

Bare Vatican Finances, Lay Council Asks Pontiff

Vatican City — (RNS)—The Holy See is urged in a special report by the Vatican Council of the Laity to bare its financial status for all the world to see.

The report maintained that the keeping of Vatican and other Church finances secret contributes to the discouragement of many laymen asked to participate in apostolic work. This criticism and suggestions for change were made in a book, "Dialogue within the Church" — which was given to Pope Paul on March 6 by Cardinal Maurice Roy of Canada, head of the Council of the Laity.

The Vatican has repeatedly been described as preparing a financial budget and a listing of its holdings which have, over the years, become a prime target of rumors.

In its report, the council also urged the pontiff and the bishops to employ understanding rather than "severe authority" in facing up to protest and conflict within the Church.

The bishops of the world were asked by the Laity Council to "promote inward consent through inspiration rather than

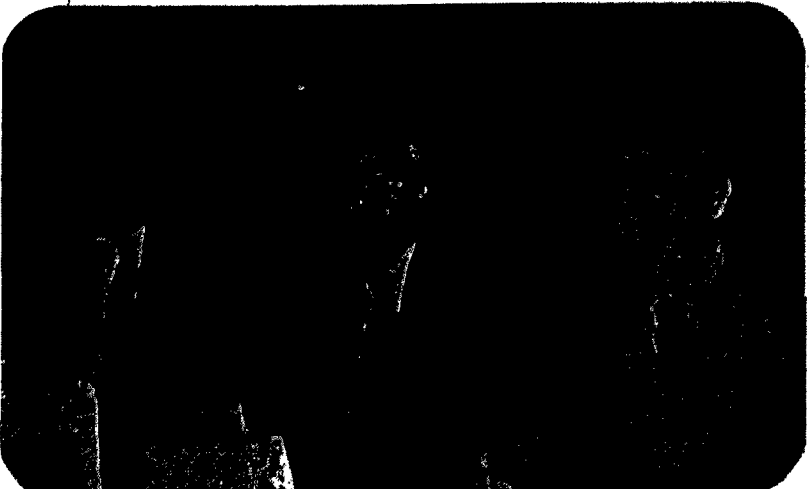
outward compliance through authority."

The report warned that "threats are not to be employed in the context of dialogue" and suggested that the Vatican consider establishing a department for "cultural change."

Such a department, according to the report, would be given the responsibility of helping

Church authorities face conflicts and changes through assistance based on such behavioral sciences as sociology, psychology and economics.

One Vatican official said the report will be closely studied, not only by Pope Paul but by ranking Roman Curia officials in an effort to determine the grassroots thinking of the laity in the Church today.



Council Leaders

Parish Council leaders at St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, are shown at the council's first annual open meeting. Left to right: Adolphe Capacci, chairman of arrangements; Nickolas V. Midey, president; Vito Ceo, trustee.

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At the recent meeting of the state Knights of Columbus in Rochester, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced that the \$12,500 he received from the Knights' Charitable and Benevolent Fund would go to Holy Childhood School, Bosco House and the Auburn area summer camp for retarded children. Shown at the presentation, from left, are Bishop Hogan; Thomas P. Ryan, New York state advocate, and John J. Pascucci, state treasurer, acting for James Ruh, state deputy.

Philharmonic, Aquinas Star In Concert

The Rochester Philharmonic, and the 80-piece Aquinas Institute Marching and Concert Band, will coordinate their music-making skills in a salute to St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17, at 8:15 p.m. in the Auditorium Theater.

The performance — titled "Irish Night at the Philharmonic"—will feature the Philharmonic for the first half of the program, under the direction of guest conductor Robert Kreis.

Kreis, currently the music director of the Wheeling, W. Va. Symphony, scored a hit with Rochester audiences last season with the sold-out "Marchfest" concerts that presented the Philharmonic in a "Boston-Pops-Style" evening.

Following intermission, the Aquinas Band—with 72 young men and 8 young women from Nazareth Academy — will be center-stage under the direction of Alfred Fabrizio. Fabrizio, who has been on the Aquinas faculty for three years, not only rehearses and directs the Band but also teaches courses in conducting and arranging at Aquinas.

CDA MEETING

The regular meeting of Court Fitzsimons, Catholic Daughters of America, will be held Monday evening, March 20, in the Town Hall. A crafts demonstration has been planned in anticipation of the bazaar next fall.

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