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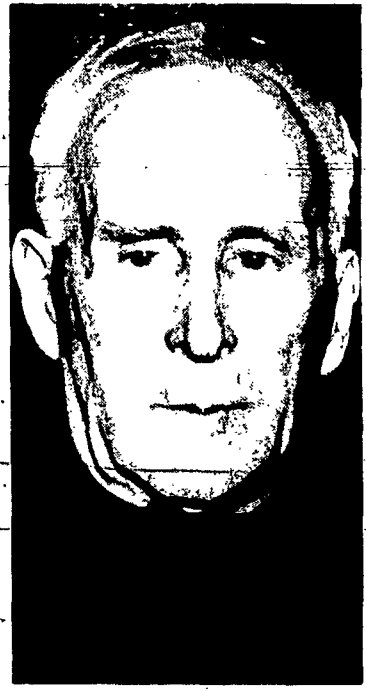
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New Theology Sees Church a Servant

Pope John told the world's Catholic bishops in 1962 that we must "dedicate ourselves with an earnest will and without fear to that work which our era demands of us."

Three years and another Pope later, the bishops were told to return to their homes with "the good news of the gospel of Christ and of the renovation of His Church"—a task on which "the Council has been working for four years."

Pope Paul's directive to translate the hopes of Pope John and the decrees of his Council into reality has met with a varied response from those who call themselves Catholics.

That response has been often confused, frequently hesitant and sometimes lethargic—but the Council was that kind of event which cannot be ignored. It requires a response even if the answer is an emphatic "no."

For those who prefer to say "yes" to the prelate they claim is the Vicar of Christ, but find themselves groping for reasons beyond the scope of the simple catechism, a conference held this past week at Notre Dame University provided American Catholics with their first scholarly exposure to the Council which concluded last December.

MORE THAN 400 religious leaders, many of them veterans of the Council who as peritadvisers were in on all the Council's proceedings, convened for a week to hear and discuss 40 papers probing various aspects of the Council's 16 final documents.

Many of the speakers will move to Xavier College in Chicago this weekend for a theology symposium open to the public.

The conferees at Notre Dame agreed that new theological perspectives resulting from the Council will increasingly view the Church as a servant—thereby fulfilling Pope John's purpose for the Council.

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Following is an NCWC News Service summary of the conference.

Post-conciliar theology, to judge from the conference, will be non-triumphal in tone, ecumenical in scope, personalist in orientation, biblical and patristic in sources. And it will aspire to be intensely relevant to the needs of modern man.

Above all it will strive to

serve. Many other themes were heard at the conference. But service underlay them all.

As Jesuit Father Walter J. Burghardt of Woodstock (Md.) College said in the conference closing address, the theology of the future must be "not the queen of the sciences but their servant."

Names of other speakers read almost like a who's who in con-

temporary Catholic theology: Rahner, Congar, de Lubac, Murray, Haering and others.

Summarizing the conference is well-nigh impossible. Here, however, are some highlights:

• The theology of the Church.

The Council's Constitution on the Church was hailed as a landmark in ecclesiology. Of particular importance, it was agreed, is its rediscovery of the concept of the Church as the People of God.

Jesuit Father Henri de Lubac, of France, author of "The Splendor of the Church" and many other works, linked the doctrine of the People of God to the teaching of the Fathers of the Church, who emphasize "the reality of a universal priesthood common to all the baptized."

Thus, he said, the Fathers caution against "any one-sided presentation" in explaining the relationship between laity and hierarchy, pastors and people. They are "opposed to any radical and 'basic' distinction between categories of Christians, to any favoring of one caste," he said.

Dr. George A. Lindbeck of Yale University had praise for many elements of the Constitution on the Church. But, he said, from a Protestant point of view it is an ambiguous document that can be read in either a progressive or conservative sense.

Commenting on this, Father Burghardt assured him of Catholic commitment to "a progressive theology of the Church. (Continued on Page 2)

Seminarians Denied 'Right to Dissent'

Cardinal Cushing of Boston said in New York City that "the right to dissent" is one of this nation's "most precious treasures" which must be protected "whatever the cost."

In Boston, however, eight students were dismissed from the archdiocesan seminary for taking part in a 22-minute silent demonstration protesting their rector's limiting chapel liturgy in English to two days a week, requiring Latin rites on other days.

Cardinal Cushing told a delegation of seminarians following the dismissals that he would submit the language debate to Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, papal delegate at Washington, but would not discuss other topics the students wanted settled. He warned that more expulsions would be made, ordinations postponed and the seminary closed if need be.

The prelate in his New York talk, to a Holy Name Society, said a nation does not merely tolerate dissent but that "its strength comes from the very liberty that permits dissent."

Groundbreaking Rite Sunday for New Becket Hall

Construction of new Becket Hall for seminarians at St. John Fisher College will begin with symbolic groundbreaking ceremonies this Sunday afternoon, April 3, at 3:30 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will turn the first spadeful of earth at the site across Fairport Road from the present college campus.

THE NEW building will be home for up to 150 students on the way to the diocesan priesthood who will make their college studies at the Basilian staffed school.

