

## Anglican Clerics Seek Reunion

London — (NC) — A group of Anglican clergymen have said they intend to visit Pope John XXIII to seek his advice on reunion.

The group, known as the Society of the Holy Cross, said it would send a delegation to the Vatican soon after Easter.

The society made its stand known in the Church Times, principal Anglican newspaper. It said it had already had talks with representatives of William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster.

The society itself issued a statement saying:

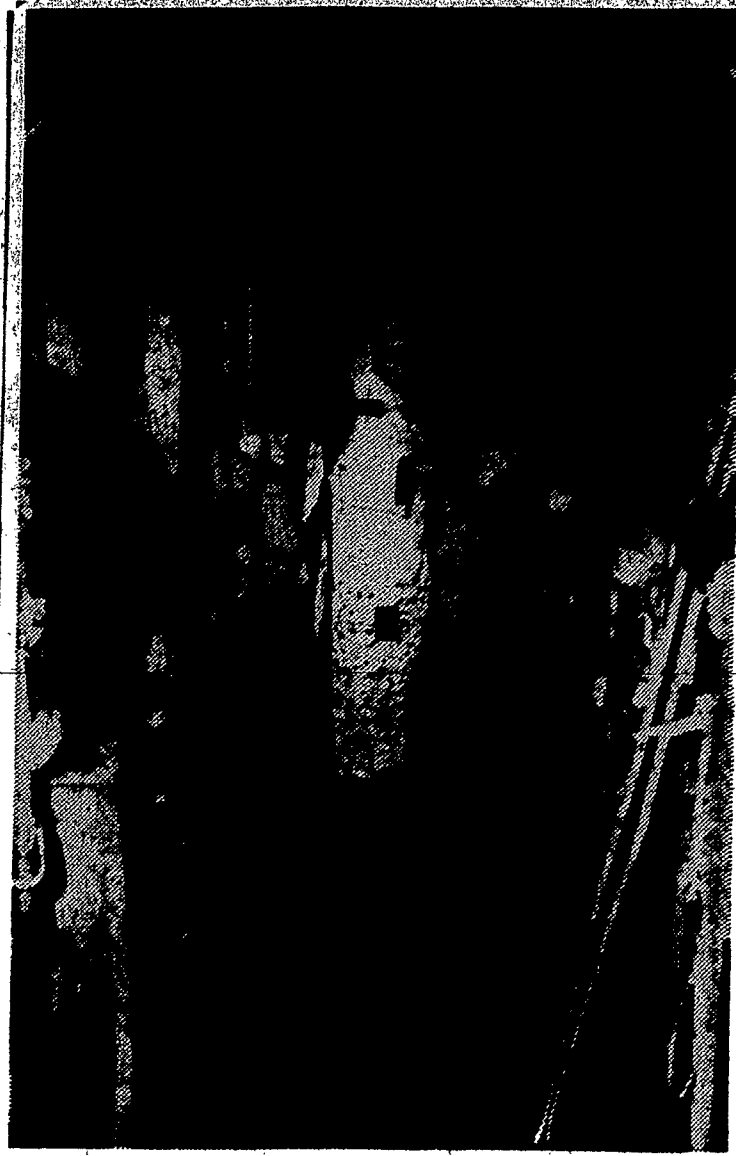
"We have no doubt that being validly baptized and professing the whole Catholic Faith we are members of the Mystical Body of Christ and therefore already part of the Universal Church."

WE REGARD the Church of England as but a province of the whole Church, outwardly separated from Rome in the 16th century, but that this accident of history, as we see it, is

no fault of ours but a matter of politics rather than religion and an inherited disability to which we desire to see an end if possible within our own lifetime.

"We believe our orders to be true and effective and we can never with a good conscience hold either explicitly or by implication that our priesthood is null and void."

"Nevertheless we have worked, prayed and suffered all our lives in the cause of the Catholic Faith and of reunion with the Holy See and it seems good to us therefore that we should ask for an audience with the Holy Father in order to seek his advice and express our earnest desire for charitable relations between ourselves and Roman Catholics and an end to the present state of schism."



### Blessing Of The Skis

North Conway, N.H.—(RNS)—An annual event in the popular ski resort of North Conway, N.H., is the Blessing of the Skis at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic church. Father Leo K. Ryan is shown officiating at the rites. The blessing takes place the first Sunday after New Year's.

## New Tolerance In Old Spain

Madrid — (RNS) — Promise of a more conciliatory attitude toward Spain's small Protestant minority on the part of civic and ecclesiastical authorities was seen by one of the country's leading Catholic spokesmen in an article published here by Ecclesia, weekly organ of Spanish Catholic Action.

