

Basic Detail Report

Priests at the inauguration of Pope Paul VI

Date

1963-1963

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Inauguration of Pope Paul VI, 21 June 1963. The Pope ordained 354 priests on that day; the new priests lie prostrate in St. Peter's Square, after their ordainment. During the Feast of St Peter and Paul, Pope Paul VI sat on a throne in front of an alter in St Peter's Square and began the 13th Year of his reign by ordaining 354 new priests. Nealy 100,000 holy year pilgrims and families of the new priests from 50 nations and every continient packed the square for what Vatican officials said was the largest ordination in the anals of the Roman Catholic Church. The new priests then prostrated themselves facing the Pope who knelt on a crimson cushions during the chant of the litany of the saints.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 20.4 cm (12 x 8 in.)