Construction costs will total \$1,600,000 according to contracts signed by diocesan officials this week.

Lecasse Corp. will be general contractor; heating and vent-

ing, William A. McCormick and Sons; plumbing, K. P. Lenhard, Inc.; electrical, Pinnacle Electrical Co.

Target date for the completed structure is July, 1967.

Monsignor Joseph L. Hogan,

Becket Hall rector, said 77 students are currently enrolled in the new arrangement for educating the future priests of the Rochester Diocese.

Seminarians were introduced to the new 4-4-4 setup this past September—to make their

4-year high school studies at St. Andrew's Seminary, their college studies at St. John Fisher, and their theology studies at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Formerly the seminary course was divided 6 years at St. Andrew's (high school and two

years college) and the final 6 years at St. Bernard's.

Becket Hall, named for the twelfth century martyred bishop of Canterbury, is temporarily located at 1475 East Avenue, about three miles from the Fisher campus.



Architect's sketch of new Becket Hall.

New Accent in Age-old Rites

Holy Week at Cathedral, Parish Churches

Holy Week rites recalling Christ's suffering and death will reach their ritual summit at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Mother Church of the Diocese.

Both Bishop Kearney and Bishop Casey will preside

at the centuries-old ceremonies to be conducted this year almost entirely in English.

Visits To Blessed Sacrament, A Holy Thursday Tradition

My dear People:

Holy Thursday next week will commemorate the Institution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

It has been one of the beautiful and deeply spiritual traditions of the Church to visit Our Lord in the different churches where, as Christ the King, He presides in His tabernacle throne.

From church to church our people went, pausing before each tabernacle to pray in silent meditation before the King of Kings. It was on this holy night that Christ uttered His plaint, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" A generation of children grew up, led by a mother's hand from church to church, and God's blessing was rich upon them.

What a tragedy for the Church, if the significance of the Visit to the Blessed Sacrament should ever be lost!

What a tragedy for the individual soul if the spiritual warmth of these visits of adoration, thanksgiving and petition should be denied our people in these days when the Liturgy is trying so hard to bring us closer to the Real Presence of Christ, as Pope Paul expresses it, "The only substantial presence" of Christ on earth, Christ in the tabernacle.

May I ask you then, in God's holy name, to keep alive the beautiful practice so long associated with Holy Thursday.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

John Estabrook
Bishop of Rochester

Prayers Asked For USSR Jews

New York—(RNS)—Catholics were urged by a noted Jesuit editor who recently visited the Soviet Union to pray for the survival of Judaism in Russia constantly faced with an "unfriendly atmosphere."

Father Thurston Davis, editor-in-chief of America, national Catholic weekly, said that Jews and Catholics living in the U.S.S.R. faced "special difficulties" because of their "out-

side connections as members of an international group of believers."

The priest was among a group of eyewitnesses and Soviet affairs experts testifying on Russian life before an Ad Hoc Commission on the Status of Soviet Jews, organized by the Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews, an interreligious group here.

Holy Week will begin at the Cathedral with a Palm Sunday afternoon solemn Mass at 4 p.m.

Francis J. Pilecki, Cathedral organist, said the congregation will join the St. Bernard's Seminary choir in singing the Mass, a large measure a repetition of the spectacular program presented at the recent Mass dedicating the Cathedral's new organ.

Louis Ugino will be precursor to direct the congregational singing; Rev. Robert Smith will direct the seminary choir.

Participants (an open invitation is extended to all to attend) are asked to come to the Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. for a rehearsal. Booklets containing texts of the rite will be distributed free.

The Palm Sunday Mass will include the blessing and procession of palm to honor Christ as King. A trumpet choir from the Eastman School of Music will add splendor to the dramatic ceremony.

PARISH CHURCHES will conduct similar Holy Week rites as at the Cathedral but with understandably less spectacular aspects.

A directive to pastors from Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi, diocesan chancellor, calls for "dignified celebration" of the rites and points out to pastors the extensive use of English "now available" so congregations can understand and take part in the formerly all-Latin liturgy.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for precise time of ceremonies.

Other Holy Week ceremonies at the Cathedral will include sermons by Passionist Father Blaise Bryan, Confessions daily and on the final three days as follows:

Holy Thursday—Low Masses at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the blessing of the Holy Oils, Bishop Kearney celebrant, 9 a.m. Solemn Mass of the Last Supper, Bishop Casey celebrant, 7:45 p.m.

Good Friday—Stations of the Cross, 1:45 p.m. Sermon at 2:10 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of our Lord's Suffering and Death, Bishop Casey presiding, 2:30 p.m. Stations also at 7:45 p.m.

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil, reception of converts and Vigil Mass, Bishop Casey celebrant, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz is Out

Lafayette, La.—(NC)—An unanticipated ban on the use of jazz and folk music in church services has been issued here by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder.

"All that which is merely secular should be proscribed from the House of God," Bishop Schexnayder said. "Hence, guitars, spirituals and jazz may in no way and under no circumstances be used."

Priests' Evening of Recollection

Sunday, April 3

6:15 p.m. at St. Patrick's, Victor.

Meditations by Rev. Albert Delmonte

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