

Future of Ecumenism Seen Hopeful

New York (NC)—The future of ecumenism in the United States, as he sees it, is hopeful, Archbishop John J. Carberry of St. Louis said in a broadcast interview here (Jan. 12).

It is hopeful, "because the future is not going to depend so much on rallies, or great get-togethers, but it has to start with men who think," said the chairman of the Committee on Ecumenism and

Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

He appeared on Guideline, produced by NBC in association with the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television.

He said there had been "a little bit of a slowdown" on the diocesan level in some instances, and he noted that some people are asking: "Is it all over now?"

Archbishop Boland Sees Charges 'Contrary to All My Purposes'

Newark, N.J. (RNS)—The charge of holding racist attitudes made against him by 20 inner city priests, was described here by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark as being "contrary to everything which I have been attempting to do."

Archbishop Boland said that the archdiocese not only subsidizes inner city parishes but also finances various community organization programs and schools in ghetto areas.

He detailed the scope of the archdiocesan community service agency, noting that it is staffed by 200 professional and non-professional personnel and by thousands of volunteers.

The Mount Carmel Guild, he said, is subsidized by the Church in the amount of almost \$1 million annually. Ninety per cent of its services, he emphasized, are devoted to the black community.

Said Archbishop Boland: "These programs could hardly have been created, stimulated, developed and supported by a white racist."

At their press conference Jan. 9, the 20 dissenting priests charged the Church in Newark was guilty of neglect in the ghetto, specifically in education, use of church facilities, employment, health housing, political action in the assignment of some personnel to inner city work.

Referring specifically to the priests involved, the archbishop said that six have worked in ghetto areas for six months or less, four have been in the ghetto less than 18 months, and that collectively, the 20 priests have 64 years of inner city experience—an average of 3.2 years.

"I should like to remind these priests that they cannot operate legitimately within the Church independent of the authority to whom they have promised reverence and



Father Frank Hertz of Jersey City was among critics of Archbishop Boland.

obedience at their ordination," he said.

The 20 priests cited the following incidents to prove their charge of "racist attitudes": They said a pastor had put barbed wire around a playground to keep children out of his yard and a gymnasium; that the pastor of a largely Negro parish had never assigned black altar boys to his Masses; that the archdiocese created de facto segregation by "siphoning off" white students from the public schools; that Negroes were barred from a parish's bowling alley; and that a pastor in a black parish had referred to his parishioners as "niggers."

"We have presently 40 housing projects in various stages in our housing office," he said. "One is currently under construction and the others are in the planning stage."

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the disadvantaged in our midst. It is also true that I cannot respond to every wish nor can I carry out every desire.

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They then listed a series of demands that included the following:

● That the archbishop name a committee of inner-city priests to act as his advisors, that black lay leaders be chosen to work with these priests as an "action council," and that the archbishop meet with his inner-city advisors one hour each week.

● That the committee has the right to screen all priests assigned to work in the inner city.

● Instant transfer of all pastors in black areas who are deemed to be insensitive to community needs.

● Co-equal parish management in ghetto areas and more priest teams to work in experimental ministries.

Bishop Shannon May Take Teaching Position

Minneapolis (RNS)—Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon of St. Paul-Minneapolis has been offered a teaching position at St. John's College, Santa Fe, and has indicated that he will take it if he receives permission from his ecclesiastical superiors.

Bishop Shannon discussed the teaching position with Dr. Richard D. Weigle, president of St. John's College and of the sister institution of the same name in Annapolis, Md. The Maryland college, founded in 1896, is noted for its "great books" curriculum.

Bishop Shannon, 47, studied at the Annapolis campus as an undergraduate in the summers of 1941 and 42. He is a close friend of Dr. Weigle, having served with him on the board of directors of the Association of American Colleges.

In statements to the press, Bishop Shannon denied rumors that he was considering the teaching position because he was "disgruntled" over developments in the Catholic Church or because of reported conflicts with James Cardinal Mc

Intyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles.

