Delay on Council Confusion Cause

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Delay in putting into effect the directives of the Second Vatican Council has created a climate of uncertainty in the Roman Catholic Church, a Catholic bishop told members of the Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Association here.

As a result, critics from the extreme left in the Church complain of "footdragging" and critics from the extreme right insist nothing has changed, Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon of Minneapolis said at the association's annual meeting.

He reported that most American bishops are waiting for a revision of canon law and for a meeting of the U.S. hierarchy to see what the consensus will be before implementing Council's decrees in their dioceses.

"Many Catholics who have read the Council documents are restless that the documents have not been translated into programs quickly enough," he observed.

"When you are dealing with fundamental changes as in an organization as large as the Catholic Church, you must be a patient observer and be willing to give credit for reasonable attempts to translate the documents into action," he added.

Bishop Shannon, former president of the College of St. Thomas and now pastor of St. Helena's Catholic church here, also noted reports of a decline in religious vocations and conversions since Vatican II.

"To evaluate these reports, one must talk about the universal Church," the bishop said. He said the change to vernacular in the liturgy had brought about an increasing rate of conversions in Africa and other mission countries.

To blame the Church's involvement in ecumenism for the drop in some countries was a "short-sighted view." The decline, if there is one, must be seen in the context of a greatly improved image of the Church and of a vitality which many people did not know to exist, he said.

"Many other groups would voke such a council and to accept the consequences of dislocation and pain it brings along with new vitality," the bishop said.

He predicted that the Council in the long run would bring a new era of stability and vitality to the Church.

In his talk, Bishop Shannon rejected charges that Pope Paul VI is indecisive.

He hailed the Pope's appointments of a progressive French archbishop to head the Vatican Congregation for Seminaries and Universities; the reform of the Holy Office and other actions of the Pope "in keeping with the progressive thrust" of Vatican Council legislation.

Bro. Pignate Final Vows

Brother Salvatore Pignate, M.S., professed his perpetual vows in the Congregation of Our Lady of La Salette Seminary in Ipswich, Mass., on Sept. 19.

Brother Pignato graduated from local schools and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pignato, 1018 Hall St., Elmira. He was a member of St. Cecilia's Church. Brother will continue his studies for the priesthood at the La Salette Seminary and Boston College.

Two Agencies To Coordinate Council Work

Rome — (RNS) — Due to meet shortly in plenary session is the temporary committee set up by Pope Paul VI last July under Maurice Cardinal Roy, Archbishop of Quebec, to plan two twin post-conciliar organs.

One of the projected bodies will implement Vatican II's decree on the Apostolate of the Laity; the other will stimulate Catholic participation in international institutions in line with the Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

An authoritative clarification appearing in L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, explained that, contrary to widespread misconceptions generated last July when the formation of the temporary committee was announced, the group about to meet is "entirely provisional and not an organ representing any movements for initiatives, whether national or international, but is rather a technical organ at the service of the Vatican Secretariat of State for the gradual institution of the two organisms called for in the Council documents."

The Constitution on the Church in the Modern World directed the creation of two distinct bodies to aid in the adaptation of the Church to modern social conditions. One was the Council for the Lay Apostolate, possibly to become a new kind of papal congregation. The other was an organ of the universal Church whose role would be to "further justice and the love of Christ toward the poor and to stimulate the Catholic community to promote the development of countries in need as well as social justice between the nations."

Notre Dame Postulants

Newly received as postulants of the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the Motherhouse in Wilton, Conn., five Rochester girls will study there for the coming year. They are: Barbara Ellen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith, Rosewood Terr.; Mary Lou Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Foley, Pinecrest Dr.; Joan Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weber, Rock Beach Rd.; Margaret Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mrs. Raymond Fitzpatrick, Mulberry St.; Kathy Hochheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hochheimer, Albemarle St.

Pope Spurs Scripture Studies

Vatican City — (RNS) — Professors of sacred Scripture in Rome for the 19th Italian Biblical Week were received in audience by Pope Paul VI who stressed the importance of their work, especially in view of celebrations next year marking the 1,900th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Peter.

"Your meeting," the Pope told them, "will be very useful to prepare the spirit for these celebrations that will be centered on St. Peter's vocation, his mission and the grace which was in him.

"Your office cooperates closely with the rule of the Church," the Pope told the scholars, "your office must be adherent to the rule of the Church, because if not, the Word of God would be turned into human words completely devoid of any strength. And, you well know that the Vatican Council, following in the footsteps of Pope Pius XII, acknowledges to the exegete the task of an objective exploration of the true meaning and intention of the Sacred Scripture."

Pope Paul's reference was to Pius XII's encyclical letter on Biblical studies (Divino Afflante Spiritu) issued in 1943. Two main study topics assigned to the Biblical Week were the Vatican Council's decree on Divine Revelation and the sacred texts concerning St. Peter, whom Catholicism reveres as the first Pope.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

Spiritual exercises will be held at the Cenacle Retreat House for Women, 693 East Aveune, Rochester, during the month of October as follows:

RETREATS:

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Immaculate Conception Parish (Ithaca) and General—Rev. John Walchars, S.J.
Oct. 7-9, Legion of Mary—Rev. M. Mackey, C.S.Sp.
Oct. 14-16, St. James Parish and General—Rev. Leo Klem, C.S.B.
Oct. 21-23, Nurses and General—Rev. Albert P. Bartlett, S.J.
Oct. 28-30, Business Women—Rev. M. Mackey, C.S.Sp.

