



Men at Work

Workmen carve ornate Byzantine designs into a frieze that will decorate the Greek Orthodox section of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem. The most sacred Christian site in the Holy Land, the church was originally constructed by the Emperor Constantine to mark the site of the last three stations of the Cross — the Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus. (Religious News Service)

Bishop Hogan Emphasizes New Changes in Liturgy

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these area representatives. We want all our parishes to be able to participate actively and with full understanding when the changes begin in late March.

The principal changes in the form of the Eucharistic celebration, he explained, are in the introductory rites of the Mass, the offertory and the pre-communion rites.

The "prayers at the foot of the altar" are to be discontinued and in the opening moments of the service an "entrance song" will bring the priest to the sanctuary. He will go to the altar briefly and then to his chair. A short "greeting" will be spoken and then there will be "a penitential act," like the old Confiteor, followed by the "Lord have mercy" and the Gloria.

After Palm Sunday, Msgr. Shannon said, there will always be three readings from the Scriptures, that is, a reading from the Old Testament preceding the selections from the Epistles and Gospels.

A 3-year cycle of readings instead of the former one-year cycle will

mean that from now on scores of new excerpts from the New Testament will be heard and the old Sunday standbys will be read only once in 3 years instead of annually.

The offertory rite, unchanged by preceding reforms, will be slightly rearranged. It will have new prayers and expressions of blessing which stress the creative action of God in preparing the bread and wine for the sacrifice.

The prayers and rites formerly used just before communion time have been simplified, Msgr. Shannon said. In addition, the "kiss of peace," a gesture which may be a handshake or an embrace, will be introduced to signify the Christian love communicants should have for one another.

A two-day clergy conference on the liturgical revisions on Feb. 9-10 will bring all the instruction work to a head just before Lent begins, Msgr. Shannon expects. Talks on the "Theology of Celebration" and "Practical Aspects of Celebration" will be given by visiting liturgical experts including Father Joseph Champlin of the Washington staff of the U.S. Bishops' Conference.

King's Prep Role Changed

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"The school could be used," he added, "for the improvement of teaching skills offering clinics for in-service training, wherein skills could be tested and improved for the benefit of teachers both on the elementary and secondary levels.

"The school would be available for any imaginative and innovative teacher who might want to test some program on a limited scale."

Pointing out the reason for his re-evaluation of the school, the Bishop stated:

"The diocesan subsidy for King's Prep up to now has been provided from a Diocesan Seminary Fund. I believe a continuance of a subsidy from this source can no longer be justified. King's Prep for the last two years has been graduating no more candidates for the seminary than our other boys' or co-ed high schools."

He said he hoped principals of all high schools in the diocese would agree to participate in an experiment with King's Prep, with the hope that "all secondary education throughout the diocese would benefit."

Bishop Hogan concluded by emphasizing that he is "deeply concerned about Catholic education—I think no area is of more vital concern." He pleaded for "your continued loyalty and dedication," and pledged "my whole-hearted cooperation."

Sharing the platform were Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools, and Father Emmett Haloran, rector of King's Prep. Another meeting of the principals was scheduled Mar. 10 at Bishop Kearney High School.

King's Prep was founded in 1967 in the building which had been St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary — the diocesan minor seminary which was phased out when a decision was made to have seminarians take their college courses at St. John Fisher College before completing theology at St. Bernard's Major Seminary.

Currently King's Prep, which was established by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen as a co-ed college preparatory school for boy and girl students interested in dedicating themselves to a vocation of Christian leadership, has an enrollment of 192 students — 146 boys and 46 girls — and a priest-Sister-lady faculty numbering 17.

Reaction Varied To Rocky Talk

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brings us back to where we were two years ago with no consideration given to the cost of living which has jumped almost 10 per cent in two years.

Human rights: The plan to extend the provision of the human rights anti-discrimination law to all employees and all houses, apartments and boarding houses is welcome. Its chances, however, are limited.

