

Could Pope John Paul II be Nearing His End?

As faithful believers in the Advent message, each of us has an ongoing interest in developments within the Vatican.

For this reason, we bring you this report. You will want to read it carefully.

Former (?) Jesuit, Malachi Martin stated in his book, *The Keys of This Blood*, that John Paul II had been told by the Virgin Mary that he was to be the sole leader of the planet.

Supposedly, Mary appeared to the pontiff in his room at Gemelli Hospital, in Rome, while he was recuperating from a May 1981 attempt by an Arab assassin to kill him.

From that time onward, John Paul had a renewed determination to fulfill his high destiny as the most influential man in the world.

But it appears that whoever personated Mary in that vision was mistaken.

In July 1992, the pope had a benign tumor removed. Since then, his health has visibly declined.

In August 1994, John Paul attended the World Youth Day in Denver, Colorado. Only intermittently did he appear robust. He also displayed an uncontrollable shaking of his left shoulder and arm, indicating the possibility of Parkinson's Disease.

That same year (1994), the

pope had two surgeries—an operation, in the spring, on his hip and one, in the summer, on his shoulder. Both operations were attributed to falls.

In late 1994, he canceled two important trips, one to Sarajevo and the other to United Nations headquarters, in New York City. John Paul had been looking forward for over a year to that UN visit and did not want it canceled, since he was to deliver a major speech. Vatican watchers assumed that only poor health could have caused it to be canceled.

In addition, the pontiff did not officiate at the yearly special mass at St. Peter's Basilica, to mark the opening of the academic year for Vatican institutions on October 3.

News photos have shown him as a frail man using a cane and being physically supported by priests. Close-up views reveal eyes that are half shut, giving a drugged appearance. It surely does appear that the Vatican has a problem on its hands; a problem it would wish to solve.

It is at such a time as this that Dr. Corrado Manni has made certain statements which are shocking in the extreme, and hint that something is coming. His statements were made near the end of 1994.

Manni is the director of anesthesia at Gemelli Hospital, and

has administered anesthesia to the pope during every one of his many operations at that hospital, beginning with the assassination attempt in May 1981.

Writing in the *European*, one of the most influential publications on the continent, Manni, an individual who is closely acquainted not only with the pontiff but many high-placed leaders in the Vatican, wrote that John Paul's failing health is due, not merely to physical problems, but also to mental and emotional ones!

"He is neither mad nor senile, but, in my opinion he is psychologically unwell," reported Manni.

Why would Manni dare say such a thing publicly? It is believed that high-placed Vatican officials recognize that John Paul's health is poor enough that he is fast becoming of little use in fulfilling the Vatican's plans for world domination. The carefully contrived book, *The Keys of This Blood*, by Malachi Martin, has obviously proven to be a sham. Gorbachev, head of the Soviet Union; Reagan and Bush over America; and Pope John Paul II above them—this was to be the future destiny of the world. Yet now Gorbachev is gone, so is Reagan and Bush; but more importantly, the Soviet Union is collapsed, and the special "Marian pope" is becoming too enfeebled to head any-

POPE JOHN PAUL II

The "Supreme Pontiff" of the Roman Catholic Church is Pope John Paul II, born Karol Wojtyła at Wadowice (Krakow), Poland, on May 18, 1920. He was ordained as a priest on November 1, 1946, and was promoted to the position of Archbishop

of Krakow on January 13, 1964. On June 26, 1967, he was proclaimed Cardinal. On October 16, 1978, he was elected pope as successor of Pope John Paul I. His "solemn commencement" as pope began on October 22, 1978. He was the first non-Italian to be elected pope in 456 years.

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The plan to elevate John Paul II as the great leader of the world has seemingly failed. The book was written at great expense by the Vatican, and Richard Barile, the famous sculptor, was chosen, by the Vatican, to design the symbol of the coming New World Order: It portrayed the pope as dominant, holding the world in his right hand

But now John Paul's part in that wonderful future seems to be past. For four years, his health has markedly deteriorated.

It is theorized that Manni's astounding remarks may have been made as an advance notice to excuse the pope's sudden death (by poisoning, the way his predecessor met his end). The "Italian solution" has been successfully used for hundreds of years. (See our earlier, in-depth report, *The Murder of Pope John Paul I—Part 1-4* [WM—367-370].)

Why otherwise would Corrado Manni dare make such remarks? Vatican advisers and their compatriots are closely knit, and they do not betray secrets—unless there is a reason for betraying them—or inventing them.

It is of interest that Manni's report comes at a time when many Catholics are openly disagreeing with John Paul's policy statements on a variety of issues.

Here is part of a portion of Dr. Manni's remarks, as quoted in *The European*, in the fall of 1994:

"If you are a man who loves peace and you see a bullet coming towards you, the effect of such an attempt is very profound on the psyche, but not immediately noticeable. He [John Paul II] is neither mad nor senile, but, in my opinion he is psychologically unwell," said Manni.

"He was prepared to risk his life by visiting Sarajevo at a time when snipers were active and the military situation was so unstable, that, to Manni, revealed definitely the pope was psychologically unwell.

"No normal man in his position would have chosen to go to Sarajevo at that moment," said Manni. 'He was obsessive, and behind this were psychological reasons, not physical ones. Vatican officials opposed the trip, and finally had it canceled.

"Psychologically, it is very important to him that he is seen as Pope of the whole world. He is also a man with a mission and, as an old man, thoughts of martyrdom may have entered his head,' said Manni."

Do not underrate the importance of Manni in Rome. As chief anesthetist at the pontiff's own hospital, he has taken part in all the operations the pope has undergone in the past 14 years. He has a distinguished international reputation, and, in 1990, was the recipient of Italy's Gold Medal of Merit for his health services. In addition, Manni is one of a five-man executive committee for Catholic academies.

Such a man would not dare make such remarks on his own! Indeed, no influential Roman Catholic, in Rome, would dare such a thing.

Here are more comments by Dr. Corrado Manni:

"With each operation it becomes more difficult for him to do things; for example, walking or climbing, and therefore he becomes more introverted. It is like another bar of prison going up. All the pleasure of his life has gone and, in my opinion, that is very worrying for his officials. All of this affects his ability to travel."

Manni is quite unprofessional to make such statements, since he is not a psychiatrist but an anesthesiologist. Given the seriousness of the charge, and the position of John

Paul II, Manni's statements about the pope are quite extraordinary. He dares to speak out frankly about the mental condition of a reigning pontiff.

We can imagine the national chaos that would prevail, were an eminent medical doctor who had worked closely with the president of the United States—to declare that our national leader was mentally unstable.

What physician would dare make such statements? Yet such comments could be arranged for, if it was part of a plan to prematurely lay him to rest.

Yet another aspect of this situation, is the pontiff's relationship with the Mafia.

Increasingly, in the fall and winter of 1994-1995, John Paul has spoken out against the Italian Mafia—the most powerful organization on the Italian peninsula. For example, on November 6, 1994, he visited Sicily to pay tribute to a slain priest who had spoken out against the Mafia in 1993. While there, the pope made several accusing statements about the Mafia.

Soon after, the Mafia sent a dead lamb with its throat slit to the chaplain of the Palermo prison, for having cooperated with prosecutors against the Mafia. The attached note said, "You will meet the same end."

Perhaps the note was also a warning to John Paul II.

Those who have read our earlier study on the murder of Pope John Paul I, will recall that his plan to reveal the Mafia's control of the Vatican Bank was thought to be part of the reason John Paul II's predecessor was poisoned on the night of September 28, 1978.

Italy is not an easy place to live, and the Vatican does not appear to be much better.