GUILD MEETINGS:

Oct. 18th (3rd Tues.) St. Raphael Guild — Raymond Balduf, S.J.
Oct. 20th (3rd Thurs.) Eucharistic Guild—Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney.

STUDY CLUB MEETINGS:

Oct. 26th, Cenacle Discussion Group

COMING EVENTS:

Oct. 13th, Day of Recollection
Oct. 30th, 7:30 p.m.—Forum "Role of Christian Women"—Rev. Henry A. Atwell, Moderator.

Paris Prelate To Retire

Paris—(NC)—Maurice Cardinal Feltin of Paris, 83, announced that he has asked to retire in conformity with the decisions of the Vatican Council and the recent suggestion by Pope Paul VI that the clergy retire at 75.

Cardinal Feltin has been archbishop since 1949 and a cardinal since 1951.

William Steinwachs Rites, Rochester Social Worker

Funeral Mass for William H. Steinwachs, a Rochester social worker who met his death, on his way home from Japan was offered by Father Thomas M. Reddington in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, Wednesday, Sept. 21.

WILLIAM STEINWACHS

Mr. Steinwachs, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden G. Steinwachs, 3431 Mt. Read Blvd., Greece, died as a result of a two-car crash on Interstate Route 90, 15 miles west of Erie, Pa., Sept. 17, 1966.

Priests attending the Requiem Mass were: Reverend Fathers L. G. Hart, C.S.B., A. R. Gaelens, C.S.B., C. F. Carter, C.S.B., F. J. Grescoviak, C.S.B., Dennis Sughrue, C.S.C., Eugene A. Walsh, C.M., Walter Cushing, P. David Finks, James Wolfe.

Steinwachs was driving home alone from California after spending the summer studying at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

He was graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1958.

"He was a good student, and one who stayed around the school to help out," said the Rev. Cyril E. Carter. He played basketball for two years, was on the track team and debated. He also assisted in the athletic publicity office, Father Carter said.

"Even in high school he was interested in social work. On weekends he worked with the Boy Scouts or groups of underprivileged children," the father said.

During summers he worked at St. Joseph's Villa.

After graduation he attendd St. Michael's University in Toronto, where he was graduated in 1963. He returned to Aquinas to teach English for two years. He coached track and helped with the debate team.

In 1964 he began working as a social worker at the Genesee Settlement House. About a year later he was employed at the St. Martin de Porres Puerto Rican Centre.

Survivors also include two sisters, Sister Thaddeus, a teacher at St. Agnes High School, and Sally, at home; a brother, John, with the U.S. Army in Germany; and his grandfather, Henry Higham, 3431 Mt. Read Blvd.

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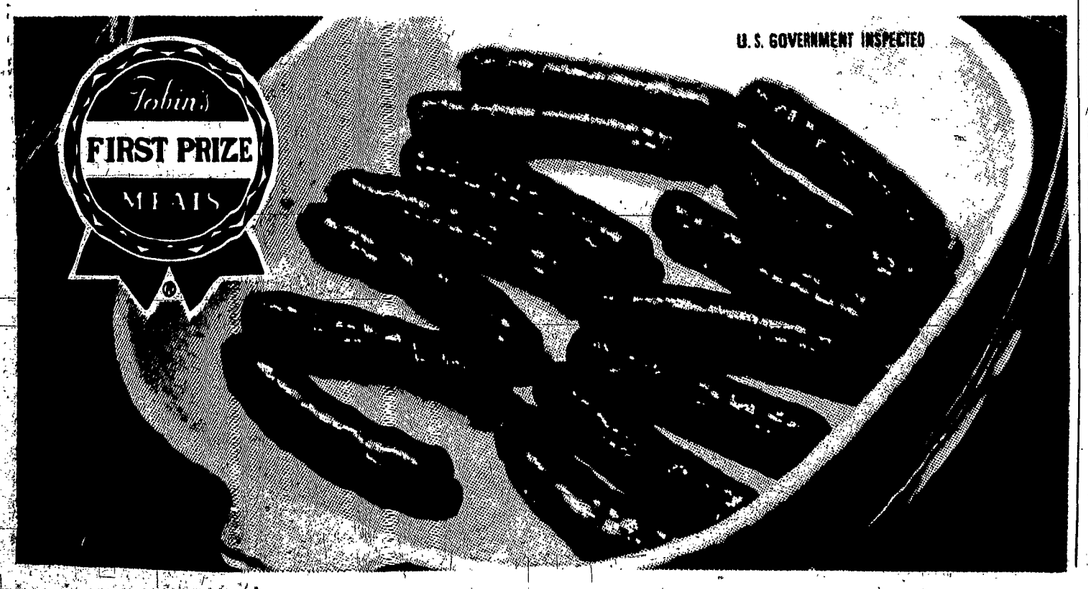

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