Dutch Council Asks Abolition Of Mandatory Celibacy Law

Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands — (RNS) — By an overwhelming majority, the fifth Pastoral Council of the Dutch Roman Catholic Church approved a proposal calling for the abolition of mandatory celibacy for Catholic priests.

Of the 100 lay and clerical delegates having voting rights, 93 voted in favor of the proposal, 2 opposed it, with 3 abstentions. The country's eight bishops abstained from voting.

The Council has no power to effect changes in Church policy. This remains exclusively the prerogative of the bishops.

In a discussion preceding the voting, Bernard Cardinal Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht, stressed that the meeting's recommendation was to be regarded "purely as information" for the Dutch hierarchy and as guidance for its future policy.

The cardinal characterized the Council as "extremely useful" in its informing the bishops of the "sentiments of the Catholic community."

He did not consider the meeting as "disobedience to Rome," but as a normal way for the episcopacy to inform the Vatican of "currents of opinion among the faithful."

During the debate preceding the vote, some delegates urged that an ultimatum be sent to Rome, but Cardinal Alfrink, who presided over the Council, rejected the motion "because that would exclude proper dialogue."

The Dutch bishops, he said, "are prepared to act — otherwise this whole thing would never have been organized." However, he cautioned, "We are talking of a certain tradition (that is) very important to the Church, and we cannot talk of it lightly."

Cardinal Alfrink added that account should be taken of those Catholics who believed in fidelity to the world Church and to the Pope, and who feared that "the bishops were moving towards schism."

Two other motions were passed by

the Dutch Pastoral Council. A motion that priests who are married should be allowed to function as priests was adopted by 86 to 3, with 16 abstentions.

The other, calling for "the complete abrogation" of any canonical bars to admitting women to the priesthood, was approved by 72 to 8, with 24 abstentions. This motion also asked for a study of "the extent to which the community of the faithful would accept women ministers."

Father Edward Schillebeeckx, a well-known liberal theologian, said that there was no theological objection to women priests, but observed, "In a culture where man rules, it is unthinkable that a woman be a priest."

"Today," he added, "the only argument left is socio-cultural."

Cardinal Alfrink called the pastoral council "one of the good fruits" of the Second Vatican Council and said that the council will continue after what was to have been its sixth and final plenary meeting in April, 1970. But he told the delegates that the council will continue "in some new permanent form."

At present, the council has over 100 voting members, including eight bishops, 10 delegates from each of the seven dioceses, 10 delegates from Religious orders, five members of the council's central committee and 15 persons nominated by the bishops. Observers from other churches also attend.

Pope Warned Bishops Before Dutch Meeting

By FR. ROBERT A. GRAHAM

Vatican City — (RNS) — L'Osservatore Romano on Jan. 12 published the text of a letter from Pope Paul to Bernard Cardinal Alfrink and the bishops of the Netherlands, dated Christmas Eve, criticizing proposed resolutions of the then upcoming Dutch Pastoral Council and warning the Dutch hierarchy to be more diligent in safeguarding doctrine and discipline.

Few, if any, papal documents in modern times have ever carried such a clearly if softly phrased reproof of an entire national hierarchy.

Publication of the letter in such a tenor indicates a stiffening of Pope Paul's reactions to developments in the Netherlands.

The semi-official Vatican City newspaper introduced the papal letter by saying that "many have asked what is the attitude of the Holy See towards the Fifth Dutch Pastoral Council which has just ended."

Osservatore replied, in answer to this query, "we are publishing the apostolic letter that the Holy Father sent to the Dutch bishops on Dec. 24 after having learned the purport of the points to be discussed."

Pope Paul stated these points on the subject of the proposed recommendations dealing with the priesthood:

One, the tasks of the Church are presented as being purely terrestrial in scope. Two, the sacerdotal ministry is considered as a mission conferred by the Christian community. Three, priesthood and celibacy are separated and that says the Pope (acts) "sometimes in an imperious manner." Four, the Council recommendations criticize the thesis that only a man can become a priest. Five, the Pope is only spoken of to mini-

mize his responsibilities and his authority.

