



Bishop Discusses Hospital Care

Boston — (RNS) — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of Rochester, took part in the second annual meeting of the New England Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association in Boston. He is shown in a round table discussion with Daughters of Charity. The prelate called for the extension of hospital services to the poor outside of the medical institutions in the U.S. and impoverished areas of the world.

Fatima Jubilee Near

Fatima — (NC) — A crusade of prayer for peace has been urged in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima by Pope Paul VI's delegate to the celebrations of May 12 and 13.

The delegate, Cardinal Jose Da Costa Nunes of the Roman Curia, the Church's central administrative offices, stressed that not only Portugal but the whole world will celebrate the jubilee.

"We are living in grave times: dissension, quarrels and hatred among peoples and races are to be seen on all sides,"

the cardinal said. "Only by fulfilling the message of Fatima shall we obtain the peace which we so much desire. Only by uniting souls in the bonds of charity will mankind agree and halt the mad rush toward the abyss."

The delegate said that political agreements are apt to lead to war, sooner or later. Secure peace can only be based on religion, he declared, adding that other kinds of peace are precarious as is everything born of self-interest and ambition.

"Fulfill the message of Fatima, and we will have peace, order and a healthy society," the cardinal said.

Seeking Truth Factor in Faith

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Paul told the thousands attending his weekly general audience that the guarantee of faith offered by the Catholic Church does not automatically relieve Catholics of the duty to seek to know God and truth ever more deeply.

Pope Paul centered his talk on the theme of the pilgrim Church and the need "to understand better the design of God in relation to our Christian vocation, in relation to the way of living our passage-in-time and in the world and in relation to the final destiny of our existence."

In this post-conciliar period, the Pope stressed, he has often called attention to "this present attitude of the Church: that of seeking, of reawakening, or renewal and of progress. . . . The complete design of its (the Church's) construction is not yet finished."

At this point, the Pope continued, there arises another question: "Is not he who has received the faith and who finds

himself vitally part of the Church already in possession of that which is needed to save him?" Noting that this can be asked by both Catholics and Protestants, Pope Paul said he would confine himself to Catholics.

"Is it not perhaps true that we are often accused of being so satisfied in knowing ourselves to have the truth and of being so well guided and assisted by the magisterium teaching authority and by the ministry of the Church as to exempt ourselves from making other efforts in the search for truth itself? . . . The Catholic, it is said, does not seek, does not study, does not suffer, does not experience the sublime torments of doubt, of trials, of continuous spiritual movement."

On the contrary, said the Pope, "there is no need to let ourselves be bewitched by facile views like these. For us it is enough to say now that the

Dialogue Bugs Him

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Inter-religious dialogue which seeks to "eradicate all denominations and create a single church" was opposed here by the general director of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE).

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor of Washington, D.C., was critical of the "Living Room Dialogues" which bring together laymen for home discussion based on a book published jointly by the Paulist Fathers (Roman Catholic) and the National Council of Churches.

He charged the book stresses the "sinfulness" of divisions in the Christian church and seeks "to get everyone back together in one Church."

"We don't believe that the divisions in the church create the greatest single obstacle to the world becoming Christian," Dr. Taylor declared. He said the NAE also is not satisfied with the Biblical and theological basis of the discussion book.



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Meditations From Laymen

Brooklyn — (NC) — Two laymen preached the diocesan priests' day of recollection in the Brooklyn diocese.

William Frain, professor of sociology at Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y., and Daniel Coogan, chairman of the modern languages department at Brooklyn College, spoke on "What the Layman Looks for in the Priest." Both have been active in the lay apostolate.

various commissions of experts on the liturgy, communications, seminaries, and other areas.

'Great Council' Likely for Unity

Oberlin, Ohio — (NC) — Father Bernard Haering, 55-year-old German theologian, speculated here that one event which can be expected in the aftermath of Vatican Council II is a "great council" of all Christian churches with the goal of unity.

Father Haering, a Council expert is a visiting professor at Yale University divinity school. He gave a three-day lecture series recently at Oberlin College here.

In an interview and in his talks, he said, when Pope John XXIII called the Vatican Council, he saw it in the larger and deeper context of something that would evolve into dialogue and eventually reunion with separated Christians.

But even before dialogue could come, Pope John saw the renewal and reform of the Church had to come first, Father Haering continued.

One reason he believes such an inter-faith Council will be held, he said, is that, contrary to what many traditionalists seem to believe, Vatican Council II "is still going on" in the

To Visit Sweden

Stockholm — (NC) — Bishop Jan Willibrands, secretary of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, has been invited by the Swedish Lutheran Olaus Petri Foundation, to give a series of lectures on ecumenism at Uppsala University this fall.

The Olaus Petri Foundation is named for a Swedish reformer who died in 1552. It was founded in Uppsala in 1908.



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