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## Christian Unity Is Urged By Pope in New Encyclical

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has used the words of a fifth-century pontiff, St. Leo the Great, to invite all separated Christian bodies back to unity.

Pope John spoke in a 7,000-word encyclical, entitled "Aeterna Dei Sapientia" and dated November 11. The new encyclical, the sixth of his pontificate, was released to all "separated brothers," but the content of the encyclical directed it chiefly to the schismatic Christian churches of the East.

The encyclical described the life and works of Pope Leo and quoted widely from his homilies and letters, illustrating principally the

traditional belief in the primacy of the papacy.

It was occasioned by the 15th centenary of the death of Pope Leo, which was marked on November 15. The Pope applied to present day divisions in Christianity the defenses of the Faith pronounced by Pope Leo when the unity of the Church was threatened by the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Pope John drew a comparison between Pope Leo's age and the present. He said: "The 15th centenary of the death of St. Leo the Great finds the Catholic Church in sorrowful conditions which are similar in part to those which it knew in the fifth century."

He referred specifically to the fact that "in many regions, the Faith of the Gospel is in danger and that there are not wanting attempts to separate bishops, priests and faithful from the center of Catholic unity, that is the Roman See."

By broad interpretation, this could mean not only theological threats to unity, but also those political events in the world which threaten the peace of the Church. There was Atilla the Hun in Pope Leo's time, as compared with the communist persecutions of the present age in which bishops, priests and Catholics are separated from union with Rome.

To those "who patiently cry after truth and justice," Pope John addressed the words of St. Paul: "You have been given the favor on Christ's behalf not only to believe

in Him, but also to suffer for Him."

The encyclical briefly traced St. Leo's life. He was born in the Tuscany region of Italy and reared in Rome where he entered the ranks of the clergy. While a deacon, he distinguished himself in See Christian Unity, page 3A

## Rusk Discusses Red Statement On Cardinal

WASHINGTON —(NC)— Secretary of State Dean Rusk said here he does not yet know the significance of alleged communist readiness to negotiate on the fate of Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty.

Rusk told a news conference, "I frankly do not know what the significance of these statements as yet may be."

He was referring to a Hungarian communist spokesman's statement early in December that the Hungarian regime was ready to negotiate with the U.S. on Cardinal Mindszenty as part of a package deal for better U.S.-Hungarian relations.

Cardinal Mindszenty, 69-year-old Primate of Hungary, has been living in asylum in the U.S. legation in Budapest since November 4, 1956, when Soviet tanks snuffed out the short-lived Hungarian revolution. Only four days earlier he had been released by freedom fighters from the communist prison where he was serving a life sentence.

## NCWC Legal Study Covers Aid To Church Schools

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The U.S. Catholic Bishops' legal advisors have concluded that Federal aid limited to the secular or neutral aspects of education in church-related schools would be clearly constitutional.

The Legal Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference says in an 82-page study that such aid has precedents in at least 41 programs approved by Congress.

It states that the U.S. Supreme Court has held in three decisions that government can aid the non-religious aspects of a public service performed by a church-related institution.

The study says government support can be limited to the secular aspect by being directed toward neutral items of expense, those kinds of expenses "which are substantially the same in public and nonpublic schools."

Support, it declares can be given numerous ways, but the study specifically mentions matching grants or long-term loans to institutions, grants of tuition or scholarships to students and tax benefits.

Massive Federal aid to public education alone, it says would produce a "critical weakening" of church-related education and result in a dangerous government monopoly in education.

William R. Considine, head of the NCWC Legal Department, an-

nounced the study at a press conference here (Dec. 14).

He said the study is intended as a comprehensive constitutional statement and not as a petition for specific aid. "It is our hope that it will serve to clarify constitutional issues and to cause a more widespread recognition of the massive contribution of church-related and other private schools to the common welfare," he said.

The precise question taken up by the study is this:

May the Federal government, as part of a comprehensive program to promote educational excellence in the nation, provide secular edu-

cational benefits to the public in private, nonprofit schools, church-related as well as nondenominational?

Answering in the affirmative, the study points to the public service contributions by church-related schools, to U.S. Supreme Court decisions, to Federal legislation and to the peril it sees in aiding public schools only.

It holds that church-related schools perform a public function by providing essential citizen education and that this public function is, by its nature, eligible for support.

Asking how support for the secular aspect can be distinguished from support for the religious aspect of education in church-related schools, it says this can be done by an allocation of costs based on the principles of accounting, "as informed by the basic legal and educational principles applicable in this area."

### Christmas Vigil

Keep watch for a choir  
Chanting on high,  
Or a luminous light  
In the dark of the sky.

