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New Encyclical Asks Penance, Works Of Mercy And Prayer

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VATICAN CITY — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has issued an encyclical calling for the practice of penance by the world's Catholics in preparation for the coming ecumenical council.

In the seventh encyclical of his reign, entitled *Paenitentiam Agere* (To Do Penance), Pope John also called on the world's bishops to institute a solemn novena in honor of the Holy Spirit to invoke the blessings of divine grace on the Fathers of the council.

The encyclical was made public July 5, but was dated July 1, the feast of the Most Precious Blood. Its Latin text contains about 3,500 words.

The Pope stressed that Christ explicitly taught the need for the practice of penance and that the Church has always considered it indispensable "for the perfection of its sons and its better future."

The Pontiff recalled that in the document convoking the ecumenical council, he had urged all Catholics to prepare for it by prayer, the practice of the normal Chris-

tian virtues and voluntary mortification.

The encyclical pointed out that "if we consult the books of the Old and New Testaments, we shall notice that every occasion of a more solemn encounter between God and humanity — to express Ourselves in human terms — has always been preceded by a more persuasive reminder to pray and to do penance."

Noting that Moses, the Prophets and the Apostles all emphasized the need for penance, the encyclical declared:

"It is the duty and need of all Christians to do violence to themselves, either to drive away their own spiritual enemies or to preserve their baptismal innocence, or to renew a life of grace that has been lost by transgressing the divine precepts . . .

"The Church, beloved spouse of the Divine Saviour, has always remained in itself holy and immaculate by means of the Faith which enlightens it, of the sacraments which sanctify it, the laws which govern it and the many members who adorn it with the beauty of heroic virtues.

"But there are also deaf chil-

dren who, forgetful of their vocation and of their election, mar this interior heavenly beauty within themselves and whose lives do not reflect the divine likeness of Jesus Christ."

After pointing out that the popes of the past have recommended the special practice of penance on the eve of ecumenical councils, Pope John mentioned specific practices that can be followed throughout the world.

First, he urged the world's bishops to institute a solemn novena of prayer to the Holy Spirit that the council Fathers may be showered with heavenly gifts and grace. He added that a plenary indulgence could be attached to this novena to be gained by everyone taking part in it under the usual conditions.

Moreover, the Pope said, "it will also be fitting to organize in individual dioceses a propitiatory penitential function. This will be a fervent invitation, which will be accompanied by special series of sermons, to perform works of mercy and to practice penance by means of which the faithful will seek to propitiate Almighty God"

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law school official states:

Prayer Case Ruling Act Of 'Modern Inquisitors'

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The justice of the U.S. Supreme Court became "modern inquisitors" when they ruled recitation of official state prayers in public schools was unconstitutional, a law school official said here.

The comment came from Thomas J. O'Toole, vice dean of the Villanova (Pa.) University law school, at an institute on church-state relations at Wesley Theological Seminary, a Methodist institution.

O'TOOLE SAID he rates the court's decision as giving "a theological reading to a civil ordinance — the non-establishment clause of the first amendment."

Cardinal Panico Dies In Italy

TRICASE, Italy — (NC) — Giovanni Cardinal Panico, member of the Vatican administrative staff and veteran papal diplomat, died suddenly during a visit to his home town here in southern Italy.

The 67-year-old former Apostolic Delegate to Canada died July 7 after suffering a heart attack. His death leaves membership in the Sacred College of Cardinals at 86, including 29 Italians.

Death came to the Cardinal less than four months after he had been made a Prince of the Church by His Holiness Pope John XXIII at the consistory of March 19. At the time of his elevation he was serving as Apostolic Nuncio to Portugal.

The decision, he said, reflects a "not very subtle, indeed, alarmingly rapid, transformation of the spirit of the American system of church-state relations."

He said the United States has enjoyed a "very special kind" of church-state separation. "Ours was not a separation against religion or against any church or churches," he said.

"RATHER, IT was a friendly, fruitful and cooperative recognition of the distinction of function, means and leadership," he added.

O'Toole noted the extemporaneous remarks of Justice Hugo Black from the bench during the reading of the courts formal opinion. Black wrote the courts majority decision.

Black said that the genius of the first amendment is that each man should pray from his soul and from his soul alone.

THIS THOUGHT, O'Toole said, "represents an attempt to construe to the first amendment a particular theological viewpoint." He also said the court ignored traditional guides, such as the doctrine that decisions of unconstitutionality "are to be avoided if at all possible."

O'Toole said the majority of the court "played the role of modern inquisitors, overzealous to crush non-separation heresy."

"I fear," he added, "that we are being introduced to a doctrine of 19th century, European-style separation of church and state—one not friendly, but hostile, to churches."



