

# Hails Pope John's efforts to promote Christian unity

By JAMES KELLY

SAN FRANCISCO—The Church's hand is out, ready to grasp that of any non-Catholic Christian willing to drop an ancient bitterness and make common cause for Christ, according to a visiting Jesuit priest.

Credit for extending the Pope John XXIII, said Father observed: "Pope John is not only aware of the new climate of friendliness growing among Christians, but wants to promote it."

"The Holy Father has made it clear that an important order of business at the coming ecumenical council will be a hard look at the customs and discipline of the Church," Father Leeming said. "And where there appears to be anything that creates enmity toward the Church I believe it's safe to say there will be changes made."

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"Out of the council should come one that does. It will be less emotional, more a picture of Christians who simply love Christ and their neighbors in Christ. It will involve no changes in dogma or basic beliefs—just an updating of the Church to modern times," the Jesuit added.

Father Leeming is a theologian of note who—when he stays put—teaches at Heythrop College in Oxfordshire, England. Today he's a man on the go. And although he speaks only with the authority of a private theologian, his words carry weight.

Father Leeming is a correspondent for the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, one of the preparatory bodies for the ecumenical council. Cardinal Augustin Bea, S.J., heads it.

THE ENGLISH theologian's current assignment is a globe-trotting trip to sound out the extent of interest in Christian reunion, and to establish informal, international contact with non-Catholics willing to hear what the Catholic Church has to say to them, not as religious opponents but as Christian friends.

His stay here included a closed session with an invited group of



VOL. II, NO. 5 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 3, 1961 BITTERNESS GONE

## Catholic and Anglican prelates laud new amity

LONDON—Two of England's foremost churchmen, one Anglican and the other Catholic, have asserted that the ancient enmities between the two communions have all but disappeared.

Anglican Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, former Archbishop of Canterbury, said that the old "Iron Curtain" between Anglicanism and Catholicism has now gone.

Catholic Archbishop John C. Heenan of Liverpool said that as a result of the visit Archbishop Fisher paid to His Holiness Pope John XXIII last December, "a great outburst of friendship" has arisen between Catholics and non-Catholics in England. He said the Anglican Frimley's courtesy call was "one of the most powerful gestures made for centuries."

ARCHBISHOP Fisher—who on his retirement last May 21 was created a life peer and given the title Baron Fisher of Lambeth by Queen Elizabeth II—spoke on the new friendship at a diocesan conference at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Two days earlier he had told a meeting of the (Protestant) British Council of Churches here that the "Church of Rome has become an ally instead of an enemy."

In his Newcastle talk, he said: "Up to the last war and later too, relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England were as bad and as rigid as they could be. Anyone behind the scenes knew how hostile the official attitude of the Roman Church was. Now there has been a remarkable change. Shall I say that the Iron Curtain has gone?"

He continued: "There is still a great deal to be done in dismissing antagonisms, jealousies, hatreds and rivalries, but the way is open between us."

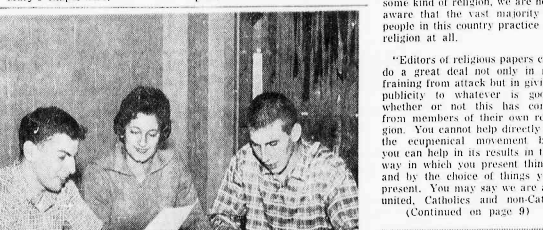
ARCHBISHOP Heenan, a member of the Holy See's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, had spoken the previous week at a luncheon of the Religious Weekly Press Group, an interdenominational association in London.

He praised the suggestion by an Anglican bishop that Protestants should make pilgrimages to Eyburn, site of many of the executions of Catholics under Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, and that Catholics should make similar pilgrimages to Smithfield, where many Protestants were burned at the stake during the reign of Queen Mary.

Archbishop Heenan said this suggestion of acts of reparation for the evil things that had been done seemed "a mirror the ecumenical movement as such, expressive of a real intention to increase communication between people of different faiths."

Speaking to the editors and staffs of religious papers of many religious denominations, the Archbishop said: "You have great opportunities for fostering religious unity. Whatever may have been possible in the past, when so many people were practicing some kind of religion, we are now aware that the vast majority of people in this country practice no religion at all."

"Editors of religious papers can do a great deal not only in refraining from attack but in giving publicity to whatever is good, whether or not this has come from members of their own religion. You cannot help directly in the ecumenical movement but you can help in its results in the way in which you present things and by the choice of things you publish in your papers. You may say we are all united, Catholics and non-Catholics."



**Cooperation**  
WORTHING, England—Catholic-Protestant cooperation is a going concern in this town on the south coast of England. The non-Catholic manager of the Dolphin Hotel turns the lounge of his establishment over to Catholics each Sunday for use as a chapel. The altar is set up on a grand piano. A new Catholic church is under construction meanwhile and may be ready for use by Christmas. It was largely paid for by a weekly football pool—supported by many Protestants.

## Pope to observe twin anniversaries

VATICAN CITY—His Holiness Pope John XXIII has told the world he is grateful for the honor paid him on the twin occasion of his birthday and his coronation anniversary.

