

Other appointments

Bishop Stanisław Ryłko, intervening at the Meeting for Friendship between Peoples at Rimini on 24 August, spoke of the life and work of the layman Pier Giorgio Frassati on the centenary of his birth.

Bishop Stanisław Ryłko took part in the first national Congress of Catholic Action in Poland from 19 to 22 November.



Cardinal James Francis Stafford participated in the tenth ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in Rome from 30 September to 27 October on the theme: “The bishop: servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the hope of the world”. On this occasion he had various meetings with Synodal Fathers particularly interested in the activities and programmes of the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

On 8 and 9 December Father Francis Kohn led a spiritual retreat in Lugano for youth and animators of parishes, lay associations and ecclesial movements in Italian-speaking Switzerland. At the centre of the meditations was the Message of the Holy Father to the youth of the world for the 17th World Youth Day.



Prof. Guzmán Carriquiry took part in the international spiritual exercises held by *Catholic Charismatic Renewal* in Monterrey (Mexico) from 1 to 5 November. To the participants – some 60 bishops and 1,500 priests – he furnished some reflections and observations on the ecclesial movements in the life of the Church, with particular reference to their involvement in dioceses and parishes.

In the course of the year Cardinal James Francis Stafford was invited to give lectures and talks on the mission of the Church at the dawn of the third millennium, on the theology of the laity, on the formation of lay faithful, on the ecclesial movements and on the evangelization of youth, in various parts of the world: from Rome to San Francisco, from Oxford to Denver, Toronto, Halifax... He was also awarded an honorary doctorate by the Faculty of Theology of Regis College in Toronto (Canada).