



Engaged Couples Attend Pre-Cana Meet

More than 100 engaged couples are attending current once-weekly four-part Pre-Cana conferences at St. Helen's and St. Theodore's parish halls. Pictured (from left) are Monsignor Gerard C. Kreig, head of the Diocesan Tribunal; Michael G. Cole, director of the diocesan Family Life Bureau, and couples Geoffrey Stutz, St. Monica's, and Mary Louise Bryant, St. Helen's, and Carol Pollett and Robert Higbie, St. Helen's. Similar Pre-Cana courses are scheduled throughout the diocese.

# Catholic 'Crisis' Called Part of Historical Pattern

Houston — (NC) — The Catholic "crisis" of our generation is a phase of an unintelligible, evolution pattern related to the entire human history of mankind, according to Prof. Leslie Dewart of Toronto University.

Addressing the National Newman Chaplains' Conference here, Dr. Dewart said that current problems in the Church can be understood "only in relation to upheavals of our culture in every other area."

Dewart said the various revolutions since the end of the Middle Ages — scientific, ecclesiastical, philosophical, technological, political, industrial, economic and social — mark the reorganization of man on a planetary scale, "a process which is once painfully disruptive of established patterns and, at least hopefully, constructive of new ones."

He said: "Religion is concerned with man's most fundamental and decisive self-disposition in relation to God, that is, to ultimate reality. But his most fundamental and decisive self-disposition depends upon his understanding himself."

"And his understanding of himself depends upon his understanding of his relation to immediate reality, that is, the environment of his everyday experience and life."

"As man learns that the very nature given to him by God makes him creative and responsible, he realizes that his relationship to God must be based, not upon his subsmissiveness to God, but his acceptance of responsibility and his exercise of creativity in the presence of God," Dewart said.

"The fact that the principal philosophical premises underlying the thought of almost every progressive theologian who contributed to the teaching of Vatican II were deemed by all to be fittingly called 'transcendental Thomism' is of considerable importance."

"It seems to me that the ambiguities of the philosophical background of the theology of Vatican II, did, however unintentionally, create a certain disservice to the Church. For these ambiguities served to hide as a whole, from all those who were not theologically sophisticated, the extent to which Catholic theology had developed in the 20th century," he said.

## India Hardens Line Against Missionaries

Rajpur, India — (NC) — India's minister of state for home affairs, V. C. Shukla, declared here that the government's policy on foreign missionaries is to replace them all with Indians.

Shukla said the government is keeping a "strict watch" over activities of foreign missionaries in the country.

He added that whenever any missionary is found engaging in political activities, the government directs him to quit the country.

Observers noted that Shukla's statement probably conveys a hardening of the government's attitude toward foreign missionaries.

Shukla also defended an enactment of the Madhya Pradesh state government which virtually outlaws conversions to Christianity in the state. He said the Indian law ministry is of the opinion that the law is constitutional and legal.

Shukla noted that he had received a large number of complaints against the law from Christian missionaries. Called the Religious Freedom Act, the legislation bans the use of "force, allurement or fraudulent means" in making conversions. It prescribes imprisonment for a year with or without a fine of \$800 as punishment for those making "forcible conversion."

The act also lays down that the punishment shall be doubled in the case of forcible conversion of minors, women or members of the former "untouchable" communities.

BIAFRA AID URGED

Munich — (NC) — The German bishops have again urged Catholics to support the relief work of German Caritas, Catholic charities organization, for the war-stricken population in Nigeria and the breakaway state of Biafra.

### KEEPING PRAYER

London — (NC) — Britain's government plans to retain daily prayer and compulsory religious education in its state schools, the national education minister, Edward Short, has declared.

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## What's Happening In the Diocese

Seton Branch will lunch at 1 tomorrow with Mrs. Robert C. Edwards, 312 Wilmot Rd., Brighton.