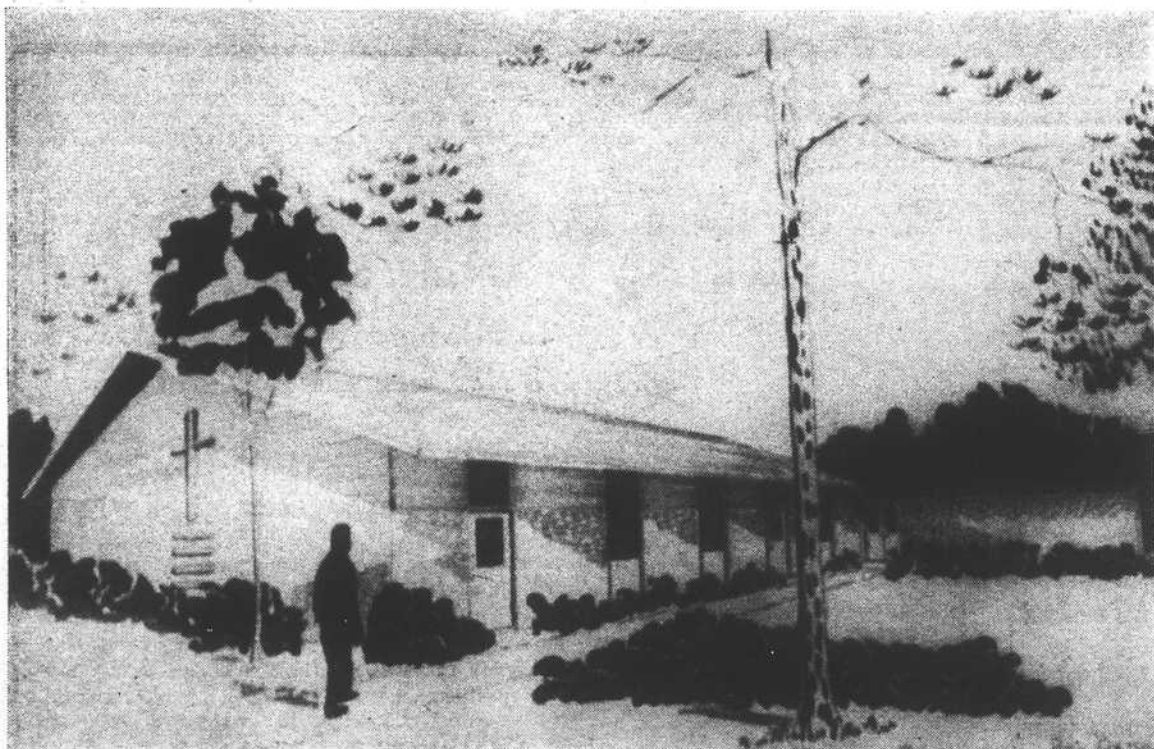
Keep watch you may see Him  
In lowly things,  
Snow flakes that spread  
Like an angel's wings.

In the face of a war victim  
Reconciled,  
Or deep in the eyes  
Of an orphaned child.

Keep watch with the shepherds  
Of Bethlehem Hill  
For the peace He has promised  
To men of good will.

### December 23, Fast & Complete Abstinence

Bishop Vincent S. Waters has directed that all Catholics in the Diocese of Raleigh shall observe the Christmas Vigil fast and complete abstinence on Saturday, December 23, already an Ember Day. No fast or abstinence on Sunday, December 24.



**NEW DUNN PARISH CENTER** — This is an architect's sketch by T. C. Brown & Associates of Raleigh and Smithfield of the new parish center at Sacred Heart Church in Dunn. A ground-breaking ceremony was held Dec. 3. The building, which contains 3,900 square feet of space, is at the corner of Ellis and Cumberland Avenues and will be built of cinder block with brick veneer. It is expected to be completed in four months. It will provide space for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes and other parish activities. By using sliding partitions, rooms will be made available for five CCD classes. Eventually, four classrooms will be added and the building will be converted into a school. The builder is Mangum and Sorrell of Benson.



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December 11, 1961

My dear Brethren:

On Christmas of each year at all the Masses in the Diocese of Raleigh we think of our Catholic orphans at Nazareth. These children come from all over the diocese. From the first year of grade school through the four years of high school, they are under the charge of Father Donohue and the Sisters. At one time there were more than 100 boys and girls at Nazareth. The number now is somewhat less because of the use of Foster Homes, which plan is more in keeping with the present idea on the care and training of children.

We would be happy to have some of our good Catholic families volunteer for this Foster Home care. We have at present about eight children in this type of custody and the plan meets with great success. The greater number is still at Nazareth and these children are helped by the friends of Nazareth around the country.

The cost last year ran \$85,000.00. Relatives contributed around \$6,000.00, and the Christmas collection amounted to about \$16,000.00. By good management, and by the donations of people who are friends of Nazareth Father Donohue was able to make out somehow, in spite of a fire which destroyed one of our buildings.

I do hope that the diocese can contribute at least \$20,000.00 in the Christmas collection this year to this good cause. The diocese is principally benefited and these children are your children, our children, Christ's children. On Christmas, our hearts go out to those who have lost mother or father and who need the affection and loving care that Nazareth can provide. The Sisters and Priests are well trained for this good work and are accomplishing a great deal with very little help.

In the name of the little Christ Child at Bethlehem, exiled from Heaven on a cold winter night, becoming the poorest among the poor for our sakes, won't you help our children at Nazareth this Christmas by a Christmas gift to the orphans in the envelopes which will be provided at all the Masses?

Wishing each and every one of you, for myself and for the little orphans at Nazareth, a most happy Christmas, and promising our prayers in all our Christmas Masses for you who contribute to this needy fund, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Vincent S. Waters*  
Bishop of Raleigh