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Lauds Encyclical As Most Dynamic

NOTRE DAME, Ind. —(NC)—The Encyclical Mater et Magistra "is the most dynamic and effective anticommunist document ever to come from the Holy See," a priest-editor said here.

This is true because of the Encyclical's "dominantly positive approach to the life-and-death challenges of our times," said Father Benjamin L. Masse, S.J., associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly review. He spoke (May 6) at a symposium sponsored by Notre Dame University's economics department.

The Jesuit editor told some 200 persons attending the symposium that part of the "turbulent scene" of this era is the tremendous impact of science and industry on

agriculture, plus the "twin threats of communism and nuclear war." See Encyclical, page 6A

Congratulations! Our Sunday Visitor

Today marks the 50th anniversary since the first issue of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR appeared.

Read the story of Archbishop Noll's little Sunday Bulletin which became the national Catholic weekly with a circulation of 1 million. (OSV, p. 1) Also (OSV, p. 4) read the second installment of the life of St. Martin de Porres; it's almost a revelation.

Council Seen As Means For Rebirth

OTTAWA, Ont. — (NC) — Catholics should not look upon the coming Second Vatican Council as a "summit conference" among all Christian religions but as a means for the interior rebirth of the Church, the administrative board of the Canadian Catholic Conference said here.

At the same time the 10 members of the hierarchy composing the board said that priests and laymen should not hesitate to give their bishops suggestions in regard to things they would like to see discussed at the council.

The Bishops on the board of the CCC, which is the secretariat of the Canadian Hierarchy, stated that Christian unity will undoubtedly be an important concern of the council. But they stressed that the council must first consider a preliminary question: "the interior renewal of the Church."

The statement first explains what an ecumenical council is. It then discusses the forthcoming council and its relation to Christian unity and the modern world. It concludes with an explanation of the duties of Christians in regard to the council.

"An ecumenical council," the Bishops state, "is an assembly of all the Bishops of the Catholic Church who, in union with the supreme head of the episcopal body and under his authority, gather to study questions of faith, of morals, of discipline, of government, of ecclesiastical organization. Besides, should the occasion arise, they may define dogmas, enact laws, and lay down directives for the Christian way of life and for the apostolate."

In the council opening October 11, the statement continues, "the Church will consider its own image, reaffirm its faith, and adapt certain elements of its legislation and sanctifying action to modern circumstances."

"The approaching council," it adds, "will facilitate the disclosure and application of appropriate measures for the salvation of the modern world."

In speaking of the council's approach toward Christian unity, the Canadian Bishops say:

"When discussing the council, the Holy Father, Roman officials, and the news sources of many countries have stressed this idea of the reunion of all Christians. At the same time, without lessening their concern for Christian unity, these same authorities point out that there still remains a preliminary question, namely, the interior renewal of the Church."



MONSIGNOR FREEMAN, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro, seen with Bishop Vincent S. Waters and Fr. Charles O'Connor, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Wilmington, attended the dedication of St. Mary's in 1912 and preached at the parish Golden Jubilee last Tuesday evening. (Photo, courtesy SECO)

Wilmington Jubilee Recalls Church Growth

WILMINGTON — As a young seminarian the Reverend Mr. Arthur Raine Freeman attended the dedication of St. Mary Church at Fifth and Ann on April 28, 1912. This past Tuesday, May 1, Monsignor Freeman, new Vicar General of the Raleigh Diocese, preached at St. Mary's Golden Anniversary pontifical Mass, offered by Bishop Vincent S. Waters.

"Today," quoted the Monsignor, "salvation is come to this house."

He recalled the history of Catholicity in this port city of North Carolina: St. Thomas Church was built in 1847; in 1868 Vicar Apostolic James Gibbons came to minister the scattered flock of 700 Catholics in North Carolina; Thomas Frederick Price, founder of Maryknoll, was ordained in St. Thomas in 1886; in 1888, now as Cardinal, James Gibbons preached in St. Thomas at the installation of Bishop Leo Haid, O.S.B., Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina and Abbot Ordinary of Belmont Abbey.

Again in 1912 Cardinal Gibbons returned to Wilmington to preside at the dedication of the new St. Mary Church.

It was likewise in St. Thomas at Wilmington that Cardinal Gibbons in 1876 started writing his famous exposition of Catholicism, "Faith of Our Fathers."

