

Archbishop Quinn: Kung Censure Is 'Pastoral' In Intention

San Francisco (RNS)—The Vatican's censure of controversial Swiss-born theologian Hans Kung is "pastoral in purpose," and is "not so much directed against" him "as to the Catholic people," according to the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

The intent of the Vatican action, said Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco in a statement, "is to prevent or alleviate confusion concerning the content of (Catholic) doctrine."

The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope John Paul II, declared Dec. 18 that Father Kung, a professor of theology at Tübingen University in West Germany, had departed "in his writings" from the "integral truth of Catholic faith, and therefore can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian, nor function as such in a teaching role."

Archbishop Quinn, in his statement of support for the Vatican's move, said it was important to bear in mind that "the people of the church have a right to know what the church teaches about the revelation of Christ."

Further, said the American bishops' spokesman, "those responsible for exercising the teaching authority have a duty to make clear what is and what is not compatible with Catholic doctrine. As a corollary, they have the further duty not to authorize teaching in the name of the church which is not compatible with Catholic doctrine."

He said the Vatican's action "is theological in content but pastoral in purpose. It is not so much directed against the theologian as to the Catholic people. Its intent is to prevent or alleviate confusion concerning the content of doctrine."



New Ministries

A freshman student at the College of St. Catherine, in St. Paul, Minn., leads a group of her peers, 136 in all, into a school chapel to receive commissions as ministers of the Eucharist, the Word, drama and dance, music and hospitality. The recent commissioning permits the new ministers to distribute the Eucharist on the campus and perform other ministries, under authority granted by diocesan leader, Archbishop John Roach. The five-year-old St. Catherine's program has become a national model.

Diocesans Urged To Attend Area Family Hearings

Diocesans shortly will have the opportunity to voice their concerns about the family, help draft position papers for and elect delegates to the White House Conference on Families, slated for June this year.

According to Frank Staropoli, co-director of the diocesan Family Life Office, there will be two hearings in February for people in the geographic area of the diocese.

Persons who reside in most of the diocese were last week urged by Staropoli to attend a hearing on Feb. 2 in Buffalo. Persons residing in Cayuga and Tompkins Counties have been asked to attend a hearing slated for Feb. 9 at Cornell University.

The hearings are officially billed as "The Governor's Conference on Families," and are being held in preparation for the major regional conference

beginning on June 2 in Baltimore, Md.

Participants at the local hearings may attend any of several workshops on such themes as Families and the Economy, Families and the Workplace, Growing up in the 80s, Families with Special Needs and Families in Stress and Crisis, to name a few.

In addition, Staropoli said, participants will elect delegates to the White House conference.

Staropoli urged persons interested in attending the hearings to contact his office, (716) 436-5450, for further information and to receive application blanks.

He said that his office will provide callers with background information on concerns the Church hopes to bring up at the hearings as well.

Coordinating the diocesan delegations are Terry and Sheila Holly, Staropoli said.

Caution Urged On TAC Report

A group of ecumenical leaders in the Rochester area has issued a statement urging the Community Chest to take an unhurried and open look at the concept of establishing multipurpose neighborhood centers in Rochester.

The Chest's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) issued such a proposal in September and a series of neighborhood feedback meetings took place which were, the ecumenical group says, "at times emotional, producing many questions."

Praising the work of the TAC, the ecumenical leaders added, however, that "people need to validate the problems which the TAC has accepted... the need to make human care services more accessible and

equitably distributed... the serious problem with the physical condition of some human care facilities, the need for neighborhood residents to have a greater voice in planning human services; the population shifts during the past decade... (which) indicate some shifts in human-care services..."

The churchmen listed examples of such questions as "What exactly makes a person a resident of a neighborhood — working there or living there?" and "Are guarantees necessary to assure protected roles for traditional neighborhood service providers?" as "too important to be rushed or neglected."

"We urge the Board of the Community Chest to open

their planning process," the churchmen said, "and avoid any rapid consideration of the TAC report. We also urge urban churches to become involved in this vital planning and decision-making."