His interest in a teaching position, he said, was related to his lifelong concern with education and his wish to write a book, a biography of James F. Hill, the builder of the Great Northern Railway. The Hills, a prominent Catholic family in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, are friends of Bishop Shannon.

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Dear Friends,

Did you miss us last week? Blame ye olde flu bug for our absence. We imagine many of you have been similarly afflicted in the past few weeks. Well, cheer up, pep does return and with it the desire to get at the cooking routine again, especially to try out new recipes.

And speaking of recipes, what's happened to those originals from our POP cooks? Surely you must have a favorite—one you've concocted yourself or which has been handed down in your family. If it includes one or more POP Products, we'll be happy to publish it in this column. Just send it along. We know that the home-inventions, along with other recipes printed here, are really used since we often receive requests for duplicates (where someone has lost her copy etc.). So here's your chance; girls, to attain culinary fame and at the same time earn 200 Bonus Points for your favorite POP group. Can you "afford" to pass up such a double-barreled opportunity?

Just to demonstrate that it's not difficult to be an imaginative cook, we bring you the following. These are "originals" sent to the Chicago Catholic paper by two of their POP participants. The first is:

Cheese Coffecake
1 pkg. Red Star Yeast
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 tbl. sugar
1 cup Land O'Lakes Butter
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 tsp. salt
4 egg yolks, slightly beaten
Filling
1 lb. cream cheese
1 egg, separated
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Dissolve yeast in milk; add sugar. Cut butter into flour and salt (as for pie crust). Add egg yolks and yeast-milk; mix thoroughly. Divide dough into two parts and roll each piece to fit 9x13x2 inch pan. Place one piece in bottom of pan. For filling, beat together cheese, egg yolk, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Spread mixture over dough in pan and place second piece of dough on top. Brush this with slightly beaten egg white and sprinkle with nuts. Cover and let rise for about 2 hours. Bake at 350F for 30 minutes. Makes 16 servings.

The next recipe was submitted by a Chicago nun who as convent cook and POP Chairman, "invented" this for the sisters.

Hocus Pocus Buns
(2 dozen)
1/2 cup warm water
1 pkg. Red Star Yeast
1/2 cup lukewarm milk
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 egg
1/2 cup soft shortening
3/4 to 3/4 cups flour
24 large marshmallows
1 cup melted Land O'Lakes Butter
1 Tbl. cinnamon
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup ground nuts

In mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Add scalded milk, cooled to lukewarm, sugar, salt, egg, shortening and part of the flour. Mix with spoon until smooth. Add remaining flour until dough has proper consistency. After you have finished kneading the dough, cover and let stand in warm place to rise. After one and a half hours, punch the dough down and let rise another 30 minutes. When dough is finished rising, divide it in half. Roll out both sections into 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into 3 1/2 inch circles. Dip marshmallows in melted butter and then into mixture of sugar, cinnamon, and nuts. Wrap a dough circle around each marshmallow, pinching tightly at bottom. Dip in the same mixture as above and place in muffin cups, pinched side down. Let rise for 15 to 20 minutes. Bake in 375F oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove immediately and serve warm.

We heard recently of a young married who asked her butcher for a "Salisbury Steak". Chuckling he explained that he could furnish the principal ingredient but not the finished product. Had our young friend been alert, she could have discovered this dish—practically ready for the table—right on her grocer's shelves—Krey Salisbury Steaks, that is. Covered with mushroom gravy, these steaks have the tastiness of home-prepared. Just open the can and pop them in a pan. To stretch these a bit and, if possible, add to the flavor, try the following: In a heavy skillet, cook 2 cups of sliced onions in 4 tbs. of fat until tender (about 10 minutes). Add a can of Krey Salisbury Steaks and cover skillet. Cook 10 minutes more and presto, there's a meal for four!

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