

**Bishop Casey Writes from Vatican Council**

**'Signs of Times' Call for Unity, Service**

Rome, October 31.  
Dear Friends: The Council is in recess until next Wednesday, November 4, and it gives me an opportunity to write a third and final column on this session for Courier readers. Two weeks ago we were wondering whether there would be enough material on the Council agenda to keep us going until November 21. But the developments have been happening thick and fast so much so that when Archbishop Feltz, the Secretary of the Council, announced yesterday at noon that we would have to attend a session next Saturday (usually a free day) there were groans in the aula, mixed with laughter.

It was like telling youngsters in school, "You can have two days off, but you'll have to make one of them up next Saturday."  
Anyhow, there will be four more general congregations or business sessions — and then home. Sixty-eight days away make a long haul and Flower City Park will be a welcome sight.  
Ecumenism—The Church and Non-Catholics.  
This coming Wednesday evening, November 4, there will be an informal meeting of the United States Bishops and the

delegated Protestant observers at Vatican II. I am looking forward to hearing the speeches and the discussion. Reverend Professor Warren A. Dumbuck of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of St. Paul, Minnesota, will discuss "The Council, Ecumenism, and Seminaries."  
Mother Mary Luke (well known to Mother Agnes Cecilia and Mother Mary Bride of Rochester), one of the newly appointed women auditors at the Council, and head of the U.S. Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Women's Institutes, will have as her subject "The Council, Ecumenism, and Sisters."  
The schema on Ecumenism

was discussed in the Council at its second session in 1963. The revised and final version of the schema, corrected and expanded by the ecumenical commission between sessions, was approved by the Fathers in the voting October 28, 1964.  
This document has raised the hopes of all men of good will who are striving for Christian unity and at the same time, through conflicting reports in the public press, has caused some confusion in the minds of many of our people regarding their cooperation in non-Catholic worship.  
What is Ecumenism? Perhaps the best way to define it would be to lift an excerpt directly

from the schema itself: By the "Ecumenical Movement" we understand the activities and projects . . . which are being undertaken and directed toward the promotion of Christian unity.  
The schema gives examples: all the efforts to eliminate any words, statements and deeds, which in fairness and truth are out of harmony with the condition of the separated brethren; in the meetings of Christians from different Churches or communities, arranged in a truly religious spirit, the "dialogue" entered between properly trained experts, in which each explains more profoundly the doctrine of his Communion, and

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**This is the last of three articles about the current Vatican Council Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey has written from Rome for readers of the Catholic Courier. In this article he describes how the world's Catholic bishops voted to adopt new methods to attain unity with other Christians and the Council's discussion on the thorny subject of birth control. The Council ends its present session next week.**

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**Ancient Rite In Modern Garb**

"Do this in memory of me," Our Divine Lord said at the Last Supper. In all the centuries since then, Christians have kept the command of the Lord in varying words and rites which expressed their faith and love for the Saviour. In this first of three articles, Father Shannon of the Nazareth College faculty describes how and why the Catholic Church is revising its ways of worship as it continues to "do this" in our present turbulent twentieth century.

By FATHER WILLIAM H. SHANNON

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, promulgated by Pope Paul VI on December 4, 1963 in the name of his fellow-bishops, is one of the most important documents that the Church has given us in 400 years. It is a great gift of our Bishops to us. It is a "Word of God" spoken to us through them.

We must measure up to it in our thinking, our worship, our living. It deserves our serious study and reflection.

We need to understand the Constitution for what it is. For its significance lies, not in the directives that it gives (though these are of great importance), but in the theology that it teaches and in the sweeping renewal of Christian worship that it envisions. It is a document that is preeminently pastoral in tone.

Its main intent is to secure that the entire Mystical Body of Christ — the Church — shall play its part fully in the public worship of God. The faithful, the Council Fathers insist in article 48, must cease to be strangers in their Father's

house; they must cease to be silent spectators of an action that is done for them. They must become collaborators in the sacred action.

