNOR PAUL A LENZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS, WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**RE: THE NAMING OF THE VERY REVEREND DONALD PELOTTE TO BE**  
**THE CO-ADJUTOR BISHOP OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO**

The news that the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, appointed the Very Reverend Donald E. Pelotte, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, and of Abenaki Tribe Indian descent, to be the Co-Adjutor Bishop of Gallup was received with great joy at the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the 102 year old National Indian Office of the Catholic Church in Washington, D.C.

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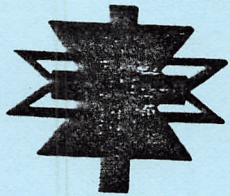
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# Bureau of CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS



## NEWSLETTER MARCH 1981

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VERY REV. DR. DONALD E. PELOTTE, S.S.S.

One of the most interested and supportive persons concerned with the evangelization and apostolate to the native American community today is the Very Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., provincial superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Pelotte, whose great-parents were full blooded Abenaki Tribe members, is one of the twelve known Indian priests in the United States. For the past several years he has been active with the programs of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Tekakwitha Conference. He was present in Rome June 20, 1980 as a member of the official pilgrimage when Pope John Paul II beatified Kateri Tekakwitha. At that time he had the honor to greet and speak with the Holy Father.

Father Pelotte was also the official representative of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men last August in Denver, Colo., when 650 native Americans and 23 American bishops participated in the annual Tekakwitha Conference.

In January 1981 he was elected for the second three year term as the provincial superior of his congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and Brothers in the United States, England, Ireland, East Africa, Vietnam and The Philippines. He is one of the youngest major superiors in the nation and puts in a lot of travel in the course of a year. Recently in San Antonio, Texas he was elected to the national board of major superiors. This year he will go back to Rome for the general chapter of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation.



FATHER PELOTTE GREETS POPE JOHN PAUL II IN ROME JUNE 1980

His twin brother, Dana, is also a member of the Blessed Sacrament community and serves as the finance director of the congregation's church in Menasha, Wisconsin. They were born on a farm in Waterville, Maine of a very poor household. The family knew poverty, cold and had many difficult problems to overcome while the children were growing.

On June 6, 1975 Father Pelotte became Dr. Pelotte as he was granted a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University, New York. His doctoral thesis entitled "*John Courtney Murray, Roman Catholicism and the American Experience*" was published and became a popular, much in demand, book.

Born in Waterville, Maine, April 13, 1945, his early education was in the public schools of Waterville. Later he studied at Eymard Seminary in Hyde Park, N. Y. and at John Carroll University, Cleveland. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Edward O'Leary at St. Francis de Sales Church in Waterville, on September 2, 1972.

The Indian community and especially the Catholic native American community are grateful to Father Donald Pelotte for his deep concern for American Indian people.

# John Courtney Murray: Theologian in Conflict

by Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

One of the key documents to emerge from Vatican Council II was the *Declaration on Religious Freedom*. Along with several other major statements by the council (the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*), the declaration articulated a new sense of the relationship between the Catholic Church and civil society. Largely the result of the influence at the council of bishops from the United States, the declaration was also the historic vindication of one of the most creative and controversial figures in American Church history, the Jesuit theologian John Courtney Murray.

In this careful study of Father Murray's developing ideas on the relationships of church and state, Father Donald E. Pelotte reconstructs the debate that was carried on in U.S. theological journals during the 15 years that preceded the opening of the council in 1962. For the most part, the issue was drawn between Father Joseph C. Fenton of the Catholic University, writing in the *American Ecclesiastical Review*, and Father Murray, writing in *Theological Studies*. The terms of the debate may seem somewhat antique in 1976. Father Fenton defended what many at the time considered the classical, Catholic position, that religious pluralism in a society was a regrettable reality to which the church would adapt but which it could never condone. Ideally, civil society and the state should confess the true religion and express corporate worship of God in its terms. Father Murray, on the other hand, argued that while the American model of a religious pluralistic society, protected by the First Amendment, should not be considered normative for other nations, it was as acceptable to genuine Catholic doctrine and tradition as the European confessional state.

In 1954 his theological antagonists in the United States succeeded in having Father Murray rebuked by Roman officials, and for a number of years he was forbidden to publish on the subject of church and state. A skillful sampling of the extensive correspondence at that time between Father Murray and his superiors in the church and in the Jesuit order offers a rare insight into a fascinating and sometimes painful episode, not only in Father Murray's personal life but in the history of the church in the United States.

