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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (NC) — The third annual interfaith Thanksgiving Clothing Collection was staged here today with indications that the Catholic "take" again will be quadrupled what it was when the Catholics went it alone.

"Operation Handclasp" involving 200 persons from St. Paul's Catholic, St. John's Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Reformed Lutheran churches and Temple Beth Shalom, benefited from the annual drive for Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, Protestant Overseas Charities, Episcopal Charities of Liberia and the African Service Institute in Angola.

At a time when Catholics were staging their own annual drive and netting some 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of clothing, Father Edward Cooke of St. Paul hit on the interfaith campaign idea. In the first year of the interfaith drive, the Catholics received 8,000 pounds and last year the "take" jumped to 16,000 pounds.

Church, Ecumenism Decrees Summarized

The Church

Vatican City — (RNS) — Destined to be the crowning achievement of the Second Vatican Council, the decree on the Nature of the Church (De Ecclesia) promulgated by Pope Paul VI is intimately linked to the dogmatic decree on papal infallibility which emanated from the First Vatican Council of 1870.

At Vatican I, Pope Pius IX proclaimed that a Pope, when issuing a pronouncement on faith and morals, was infallible — that is to say, incapable of error. This was a decree which only two of the Council Fathers of the time — one of them an American — had opposed in the final vote.

It was commonly expected that the Council of 1870 would complete this dogma through a decree on the role of the bishop as a whole, but the invasion of Rome by nationalist forces forced the Council to adjourn.

Ecumenism

Vatican City — (RNS) — Repeating one of the principle concerns of the Second Vatican Council — the restoration of unity among all Christians — the decree on ecumenism promulgated by Pope Paul VI sets forth the conditions which should guide Catholics in seeking to achieve "this holy objective."

At the same time, it exhorts the faithful to "avoid superficial and imprudent zeal" which could only "hinder real progress toward unity."

One of its most notable provisions is for common prayer for unity by Catholics with Non-Catholics.

God's World

Tolerance is a virtue much honored in speech but frequently violated in practice.

Tolerance is the ability to view with sympathetic understanding and to permit without recrimination the honest errors and the differing opinions of other persons.

We have to be especially careful to distinguish between tolerance and indifference in the field of religion. The religious indifferentist willingly places all religions on the same level because he does not believe that there is a body of divinely revealed truths to which all men ought to subscribe.

Tolerance

By REV. LEO J. TRESE

Our own. Whenever we find ourselves becoming involved in a heated argument, we can be quite certain that our intolerance is showing a tolerant person may argue and argue forcefully, but always with courtesy.

Oddly enough it usually is the person who is unsure of his own position who is most likely to exhibit rancor towards those who disagree with him by the violence of his attack he tries to shore up his own uncertainty.

Pledge Keeps 'Under God'

Washington — (RNS) — The words "under God" will continue as part of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States, the U.S. Supreme Court has ordered. However, no written decision was handed down by the justices.

In a simple statement the High Court denied petitioners' writs of certiorari, in other words, refused to hear an appeal. This left standing the Pledge as it has been known since 1954 when Congress approved addition of the words "under God" to the pledge.

This was viewed here by some observers as probably being indicative of the tenor of feeling the Court has toward other cases pending or said to be in the making of a similar vein, including the opening prayer in the Senate and House, oaths by public officials acknowledging God, and chapels and chaplains in Congress, the armed forces, and in the service academies.

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GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Sometimes one must look into the future to decide what one must do in the present. The Apostles looking on the glory of the Temple of Jerusalem shining in the morning sun, saw that the Temple would be destroyed. They saw magnificence that would not stand on a stone.

Now America! The most momentous decision in our history is more than our involvement in two world wars, was the decision of the Supreme Court to exile God and prayer from schools.

Here we are not concerned with legal measures to be taken, but rather with spiritual attitudes. Today we can do to God without fear. But it is not just make-believe to think that the attitude we take to people who have no bed has nothing to do with our future. The more capital we amass the more drives we have, the more we add barn to barn and gymnasium to social center, the more we become like that gleaming Temple of Jerusalem, which to the Apostles seemed a sign of prosperity, but to Christ Himself was already a ruin.

We now need to prepare for the future: 1) By building humbly to share more of our wealth with the rest of the world. 2) By inspiring our college youths to dedicate two years in the Missions, as do the Mormons. 3) By self-criticism, asking ourselves if we are not rich relatives whose poor relatives envy us to a point of waiting to lay hands on our money. 4) By going out into the world since the world will not come to us, giving parish visitations, lightening with men of good will, praying together with them. 5) Facing the sad fact that Communism is more missionary than we are, does more for the poor than we do and all for the glory of the party. Does Christ mean less to us?

Call that day when we lose our schools. X day. What regrets that we did not have more drives for souls and less for money? Christ alone can save us. And where is He? In our tabernacles! Yes. But that is His private presence. He is in the leper; in the starving in India; in the famished children of Latin American slums. He is hidden in the heart of a lonely soul down the street; in the lives of the little children in Africa who yearn to go to school and in their parents who long to have even a hut for a chapel. THERE is the Christ Who will save us!

Religious vitality and love of Christ are on the wane when they are interested principally in "acts of devotion." Scripture says that judgment begins with the Church; May we prevent it in our time by helping more the poor of the world and winning in the interim with our money. If you share these sentiments, cut out this column and send it to us with your reflections, your prayers and your concrete proof that the Cross means something in your life.

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Priest, Rabbi Speak at Race Conference

Oradell, N.J. — (NC) — Man no matter what his color, is the living representation of God and was created in His image, a seminar professor told a rally on race problems here.

Holiday Party

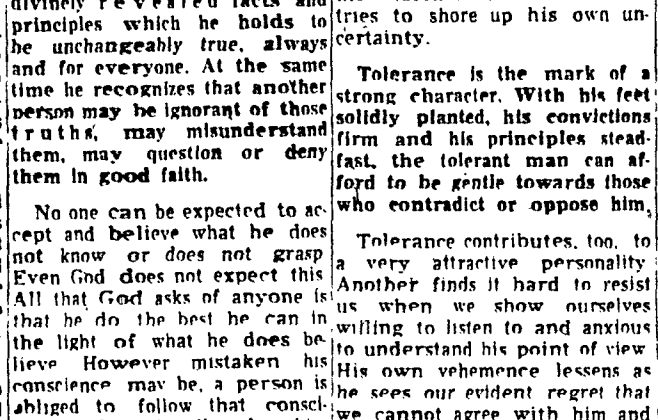
Corning The Ladies of Columbus Christmas Party will be Dec. 15 at the Lodge on the Green. Each member will bring an item for a needy family. This project is in conjunction with the K. of C. Christmas program. The candy sale project was also discussed.

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Ecumenical Expansion

Racine, Wis. — (RNS) — A program for the expansion of ecumenical activity by the National Council of Churches was proposed here by leaders of the Protestant and Orthodox organizations.

Holiday Party

Msgr. Henry G. J. Bock of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J., featured speaker at the rally in Bergen Catholic High School. Assisted by Judge Joseph Rummel of New Orleans as a champion of impartial justice. He said that what a man actually does in the cause of justice is the truest indication of what he really believes.

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