

Vatican by Maria Cristina Fiocchi

WWF and Church: freemasonic trick?

After Prince Philip met the Pope, the World Wide Fund for Nature announced it has become a Vatican consultant.

The Italian section of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) on April 10 put out a news release following a private audience granted by the Pope to Prince Philip of Britain, president of the WWF, stating that: "The WWF has become from today forward a consultant to the Catholic Church regarding programs for the conservation of nature." The release says that Prince Philip announced that "today's meeting sanctions the principle that the conservation of nature runs through the ethical and moral principles which belong to the religious traditions. In this, the WWF and the Catholic Church have begun a discussion destined to continue."

The fact that this news was unilaterally spread by the WWF and that it makes no reference to any joint communiqué suggests that we may be dealing with yet another attempt by malthusian, one-worldist freemasonic organizations, such as the WWF, to use ecology to coopt the Catholic Church and give greater credibility to their own schemes.

In fact the WWF, behind various campaigns of defending the natural habitat, is promoting the old project of the international financiers to reduce population globally, with all that this involves: contraception, abortion, euthanasia, limits to the development of Third World countries, and economic colonialism—policies which go against the stated moral positions of the Catholic Church.

WWF's president, Duke Philip of Edinburgh, is one of the British leaders of the Scottish Rite freemasonry, into which he was initiated as No. 1216. He makes no secret of the aims

of the organization he chairs. For example, on Aug. 8, 1988 he told the German Press Agency (DPA), "If I were reborn, I'd like to come back as a deadly virus, so as to contribute to solving the overpopulation problem."

Honorary vice president of the WWF is Dr. Luc Hoffman of the well-known pharmaceutical firm Hoffman-LaRoche, notoriously involved in producing and researching ever-more potent contraceptives. Ironically, in regard to their pretense of defending the environment, Hoffman-LaRoche owns the Seveso chemical plant, which emitted a cloud of toxic fumes in an infamous accident some years ago.

The international directors of the WWF include powerful figures unified not by any desire to save flora and fauna but by the goal of containing or reducing world population growth. They have included Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, WWF founder and ex-president, and director of the Bilderberg Group; John London, ex-president of Royal Dutch Shell and Trilateral Commission member; Robert O. Anderson, honorary president of the Aspen Institute and owner of London *Observer* magazine; Thomas J. Watson, former IBM chairman; Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, president of the Bellerive Foundation; and Maurice Strong, president of Petro/Canada and Club of Rome member.

In Italy the president of the WWF is Fulco Pratesi, an owner of vast tracts dedicated to big game hunting who then converted to defender of animals. Recently, Pratesi published a 100-page booklet called *Domestic Ecology*, where among other bizarre

proposals he includes using human cadavers to feed threatened species of predators. Pratesi says this would be a way to save the wood and zinc used for coffins. The Italian WWF chief cites the case of British ornithologist Micky Lindbergh, who committed suicide so that he could offer his body as a meal for vultures.

The vice president of WWF-Italy is Gianfranco Bologna, a protégé of the late malthusian Aurelio Peccei, who co-founded the Club of Rome. Bologna, on the occasion of the presentation of the 1989 Report of the United Nations on Population, stated that no one should worry about the fact that old people are dying, because the lowering of population could save the forests.

The WWF does not hide its pantheistic and Darwinist philosophical roots, also inimical to Catholic teachings: The Oct. 10, 1989 issue of its *Panda* magazine, runs a whole feature on the alleged harm to the environment caused by the prolific human species. They call for creation of a new morality: "Biological diversity can be guaranteed by a true act of freedom and altruism by man who must decide to self-limit his expansion to allow other living beings to coexist on Earth." How? In an apparent sop to Christian sensibilities, the WWF admits that "Abortion is a practice that raises moral problems," but "artificial conception can be a wise and dutiful decision. The fearless choice of a serious program of family planning on a world scale must be the essential condition for a real change in relations between man and nature, but this must make us get out of a wrong mentality on procreation."

The reasons why the WWF seeks Vatican backup are clear and evident. It is harder to understand why anyone in the Vatican would want to associate with the WWF freemasons.