

# Pope Desires 'Full Union' With Orthodox

Vatican City (NC) -- Pope John Paul II expressed his wish Nov. 30 for "a full union" with Orthodox churches. The support for unity was contained in a letter to Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I of Constantinople (Istanbul).

The pope also commented on the letter during his weekly general audience Nov. 30. On the same day, the letter was delivered to the patriarch by a Vatican delegation led by Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

The pope in his audience talk noted that the Eastern

churches were celebrating the feast of their patron, St. Andrew the Apostle. St. Andrew was the brother of St. Peter, the first pope.

"I send my wish that the full union with our sister churches, for which Jesus prayed, may soon be realized," he said.

In the text of the letter, released later by the Vatican, the pope said the Catholic Church and the Orthodox churches share a "fundamental identity" despite differences in liturgy and canon law.

"The mission of the church will only be completely accomplished if our churches, through their unity, allow the message of the Gospel to have its full credibility," the pope wrote.

He added that the Catholic Church is "willing to do everything possible" to help the movement toward unity.

A Catholic-Orthodox commission, established to promote unity after Pope John Paul met with Patriarch Dimitrios in 1979 in Turkey, has met several times and reported progress on resolving sacramental differences.

# Joining Masons Still Prohibited

Vatican City (NC) -- Catholics who join the Masons commit "serious sin" and may not receive the Eucharist, said a declaration issued Nov. 26 by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The 300-word declaration came on the eve of the promulgation of the new Code of Canon Law which does not include joining the Masons as grounds for automatic excommunication, as did the previous code. It also came after about 10 years of growing flexibility in the U.S. church toward Catholic membership in Masonic associations as long as they are not engaged in anti-Catholic activity.

The declaration was signed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, and Archbishop Jerome Hamer, congregation secretary.

It said the dropping of the automatic excommunication penalty does not change the church's position that Catholics cannot join the Masons.

"The church's negative position on Masonic associations therefore remains unaltered, since their principles have always been regarded as irreconcilable with the church's doctrine. Hence, joining them remains prohibited by the church," said the declaration.

"Catholics enrolled in Masonic associations are involved in serious sin and may not approach Holy Communion," added the declaration.

The declaration was approved by Pope John Paul II, said Cardinal Ratzinger.

Local church authorities do not have the right to pronounce judgments on the Masons in any way which implies the easing of the church restriction, the declaration said.

It stated that the restriction had been reiterated in a Feb. 17, 1981, declaration of the doctrinal congregation.

The 1981 declaration

warned against interpreting a 1974 letter by Cardinal Franjo Seper, then prefect of the doctrinal congregation, as implying that the prohibition against joining the Masons was not in force. The letter was sent to Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, then president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The 1974 letter said that "one may safely teach and apply the opinion of those authors who hold that Canon 2335 (which called for excommunication of Catholics who join the Masons) regards only those Catholics who join associations which plot against the church."

The letter was interpreted in the United States as implying that Catholics could join Masonic organizations which were not anti-Catholic.

Cardinal Krol said that the letter by Cardinal Seper "makes clear that the church continues to discourage

Catholic membership in the Masons and to impose the penalty of excommunication in the case of membership in secret societies which are actively hostile to the church."

"However, Cardinal Seper's letter also makes it clear that the canonical pro-

vision concerning excommunication is to be interpreted precisely, not broadly, and in light of the actual attitude and practice of particular Masonic or other groups. Hence it is not equally applicable to all such groups," Cardinal Krol added.

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## Sarah Child



All in the Family

## Christmas Gifts from The Kitchen

At least half of the pleasure of holiday baking comes from recalling the history of certain delicacies--where the recipe came from, who enjoys it most, the parties and gatherings where it was served.

Such is the case with the following which I have had in my file for the past 20 years or more.

As TV critic for the morning paper I reviewed a cooking show starring home economist Trudy McNall. I commented in my column how delicious the fruitcake looked. The day after the column appeared, I arrived at my office to find a large, decorated tin filled with Fruitcake Confections. (Since this had never happened before I was overwhelmed.)

These little gems which somebody once described as "fruitcake for people who don't like fruitcake" make lovely gifts. The recipe makes 100 tiny cakes, about an ounce each and 10 of them in a holiday tin makes a lovely present for a neighbor or a co-worker or the shut-in you plan to visit.

### FRUITCAKE CONFECTIONS

- 1-1/2 cups seeded raisins
- 1-1/2 cups seedless raisins
- 2 pounds of mixed diced candied fruits
- 2 cups pecan pieces
- 1-2/3 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1/4 tsp mace

- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2/3 cup butter
- 4 eggs separated
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 6 Tbs fruit juice or sherry
- 2/3 cups strawberry preserves

Candied cherries, pineapple and whole pecans for decorating tops.

### BROWN SUGAR GLAZE

Combine 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/3 cup light corn syrup, 1/3 cup water and 2 Tbs lemon juice. Boil two minutes.

Combine both kinds of raisins, candied fruits and pecan pieces. Measure 1/3 cup of the flour and mix over fruits, being careful to separate the seeded raisins so they are well distributed. Add soda and spices to remaining flour. Cream butter and sugar, add egg yolks and mix until light and fluffy. Add molasses and sherry, and mix well. Stir in dry ingredients. Add fruit and nuts. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into fruit cake mixture. Spoon batter into tiny cup cake tins that have been lined with paper baking cups. (Pretty holly-decorated ones can be found in stores.) Press pieces of cherry, pineapple and halves of nuts into each cupcake.

Note: Fill cup cake liners almost full--fruit cakes do not rise much during baking. Bake in slow oven 300 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from oven and brush top of each cake with brown sugar glaze. Yield: 6-1/4 pounds of cake. These will keep indefinitely.



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