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TO OPEN IN JANUARY

Catholic-Anglican 'dialogue' hailed

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ROME—An official of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity hailed the forthcoming formal dialogue between Roman Catholics and Anglicans as an historic moment unprecedented in the relationships between the two Churches.

Father William Purdy, the union secretary's specialist on Anglican relations, discussed plans at a press conference for the meeting at Gazzada, Italy, between official representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion scheduled for January 9-13, 1967.

A word from the Archbishop

To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Greetings:

Each year at Thanksgiving time we come to you, asking for clothing, bedding, and shoes for the needy overseas. Whatever is collected is distributed by the Catholic Relief Services, your agency to help the poor throughout the world.



You may ask why should I feed and clothe the people of all over the world. The answer — or answers — come back directly from Christ himself. By this will all men know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. — "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of My brethren, you did it for Me." — "And the second is like this — thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

With the development of more rapid facilities for communication and with the barrier of distance separating men greatly reduced, the inhabitants of the entire world have become one great family. "Who is my neighbor," our Lord was asked, and He gave the story of the Good Samaritan. Today the same question is answered for us by the Second Vatican Council and the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity.

"Wherever there are people in need of food and drink and clothing; wherever men lack the facilities for living a truly human life... there the Christian charity should seek them out and find them, console them with great solicitude and help them with appropriate relief."

We encourage you, therefore, to support the Thanksgiving Clothing Collection in your parish. Let your offerings be dictated by a feeling of heart-warming generosity. Let your offering be another way for you to say THANK YOU to the good God Who has blessed you.

Begging God's continued blessing on you and your loved ones, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Paul C. Schuler
Archbishop of Indianapolis

The purpose of the meeting, he said, will be to formulate a program for an official dialogue on doctrine and practical matters called for by Pope Paul VI and the Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury in a joint declaration after their historic meeting in Rome last March.

FORMER attempts at such dialogue, Father Purdy said, have been isolated and small among representatives. Among these, he said, were the Malines Conversations in Belgium, years ago between Cardinal Desire Mercier and Lord Halifax which represented the "end of an epoch which had begun with the Oxford Movement rather than a beginning."

The Oxford Movement within the Church of England, so called because it centered at Oxford University (1833-45), aimed at restoring the high church ideals of the 17th century. Its chief object was the defense of the Church of England as a divine institution, the doctrine of apostolic succession and the Anglican Book of Common Prayer as the rule of faith.

The new dialogue will avoid "interminable theological and historical subtleties," Father Purdy said, because these "would not further unity. The common declaration of the Pope and Archbishop Ramsey has already made this point clear."

The official dialogue which the January meeting will prepare he said, "was born from the impetus of the Second Vatican Council, which not only promulgated a great decree on Catholic principles of ecumenism, but also maintained a continual orientation toward favoring the ecumenical movement of our time."

He noted that among the 11 Anglicans and 10 Roman Catholics who will attend the meeting, the majority of both groups had been involved directly in the council.

These representatives "will not look so much to the past, bitter as it was because of hatreds and arguments," he said, "but will look above all to the future, toward those who, which sprang up during the pontificate of John XXIII, flowered with the council and await their maturation through the activities of Paul VI and all men of good will. The Holy Spirit can indeed change the tempo and rate of progress of history."

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He said he was particularly pleased that Canon James Atkinson, professor of theology at Hull University in Yorkshire, is a member because he "represents the conservative evangelical tradition" and can contribute much toward bringing "equilibrium" to the dialogue which might otherwise concentrate solely on high-church Anglicanism.

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The Catholic Church in England, he said, "suffers tragically from the fact that it was cut off from the national life by the Reformation. Only within the last 50 or 60 years have Catholics been able to enter universities and to take part in the cultural richness of the country. We are still very much in the minority and have a minor role still in national cultural institutions."

