

## Center Plans Advance

The center plans to give impetus to cultural activities in the community and to provide the means of their financial support. The development of the arts throughout the city is one of the main aims of the center and the campaign to build it.

The goal is now about \$2.5 million. The center will bring to all the people and will be a source of national pride. The project already has received full bipartisan support and the support of labor unions, business, religious and educational groups all over the country. The advisory committee, which by law advises on the permanent program of the center, is made up of 13 organizations and more than 100 citizens active in the arts or interested in them, including the National Music Hall, Dr. Howard Hanson, president.

Donors may participate in the fund-raising activities or may send any amount to the center directly: 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

An exhibit of the proposed John F. Kennedy Center is now on display, through the first week of February, on the Mall. A member of the state board of the National Association of Individual Artists and the National Federation of Music Clubs.

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## Council's Liturgy Reform Shows Prayer Priority

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI, at his mid-week general audience, told a large number of pilgrims that with the promulgation of the schema on the Sacred Liturgy the Second Vatican Council had sounded "an exhortation to us all to pray and pray well."

"The Church," he said, "is sometimes accused of emphasizing her laws and decrees, her visible authority. The highest authorities of the Church, however, have turned their attention to the liturgy and given the place of honor to prayer and conversation with God."

Stressing that "authority and spirit in the Church are mutually helpful," the Pope said the Church's laws "obtain for the Heavenly Father many souls who will adore Him in spirit and in truth."

"The Pope," he said, "exhorts you over and over again, as the Council does, to pray well, to pray with the Church, especially at the approach of Christmas. Pray to be worthy to receive Him at His coming. Pray that Our Lord may be born again and live in you, in your souls, your homes, your communities, both civil and religious, with the precious gifts of His grace."

## No Solution In 'Divorces'

Berlin (AP) — It is common knowledge to advise Catholics who have been married in a Non-Catholic ceremony to get a divorce, according to a leading German ecumenical scholar.

Father Thomas Sartory said in a lecture here: "One may not counsel the Catholic partner in a mixed marriage to divorce in order that he may take part in the sacraments, nor to bear responsibility for his own divorce. One should rather try to get out of a situation originating in wrong behavior by committing a new injustice."

Speaking of mixed marriages in general, Father Sartory urged the creation of "mixed marriage advisory centers" which would make available counseling services on theological and educational points.

The priest, former editor of the Benedictine ecumenical review, *Una Sancta*, and now adviser to Julius Cardinal Döpfner of Munich, said that while pastors should try to discourage marriage between couples of different religions, the final decision must be left to the interested parties. "One cannot exclude the possibility of God's having brought two persons of different faiths together," he said, "and therefore a mixed marriage is not always against His will."

## Protestants Note New Freedom in Spain

Madrid — (AP) — Spanish authorities are becoming increasingly receptive and tolerant in their dealings with the Protestant minority in Spain. Jose Cardona, secretary of the Evangelical Defense Commission here, told a prominent U.S. educator and interreligious leader.

However, in a conversation with Dr. Lewis Neary, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Jose Cardona, whose group was set up in 1960 to represent the interests and claims of all the various Protestant bodies in this country, complained that there still appeared to be "a certain amount of opposition" on the part of the authorities in dealing with Protestant problems.

Dr. Jones, who was accompanied by Mrs. Jones, was in Madrid on his way home from Rome, where he met and talked with leading prelates and non-Catholic delegates observing the Second Vatican Council.

## Chardin Study Set for August

New York (AP) — Five New University professors of philosophy are sponsoring a five-week research project on the life and thought of the late Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, French Jesuit and paleontologist.

In connection with the institute, the department also will sponsor a five-week research program for specialists in this area, and an American Teilhard Congress, Aug. 17-21.

Father de Chardin, who died here in 1955, was noted for his controversial evolutionary theories and for his part in the discovery of the Sino-Tibetan or Peking man, generally regarded as one of the oldest of fossil men.

The priest's interests ranged from theology and philosophy to literature and art. His writings have been criticized by the Executive Commission of the Holy Office at the Vatican, but his works were never placed on the Index of Prohibited Books.

## Layman Heads NC Rome Post

Washington (AP) — James C. O'Neill, a member of the National Council on Catholic Bishops since 1957, has been named chief of the bureau.

Magr. James I. Tuck, who is returning to the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex., Magr. Tuck had been special director of the Dallas-Fort Worth diocesan information bureau and consulting editor of the *Texas Catholic*, diocesan newspaper. He is also slated to become pastor of a parish.

Monsignor Joseph Sullivan of Penn. York headed the NCWC Rome office from 1947 to 1955, the first full-time resident correspondent for the U.S. Catholic news agency in the Eternal City.

## Cooperation

Berlin (AP) — Six priests and 4 laymen have been named by Bishop Konrad W. Jochen of Berlin to form a diocesan ecumenical committee to promote understanding, mutual respect and cooperation among Christians with the ultimate objective being their unity.

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