In a thoughtful epilogue, the author identifies some of the implications of Father Murray's work that remain to be explored. That work concerned, in one form or another, the interrelationships of Catholicism and American culture, and involved three large questions that still demand attention: the development of doctrine, the democratization of the church and the Catholic presence in American society.

Current interest in American church history is growing, and is long overdue. Books on American Catholic intellectual history are rare. The present volume would seem indispensable for anyone who wants to understand the special character and history of the American Catholic Church.







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## Pope John Paul II names Blessed Sacrament Provincial to Diocese of Gallup

by Ernest Falardeau, SSS

Pope John Paul II in a surprise announcement at a February 24, 1986, meeting of Cardinals in Rome named the Very Rev. Donald Pelotte, SSS, Provincial Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation in the USA, as co-adjutor bishop of Gallup, New Mexico. Bishop-elect Pelotte is the first Native American priest to be named to the hierarchy in the history of the Church in the U.S.

Bishop-elect Pelotte is no stranger to New Mexico. As a young seminarian, he worked during summers at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Albuquerque. He visited the parish frequently, especially during his years as Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Administration is something the young bishop (he is 40 years old) has known for many years. As provincial superior he was responsible for over 250 men covering an area from the Philippines and Southeast Asia to the British Isles and Africa. He was re-elected by his community to this post three times.

Bishop-elect Pelotte has had many years of cooperation with the hierarchy in the U.S. both in the Diocese of Cleveland where he served on the Board of Consultors of Bishop Anthony Pilla, and with the several bishops in dioceses across the country and overseas in which his Congregation

is located. He has also served on the Board of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in the U.S.A. for many years.

Indian Affairs has been a special interest of Bishop-elect Pelotte. As a Native American and one of only twelve priests in the U.S. from this background, he has brought his influence to bear on improving the lot of his fellow Native Americans.

Speaking of the Holy Father's appointment, Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, executive director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Washington, D.C., said:

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What kind of man is Bishop-elect Pelotte? Young, vigorous, handsome, outgoing, he is a recognized



Bishop-Elect Donald Pelotte SSS

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Bishop-elect Pelotte was born in Waterville, Maine, on April 13, 1945, the son of Norris Albert and Margaret Yvonne (LaBrie) Pelotte. His parents are both deceased: father in 1963, mother in 1985. Bishop-elect Pelotte's father was of the Abenaki Tribe — his grandparents were born in Abenaki, Canada. (The Abenaki Tribe is part of the Algonquin Nation which inhabits Northeastern United States and Canada). His mother is of French-Canadian descent.

Typical of Bishop-elect Pelotte was his statement upon receiving word of his election:

*"I am deeply honored that the Holy Father has placed such confidence in me. For many years the Native American people have longed for this mo-*

*ment. That I should be the first Native American priest to be chosen for this most important ministry in the Church is truly a humbling experience for me.*

*The Holy Father also honors my religious community: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. As a community dedicated to the Eucharist, our Rule of Life challenges us to work for justice and to place ourselves at the service of the poor and the marginalized. I see my ministry as a way of responding to that challenge.*

*I look forward to working with Bishop Hastrich who for 17 years has worked tirelessly in his service of the Church in Gallup. His ministry there has been noteworthy and I am eager to collaborate with him and all the priests, permanent deacons, the many Religious men and women, and lay people in the common task of building God's kingdom."*

Bishop-elect Pelotte will be ordained Tuesday, May 6, 1986, at noon at Red Rock Ceremonial Center near Gallup, N.M. Archbishop Robert Sanchez will be the principal ordaining bishop, assisted by Bishop Jerome Hastrich of Gallup, and Bishop Anthony Pilla of Cleveland, Ohio.

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# Indian named bishop

## Priest serves area seminary

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The Rev. Donald E. Pelotte of Highland Heights was appointed co-adjutor bishop of the Gallup, N.M., Catholic Diocese yesterday, the first American Indian to be named a Roman Catholic bishop.

He will have the right of succession to Gallup Bishop Jerome J. Hastrich, 72, who must retire by age 75.

Pelotte, 40, has been provincial superior of the Blessed Sacrament Seminary for eight years and rector-superior for two years before that. He was ordained a priest in the Blessed Sacrament order in 1972.

