

Two of Seventeen Topics Completed at Council

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Washington — As the Vatican Council looks to its next session in 1964, what progress has been made toward the announced goal of bringing the Catholic church up to date?

At the start of the session in September there were 17 schemata (agenda topics).

Two of these — Mass Media of Communication and the Liturgy — have already been

officially completed and promulgated by Pope Paul. Fifteen still await final action.

Here is a rundown of the 17 schemata and their status:

1 — Divine Revelation. This ran into trouble in the first session and was sent back for revision. Many now consider this premature and lacking sufficient theological maturity for consideration by the present Council.

2 — The Church. Debate has been ended on this and it is back in commission for re-

vision in the light of debate. It may be promulgated in part at least at the end of the session but faces the prospect of floor amendment.

3 — The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. By vote of the Council fathers, this has been included in the preceding schemata and will not be treated separately.

4 — Bishops and their Administration of Dioceses. This has just finished lively debate, and is back in committee. Since it includes by implication much of Schema No.

5 — The Church — particularly the liturgy — is being completed in part at the end of the session but faces the prospect of floor amendment.

6 — The Eastern Churches. No action taken yet on initial draft.

7 — The Mass. No action taken yet on initial draft.

8 — The Clergy. No action taken yet on initial draft.

9 — States of Perfection. No action taken yet on initial draft.

10 — Lay Apostolate. Although this schema has yet come up, there has been much discussion of the topic in connection with No. 2 (The Church).

11 — Pastoral Ministry. No action taken yet on initial draft.

12 — Sacred Liturgy. This is complete. The introduction and first chapter were disposed of at the first session, and the rest at the start of this one. It is due to be brought to the floor for vote on the final text and likely will be promulgated soon — perhaps November 29.

13 — Marriage. Doctrine, discipline, mixed marriage — no action yet.

14 — Training and Formation of Clergy. No action yet.

15 — Catholic Schools and Universities. No action yet.

16 — Mass Media of Communication. Discussed generally at first session last year. This was approved by sections last week and likely will be promulgated soon — perhaps November 29.

17 — The Church in the Modern World. No action yet.

The overall duration of the Council is uncertain. But the view now prominent among the fathers is that every effort should be made not to protract the Council beyond a third session, now tentatively scheduled for the fall of next year.



Jesuit Alumni Dance

John Dessauer and Kevin Mahoney are in charge of the Jesuit Alumni Christmas Dance to be held at the Brookline Country Club, Friday, Dec. 27, from 9:30 p.m. Alumni of Jesuit schools and their friends are invited. Sponsors are graduates of LeMayne, Georgetown, Camillus, Holy Cross, Boston College and John Carroll colleges.

United Nations

Rights Charter Voices God's Law

United Nations — (RNS) — The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was hailed as "a justification of God's faith in man" at a General Assembly meeting called to commemorate the 15th anniversary of that document's adoption by the United Nations.

Ambassador Abdul Rahman Fahwaj of Afghanistan, chairman of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, told delegates and guests that "God created man nearly equal to the angels when He made him the only creature endowed with dignity, reason and knowledge."

"Since his creation," he added, "man has had little success in using these precious gifts to realize human rights and implementing divine justice on earth."

When the U.N. General Assembly approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, he stated, "the most important international step was taken toward making divine law work on earth."

Since the "International Magna Carta" was launched, he noted, a flood of conventions including those on political rights for women, prevention

Grand Prize Winners in Wohle Contest

This week the judges of the announced the 35 grand prize winners of the 1963 event. The contest, which has been sponsored by former conservation commissioner, Louis A. Wohle, for the past 18 years, is a seven month affair which starts April first and ends Oct. 31, with monthly prizes for the three largest fish in each of 12 classifications. From these monthly winners the grand prizes are awarded at the end of the season.

THREE OF the current grand prizes went to members of the Hargrave family, 475 Oxford St., Rochester. Robert too two prizes, one in the largemouth bass division and one in the perch division while his brother, Charles, won third prize in the smallmouth bass group. Both men are employed by Schlegel Manufacturing Co.

Also winners of grand prize awards were Louis Postville, 1075 Plymouth Ave. S., Rochester, third place in the northern pike division; Henry VanDongen, 751 W. Lake Rd., Canandaigua, second prize in the pickerel classification and three area anglers who took all prizes in the rainbow trout division, Mike Myers, 115 Perrinton St., Rochester; Chester B. Walsh, 244 Weyl St., Rochester, and David I. McElroy, 1403 Whelan Rd., Penfield. Mike Olszewski, 34 Carl St., Rochester, took a walleye pike from Canandaigua Lake to win second place in that group.

Christmas Tea Planned By CDA Court

Court St. Rita No. 137 Catholic Daughters of America will hold its Annual Christmas Tea and Tea for members and guests on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home, EM-18, Mrs. Charles McCarthy and Mrs. Floyd Wilcox are co-chairmen.

Toys and games for the Immaculate Conception Indian School at Stephen, South Dakota will be on display as well as the clothing for infants and small children which will be sent to Mexico City Mission.

Anyone wishing to be remembered at the Mount Saviour Christmas Mass is reminded to send her donation to Mrs. Wilcox, Holden Road, Pine City.

Xmas Party For Teachers In Horseheads

The Sisters and Lay Teachers of St. Mary's School, Horseheads will be honored at a Christmas party and program on Monday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's School. All of the ladies are invited.

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