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"We do not wish to put anybody in bistory on trial; we strall not seek to establish who was right and who was wrong, Responsibility is divided. We only want to say: Let us come togother, let us make an end of our divisions."

-Pope John XXIII

Thirty-two Episcopalian clergymen took a close look at Roman Catholic churches and worship this

They visited St. Louis Church in Pittsford, St. Thomas More Church in Brighton and St. Ambrose Church in Irondequoit to see how architects adapted contemporary designs to serve an ancient faith.

The tour actually started about three months ago when I was asked to speak to a clergy group about the Vatican Council. During a conversation following the talk, several expressed the wish to see some of the Rochester area modern style Catholic parish churches.

The May 20th date was set and the number registered to make the tour gained from an original 12 to 25 and finally reached the 32 figure — largest in the series of once a-month meetings of priests of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.

Making the three hour tour with his clergy was newly consecrated Bishop George W. Barrett — an honor I hadn't expected.

The tour concluded with noon-time Mass at Corpus Christi Church celebrated by Monsignor John E. Maney who then joined the group for lunch at the Cenacle Convent Retreat House and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

During the visit to St. Thomas More Church, the clergy were able to witness children at prayer during the parish Forty Hours Devotion. At the Mass at Corpus Christl Church, almost all the lay people received Holy Communion. Many were also lined up waiting their turn for Confession.

Many of the Episcopal priests later commented with admiration on this during the week devotion of Catholic people for the Mass and the sacraments. They also noted the obvious emphasis our churches put on the altar — the dominant focus of attention in all churches they visited. They did wonder why the Catholic liturgical movement had such little effect on locating the baptistry so an entire congregation could see and take part in a baptism ceremony.

Many European churches and some U.S. churches have actually been designed to permit this in recent

Another "ecumenical encounter" at the local level also deserves mention.

Nearly one hundred laymen and women, members of eight study groups which meet once a month, climaxed their year's study program at a Mass and supper, Speaking at the supper was Rev. Donald Slivers, pastor of the Episcopal Church of All Saints in Ironde quoit: He gave "their" hopes of what "we" will do as a result of the Vatican Council.

reas where won-catholics are most frequently puzzled by the Church — in many cases due, admittedly, to indunderstanding — bingo signs at the church door, "inchriching" with harsh labels all who are members of other religious denomi-

Most of his talk, however, stressed what he termed the "strengths" of the Catholic Church — factors which Christians in other groups admire.

These included the "constant witness, century after century" to the "centrality of the Eucharist" that Sunday after Sunday, day after day, Catholics, no matter what the obstacles, fulfill the command of Christ to "do this in memory of Me."

He also cited the "catholic" aspect of the Church which keeps it independent of the state rather than becoming comfortably identified with it as is the case with many other religious denominations. He also singled out for praise the courageous loyalty to the faith of Catholic clergy and laity in the face of Communist efforts to get them to break from the Vatican.

These two ecumenical episodes do not mean doc-trinal chasms of four centuries duration will melt away. But they do give evidence to a statement of Vatican Council expert Monsignor Joseph C. Fenton when he visited Rochester earlier this month.— Pope John has opened doors for people of different denominations to listen to one another and to realize with deeper awareness that sincerity in one's faith is not weakend — sather it is strengthened — in learning that others are sincere in their's.

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# Popes Aid World To Know Church

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character of the Roman Catholic Church since Pope John called the Second Vatican Council "to impress upon it that elery man is a brother of every other man."

Eather Robert I: Gannon SJ.; former president of Fordham University, addressed the "osing session of the sinusity "hidiocesan congress of the Roston League of Ca. holic Women.

"POPE JOHN moved the world when he called the Council," said Father Gannon, adding that the world now takes internationalism seriously. The narrow nationalism that once seomed a world-wide Church has changed."

Delegates were told that "good public relations are necessary, and by public relations are necessary.

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## School Addition, Fallout Shelter to be Blessed

NEW SIX-ROOM school addition and combination fallout shelfer-recreation facilities at St. Plus X Parish will be blessed Sunday, May 26 by Auxiliary Bish-companying photos show other views of the facilities. op Casey following 4 p.m. Confirmation rites. Stephen

From London

To Holy Land

London—(NC)—A group of English students plan to spend

the summer walking to Jerusaicm and back, it was announced

The party of about six Cath-

olics, all from the town of Blackpool in Lancashire, intend

to set off on May 17. Apart from crossing the English Channel

by boat, they hope to make the

whole fourney of about 3,000

They will not do hitchhiking

but will walk along a route through Brussells, Luxembourg.

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miles each way on foot.

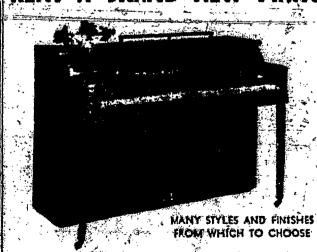
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Mrs. Kenneth Shelfer, president of the Rosery Gulld, is shown with kitchen facilities in the fallout shelter-recreation facilities.

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