At the parish banquet which followed the Jubilee Mass, Bishop

Vincent S. Waters congratulated the Catholics of Wilmington for their long tradition of loyalty, faith, and devotion to the Church.

"Possibly," said the Bishop, "the first Mass in North Carolina was offered a short distance from here at one of the early Spanish settlements on the Cape Fear."

For many years during the colonial era, the bishop continued, this area was administered by the Diocese of London, until the establishment of Baltimore as a diocese.

In 1820 the Carolinas came under the newly founded episcopal see of Charleston whose bishops in those early days frequently visited Wilmington.

"Finally the day came," said Bishop Waters in reference to the appointment of James Gibbons as Vicar Apostolic, "when a bishop was sent to Wilmington. Then Wilmington really was Catholic."

Bishop Gibbons stayed on at Wilmington, administering the See Jubilee, page 7A



BISHOP'S RESIDENCE

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My dear Brethren:

One of the most beloved words in any language is the name of "Mother." With the sounding of that word there comes before the mind's eye all those dear relationships between mother and child, and the response of the child to the love of the mother. Fathers and mothers are unique gifts of God, and planned especially for each of us by His own Infinite Intelligence and Infinite loving Heart. According to a very wonderful custom, this year on the 13th of May we celebrate in this country Mother's Day, on which we think of our own mothers here on earth or those who have already gone to God. Among these mothers, of course, is the Mother of us all, who became so by giving birth to the Eternal Son of God. She is the greatest gift of Our Blessed Lord to the world and the Ideal of every virgin and mother on earth.

On this day in North Carolina, we think also of the needs of our Bureau of Catholic Social Services which is trying to supply for the needy families and children of those families the love, the direction, the supervision, and the idealism possessed by a good, human mother, with all the spirituality which we try to imitate in the Mother of God.

Monsignor Begley, our Diocesan Director of Catholic Social Services, with the help of Father Donohue, Sister Amadeus, and the other Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity are kept busy the year around, providing foster homes, maternity care, counseling, and actual clothes, food, and support, for many hundred cases of needy people throughout the Diocese of Raleigh. Even with the small figure of 1% among the general population, we Catholics, through the work of the Catholic Social Services, are trying to give a service that would be worthy of some of the larger Archdioceses of the country.

You, the people of this diocese, have been generous to this needy expression of God's love through our priests and sisters. We hope that again this year, on the day on which we remember our mothers in a special way, you will remember the agency which is trying to be the mother of the poor and the needy in the Raleigh diocese, and be generous in your contribution to the collection which will be taken up in all the churches on May 13th, Mother's Day.

Wishing each and every one of you God's choicest blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent S. Waters

Bishop of Raleigh



GOLDEN JUBILEE for St. Mary's Church, Wilmington, coincided with the Centennial of the Belmont Mercy Sisters who arrived in the Tar Heel port in 1862 to nurse war and yellow fever victims. They stayed on to take up the cause of education. Fr. Charles O'Connor, pastor of St. Mary's, is shown giving a check for \$1,000 to Mother M. Benignus, a gift of thanks from parish societies towards the Belmont motherhouse building fund. Sisters Hildegard and Kathleen smile approval. Parishioners of St. Mary's gave hospitality to the many Mercy teaching sisters who returned for the jubilee April 28. (Photo, courtesy of SECO)

Clergy Meets Scheduled

RALEIGH — Priests from throughout North Carolina will meet at four regional centers May 10 and May 17 for two-hour Education Research Institutes.

Following by two weeks the National Catholic Educational Convention in Detroit, the diocesan-wide workshops will aim at briefing the clergy on latest educational techniques and problems.

Fathers James McSweeney, vice chancellor, and Robert Wilken, NCC editor, will conduct the May 10 institutes at Greensboro and Raleigh.

Greensboro area clergy will meet 2-4 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Auditorium. At Raleigh the workshop will be held in the Nazareth Orphanage Auditorium.

Monsignor Edward Gilbert, diocesan superintendent of Schools and his assistant, Fr. Rod O'Connor will conduct the respective workshops at Goldsboro St. Mary School Auditorium, and at St. Gabriel's center in Charlotte.

25 Years In The Vineyard

Fr. Stephen Sullivan, pastor of Holy Angels Church, Mt. Airy, ordained May 22, 1937. Fr. John Brown, pastor of St. Eugene's Church in Asheville, ordained May 22, 1937. Ad multos annos!