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WORLD MOURNS
JOHN PAUL'S DEATH

Two-day drama brought outpouring from millions

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Knight Ridder

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II died Saturday after a two-day end-of-life drama that sparked an unprecedented global outpouring of attention to his life, his legacy and what lies ahead for the Roman Catholic Church.

The first news of his death came via an e-mail to journalists by the papal spokesman, and then it was announced to an estimated 70,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square. Some wept uncontrollably, others stared in disbelief, and still others bowed their heads in prayer.

"We all feel like orphans this evening," Undersecretary of State Archbishop Leonardo Sandri told the crowd.

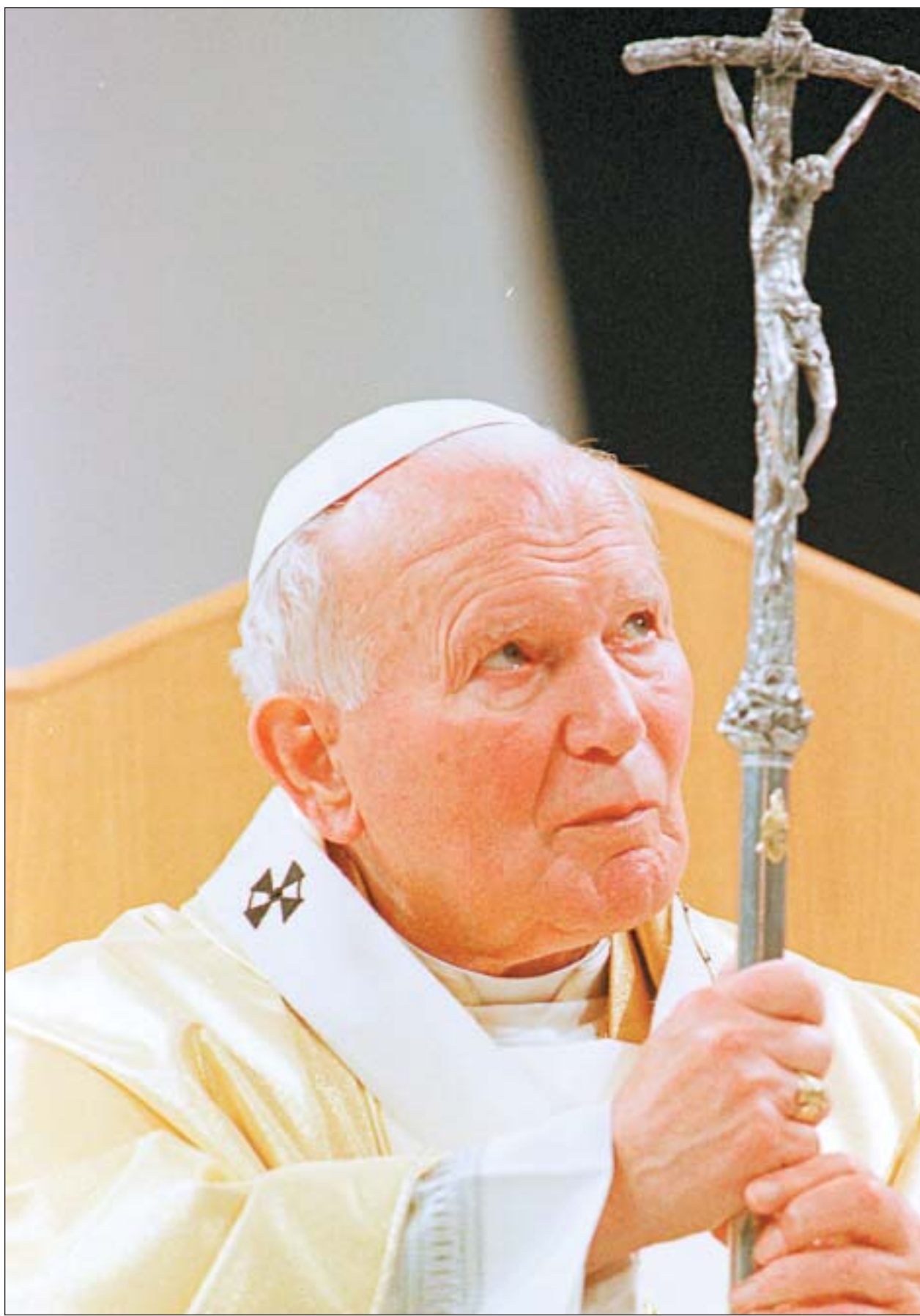
The bells of St. Peter's Basilica tolled in a solemn signal of mourning. People streamed into the square and the crowd overflowed into nearby streets.

Many said they knew what happened when they saw the light flick on in the window of John Paul's apartment, three stories above Bernini's colonnade.

"He was so strong, and he always spoke about our problems," said Cotbrina Tosti, 26, who was born the year he ascended to the papacy, and who stood, in tears, in the packed, hushed crowd. "He had his opinions and sometimes they were not ours, but he spoke without judgment and he always spoke with love."

In Washington, President Bush said that "the Catholic Church has lost its shepherd, the world has lost a champion of human freedom, and a good and faithful servant of God has been called home." He said the pontiff "launched a democratic revolution that swept Eastern Europe and changed the course of history... We will always remember the hum-

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Pope John Paul II prays during the Jan. 27, 1999, Mass at the former Trans World Dome in St. Louis.

Area clergy recall pope's leadership, dedication to church

BY RAMONA CURTIS AND JAYNE MATTHEWS
News-Democrat

BELLEVILLE — While many in the metro-east felt a sense of loss following Pope John Paul II's death Saturday, others are looking back on the ways in which the pope affirmed life.

"He was a dedicated priest fully committed to Jesus Christ and his church," said Belleville Bishop-elect Edward Braxton in a statement released Saturday. "Like St. Thomas More, he seemed to be a man for all seasons. He had a very outgoing, warm personality, yet he had the firmness and conviction needed for leadership. He spoke many languages and was a very effective communicator to millions, yet he seemed uniquely himself in silent, almost mystical, prayer before the Eucharist in his private chapel."

Belleville's vicar general, the Rev. James Margason, also spoke of the pope's legacy.

"His life and his ministry demonstrated perfectly the ideals of leadership, perseverance, forgiveness, dignity and truth to which we are all called,

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Diocese advocate loses two fathers

BY RAMONA CURTIS
News-Democrat

Ann Polka's prayers were answered Saturday. The Right to Life coordinator for the Belleville Diocese prayed that her cancer-stricken father would pass away on the same day as the gravely ill pope.

"I whispered in my dad's ear, 'You know, Dad, you might die the same day as the pope, and he might take your hand as you both walk to heaven,'" Polka said.

Polka's father, 90-year-old Casper Yoch, died Saturday morning. Pope John Paul II died Saturday afternoon.

"It brought me great comfort," said Polka, 58. "I can just see the pope saying, 'Come on little buddy, I'll get you in here.'"

Polka said her father, a retired concrete supplier, was a devout Catholic throughout his life.



Polka

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