"We hear it said that for the fourth of November, celebrations are being prepared for the third anniversary of Our election and the completion of the 80th year of Our life," Pope John said in a radio broadcast.

"You can well understand that this moves Us to joy and fatherly gratitude."

His 10-minute talk over Vatican Radio was in Italian, but translations were broadcast in Polish, French, English and Spanish.

His birthday falls on November 25 but it is being celebrated on November 4, the anniversary of his coronation.

Pope John spoke of his election to the papacy on October 28, 1958.

"What happened on the evening of the twenty-eighth of October, 1958, is a mystery of the goodness and mercy of God," he said.

"May God be praised and may Our thanks go to you also. Our brothers and dear children, both to those who are close to Us and those who are far away, of every language, race and nation."

POPE JOHN asked Catholics to hear his repeated pleas "raised as a warning and as guidance for a well ordered and fruitful Christian life."

A Vatican Radio announcer who introduced his address said Pope John wanted his gratitude for prayers for peace and for the success of the coming general council made known.

The Pope changed earlier plans and decided to celebrate Mass on November 3 in St. Peter's basilica, in the presence of 10,000 members of the Youth Section of Italian Catholic Action. This pilgrimage to Rome from all over Italy was the young people's way of honoring the Pope on his twin anniversaries.

The president of the Youth Section said the Pope decided it would be more fitting to celebrate

Mass before the young people rather than merely grant them an audience as he had planned.

HIS HOLINESS has recovered completely from a light illness that confined him to his apartment on October 28 and 27.

He returned to his desk Saturday morning and on Sunday noon appeared at the window of his library to give his usual noontime blessing to the crowds in St. Peter's square.

The people in the square, estimated at 10,000, were so happy to see him after his illness that they cheered long after he left the window. He returned for a second appearance.

Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State, appeared at the window with the Pope. He had been the only person other than members of his personal staff to see him during his confinement.

Vatican officials had described Pope John's illness as a touch of influenza. They said he had decided to remain in his apartment to be sure to overcome the illness and thereby avoid spoiling his birthday celebrations.

MORE THAN 30 nations have sent delegations of high dignitaries to celebrations in honor of the Pope. Prime ministers headed the delegations from Austria, Brazil, Ireland and Italy.

Among the nations who honored the Pope with delegations were some who have no diplomatic representatives at the Holy See, such as Jordan, the Republic of Senegal, Gabon and the Republic of the Congo (former French Congo).

Among the ceremonies honoring the Pope for his anniversaries was a Te Deum (hymn of thanksgiving) in the Basilica of St. John Lateran (Oct. 27). St. John Lateran is the Pope's own cathedral.

On November 4, the centenary of the Vatican City daily, *L'Osservatore Romano*, is being marked jointly with the Pope's birthday and coronation anniversary at a special Catholic Action convocation in Rome. Cardinal Giovanni Urbani, Patriarch of Venice, is presiding.

## HONORED AT BANQUET

## Four receive St. John Bosco Medal

By FRED W. FRIES

Four Indianapolis lay persons were presented the St. John Bosco Medal for outstanding service to youth at the Ninth Annual CYO Banquet held Wednesday evening in the Secunia Memorial High School cafeteria. A capacity crowd of more than 800 persons attended.

In addition to the St. John Bosco Medal winners, three men received the St. George Medal for work in Catholic Scouting and two women were presented the St. Anne Award for their work with Catholic girls' groups.

The St. John Bosco Medal winners were: Peter Donna, St. Michael's parish; Robert Spitzer, St. Christopher's parish; Robert Dinn, Christ the King parish; and Miss Cecilia Mootz, Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

RECIPIENTS of the St. George Medal "for outstanding contribution" were: Paul Leonard Hagarty, O.S.B., of Naxsau has said the 24 lay missionaries working in the Bahamas "are filling a real need in my missionary diocese." Fifteen came from the U.S., eight from Canada and one from Germany.

tions made to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America" were: Edward Jacoby, St. Lawrence parish; Joseph Graman, St. Joseph parish; and John Shackelford, Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Miss Geneva Clark, of St. Philip Neri parish, received the St. Anne Award for outstanding service to the Junior Catholic Daughters of America. Miss Kathleen Mauck, of St. Andrew's parish, was presented the same award for her work with the Catholic Girl Scouts.

Archbishop Schulte made the presentations. YOUTH WEEK activities in Indianapolis will conclude with the annual CYO Cadet Hobby Show tonight (Friday) and the annual CYO Baking Contest on Sunday, November 5. The Hobby Show will be held at Council 437, Knights of Columbus, 13th and Delaware St., with the exhibit hall open to the public from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Awards for winning exhibits will be presented at 8:45 p.m.

The Baking Contest will be held in the Little Flower parish auditorium. Contestants are to bring their entries to the hall between

## Soviet blast called 'mad' by Vatican

VATICAN CITY—Vatican Radio has commented that Soviet Russia cannot afford to take off a super bomb despite worldwide appeals reveals the true face of communism.

A Vatican Radio news commentary branded the Soviet action "politically, socially, economically and humanely blasphemous."

