



'A Missing Dimension'

Brother Ronald Berger, SVD, an artist on the faculty of Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, says it is his job to supply "a dimension missing in the seminary training of the past," and one that is especially important to missionaries, for "art is the speaking language of many cultures."

Brother Berger, who studied at Rochester Institute of Technology last summer and ex-

pects to receive a master's degree there in the summer of 1972, is the first Brother to teach at the Iowa college.

The "Ten Young American Artists" exhibit now on international tour, includes several of his drawings that belong to the Minneapolis Institute of Art. The painter is shown at an Epworth exhibit of his religious symbolism series.

Favors Married Clergy, Cardinal Suenens Says

By JOHN A. GREAVES

London — (NC) — Cardinal Leo Suenens of Malines-Brussels, Belgium, said here he is not in favor of Catholic priests being allowed to marry but that he approves the idea of married men in certain circumstances becoming priests.

Cardinal Suenens made it plain at a big London press conference that this is his view but said he had at times been widely misquoted on the subject.

"It was said I was in favor of priests getting married but I was speaking about married people becoming priests, which is a very different problem," he stressed.

Asked if he thinks the Church might eventually abandon its celibacy rule in order to attract more vocations the cardinal said: "That is a question for the future."

He said he hopes that priests will normally remain celibate, but added that ordained married men might be helpful in some countries. Theology does not oppose a married clergy, he said.

Questioned further on the subject in view of a dwindling priesthood, Cardinal Suenens said:

"We will see. The first question will be that of married people being ordained." He said the Synod of Bishops can be expected to tackle this and "we will then see what happens."

The cardinal who defended the idea of a permanent diaconate at Vatican Council II added that "deacons may be the answer."

In Belgium at present there are now nearly 30 married deacons, he said, and this is "a big joy" and a great hope for the future. These deacons do not work in parishes in the ordinary sense but in "sociological parishes" dealing with the young, the divorced, the bereaved and so forth and their work is "very precious," he said.

Cardinal Suenens came to London to give a couple of lec-

tures and for the launching here of his book, "The Suenens Dossier," containing the text of his much publicized interview just over a year ago with the Parish magazine, Informations Catholiques Internationales, on the future of the Church.

His press conference was held in the hall of the historic Anglican Church of St. Bride with its wedding-cake spire in Fleet Street, heart of London's big national and international mass communications offices.

Speaking in fluent English, often touched with humor, he fenced skillfully and cautiously for over an hour with a packed audience of reporters asking a variety of questions. He was dressed as an ordinary priest without a red stock and with his episcopal ring tucked away in his pocket.

Cardinal Suenens showed little sympathy with the pleas of some Dutch Catholics who speak of recourse to "responsible disobedience" unless some move is made toward allowing some priests who have married to celebrate Mass.

He said there should be a central meeting place, possibly in Rome, for free discussion of current arguments in the Church. The laws should be obeyed, but there should be more freedom, more public discussion. Breaking the rules to obtain change is not the normal way of doing things, he said.

The Church, the cardinal continued, has lost precious opportunities in the past. He pointed to the old Jesuit missionaries in China who had wanted to be allowed to say Mass in Chinese but who had been refused. If this had been permitted, he said, "the universality of the Church would have been promoted."

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In Gratitude...

Many Thank U.S. with Money

"Please forgive us. God has." This note accompanied one check among hundreds of thousands of "conscience money" payments received here by the treasurer. Since 1811, more than \$3 million has come in from citizens wanting to make themselves more honest.

An Ohio Baptist minister recently mailed Treasurer Dorothy Elston \$50 to pay for items he had stolen from the Army years ago. An ex-Navy man, who said he took some tools during World War II, wrote to say he had figured out from a catalogue the value of the tools came to \$120, which he enclosed.

The money sent in ranges from pennies to thousands of dollars, and in myriads of ways accompanying explanatory letters indicate the remitters' consciences won't give them peace of mind until they make amends.

Some notes are amusing, says Mrs. Elston. She cited the example of a man who mailed in \$1, saying he had worried since childhood because he had put some pennies on a railroad track. According to his figuring, \$1 should cover the mutilation of a couple of pennies when a train ran over them.

Gratitude, however, has accounted for an even larger amount of unbudgeted income received by the U.S. Treasury—more than \$43 million in fact, since the Treasury started keeping count of it more than 1½ centuries ago. Some donors specify their gifts for special purposes.

The \$3 million, which goes into what the Treasury Department calls its "conscience fund," and most of the \$43 million is used to help the government meet day-to-day expenses.

Numerous people give "gratitude money" regularly, such as one who mails in a check every year. Some cash in war bonds and mail the proceeds to Uncle Sam.

One man enclosed a check for \$6,639 from the sale of bonds because, as he put it, "I love my country." Another born 73 years ago, sent \$1 for "every year I have been privileged to be an American citizen."

Wills provide a large percentage of the "gratitude money," received by the Treasurer. The country is beneficiary of personal property and real estate, in addition to legal tender.

But from over \$500,000 left to the Treasury by a Texas woman, the federal government had to pay \$100,000 to the State of Texas in inheritance tax.

Some gifts are heart-warming, Mrs. Elston said, mentioning as an example an older couple who left to their country their humble cottage "for maintaining us for the last 20 years."

One arithmetically-oriented man, 81 years old, figured out the national debt per capita and came up with what he said was his share—\$1,825—writing in his note he wanted to "forget the past and look to the future."

Many Americans are concerned about persons in need, sending in amounts of money ranging from 64 cents to \$30,000 "to feed the poor," or "to be used against wasteful expenditures," as some sample letters explain.

One contribution may have been given with good intentions, but it added no funds to the federal coffers: the "gift" was an Irish sweepstakes ticket, which won nothing.

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