Another group of resolutions dealing with religious life, sisterhoods and so forth were criticized for ambiguities and doctrinal deficiencies which could, said the Pope, "lead in practice to deplorable consequences," but he did not give any example in general.

Turning to the role of the bishops, Paul VI declared with intentional solemnity, "In the face of the deviations which could be gravely harmful to the faith of the Catholic people of the Netherlands, consciousness of our responsibilities as pastor of the Universal Church obliges us to ask you in all frankness: 'What can we do to help you to reinforce your authority and to enable you to better overcome the present difficulties of the Church in Holland?'"

Pope Paul wanted an answer to his query, he said, but in the meantime he gave the bishops what he called "a two-fold directive."

First, the bishops should consider their responsibility as teachers of Christian doctrine, that is to say their duty of transmitting intact the content of Revelation, of which the Church is custodian.

Second, as regards the celibacy question, the Pope said, "The duty of the Catholic hierarchy in the present difficulties of the Church seems to us to be quite clear. In harmony with the decisions of the Second Vatican Council to inspire in all respect and esteem for this incomparable treasure of the Latin Church, to teach with clearness and firmness that the generous practice of perfect chastity is not only possible but that it is a source of joy and of holiness to make known and to favor every condition indispensable for its exercise."

Church Tradition

Santiago — (NC) — The Bishops' Conference has a plan by which the Church will announce its traditional social doctrine — lands, buildings and church-goers — and will receive contributions from average par-

The plan was set up by the directors of Church Co. (CALI) and its purposes:

- To make people aware of their obligation to support the Church in a voluntary regular contribution of at least 1% of their income.
- To organize and endow national and diocesan level funds which can provide services to the community in the raising and distribution of funds.
- To turn over all money to lay groups in parishes and give wide publicity to their financial statements.
- To hold in October national meetings of all Church administrators, both from clergy and the Religious Orders.

Paraguay

Bishop De Engaged

Asuncion, Paraguay — leading Paraguayan bishop engaged in form.

Theirs is not political "Gospel action," said Bishop Borgerin of San Juan de los Rios. The bishop, a member of the Bishops' Conference and a critic of the government conservatives often called "Communists" merely conservatives dislike just

In the past six months of Gen. Alfredo Stroessner's repressed general election on behalf of political civil reform and civil freedoms have been and children manhandling militant priests expelled from the government also shut down weekly. Comunnidad, for protesting what it call

Bolivia:

No Political LaPaz Bis

(NC News Ser)

La Paz, Bolivia — Church in Bolivia has aims and the bishops are porting nor opposing the President Alfredo Ovan or Jorge Manrique of La here.

His statement came after Clemente Cardinal Mariani had said that the "bishops endorsed the government aimed at forestalling at position groups to use their quarrel with Gen. Gine.

In the Catholic daily Archbishop Manrique said that the bishops' meeting in La Paz (December 19) vote in favor of or against the government of Ovan, precisely because there is no political dresses itself only to pastoral matters."

"In fact," Archbishop said, "the Church's history shows that no bishop has taken any position of endorsement or rejection successive governments.

Pope Tells Not Don't Be

Vatican City — (RNS) of 500 mother superior here by Pope Paul to other religious, are a far dilemma of their compromising" in their coming "ridiculous ca-

The Pope advised them according to Italian to steer clear of fash-

Human Treatment Urged for Prisoners Held by N. V.

Burlington, Vt. — (diocesan council of Diocese of Vermont has petitioned to demand treatment for military North Vietnam.

They were asked to Vietnamese officials, a United States Congress executive Department to give pressure on the ment.

(The American Red Cross) urged a letter-writing campaign to the president of North Vietnam to press for humane treatment. The campaign endorsed by the Cour-

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