It noted the "cynical refusal" of Soviet authorities to heed the appeals and protests of the United Nations, individual governments and scientific institutes.

"The thought of God, judge of every free and responsible human act and avenger of every individual and collective injustice, did not prevent this mad decision, for communism does not believe in God," Vatican Radio said.

"The supreme principle of human coexistence and brotherhood did not prevent it, for communism preaches hatred and class struggle. Neither did the anxiety of millions of women and children, for the materialism and totalitarianism of communism does not recognize the value of the human person."

"The explosion of the super-bomb confirms the true face of communism, a face in which there is absolutely no light of love and which reflects only the tenseness of hatred. The only resource of hatred is fear and terror."

PETER DONNA—St. Michael's. Honored for varied service to parish CYO for past eight years. Used own bus to transport CYO members to numerous functions in and outside the city. Head parish Catechist for past eight years. Former All-State football player at Clinton High School.

hand belongs to His Holiness Bernard Leeming, S.J., who Protestant ministers. More smiles than scowls emerged.

"The change in religious outlook that has happened in the past 10 to 15 years is most extraordinary," he said. "Instead of conflict and debate, we now have dialogue, meaning churchmen of different affiliations are getting together to search out and discuss points on which they can agree. And they are finding a surprising number."

"Charity and love are replacing enmity. Men are looking not for the errors that divide them but for the truth that unites them in Christ," he observed.

"Pope John said it well: 'We do not want to continue a trial of the past; we do not want to prove who was right and who was wrong. All we want to say is, let us come together, let us make an end to our divisions.'"

BEYOND general terms, the English Jesuit cannot, without betraying confidences, say what specific items may be on the ecumenical agenda.

"But I can call attention to two areas within which definite new ideas will be formulated, areas that will have a lot to do with this matter of promoting unity among Christians," he said.

"One involves the missions—and an appreciation of the fact that Catholics should start intervening in the world with the truth. We can expect the council to spell out the Church's mission as a term that includes everybody."

"For another thing, the important position of the laity within the Church will be made much clearer to Catholics than it is to many at the moment," he said.

What about the laity and Christians? What can they do at the neighborhood level?

"I must be recognized that Catholics cannot afford to take off on projects that haven't the approval of their own bishop," Father Leeming replied. "It's a sensitive area in which a wrong word or move can do real harm."

"I'd say this, laymen should provide themselves with as much information about the whole topic as they can lay hands on, and should agitate for more from press, radio, and TV," he continued.

"They should discuss it within competent forums. They should try to rid themselves of old notions about non-Catholic Christians. In other words, what used to be said about Protestants may not be true and should be checked, because Protestant attitudes are changing, too. There is plenty of good literature on the other Christian churches that Catholics can read."

"Above all, Catholics ought to be well informed about their own faith. They have to be prepared for contact with people who are going to ask questions. Where there is contact, a spirit of charity should prevail. Look for the crowd, in people. Lay off loaded words like heretic, schism, validity of sacraments, etc."

## Two rabbis, minister, priest win race awards

CHICAGO—A Protestant minister, a Catholic priest and two rabbis, all spiritual leaders in the Chicago suburb of Skokie, were among the 1961 recipients here of the annual Thomas J. Crowe awards for interracial justice presented by the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago.

The four clergymen were selected by the council, said for the way in which they "worked together to give their community outstanding leadership during a critical racial crisis which followed upon the move of Skokie's first Negro family last winter."

NAMED for the late Thomas J. Crowe, one of the early presidents of the Chicago council, the awards were presented to the four clergymen at a Communion breakfast following a dialogue Mass at St. Mary's chapel here.

Recipients of the honor were Dr. Rex Bond, minister of the Central Methodist church in Skokie; Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs, spiritual leader of Niles Township Jewish Congregation; Father Arthur Sauer, administrator of St. Peter's Catholic church, Skokie; and Rabbi Karl Weiner, spiritual leader of Temple Judea of Niles Township.

WHEN MR. AND MRS. David P. Jones, a Catholic Negro couple and both graduates of a Catholic college, moved to Skokie, the clergymen, in consultation with civic groups, were able to head off rash posting of "for sale" signs and helped to restore community serenity in other ways.

This was the first time the council has presented awards to other than Catholic clergymen, although it has honored laymen of various religious affiliations in the past.

## Feels school aid 'unlikely' in '62

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy plans to fight in the next Congress for general Federal aid to education, Sen. Mike Mansfield said today. Senate majority leader, said here.

But it is unlikely that Congress will respond to the President's appeal on the controversial issue because it will be a Congressional election year, said the senator.

"I think the prospects for such a bill will be much brighter in 1963," Mansfield said in an interview.

PLAN RICHMOND 'D' DAY—Discussing final plans for the annual Richmond "D" (for Deasney) Day to be held at St. Andrew's parish on Sunday, November 5, are, left to right, Joyce Feldhaus, poster chairman; Bill Heck, Deasney Junior CYO president; Susie Moscy, general chairman; and Ed Stolle, public relations chairman. The day will open with registration at 12 noon and will include an Afternoon of Recollection, followed by a turkey banquet and dance. (Palladium-Item photo)