"Through a good understanding of the rites and prayers," article 48 continues "They should take part in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration." The nature of Liturgy demands this collaboration of the whole Church. The baptismal character of the faithful entitles them to this collaboration. (Both these points are explicitly stated in article 14)

The priest's role, it is true, suffices for validity — so that a Mass said by a priest with only a server, who vicariously represents the congregation, is truly a liturgical act of the Church. But the Constitution admonishes pastors that when the Liturgy is celebrated something more is required than the mere observance of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to insure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing actively engaged in the rite and enriched by its effects" (article 11).

Only when each member of the liturgical assembly is fulfilling his role actively and intelligently is the Church fully herself at worship.

The Council of Trent was concerned — and with reason — lest the laity usurp the role of the ordained priest.

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**Clothing Drive Starts Sunday**

Final arrangements have been completed in nearly 150 parishes for several thousand volunteers to sort and pack the tons of clothing to be received in next week's Thanksgiving Clothing Collection.

In preparation for this sixteenth annual clothing campaign, to start Sunday, a special appeal from Bishop Kearney was read last week at all Masses in parish churches.

Citing St. Paul's "stirring exhortation to Christian charity," Bishop Kearney appealed to Catholics to continue to support the campaign because "Christ in His poor still pleads with us for help." Full text of his letter is on page four.

Pastors will announce again this Sunday the location and hours of their own centers to which donations of clothing should be taken. There volunteers from parish organizations will prepare the usable

clothing for shipment to the Brooklyn warehouse of Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief agency of the U.S. bishops.

Distribution in more than 60 countries will be made regardless of race, color, or creed.

Since the first collection in 1949 the Rochester Diocese has contributed a total of four and a half million pounds of clothing, shoes, blankets, and other material. "Only God knows," observed Bishop Kearney, "how many thousands have been enabled themselves to give thanks again, because you were grateful at Thanksgiving time."

Assisting in the promotion of the campaign are nine priests as area directors together with Miss Sophie Cudillo, Mrs. John McCarthy, and Mrs. Joseph DeNoon of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

**Council Terms Our Lady 'Helper in Salvation'**

Vatican City — (RNS) — Long and warm applause at the Second Vatican Council greeted announcement of a favorable vote on the amended chapter eight of the schema on the Church dealing with the special role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church.

The chapter as approved defines the Virgin as a helper in salvation, but not as a co-redeemer with Christ, and refers to Mary as "our most loved Mother."

An explanation has been added to the chapter noting that the apostolic activity of the Church "looks to the Mother of God as its perfect exemplar."

**Liberty, Jewish Statements Nearly Ready**

Vatican City — (NC) — Revision of the vigorously debated ecumenical council declarations on religious liberty and relationships with the Jews has made good progress. Current opinion from reliable council sources is that the promulgation of this section is probable but not altogether assured.

The two declarations are expected to be adopted as separate documents rather than as parts of any other schemes. The one on religious liberty is more likely to be delayed because of amendments included in the new draft.

**Foster Homes Needed for Children**

By FATHER JOSEPH DAURIZIO  
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In Rochester and Monroe County there is a continuing need for foster parents.

Who are foster parents? Very simply they are average couples, with or without children, who can find in their

hearts love to care for a child who is deprived of his own natural home.

One may ask why the child is deprived of his own home. There can be many reasons. It could be that a home never existed in the first place, as in the case of a child born out of wedlock. Or it might be that the home is disrupted by divorce, separation, death, or illness. Or it might be that the natural parents for one reason or another are unable to cope

with the needs of the growing child.

Based on the conviction and philosophy that every child has a right to a good home and to a happy normal family life, Rochester's Catholic Family Center, like other children's agencies, renders that service whereby a child who is temporarily without parents, is provided with a home away from home, in which he can grow and develop physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

**Informative Meetings Set**

Four informative meetings will be held by the Rochester Catholic Family Center for couples to learn about foster home care for children.

