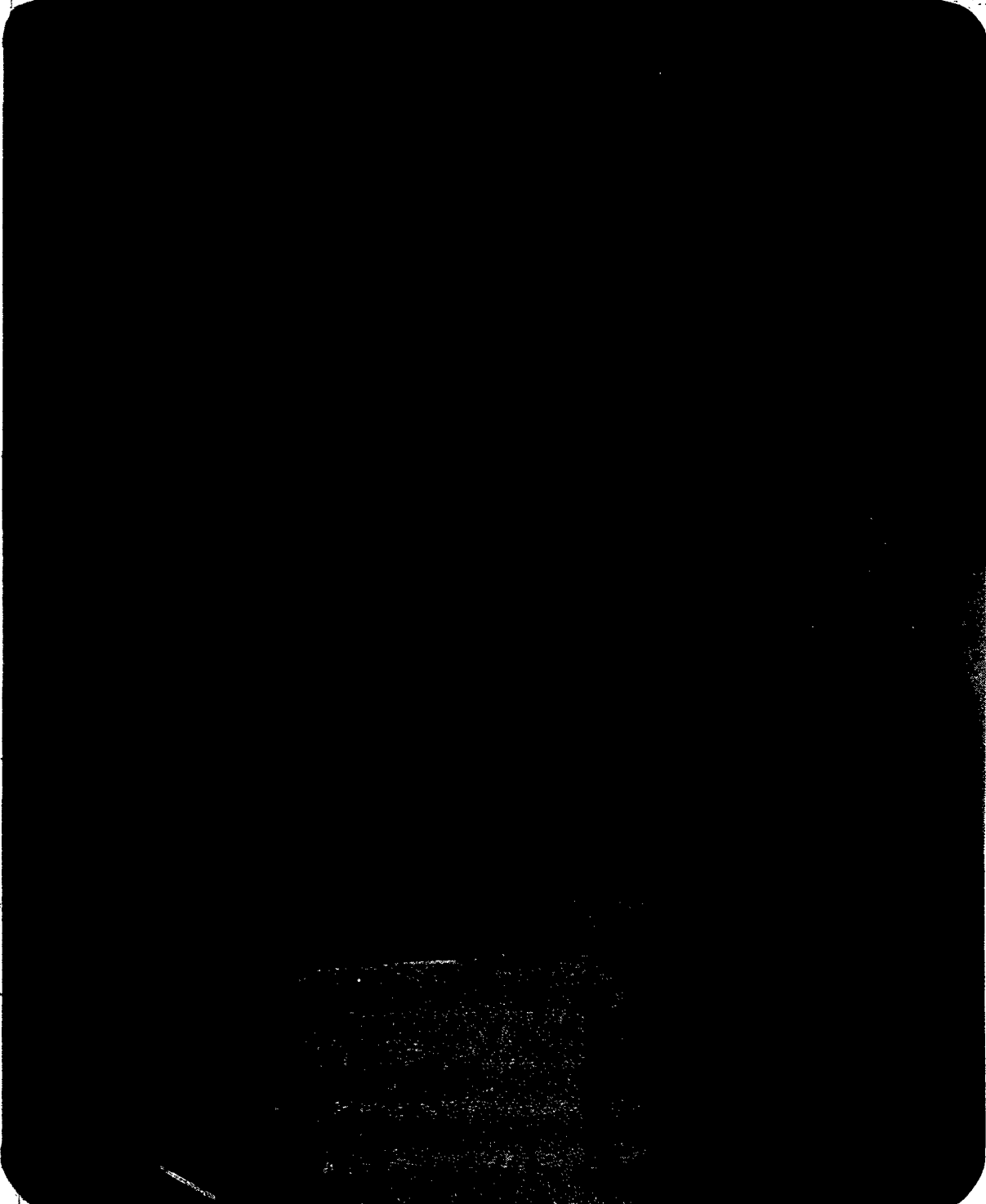


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Synod Document Upholds Celibacy

Vatican City — Opponents to any change in the celibacy law won a major victory last Saturday when a draft document on the priesthood was approved which urges no changes in present ordination policies, even in "particular cases," according to the New York Times.

The 29-page document which will be voted upon this week makes only a minor concession to liberals who wished changes, at least to allow the ordination of married men in areas lacking priests. The document recommends that the Pope keep in mind the possibility of reopening the issue for further

study if he thinks it would be to the advantage of the Church as a whole.

The more than 200 bishops, Eastern Rite patriarchs and heads of male religious orders began voting last night (Tuesday) after completing group discussions on both the priesthood and world justice themes.

According to the New York Times, conservatives were clearly dominant in the matter of the ordination of married men. The document was not released publicly but an official spokesman said it strongly reaffirms

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Wealth Imbalance Major Synod Topic

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Vatican City (RNS) — While the official pace of the Synod of Bishops seemed at a standstill, controversy was generated around the economic imbalance in the world and role of the West, particularly the United States, in it.

Population control also entered into the question of the unevenness of the world's wealth.

Cardinal John Heenan, archbishop of Westminster, warned that unless the Synod takes a stand on the "population explosion" it risks appearing "absurd."

He did not make any specific suggestion regarding handling of the problem but he is under-

stood to believe that new criteria for a study of family planning have come to light since the Humanae Vitae encyclical in 1968.

Barbara Ward, a British economist, took a different view of the issue, assailing what she called the Western world's "obsession" with population control and made a plea for better distribution of the world's wealth.

She warned that failure to deal with the world's growing economic and social imbalances would lead to increased "anarchy and violence" and possibly to nuclear war.

She said at a press conference that nobody should mention pop-

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Papal Embrace

Pope Paul VI smiles as he picks up and embraces a small boy during his weekly general audience. The pontiff held the child on his shoulder and gave him the rosary clutched in the boy's right hand. (RNS)

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Action At Pastoral Council Conference

The embryonic rumblings of an organization that may reshape diocesan structure are making themselves heard throughout the 12 counties of the diocese.

The Pastoral Council, composed of laity and Religious, is under way and organizational meetings are being held regularly.

For an up-to-date look at this historic undertaking turn to the centerfold where photojournalist Laurence E. Keefe tells about the upcoming body in words and photos.

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Visiting Rochester recently was Father Charles Curran, one of the more controversial churchmen produced

by the diocese. John Dash, special projects editor, sat down with Father Curran and a tape recorder to come up with a feature on the morality of citizenship. It's on Page 5A.

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As a windup on her series on schools in connection with national education week, staff writer Barbara Moynihan describes more of the modern techniques being employed in today's parochial school. Page 4B.

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The ever-changing role of the priest in the modern world is the topic of this week's Page 3A column by Bishop Hogan.

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