Msgr. Jesus Iribarren, who was formerly editor-in-chief of the magazine and has frequently served as the mouthpiece of Enrique Cardinal Pla y Deniel, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, stressed that while Protestants number 0.6 per cent of the population, the growing influx of Protestant tourists "makes it essential for us to abandon a position of mere opposition."

Msgr. Iribarren drew attention to a recent book by Spanish Jesuit Father Prudencio Damboriena, dean of the faculty of missiology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, which, he said, would help greatly to adjust Catholic-Protestant relations in Spain.

Father Damboriena's book is entitled "The Catholic Faith and the Reformation Sects," and is based on the author's extensive study of Protestant minorities in Spain and Latin American countries.

"If, in the foreseeable evolution of international policy, the legal position of religious minorities proceeds to consolidate itself in accordance with a code of law uniformly accepted by all countries, and if one cannot

disregard the possibility of a modification of the legal position of Protestants in some Catholic countries, including Spain," Msgr. Iribarren wrote. "The book by Father Damboriena will assist in adjusting, within its proper limits, the idea and practice of religious toleration."

He said the book by the Jesuit author, who also is a consultant of the Sacred Congregation of the Council in Rome, exhibited two "invaluable qualities" — an objective exposition of Protestant doctrines, and an exactness in describing the doctrinal farrago resulting from four centuries of free enquiry.

Msgr. Iribarren said Spanish Catholics, "as a result of their traditional attitude toward Protestantism as a whole, may have been disturbed by the recent visits paid to Pope John XXIII by a British Primate (Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, retired Archbishop of Canterbury) and a bishop of an American Episcopalian Church (Dr. Arthur Lichtenberger, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States)."

He stressed, however, that these churchmen represented "the serious Churches, mistaken but sincere, with whom Catholics collaborate amicably in various spheres."

## Russians Ask Priest What Uniform Is That?

Windsor—(RNS)—A Basilian Father who recently spent eight days in Moscow said here that his clerical clothes baffled many Russians who "frequently asked" what kind of uniform he was wearing.

The Rev. George Kosicki, C.S.B., a chemistry teacher at the University of Assumption here, attended the International Biochemistry Congress in Moscow. Born in Detroit, Mich., and ordained in 1954, he studied biochemistry at the University of Michigan and holds a doctorate in the subject.

Recalling his visit to Moscow before a Catholic Women's League meeting, Father Kosicki said his overwhelming impression of the Communist capital was that of a "police state." He said he found it difficult to travel.

"You were not exactly forbidden," he said, "but there was so much red tape about getting permits that it amounted to almost the same thing."

## Historians Hold Meeting

Washington — (NC) — Manuel Cardozo, head of the history department at the Catholic University of America, was inaugurated president of the American Catholic Historical Association at its 42nd annual meeting here.

Pursuing its policy of putting American Catholic historical scholarship in closer contact

with other societies in the same general field, the association sponsored three joint sessions at this meeting. The first was held in conjunction with the American Society of Church History, a predominantly Protestant group, on the subject of the late medieval conciliar movement.

## BOOK SHELF

### Calendar for 1962

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA  
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The next day says we run our race to eternity partly on our knees, and comments: "You cannot beat a kneeling start."

The third day has no saint! and points out that you can be it! "We are all called to be saints, and cannot afford to settle for the fringe benefit of Purgatory." (I like that one — that "skin-of-the-teeth" image is all too often with us, and gives us too much comfort!)

(The reason I can quote all these days is of course the fact that they have passed. The Calendar begins at Advent, not at New Year's. But you can get yours at Trant's or Tucker's or any of the Catholic bookstores this very day. You can give them for Christmas presents — the nicest people do.)

The fourth day is a kind of Christmas Day for many people — Saint Nicholas' Day. Yes, that's Santa Claus — his real feast-day.

Then Thursday Dec. 7 belongs to Ambrose, and the sermon says you may not trust to the breakfast-food to supply all the cheerio — Your disposition should supply it.

And then is our sweet Lady's Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Says the sermon, "Not a day of obligation, really, but a day of privilege!"

So it goes — a Calendar really full of life, full of grace.

## Pope John

### Blesses UNICEF

United Nations — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII has lauded the work of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on its 15th anniversary as a special agency of the U.N.

Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, sent the following cable to the United Nations on Dec. 11, the anniversary date:

"On this anniversary His Holiness is pleased to acknowledge the work done by UNICEF during many years on behalf of underprivileged children and congratulates its executive director, and asks Providence to bestow divine benedictions on this noble task."

UNICEF now gives aid to about 57,000,000 needy children and mothers in more than 100 countries.

## Mark Anniversary

Manila — (NC) — The 25th anniversary of the 33rd International Eucharistic Congress, held in Manila in February, 1937, will be observed here next February. Rufino Cardinal Santos, Archbishop of Manila, has announced.

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