Signers of the statement

Briggs Heads Chest Drive

Paul W. Briggs, president of Rochester Gas and Electric Corp., will serve as general chairman for the 1980 United Community Chest/Red Cross Campaign.

Briggs was chairman of the major firms Division I during the 1979 campaign, which

included Father Charles F. Mulligan, diocesan director of Social Ministry; Sister Mary Wintish, Urban Ministries director for the diocese, and Rev. John Walker, chairman of the United Church Ministries Social Action Committee.

raised \$17.7 million for the benefit of 153 human service agencies.

1980 vice chairman will be Leonard S. Simon, chairman of the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Ladies of Charity Inducts Seven

Elmira—Seven members were inducted into the Elmira Chapter of the Ladies of

Charity at a recent ceremony at Notre Dame High School chapel with Father Richard Murphy celebrating Mass.

The new members are Grace Frost, Mary Fetyko, Evelyn Brophy, Jean Denson, Jean Hurley, Ronnie McKernan and Mrs. Gerard McKernan. Since then, Father Murphy, who was transferred to Cornell University, has been replaced as chaplain by Father Daniel Holland, pastor of St. Patrick's here.

Holy Hours Scheduled

The first in a series of Holy Hours scheduled by the Peoples Eucharistic League, Holy Trinity Chapter, will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will be the leader for the first Holy Hour.

The second in the series has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary with the Rev. Mr. Paul Tomasso leading.

Deaths

Sister Helen Kannan, A Teacher 48 Years

Sister Helen Kannan, SSJ, died unexpectedly Dec. 14, 1979, in Geneva General Hospital. A teacher for 48 years, she retired in 1976 and since had been an active volunteer in Geneva. She was 71 years old.

Fathers Richard Hart and John Quinn celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial Dec. 17 in the chapel at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. In his homily, Father Hart recounted that he had been one of Sister's choir boys when she was a teacher at Immaculate Conception, Rochester. She taught much more than music, he said, and sowed the seed of many a priestly vocation. The final blessing at Holy

Sepulchre was given by Father Thomas Miller, CSB.

Sister Helen entered the convent from Sacred Heart Parish in 1926, as Sister George Vincent. She taught at Immaculate Conception for six years; at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, for eight years, and at several other schools for shorter periods. She was guidance counselor at DeSales High School, Geneva, from 1971 until her retirement.

Recently, the "First Annual Sister Helen Kannan Spelling Bee" took place in Geneva, and she was there to award the prizes.

Survivors are a niece and a nephew.

Mrs. English

Sister Francis Cecilia English, SSJ, of the Nazareth Motherhouse reported last week the recent death of her mother, Cecilia A. English. Mrs. English died in Syracuse at the age of 93. She was a native of Oswego — St. Paul's Parish.

Jesuit Father Richard P.

English of Orlando, Fla., who has done retreat work in the diocese, is Mrs. English's son. The late Sister M. Florida, SSJ, who was prominent in education circles of the diocese, was her sister. Paul F. English, a grandson, is a Basilian seminarian currently teaching in Merrillville, Ind.

Miss Almarode

Miss Virginia M. Almarode, a retired Public Health nurse, died Dec. 22, 1979, at St. Ann's Home, where she had lived for several years. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 24 in St. Ann's Chapel.

Miss Almarode, a native of Virginia, received her nursing training in Cumberland, Md. She did private duty nursing here and worked at the former Infants' Summer Hospital on Beach Avenue before en-

tering the service of the Rochester Public Health Bureau as a school nurse. She worked at the old City Normal School, St. George's and Mt. Carmel. A friend, Marcella A. Statt of Lyell Avenue said, "She became well-known and loved for her kindly treatment of children, the sick, the infirm and the elderly, many of these in neighborhood circles, church contacts and areas immediately surrounding her school posts."



Special Guest

Judge Harry Goldman (right) greets Azar Artoul, an Arab who is general director of the production and marketing boards of Israel's olive oil and tobacco industries, at a recent reception for Artoul sponsored by the Rochester Interfaith Committee on Israel. Also present were Stephen May, chairman of the committee and Father Joseph Brennan, a long-time champion of Jewish/Christian dialogue.