

Draft said to hit 'abuses'

Publications differ on status of proposal

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ROME (CNS) — A Rome-based magazine reported Sept. 22 that a draft Vatican document discouraged the distribution of Communion under the forms of both bread and wine, and said altar girls are permissible only for a good reason. The proposed draft said it was aimed at curbing wide-ranging liturgical abuses.

The magazine *Jesus*, published by the Pauline Fathers, reported having obtained a draft of the document, which was distributed for consultation in June. But according to another report, the proposed draft already has been rejected.

In his April encyclical on the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II said he had asked the congregations for Divine Worship and the Sacraments and for the Doctrine of the Faith to prepare "a more specific document, including prescriptions of a juridical nature," on the obligation to follow church rules for the celebration of Mass and Eucharistic adoration.

Officials at the congregations refused to comment on the report.

However, the Italian newspaper *Il Messaggero* reported Sept. 23 that the cardinals who are members of



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Youths dance at the Archdiocese of Ottawa's 'Days in the Diocese' as part of World Youth Day 2002.

the two congregations already had rejected the draft described by the magazine, and that a new version is being prepared.

A Vatican official, who asked not to be named, said it is normal for a document to be returned for revision prior to publication.

According to *Jesus* magazine, the draft released in June emphasized the importance of maintaining the distinctions among the roles of the priest, deacon and laity at Mass, reaffirming the Vatican's ban on

anyone but the priest or deacon giving the homily.

The magazine did not give any more details on distribution of Communion under both species, but said the document also:

- Specifically discourages lay "pastoral assistants" in a parish from assuming liturgical roles during the Mass.

- Notes a bishop's authority to permit female altar servers, "but never without a just pastoral reason, and priests must never be obliged to call girls to this role."

- Reminds Catholics that "the minister of the Eucharist" and the only celebrant of the Mass is the priest. Lay people who help distribute Communion when necessary are to be called "extraordinary ministers of Communion" and not "extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist."

The magazine also said the draft document states that:

- "Applause and dance inside a sacred building, even outside of the eucharistic celebration" are not allowed. The rule could mean a change in liturgies at which Pope John Paul is present; he is always greeted with applause and, in certain parts of the world, dance has been permitted.

- Where the central gates in an altar railing have been removed, they should be restored and their inclusion should be considered for churches under construction.

BISHOP COMMENTS ON TEN COMMANDMENTS

LAKE CHARLES, La. (CNS)

Controversy over displaying the Ten Commandments at an Alabama courthouse reflects "the schizophrenic status of the American psyche on religion," Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Lake Charles said Sept. 6. While the U.S. has a "high percentage of people who say they believe in a personal God, in life after death and in heaven and hell," he said, Americans also have "the most secular, materialistic culture in the world."

A granite monument of the Ten Commandments was removed from the rotunda of Alabama's judicial building Aug. 27 following the order of a U.S. district judge.

CARDINALS TO SPEAK AT PAPAL ANNIVERSARY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Six cardinals will speak on themes that include mission, ecumenism and the family at a Vatican conference in October marking 25 years of Pope John Paul II's pontificate.

Presentations will be made by Cardinals Bernardin Gantin, Jean-Marie Lustiger, Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, Nasrallah P. Sfeir, Ivan Dias, and Angelo Sodano.

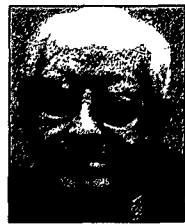
Msgr. Richard Quinn; was educator, pastor

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Msgr. Richard M. Quinn, professor and rector of the former St. Andrew's Seminary and later pastor at Rochester's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, died Sept. 17, 2003, at the McAuley Residence in Brighton after a brief illness. He was 89 years old.

Msgr. Quinn was born in Rochester and attended Immaculate Conception School, Aquinas Institute, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop James E. Kearney.

He then served in the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, before becoming assistant pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Charlotte from 1943-45. He began as professor at St. Andrew's Seminary in 1945 and remained in that capacity for the next 11 years, teaching European history and French. A great lover of the arts, Msgr. Quinn was also chaplain for



the Newman Club of the Eastman School of Music during this time.

"A true gentleman, a man of broad cultural interests and achievements,

and a gifted teacher, he exercised a quiet but significant influence on those whom he trained for the priesthood," diocesan historian Father Robert F. McNamara observed in a biographical essay on Msgr. Quinn written in 2000.

"He was a great influence on my vocation," said Father Robert Bradler, pastor of Irondequoit's St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Father Bradler said Msgr. Quinn was frequently encouraging both before and during the time Father Bradler attended St. Andrew's Seminary.

In 1949 Msgr. Quinn obtained a master of arts degree from Canisius College. He had begun working toward a doctorate when, in 1956 he

was named rector of St. Andrew's Seminary. According to Father McNamara, the new position's workload likely forced Msgr. Quinn to cease his studies.

In 1959 he was appointed a papal chamberlain, with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor, by Pope John XXIII. In 1966 he was named a domestic prelate, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, by Pope Paul VI.

In 1967, upon the discontinuation of St. Andrew's Seminary, Msgr. Quinn began his only pastorate, at Rochester's Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He continued there until his retirement in 1985, guiding a renovation of the church based on Vatican II initiatives and taking a strong interest in the now-defunct parish school.

His love for education continued into retirement: After moving to St. Thomas the Apostle in 1985, he founded a Bible class, which he taught for several years. He also continued his penchant for traveling,



making numerous trips to Europe.

Msgr. Quinn moved to the McAuley Residence at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse following in a serious car accident in 1993. Mercy Sister Mary Fran Wegman, director of community care services at McAuley Residence, recalled that Msgr. Quinn was "very, very humble and very content" over the last 10 years.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark presided at Msgr. Quinn's funeral Mass Sept. 22 at the Mercy motherhouse. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Msgr. Quinn is survived by his cousins, Christopher (Christine) Carey; William Carey; Mary Coleman; and Margaret Muchard.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Mercy, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester, NY, 14610.