

Vatican View of Priesthood Poor Theology, Jesuits Say

Twenty-three of the 25 faculty members at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., have recorded their "loyal dissent" from the recent Vatican declaration barring women from the priesthood. According to a report from Religious News Service, they wrote what they called an "open letter" to the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Jean Jadot, rather than responding "outside the teaching of the Church."

The declaration framed by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith spoke "not in terms of organic and historical developments, but in terms of dogmatic impossibility," the theologians' letter said. "The foundations of its arguments are laid in sacred scripture, the Fathers of the

Church, the unaltered tradition of the past 2,000 years, and the nature of the sacramental sign. It is our judgment that none of these, either individually or collectively, can bear the weight assigned."

Scriptural evidence does not settle the question of the ordination of women, the letter said, adding, "This was the judgment of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and one with which we agree. The declaration fails to acknowledge that it is disagreeing with the Biblical Commission and to provide adequate grounds for doing so."

Roman congregations, the Jesuits stated, "have made serious mistakes in the past whose harm to the Church we continue to experience

centuries afterward. We believe that we may well be on a similar path again, and the effect of aligning priesthood with masculinity may identify the Church as regressive to millions of human beings in the future."

Father Joseph Tetlow, SJ, president of the theology school, said the faculty was not arguing for the ordination of women. "The question, he explained, is whether the theology of the document from Rome is sound theology, and if not, why not?"

"We studied and criticized the use of patristics, scriptures, ecclesiology and the dogmatic analysis of the image of Christ," he said. "Our conclusion is that the theology is not well done."

Father John Coleman, SJ, assistant professor of Religion and Society, suggested that the Vatican could have claimed that it was "inopportune and impossible" to ordain women at this time, because of disquiet in the Church. He would not agree with that view, but "I would have to say that's a reasonable argument." The document, however, used theological arguments that no reputable theological faculty in the world would accept, Father Coleman declared.

Father Tetlow described the letter to the Apostolic Delegate as neither rhetorical nor argumentative, but carefully considered and worded.

St. Anthony's Lists Holy Week Rites

St. Anthony of Padua Church this week published its schedule of Holy Week liturgies and devotions.

On Palm Sunday, the parish will follow its regular Sunday schedule of Mass. Palms will be distributed following each Mass.

Masses for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. in the church. Mass also will be celebrated at 5 p.m. in the convent.

Stations of the Cross and a Communal Penance Service will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Holy Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. The solemn liturgy of the Last Supper will be celebrated at 7 p.m. followed by a procession to the repository. The church will remain open until midnight for this evening and for Good Friday evening.

On Good Friday, the Church will be opened for devotions at 7 a.m. Stations of the Cross will be followed beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Good Friday liturgy will start at 3 p.m.

The church will open at 7 a.m. for devotions on Holy Saturday. The solemn Easter Vigil will begin at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., High Mass; and 12:15 p.m.



Sharing Supper

David Flanigan gets an assist from Jack Alrutz during the St. Alphonsus Sharing Supper in Auburn. Money raised will go to Upper Volta for farm equipment and grain for planting. The supper was part of Operation Bread Box.

DCG TO FORM

Watkins Glen-The first meeting of the Watkins Glen Divorced and Separated Catholics group will be Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary of the Lake's Parish Center. All area divorced or separated Catholics are invited to attend.

Fr. O'Neill To Speak

The Divorced and Separated Catholics of the Southeast Region will be sponsoring a talk by Father Robert O'Neill titled "Recent Changes in the Church's Annulment Proceedings," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3 at St. John's Parish Center, 547 Humboldt St., Rochester.

Father O'Neill is the director of the Diocese of Rochester's Marriage Tribunal. He will explain the changes which have taken place in the last few years in

Church teaching and practice on marriage and annulments.

Members of other divorced and separated Catholics groups, any divorced or separated Catholic, or any other interested person is welcome to attend.

The St. John's group also has space remaining for its trip to Toronto, April 22-24, to hear Father James Young. Those interested should contact Joan Keisbilk, 482-5957, as soon as possible.

DPC

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Father Michael F. Conboy, master of ceremonies; Mr. Gary Fry, master of ceremonies.

Bearers of the Sacred Oils — Rev. Mr. Christopher E. Linsler, Rev. Mr. John F. Gagnier, Rev. Mr. Leo J. Reinhart; Gospel-deacon, Rev. Mr. James D. Peters; Mass: deacon, Rev. Mr. Robert C. Doell; altar servers, Mr. Alfred Ricci, crucifer; Mr. Anthony Mugavero, Mr. George Heyman, acolytes; Mr. Daniel Almeter, thurifer; Mr. James Murphy, crosier bearer; Mr. John Jayla, miter bearer.

Ministers of the Oils: Father John S. Hayes, pastor, St. Patrick's, Aurora, and St. Michael's, Union Springs; Father William J. Gordinier, pastor, St. Patrick's, Cato, and St. Thomas Aquinas, Red Creek; Father Charles T. Manning, associate pastor, St. Mary's, Waterloo; Father Robert Rice, associate pastor, St. Alphonsus, Auburn; Father Louis Sirianni, associate pastor, Sacred Heart, Auburn; Father Robert M. Egan, pastor, St. Bernard's, Scipio Center; Father Clarence Gardner, chaplain, Auburn Correction Facility; Father Robert Beligotti, associate pastor, Holy Family, Auburn.

Liturgy planning: Father Robert J. Kennedy, diocesan director of Liturgy; Father James C. Enright, associate pastor, St. Mary's, Auburn; Mrs. Cathy Fox, Mr. David Carrell, Mr. Bruce Van Dyken, Mrs. Judy Davis, Ms. Penny Perez, Mr. Ted Biedowicz, Miss Katie Reilly

both a "workability" and an "importance" scale.

Amendments offered by the Worship and Life Committee, the sponsors of the proposal, were approved. A further amendment by Marilyn Muench that called for the initial work to be "with willing models" also was approved.

Concerns over the proposal's effectiveness without the cooperation of the diocese's priests were raised, and a suggestion to change appointment to nomination from the diocesan office was defeated. The proposal was then approved, 19-13, with four abstentions.

Father Douglas Hoffman then received DPC approval to send a letter to the Priests Council noting that their opinions were considered, and asking for the cooperation of the priests when it is implemented.

Father Sebastiañ Falcone supplied members with a written report detailing the work of the Permanent Diaconate Task Force program might be able to begin at the end of 1977.

Sister Judith Reger, SSIJ, the Ministry to the Aging worker in the Office of Human Development, reported on nursing home ministry in the diocese. She noted several areas where cooperation among parishes has been beneficial. Several members expressed interest in the work, and Sister Judith agreed to supply the regional delegates with reports from the Regional Coordinators concerning the work in their area.

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