

# Xerox to the Canon Rescue!

When the Catholic Church of the United States first celebrated the Canon of the Mass in English Sunday, October 20, Trinitarian Father Boniface Cunningham devoted his homily to the difficulties involved in making changes in the Mass.

But he kept to himself one difficulty the Vatican had never anticipated.

Father Cunningham had to place ship-to-shore telephone calls, send radiograms, dash around St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands in a car and borrow a duplicating machine in order to provide his parishioners with an English translation of the Canon.

The occasion that led to Fa-

ther Cunningham's ship-to-shore scrambling was the 59th Annual National Governors' Conference, held this year aboard the S.S. Independence, which made a round-trip cruise from New York to the Virgin Islands, October 16-24. Assigned to the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling, N.J., Father Cunningham had taken a two-week leave to serve as chaplain for the sea-going conference.

When the Independence sailed from New York on October 16, Father Cunningham had not received an authorized English translation of the Canon. Faced with the task of obtaining not only one, but enough translations for all those attending the two Masses he would celebrate on ship the following Sunday,

he went to work using the ship's communications equipment.

He first attempted to have a copy of the Canon radioed to the ship from Bermuda, but that approach proved to be impractical because of the length of the document.

He then radioed ahead to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, first stop for the Independence, where he finally located an authorized translation at the offices of Bishop Edward J. Harper, who is well known in the Rochester Diocese, having helped in the Confirmation schedules in many parishes.

When the ship docked in St. Thomas, Father Cunningham raced to Bishop Harper's office,

borrowed a copy of the Canon, then dashed back to the Independence and to the copy center being operated onboard by Xerox Corporation of Rochester. In a little more than a half-hour, Father Cunningham had reproduced 200 copies of the eight-page document on the one of three Xerox 2400 copier-duplicators installed on the ship. He then returned the original to Bishop Harper.

The following Sunday, in a temporary chapel set up in the auditorium of the Independence, Father Cunningham and his congregation of governors and newsmen celebrated an all-English Mass. And a change that had been centuries in coming had passed a final, unusual hurdle.



## Around The Country

### State Colleges Soon Dominant

Hingham, Mass. — (RNS) — The future of higher education is on the state university campus because the charity dollar can no longer compete with the tax dollar," Cardinal Cushing of Boston said here.

This was probably the most startling pronouncement made at Glastonbury (Benedictine) Monastery as bishops and major religious superiors from New England gathered for the first time to discuss mutual problems. The meeting was held under auspices of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men's Institutes.

In making his statement, Cardinal Cushing was responding to presentations given by Bishop Walter Curtis of Bridgeport on "higher education" and by Father John Kenny, C.S.P., Newman Chaplain at Boston University, on "The Newman Apostolate."

As a consequence, the cardinal urged personal contact between Ordinaries of dioceses and Newman Apostolate chaplains.

Too often, Cardinal Cushing said, "the problems of Newman chaplains don't come to the attention of the Ordinary, but are handled by chancery personnel who are guided by their own experience and the direction of diocesan commissions, but who do not appreciate the extraordinary nature of the Newman Apostolate."

Father Kenny had asked that certain "discretionary powers" be given to Newman chaplains, particularly in the area of seeking extraordinary permissions, such as for accepting speaking invitations and performing marriages and also in the area of finances. "The basic need," Fa-

ther Kenny said, "is for mutual trust."

"Certainly," he said, "the chancery should know what we're doing. But ours is a very fluid, sometimes touchy situation and it would be a great mistake if the diocese should want or expect a clean, neat, structured, efficient organization."

In his talk, Bishop Curtis cited several "areas of concern" in higher education, particularly the possibility of having Catholic institutions of higher learning "gobbled up if the growing federal-state competition is allowed to go unchecked."

He also cited as "problem areas," the role of the bishop in what is taught on the campus, particularly in the area of theology; his rights in the matter of what speakers will be allowed to address campus groups; his authority in the matter of liturgical experimentation; his concern in the matter of drinks, drugs on campus.

