

Vatican II Acted For Art Influence

Vatican City — (RNS) — A book, "The Orientation of Sacred Art After Vatican II," was presented to Pope Paul VI by officials and consultants of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Art in Italy.

In another analogy, the Pontifical Commission stated that "Jacob's ladder," saying that it is a link joining the "divine world to man and the human world to God."



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Confrontation

Parish Council... a Sense of Community

By JOAN ZUMMO
A parish, very simply, is a worshipping community. Its worshipping aspects are obvious; its community life may not only be less obvious, but in some cases conspicuously absent. Even in the parish where cooperation among the various parish factions is the rule there are still apt to be areas of minor frictions and misunderstandings.

As the Church shifts attitudes and approaches in its constant growth process, pastors and parishioners alike can become confused and disoriented not only by the changes themselves, but also by the shifts in responsibility and parish relationships that the changes initiate.

In this age when parishes are ever increasing in size and complexity it is difficult to expect one man solely to be responsible for policy, decisions, and administration of a parish that is composed of a number of persons who are professionals in many areas that require decisions—education, finances, the community and social concern, recreation, operation and maintenance of physical facilities, and many others.

Contributions, suggestions, or ideas from parishes that have established parish boards are welcome and information will be passed on to aid other parishes in this area.

It is increasingly important, therefore, that parish members and all factions have means available where problems can be aired and where parish efforts can be coordinated for maximum efficiency.

The CCD Office, in its role of helping parishes organize and coordinate their functions, has found that the parish council is one way of doing this.

Parishioners may be unwilling or hesitant to accept their responsibilities to the parish; pastors may be unwilling or hesitant to share those same responsibilities. Parishioners may be accustomed to letting the pastor "run the parish" or may confine their activity to vocal criticism. Pastors can be too attached to the idea that the parish is "theirs" and they

therefore "run the whole show."

Abortion Law Issue

By Right-to-Life Unit

Action on increasing demands for outright repeal of abortion laws may be delayed by legislators pending court decisions on the constitutionality of some of the state laws.

A second significant development followed. Several constitutional test cases were launched in New York challenging that state's abortion laws on grounds similar to those in California. Four suits have been consolidated, and a three-judge court has been named to hear the case.

Members of the diocesan Right-to-Life Committee indicated this contention at a meeting on the subject Sunday night, Jan. 18, in St. James School, Irondequoit.

The speakers agreed that, however the court rules, an appeal is likely and that the case will then go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Speakers were Father John P. Norris, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church; Dr. Thomas Sweeney and Robert Edelman, attorney.

At the same time, they emphasized, Right-to-Life groups cannot afford to assume that the pressure has been removed from the legislative arena. On the contrary, efforts to "liberalize" or repeal abortion laws are expected in more than 20 states, including New York. A group of New York legislators already has vowed a serious repeal effort in the current legislative session.



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'A Modern Parable'

There once was a certain young executive from suburbia who dressed in fine clothes and dined at elegant clubs. And there was a certain poor man from India who longed to eat what others threw away.

Daily the young executive read of starvation, illiteracy, frustration and despair. He watched TV specials on hunger. "Why doesn't someone change all this?" he pondered. "If they were my neighbors..."

But the poor man's only dream was to have enough food for himself and his family.

And it came to pass that the poor man died and went to heaven. The young executive also died but he was condemned to everlasting punishment. In his torment, he cried out: "Why, O Lord, am I here? For what great sin am I punished?"

And the Lord answered: "Son, remember that in your lifetime, you received good things. You were blessed many times over. Your sin was not in receiving these gifts, but in your refusal to share them."

"You read of suffering around the world, but you refused to help."

"You heard cries of despair, but you refused to bring consolation."

"You saw that many needed the comfort of My words, but you refused to preach My gospel."

"My son, you did not understand that your neighbor is anyone in need!"

Have we yet come to this realization—that our neighbor is anyone in need? And in 1970 the needs are overwhelming—especially in countries less developed than our own. Food, clothing, shelter, medicine are the basic and desperate needs. But even deeper are the needs of comfort, consolation, inner peace and a conviction that someone cares.

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Thoughtful

By Sarah Child

It occurred to me again on home from church a couple days ago that I was a woman intention and little action.

The assistant pastor had a what I thought was a first. Not brilliant, spelling, unforgettable, mind you. I solid, interesting advice on retain a Christian spirit of helpfulness in an increasingly help world.

Throughout the past month had been other homilies by a man that I, chronic complainers, had enjoyed and from.

Never mind when it's grumbling about the dullness efficacy of other sermons seem to do nothing for the other than numb the posteriors every time to go to write a short note of thank priest.

EUROPE

Dutch Past

By ROBERT HOLTO
Courier-Journal European

Vatican City—A Dutch signed here said the recent for a married clergy made by of priests and laymen in. If nothing more than a press to have the Vatican approve experimental program alone.

"The hierarchy, clergy in Holland will never defy can on this issue," the R Reuver, a Carmelite, said might be done in answer to demand from the Dutch Pastoral will be an appeal to the to permit a period of experimentation in this area with a few selected priests.

"But even then, if the I turns down the request, I k my people will let it die the have no other choice if it remain in the church."

He said he had "grave about what percentage of t and lately the pastoral council sent when it made the der a married clergy and women two weeks ago.

"I have a suspicion from have seen and heard in I recent returns to Holland council represents only a riority—a loud—but still smit," Father Reuver said.
Soon, he said, the hier

A Plea

Cincinnati — (NC) — Edmund Muskie of Maine would be a better congressman and in the Church movement that will ever resolved, "but it would tal prophet to predict how the will finally settle down and our accommodations will fin: "I think that out of all