



"The Untold Story"

Girls at a Bethlehem orphanage enjoy a Christmas party with Msgr. John G. Nolan, who heads the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, in a scene from a half-hour TV film, "The Untold Story," which will be shown Jan. 14 on Channel 10. The film's story involves three young girls from a Bethlehem orphanage invited to Rome by Pope Paul in recognition of the work being done in Jordan by Mother Elizabeth Marie, who directs the orphanage. Produced and directed by Peabody award-winner Milton Fruchtman and narrated by Hugh Downs, the film opens in Bethlehem, includes tour of historic places in Rome and culminates with a private audience with the pontiff.

Anglicans, Romans Agree

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congregation thinks or believes. The bread and wine "in this mystery, become His body and blood."

So Christ is present "as an offering to the believer awaiting his results." The body and blood of Christ are "really present and given in order that, receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord."

The other two statements published with this major agreement were a joint explanatory statement from the Church of England and Catholic information offices and an introductory statement by the co-chairmen of the commission — Anglican Bishop Henry R. McAdoo of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, Ireland, and Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Alan Clark of Northampton, England. Other members of the commission come from several parts of the world, including North America.

All three documents were introduced at a London press conference presided over by Bishop Clark and the Very Rev. Henry Chadwick, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, one of the Anglican members of the international commission, which was initiated by Pope Paul and Archbishop Ramsey at their historic meeting in Rome in March 1966.

It was disclosed that the fourth meeting of the commission will begin at Woodstock, New York, in May, when the subject of discussion will be "The Ministry." It was also

stressed that the commission's agreement on the Eucharist was not a final conclusion. It is to be published in various authoritative theological journals in January.

Vatican Source:

'Important Step Toward Reunion'

Rome (RNS)—Italian Radio, commenting on the agreement of the Anglican and Catholic Churches on the doctrine of the Eucharist, quoted a high Vatican source here as saying that the accord is the "most important step towards reunion of the two Churches since the 16th Century."

Vatican Radio devoted considerable air time in explanation of the agreement, which was reached last September in Windsor, England, by members of an international Anglican-Roman Catholic commission.

It removes one of the main doctrinal obstacles to unity by ending old differences between the two Churches over the concept of transubstantiation or what exactly happens during the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in the eating of the consecrated bread and wine.

The broadcast said the commission decided not to publish the agreement in September but to wait until it had been approved by the authorities of both Churches.

Rome sources quoted by Italian Radio said that some opposition to the document is expected from the "left wing of the Anglican communion" and from the "right wing of the Catholic Church." They also believe that some members of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith have "strong reservations" on the agreement.

The document indicates, according to an Italian Radio commentary, that Catholics now disown any claims ever attributed to them of knowing precisely how transubstantiation takes place. In other words, the commentary claimed, they now make it impossible for Anglicans to criticize them for

an "attitude to the Eucharist that appears materialistic almost to the point of cannibalism."

In a footnote to the document, the broadcast added, Catholics define transubstantiation "as a change in the inner reality of the elements (of bread and wine)," adding that the term "should be seen as affirming the fact of Christ's presence and of the mysterious and radical change which takes place . . ."

Noting that contemporary Catholic theologians do not attempt to explain how the changes in the elements take place, Italian Radio said that the agreement states that "communion with Christ in the Eucharist presupposes His true presence effectually signified by the bread and wine which, in this mystery, becomes His body and blood." Thus, representatives of both Churches agreed that in some mysterious way the bread and wine become Christ's body and blood.

The joint Anglican-Roman Catholic commission is now working on problems in the ministry, which will be discussed at its next meeting.

Among the difficulties to be considered will be how papal authority and the functions of Catholic priests and bishops relate to Anglican orders which were formally declared null and void in 1896 by Pope Leo XIII.

If an agreement on the ministry is reached, Italian Radio observed, there will be only a "few minor obstacles" to full unity. Speculating on what form this unity might take, the broadcast said it could be similar to that of the Vatican's relationship with the Eastern Rites.

Bishop Asks Help For Bosco House

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Additional copies of the form will also be available at the rectory.

Our efforts for the handicapped in this diocese have, up to now, been feeble and scattered. I am happy to announce the beginning of a program which aims to offer the special attention that these exceptional people deserve. Today I am asking that you help us to respond to our Savior's plea in their behalf when He said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me."

Devotedly yours in Christ,

This letter is to be read at all Masses of obligation the weekend of Jan. 8 and 9.



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