Several speakers brought up the problem of how to utilize better existing church facilities. Father William Ryan, O.M.I., and Brother Bartholomew Vardon, both brought up the question of how to use school buildings after the normal school hours have ended. Father John O'Connor, S.J., asked the same question about seminaries.

**Open Housing**

Flint — (NC) — The city of Flint has become the 10th municipality in Michigan to pass an open housing ordinance. Defeat of a similar ordinance in August had led to a threat by Negro Mayor Floyd J. McCree to resign.

### Church Property To be Taxed

Santa Fe — (RNS) — The question of classification of church-owned property for taxation purposes is expected to create controversy in New Mexico.

State Tax Commission officials believe substantial amounts of church-owned property should be on the property tax rolls.

A state-wide property reappraisal program is underway. Jesse Kornegay and Joseph Gallegos of the state commission have advised firms conducting the program to appraise all church-owned properties not specifically exempted and place them on the 1968 tax rolls.

The only exceptions to taxation, Mr. Kornegay said, are "church buildings themselves, the parsonage and the necessary buildings, and the church parking lot."

It is anticipated that some disputed cases will be resolved only in the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Under the Tax Commission's plan it is expected that hundreds of acres of church-owned land without buildings will be subject to property taxation, much of it for the first time. Other church-owned property not specifically exempted also will be subject to taxation. For example, this latter category might include much of the Glorieta Baptist Assembly at Glorieta, of which Mr. Kornegay said: "We feel very strongly that part of this is taxable."

The Tax Commission also cited a state Supreme Court decision of 1935 which it expects to follow. This decision stated: "It is generally held that the land on which it is the intention of a religious society to erect a church building, but on which no work of construction has been commenced, is not exempt from taxation."

In a "rough estimate," tax officials said that in Santa Fe County alone as much as \$15 million worth of property might be affected. If taxed, it would produce approximately \$200,000 in revenue.

### Minneapolis Doctors Aid Mission Work

By FATHER IVAR McGRATH, S.S.C.

Changhua, Taiwan — (NC) — Two American doctors have given up their vacations to spend three weeks performing orthopedic surgery on crippled children in this area.

Dr. Harry Hall, an orthopedic surgeon, and Dr. Harold Coulter, an anesthesiologist, both from Minneapolis, came here at the invitation of the director here of U.S. Catholic Relief Services: (CRS), Father Paul Duchesne, M.M., of Cohoes, N.Y. The doctors paid their own expenses.

In cooperation with a Maryknoll Sister, Dr. Antonia Marie Guerrieri of Stockbridge, Mass., serving at Our Lady's clinic here, and Dr. Joseph Wilkinson of the Protestant Christian Hospital, Dr. Hall has examined hundreds of crippled children. Assisted by Dr. Coulter, he has performed an average of three to four operations a day since Oct. 3. The two doctors left here Oct. 25 to return to their practices.

"It's been a wonderful month," Sister Antonia Marie said, "to see the generosity of these men, coming out like this and giving up a month of their valuable time." It's very hard work, the innumerable orthopedic examinations, she said. Dr. Hall weeded out the simpler cases which could be done here afterwards, so that he'd have time to teach. He dealt with the more serious cases, and each day three or four children were discharged with their casts on. Some will need braces after this, some will need physiotherapy, but at least the surgery has been done."

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**Pope Te**

Vatican City — (RNS) — Paul VI, in a message to the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Africa and to all Christians, pleaded for the peace and spiritual unity of the continent and spiritual values and pressure from modernization.

A Vatican spokesman said the message was the document to recognize culture and place it with other universalized human culture.

**Around**

**Nigeria Survive**

Lagos — (NC) — A group of missionaries have found refuge in civil war raging in Nigeria by going to Cameroon and to Gambia.

One large group of Irish diplomats, who reported missing, at Oron in successive Nigeria's former region.

The missionaries to avoid the conflict in Nigeria federal those of Biafra. They started in July after Biafra had declared independence May 30 as a province of Biafra.

A group of 43 departed Oron in Biafra in Cameroon. Another group, of the same size, left Oct. 15. Though Biafra's boat suffered attack, both groups in Cameroon intact and safe.

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