Father Purdy, who will act as secretary at Gazzada, was born at Derby, England, and studied at Cambridge University before coming to Rome for seminary training. He was ordained in 1934 and has taught Church history and English literature at the major seminary at Westminster, had parochial assignments in his diocese of Nottingham and was in charge of religious programming on British radio. During the council he was a correspondent for The Tablet, British Catholic weekly, and wrote a recently published book, "The Church on the Move."

The location of the January meeting is the Center of Religious Studies at Gazzada, near Milan, which in 1959, at the initiative of Pope Paul, who was then archbishop of Milan, began concentrating on ecumenical studies.



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Guest speaker for the occasion will be Paul C. Steckenberg, national president of the Citizens for Educational Freedom.

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WASHINGTON—The U.S. Bishops struggled here this week to bring new form and spirit to several aspects of Catholic life, but their efforts were nearly overshadowed by one piece of unfinished business from the hierarchy's old organization.

That unfinished task was a statement authorized last spring, but not released until Monday, which attacked active promotion of tax-supported agencies of birth control as part of public welfare programs.

The statement was presented newsmen by a spokesman for its authors who said that private concern by tax-supported agencies of birth control as part of public welfare programs.

THIS COMMENT by Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher of Lafayette, La., was the only one of the 12 bishops who signed the statement. Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and from officials of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, led by Secretary John W. Gardner. Both agencies fund birth control projects.

Gardner and Shriver also decried that coercion was a part of welfare programs which utilize birth control. Bishop Gallagher persisted in his charges at Tuesday's press conference, however, saying that an element of coercion "inevitably finds its way" into programs. He further said that many persons working in relief programs are "career employees who accept a contraceptive way of life."

The statement on birth control was issued by the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the organization of Bishops since 1952. It was the last announced act of the NCWC Board which went out of existence at the Bishops' meeting.

Drafted last spring, the statement was issued now, said an introduction to the text, because this is the first time the Bishops have assembled since work began on it. It was approved unanimously by the 212 bishops present.

Bishop Gallagher's charge that the Bishops had been ignored by the Johnson Administration drew more attention than the statement. The bishop initially was unable to say what the communication was that had been ignored by the government, but officials of the NCWC later said it was a 61-page memorandum submitted to the OEO. Receipt of the memo was acknowledged, but no substantive response to it was made, NCWC officials said.

THE MAJOR organizational change announced by the Bishops this week affected themselves. Formerly, the Hierarchy acted through the volunteer (Continued on page 9)

Official

The faithful of the Archdiocese are hereby prohibited from the law of abstinence on Friday, Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving.



A MONUMENT TO VALOR—The George Rogers Clark Memorial at Vincennes, Ind., is a monument to the valor of an intrepid band of pioneer explorers. Photo by Ray Doyle, a member of Little Flower parish, Indianapolis.

Way eased for Dutch unity talks

UTRECHT, The Netherlands—Another step toward possible reunion of the dissident Old Catholic group with the Roman Catholic Church was disclosed here at the joint liturgical service of the two churches.

Discussions between the churches can now be held without the need for prior acceptance of conditions by the Old Catholics. Cardinal Augustin Bea wrote in the letter read at the service. The cardinal is president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

CARDINAL Bea revealed in his letter that a request that such pre-conditions be dropped was made by Cardinal Bernard Albrink of Utrecht, and said: "I can tell you officially now that these pre-conditions are no longer made by the Roman Catholic Church for the opening of a real dialogue between the two churches."

He continued: "We hope from our side that the situation is being created for a talk on the questions that separated both churches and that still keep them separated. A dialogue in the spirit of the faith and in Christian charity is the first step on the way to unity that is our desire. We should like to be kept informed on the participants in this dialogue and on the development of the discussions."

UP TO NOW the Holy See has held to a requirement that Old Catholics renounce the heresy of Jansenism before any unity talks could be initiated. This requirement takes the form of an acceptance of a declaration of Pope Alexander VII and the Constitution "Unigenitus" of Pope Clement XII, both of which condemned Jansenism.

Cardinal Bea's letter was read at a service at St. Gertrude's Old Catholic church here at which Cardinal Albrink was a guest. (Continued on page 9)

Clergy association plan under study

Steps have been taken to investigate the possibility of forming some kind of formal organization of Archdiocesan priests. The criterion learned this week.