Pelotte was born near Waterville, Maine, to a poor rural family whose roots were in the Abenaki tribe, a part of the Algonquin nation, which inhabited the Northeast and Canada. He said his mother was French Canadian and his father was Indian.

He is one of 12 American Indians who are Roman Catholic priests.

Pope John Paul II made the appointment yesterday at the Vatican during a special consistory of cardinals.

The announcement was made here by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. Pilla said Pope John Paul has "recognized in a special way our brothers and sisters who are native Americans. We share the pride and honor of these, our dear Indian brothers and sisters, in the Lord."

Pelotte said yesterday there were probably many "happy powwows" throughout the land among native Americans over his appointment and that they would continue for the next several months. He said about 25% of the 1.4 million American Indians were baptized Catholics.

"I am deeply honored that the Holy Father has placed such confidence in me," said Pelotte. "For many years the native American people have longed for this moment. That I should be the first native American priest to be chosen for this most important ministry is truly a humbling experience for me."

He said the appointment honors his Blessed Sacrament religious community and its rule of life, which "challenges us to work for justice and to place ourselves at the service of the poor and the marginalized. I see my new ministry as a way of responding to that challenge."

Pelotte's appointment was praised by the Rev. Paul A. Lenz of Washington, D.C., who heads the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the national coordinating office of the Catholic



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**Rev. Donald E. Pelotte**  
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Church for supporting Indian concerns in the United States.

"For many years the native Americans have longed for this moment," he said in a statement.

"There is no group of people in the world more supportive of the Holy Father and more dedicated to the Catholic Church than the native peoples. . . . The Indian community is truly grateful that one with American Indian blood will now be a member of the American hierarchy."

Pelotte, who graduated from John Carroll University and holds a doctorate degree in theology from Fordham University, will lead a diocese covering 55,468 square miles in northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona. It includes 58 churches, 42 missions and 46 chapels and has 94 priests serving 44,708 Catholics, about half of whom are American Indian.

The diocese, which Pelotte said is the poorest in the nation, has the highest concentration of native Americans of the 160 dioceses in the United States. It includes Apache, Navajo and Hopi reservations.

He will visit the diocese next week and is expected to move there in May, when he will be ordained.

# Patients of a saint needed for canonization

By **CHARLES W. BELL**  
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VATICAN CITY—The idea was to smooth the long, rocky road to sainthood.

But not even two overhauls of the canonization procedures, the latest an apostolic constitution in 1983, has speeded up the long, complicated and expensive process.

It is a sore point for many bishops, and they have just gone public with their complaints.

"Today, we have tremendous need of saints," the bishops said in the report they gave Pope John Paul at the end of the extraordinary world synod.

"They mean ordinary Catholic men and women," a Vatican spokesman said. "They don't mean more priests and nuns."

The problem, as the bishops see it, is that the system is loaded against the laity, who usually don't have the time, money or energy—or, face it, the patience—to stick with a canonization case that now takes an average 62 years to decide.

Religious orders can stick with it. Which is why nearly every saint proclaimed in the past 20 years was a member of a religious order.

(One notable exception: only 11 of the 103 Korean martyrs who were canonized last year were priests, but this involved a special waiver by the Pope.)

Two other new saints in 1984 came from religious orders, as did the other 22 men and women canonized since Vatican II. (This does not count the 40 English and Welsh martyrs, among them three monk priests, who were canonized in 1970.)

"Saints are good examples," says a cleric in the Sacred Congregation for the Cause of Saints, the Vatican department that handles canonizations and beatifications, the step below sainthood. "They are role models for Christians, and, of course, they are the church's affirmation that someone of heroic virtue is in heaven, and thus worthy of public honor."

## Not an easy thing

The bishops believe that with all the emphasis on the role and status of the laity, the church should create more lay saints. It isn't as simple as it sounds.

Two miracles are required, and the "devil's advocate" still has a wide mandate to discount miraculous claims.

There are more than 800 pending cases, some of them centuries old. Christopher Columbus is one of them. The canonization office managed to do paperwork on 139 last year, but this included its acceptance of 45 new cases.

But at least one priest is not so sure that all the effort, money and time is worth it. "I'm sure that if you asked the faithful which saint was glorified by the Pope last Sunday, 98 of every 100 would say they don't know," says the Rev. Ernesto Balducci, a parish priest in Florence. "And they don't want to know."