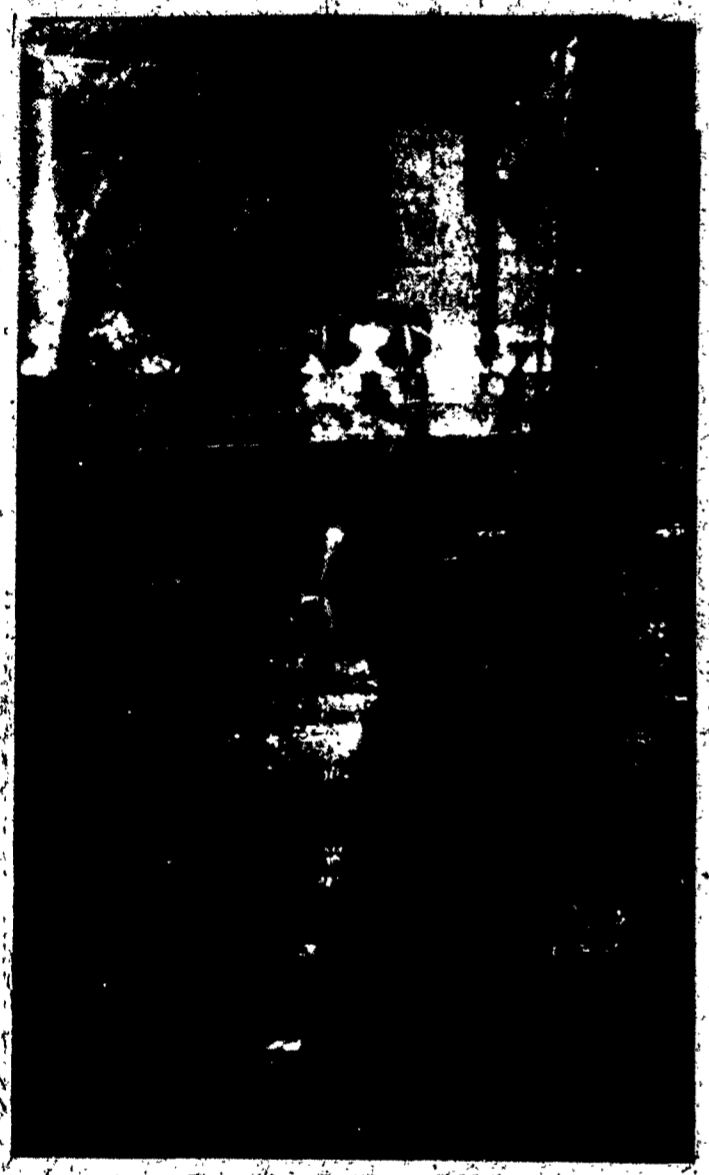
The meetings are scheduled as follows, all at 8 p.m.:

Holy Trinity parish hall, Webster, Monday, Nov. 16; St. Helen's parish hall, Gates, Tuesday, Nov. 17; Mother of Sorrows parish hall, Greece, Monday, Nov. 30 and at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall, Brighton, Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Speakers will include Rev. Joseph Daurizio, Mrs. Sarah Keller, Mrs. Mary Dwyer, Miss Catherine Wobus, Miss Marie Weidman, Miss Angelina Boella and Miss Bernadette Slater.

A question period will follow and refreshments will be served.

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**Dog of the Bible**

Tel-Aviv, Israel — (RNS) — Efforts to prevent the extinction of the "Canaanite" or "Arab" dog are underway among Israelis, who trace the little canine back to the days of Abraham. Until recently little attention had been paid to the Canaanite, though the breed has always been indigenous to the country. A natural watchdog, it is expected that the popularity of the "dog of the Bible" will increase among dog fanciers around the world.

**'Neutrality' Abets Atheism in Schools**

Waverly, Iowa — (NO) — The exclusion of religion studies from public schools in the name of religious neutrality can actually make the public schools into an instrument for atheism, a University of Iowa professor has warned.

George Forrell, a member of the Iowa religion faculty, told

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a conference on religion and the public schools held at Wartburg College that the notion of religious neutrality can be an illusion.

While public schools have always been neutral in religious controversies, between Protestant groups, he said, they have not been neutral in the controversy between Protestant and Catholic and Jew or between people who believe in God and those who do not.

While neutrality "is the fairest solution to the vexing problem of religion in our society," he said, neutrality will become partisan if religion is ignored. He cited as an example the teaching of the history of Europe in the middle ages and during the 16th century without reference to the religious issues of the times.

"Unless all our citizens are sensitized to the issues involved through intelligent teaching and diligent study, we will forever resent like the proverbial bull in the china shop when confronted with the intricacies of religious tensions in places like Viet Nam or Cyprus," Forrell declared.

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