The St. Christopher Social Club will attend 10 a.m. Mass and the coffee hour that follows at Immaculate Conception this Sunday. Breakfast is scheduled for 11:30, at the Treadway.

"A New Year" is the subject for the St. Augustine Mothers' Club meeting at 8 p.m. Monday.

Mary Wilkins, a member, will entertain the St. Mark's Women's Club Tuesday night (8:15) with slides made on a recent trip to Ireland.

This is the last day for reservations, with Pat Bell, 458-3225, for Holy Rosary Guild's expedition to "Finian's Rainbow."

Barbara Flanagan will outline the purpose of the Al Sigl Center Wednesday night for the Business Women's Group of the Catholic Women's Club. Supper at 8:30, at 513 Monroe Ave.

The Christian Family Movement groups at Holy Ghost and St. Christopher's will assemble Monday night at Holy Ghost Church for Mass at 7:30. Afterward, a discussion will be conducted by Michael G. Cole, diocesan director of the Family Life Bureau.

The annual "birthday party" of Holy Cross Rosary Society Thursday night will feature a jewelry demonstration.

The Holy Name and Rosary Societies of St. James Church will have their annual "fun night" next Friday at Valley Echo, with buffet and dancing from 9 to 1. Reservations by Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, 482-4825, or Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Skerett, 288-1745.

The Rosary Guild of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, will sponsor a dinner-dance at 7:30 p.m. next Friday in the school hall. Reservations by Monday with Mrs. Henry Mont, 381-2870, or Mrs. Joseph Long, 381-2896.

At St. Theodore's new school hall there will be a dinner-dance Saturday, Jan. 25, under the patronage of the Rosary and Holy Name Societies. Mr. and Mrs. John Maggio, 458-9937, will take reservations through Monday.

Another dinner-dance on the 25th will begin at 7 p.m. in the Holy Apostles School hall, sponsored by the Mothers' Club. Tomorrow is the deadline for reservations with Mrs. R. F. Hagan, 647-2891, or Mrs. James Padlo, 254-3374, or Mrs. Ducasay, 264-0774.

District Auxillary No. 1 of the Knights of St. John will hold a quarterly meeting at the Knights-of-St. John Club House, next Friday at 8:15 p.m.

## Hungary Woos Vatican But Represses Church

By Jeff Endrit  
United Nations, N.Y. — (RNS) — Communist Hungary is making overtures to the Vatican for better relations while continuing subtle repression of Roman Catholic believers and barring any significant revitalization of the Hungarian hierarchy.

A study pieced together from official Hungarian comments on the current Church-State situation, as well as information emanating from the Vatican, indicates that the Holy See is currently in no mood to rush into new agreements with Budapest authorities.

Authoritative informants say that since the partial Vatican-Budapest agreement of September 1964 Church-State relations have actually deteriorated. The note that shortly after that agreement was signed a number of clergymen were arrested and tried.

Not does the regime's present practice of sending the transfer of priests who have become "popular," give ground for developing trust between Budapest and the Vatican.

It seems apparent to political observers that Hungary is anxious to score an inexpensive propaganda victory in order to give more legitimacy to its campaign proclaiming the humanity of the Communist system. The Communist party constantly reminds the people that "there is nothing contradictory in combining belief in God with the construction of socialism."

This question arises, however — Why would the regime therefore not allow some liberalization in the Church-State situation?

Instead of moving in the live-and-let-live direction, the Communist regime in Hungary is trying to create the appearance of greater understanding for Church interests and affairs.

Hungarian Catholics, nevertheless, remain aware that the 1964 partial agreement was the result of regime pressure on the Church, including previous imprisonment of leading prelates, the closure of religious orders, and the internal exile of priests.

As to why the Hungarians seem so desirous of reaching some sort of agreement with the Vatican, the answer, while necessarily speculative, may lie in the subjects under discussion.

At present, there are apparently three main areas being negotiated: 1) the resumption of episcopal elections; 2) the appointment of diocesan bishops to the eight vacant sees in Hungary; and

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