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CARDINAL KROL  
'Our continued concern'

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## A Prayer at White House For POWs

### Washington

President Nixon, attending Christmas-season worship services in the White House, heard the Catholic archbishop of Philadelphia offer a prayer yesterday for war casualties and prisoners.

"May they be the special object of God's love and our continued concern," said John Cardinal Krol, who officiated at the half-hour service in the East Room.

The archbishop did not mention Vietnam, but said it

was appropriate that a prayer be offered "for all persons killed and maimed in war, for all prisoners of war, for those missing in action, and for all their families."

### CHOIR

Standing before the Obernkirchen Children's Choir of Germany, which sang three Christmas songs in German, the archbishop spoke of his recent visit to the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp where Nazis murdered millions of Jews during World War II.

At Auschwitz, he said, "the most important law of God was trampled — the law that thou shall love."

"May God grant that it will not be forgotten again," he said.

Cardinal Krol, who is president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, was invited to officiate at the 36th in the series of White House worship services after he returned to Poland, the land of his ancestors.

### CHAT

After yesterday's service, Mr. Nixon chatted with the 36 members of the Children's Choir, who range in age from seven to 18. One of the members, 16-year-old Ute Wehmeyer, told the President the choir was honored by the invitation to sing at the White House and said "it was the most wonderful experience we have ever had."

Mr. Nixon in turn told the young singers they had "helped to make the White House Christmas very special."

The President then joined Mrs. Nixon and the archbishop in welcoming the guests.

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