

Stay Faithful to Tradition

Following are excerpts from an address by Pope John Paul II to the recent general assembly of Italian Catholic Action.

It seems to me that the choice of the subject: "To construct as laymen the ecclesial community in order to animate as Christians Italian society," is extremely opportune, being in keeping with the spiritual and social requirements of the modern world, and therefore worthy of constituting the theme for the next stage. This subject recalls, in fact, the theological reflection on the laity that the Second Vatican Council reaffirmed in such a clear and authoritative way, as can be read in the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: "The laity are called to participate actively in the whole life of the Church; not only are they to animate the world with the spirit of Christianity, but they are to be witnesses to Christ in all circumstances and at the very heart of the community of mankind."



All this is all the more necessary in the situation in our days in which there is no lack of attempts at secularization, accompanied by instances of religious indifference. In this context, you are called to function, in communion with your pastors, to carry out your mission in fidelity to tradition and in the creativity required to update and make more effective confrontation and impact with the various cultures.

What a wide horizon opens, therefore, for your conscience as Catholic lay people! It is such that the Council itself is not afraid to entrust to you "the evangelization and sanctification of men and the Christian formation of their conscience, so as to enable them to imbue with the Gospel spirit the various social groups and environments."

It does not escape anyone's notice that this important task calls for continual updating of the

problems that besiege the Church in order to study their solutions, but above all it demands an interior life intensely nourished on the Word of God and the Sacraments.

The Church expects a great deal from you in this field, such an important and vast one. Time does not make it possible to go into the matter deeply. I wish to remind you, however, that you of Catholic Action have a special "vocation" for direct collaboration with the pastors of the Church: Catholic Action, in fact is called to realize a unique form of lay ministry, aimed at "plantatio Ecclesiae" and at the development of the Christian community in close union with ordained ministers. This is the reason why the lay people of Catholic Action operate under the superior direction of the hierarchy, which also sanctions this collaboration by means of an explicit "mandate."

This is the characteristic that should distinguish you, but it is also the source and secret of the fruitfulness of your work for the building up of the ecclesial community. Without this special union with the ecclesiastical hierarchy, made visible by the presence in your midst of the ecclesiastical assistant, Catholic Action cannot exist.

Your firm will and availability for "service" with regard to the apostolic ministry is well known to me. It is a question of concrete service, intended for the dioceses and for the various parishes. For this reason your Statutes speak of "service of the local Church;" it would be of little use, in fact, to formulate generic propositions if active operations were not actually carried out in the structures of the local Church to which the members belong.

The necessity of the Church in the dioceses and parishes is, today as yesterday, that of constructing itself as a community in order to be, in the various contacts, a point of reference and appeal in order that children, young people and adults may respond to Christ's call. From this springs the indispensable duty of fidelity and unity in order that your witness may be effective: "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Sarah Child



All in the Family

A Meeting To End All Meetings

Once, about ten years ago, I think, I attended an informational meeting and got some information. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

Confessing this, I leave myself open to the charge that I do not assimilate facts readily. This may be true. Also true: A meeting is the last place or situation for those similarly afflicted to remedy such a deficiency.

It is a known fact to anti-meeting people such as myself that any new information disseminated at any meeting can usually be encapsulated and printed in a space equal to that required by a postage stamp (outsized commemoratives excepted).

The facts are that any information actually dispensed has already been received by those in attendance via the media, their colleagues, their spouses, their children, their neighbors, the grapevine, the garbage man.

As visual, rather than auditory, people, what we anti-meeting individuals need instead of a meeting is a one-paragraph statement written in straightforward style, in non-gobbledegook

language either clarifying, expanding or delivering an imprimatur on facts already in possession.

This paragraph can either be posted on a bulletin board, printed in a newsletter, handed out or, in extreme cases, mailed.

This is not to say, of course, that meetings do not have their strong points. They can be extremely valuable for the purposes of showing off a new dress or suit, calling attention to a newly reduced waistline, or demonstrating one's "executive potential," also known as "the big cheese" strut.

Meetings are usually called by people who are lonely, hopelessly confused (or bored) by their jobs, who want to impress a boss (or subordinates), or who have too much time on their hands. (These are the same people who spend a lot of time writing job descriptions.)

Meetings are almost never called by busy people.

Sometimes meetings are called to plan future meetings or to analyze and distill past meetings. Someday someone will probably call a meeting to denounce meetings.

I hope I'm invited so I can show my support by not showing up.

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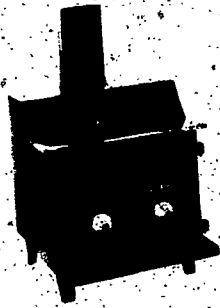
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