DOMINICAN Father Walter Jerome Tierney who served twenty-three years in Raleigh, both as pastor and as mission director, left last week for his new assignment at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, 1087 E. Gardinia Avenue, Madison Heights, a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. Fr. Tierney who has been a priest for over thirty years said on leaving North Carolina: "You can't brush away 23 years of your life and leave it as though it were nothing." He added: "Life in Raleigh has been very satisfying; I'm going to miss the people here, and the parish (St. Monica)."

Bishop Urges Laity To Greater Action

WORCESTER, MASS — (NC) — Catholics should not sit around waiting for answers to the theological questions on the role of the laity, but should put into action programs already outlined by the Popes, a bishop said here.

Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Worcester said at the Northeast Regional Parish Leaders' Training Institute that the future could be an age of "wonderful opportunity" for the Church "if the 'sleeping giant,' as the laity has been called, can be roused to action."

THE BISHOP conceded that in regard to the role of the laity in the life of the Church there are many theological questions still to be answered, but he added:

"It is not necessary for us to sit around and wait for more specific answers to some of these theological questions. Rather we must continue to build on the progress already made, take action on the programs already clearly outlined and follow the directives already given by the Popes and Bishops for engagement in the life and operation of the Church."

Bishop Flanagan stated that because of the general emphasis being placed on the laity's role in the Church the coming second Vatican Council "will unquestionably discuss and, hopefully, give more

precise definition and direction to the layman and his role in the church."

The bishop then stated that "great strides" have been made in encouraging the laity to a more active life in the church.

"WE HAVE roused our laity from the passivity that too long characterized them," he said. "We have gradually, though not completely, gotten through to them the meaning of their vocation as Christians and the responsibilities of that vocation in terms of apostolic work. We have overcome some of the mistrust and reluctance of the clergy to admit that the laity can exercise this vocation effectively and without upsetting the established order of authority in the Church."

Delegates from eight archdioceses in the Northeast attended the training institute, sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men and affiliated diocesan councils.

Cardinal Named Protector

VATICAN CITY — (Radio-NC) — James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, has been named protector of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi, whose motherhouse is at Humboldt, Canada.

Council Procedure Sketched By NCWC Rome Correspondent

By James I. Tucek
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

VATICAN CITY — The coming council will be a working assembly requiring most of its participants to follow a probable seven-hour day, five-day week schedule.

The present physical and financial arrangements for the council are the work of the Technical-Organizational Commission and the Administrative Secretariat.

But after the initial solemnities are completed, the determination of the daily working schedule will depend in great part upon the current studies of the Subcommittee for Regulations. The council Fathers themselves, once assembled, may make amendments to the working schedule proposed by the subcommittee.

Just what the Subcommittee for Regulations will propose or what changes the council Fathers may make cannot be known until the council is underway. But, after

all is said and done, they may be expected to return to what is already a proven schedule: namely, that which was followed by the Central Preparatory Commission.

This was the working schedule of the Central Preparatory Commission.

All assembled in the meeting hall at 9:15 a.m. A bell sounded at 9:30 calling the meeting to order. Work continued until 11:15 when there was a 10-minute recess and refreshments were served. At 11:30 work was resumed and continued until 1:30 p.m.

Those who were assigned to special subcommissions returned in the afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and worked until 7:00.

At the beginning, the central commission worked only five days a week with Thursdays and Sundays off. Later, when the pressure of work required it, they met six days a week with only Sunday off. At this time also they met both morning and evening: from 9:30 until 1:30, and from 5:00 until 7:00.

There will certainly be subcommissions in the coming council, just as there were subcommissions in the First Vatican Council. These subcommissions probably will follow the same structure as the preparatory commissions which have submitted material for the council's agenda.

The subcommissions would be: on theology, on bishops and the government of dioceses, on the discipline of clergy and faithful, on sacraments, on the liturgy, on studies and seminaries, on Oriental churches, on missions, on the lay apostolate, on Christian unity and on communication media.

These subcommissions may be expected to meet in the afternoon to discuss and prepare their special material for the plenary assemblies in the morning.

Apart from the number of hours and the number of days that the council Fathers might meet, the Subcommittee for Regulations will also establish rules of

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MARYKNOLL SEMINARIANS this summer have conducted CCD teacher training, youth leadership, and Bible Study courses at Durham's St. Theresa of Avila Parish. Seminarians John Gorski, William Ruppert, and Lawrence Louis teamed up with parishioners Richard Fowler, Robert Edwards, and Clarence Ruffin in carrying on CCD apostolate work throughout the entire parish. All three members of the Maryknoll Foreign Mission Society are major seminarians and look forward to ordination as Maryknoll Missioners.