A letter has been sent to all priests in the Archdiocese asking their opinions as to the necessity and feasibility of forming such an organization. The letter stated that a detailed questionnaire would be mailed to them in the near future.

The exploratory letter was drafted by an ad hoc committee of 12 priests.

THE LETTER informed the priests that eight members of the committee had met with Archbishop Schulte on November 12 and apprised him of the matter. "He gave his full approval to our undertaking," the letter stated, "and said that he would follow with interest its future development."

Indianapolis Seminary benefit set

An Archdiocesan welcome to the faculty of St. Maur's Seminary is planned next week to recognize the recent decision to locate its facilities in Indianapolis next fall as part of the new Catholic Seminary of Indianapolis.

Priests and laity have been invited to a \$1,000-a-plate, fund-raising dinner to be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, in the Egyptian Room of the Marat Temple. The dinner is being sponsored by the Catholic Seminary Foundation of Indianapolis, Inc., whose president is Father Bernard Strange, proceeds will be used for the new seminary.

Each parish in the Archdiocese has been asked to reserve a table for parishioners, parish priests and friends. Individuals who wish to attend should contact their pastor or St. Rita's parish, Indianapolis. St. Rita's will accept reservations until Monday, Nov. 21.

A chartered bus will bring the faculty and staff of St. Maur's Seminary, located in South Union, Ky., to Indianapolis earlier on Wednesday to look over the 150-acre tract recently acquired for the new seminary site.

The new seminary is envisioned as an eventual center of theological studies with more than a score of institutes and religious orders sharing the campus.

Set IU Mass

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—The Catholic Foundation, composed of Catholic students attending Indiana University, have announced plans for a Mass to be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 20, in the 3,500-seat I.U. Auditorium on campus. Co-leader will be Father Polycarp Sherwood, O.S.B., professor of patristics at St. Meinrad School of Theology. The homily will be delivered by Father Leo Pickett, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center parish, which serves the Catholic students at Purdue University. The Mass is scheduled at 10:30 a.m.

Department transfer at CU rapped

WASHINGTON—The status of one of the Catholic University of America's academic departments, that of religious education, scheduled to be transferred from the university's graduate school of arts and sciences to the school of sacred theology, was discussed at what was tantamount to an emergency meeting of the department's faculty and students here.

Father Gerard Sloyan, religious education department chairman, and other members of the department's faculty, attended the meeting and informed the students regarding the facts of the situation.

The university's board of trustees is scheduled to meet this month. It is expected that one of the items on its agenda will be consideration of the question of the transfer. For this reason, the department's graduate students felt it was necessary that some action be taken to inform the university administration of their concern in this matter.

THE AD HOC committee is now composed of five pastors, four assistant pastors, two college in trustees and a chaplain.

The pastors are: Msgr. Edward Boeckhold, of Holy Trinity parish, Indianapolis; Father John Kraker, of St. John's parish, Dover; Father Thomas P. Carey, of Christ the King parish, Indianapolis; Father Raymond T. Bosler, of Little Flower parish, Indianapolis; and Father Paul Fitz, of St. Monica's parish, Indianapolis.

Assistant pastors include: Father Kenny C. Sweeney, of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis; Father Anthony Eugene, of St. Mary's parish, Floyd County; Father Eugene Sudy, of St. Mary's parish, Greensburg; and Father Henry Herold, of St. Lawrence parish, Indianapolis.

Also on the committee are: Father Patrick Smith and Father Bernard Head, both Marian College faculty members; and Archbishop Ignatius Esser, O.S.B., chaplain at Our Lady of Grace Convict, Beech Grove.

No date was announced for the committee's report, nor were names of committee members given.

Early deadline

Criterion correspondents and organizational publicity chairmen are reminded that press deadline for the November 25th issue will be moved up 24 hours because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Copy sent photos for that issue should be in our offices by Monday noon, Nov. 21.—The Editors.



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