

Ohio Seminar Calls for Dialogue within Church

LOVELAND, Ohio — A group of Catholic leaders — laymen, priests and Religious — agreed here that there is need for emphasis on dialogue within the Church as well as between the Church and other faiths.

This was one of the major conclusions arising from a five-day seminar on "The Church and the World," held at the U.S. headquarters of the Grail, international women's lay apostolate movement.

SOME 50 PERSONS, including theologians, educators, diocesan officials, an d leaders of lay organizations, took part in the seminar. Father Charles Davis, English theologian, author and editor of the London monthly Clergy Review, provided a focus for discussion with a series of nine lectures.

Emerging from the discussions, according to Father Gerard Sloyan, head of the religious education department at the Catholic University of America and immediate past president of the national Liturgical Conference, was the conviction that there is a need for more free discussion by Catholics of the issues being weighed by the bishops at the ecumenical council.

CALLING the seminar "a stimulus and a shaping force," he suggested that "things like this need to be happening around the world while the council is going on if its decrees are going to have effect."

Msgr. Daniel J. Tarrant, chairman of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Coordinating Commission for Sacred Music, Liturgy, and Art, echoed Father Sloyan's opinion.

"It's a fact of history," said Msgr. Tarrant, "that right down to the 19th and even the 20th century, the Church was still struggling to put the reforms of the Council of Trent into effect."

He expressed the fear that without dialogue "among the key people" in each diocese, the present council may prove to have been "a grand spectacle."

Father Francis Nead, chairman

of the theology department at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., added the suggestion that "the dialogue within the Church needs to be structured" — put on a formal basis. "The whole Church should be talking," he said.

Father Davis also endorsed the idea of giving new emphasis to "dialogue within the Church," and commented that the present structure of diocese and parish makes it difficult. An organization as complex as the Church requires "a whole series of different levels," he said.

THE THEOLOGIAN warned, however, against "looking to the council for a blueprint" of parish reorganization. "I think that in this area, as in many others, what we really want from the council is a great flexibility for development and experiment," he declared.



AT 97 YEARS, Father Alexis Clifford McLoughlin is said to be the oldest living member of the Society of Jesus. He lives in retirement at St. Charles College, a novitiate at Grand Coteau, La. He has outlived doctors who, 77 years ago, said he would not be able to become a Jesuit because of his health. (NC Photo)

In Louisiana

English in Sacraments Receives Warm Welcome

BATON ROUGE, La. —(NC)— Reaction to use of English in administration of the sacraments and sacramentals has been predominantly favorable, a check-up throughout the Baton Rouge diocese has disclosed.

Although the use of English in such rites went into effect generally throughout the U.S. only on Sept. 14, the practice was started in this diocese on July 13 through permission of Bishop Robert E. Tracy.

A sampling of some of the comments: "I have a deeper understanding and greater feeling of personal participation in the ceremonies."

"It's no longer so much mumbo-jumbo."
—"For children, the meaning of

religion will be somewhat easier."
—"Now that I know what's going on, everything means much more."

"My non-Catholic friends do not feel so strange now when they attend Catholic ceremonies with me."

ONE PRIEST made a practical suggestion regarding confession. He said if the penitent is reciting the act of contrition while the priest is giving absolution, he will not hear the comforting words of the ritual. He suggested that the act of contrition be recited before the penitent enters the confessional.

Several priests mentioned that in making sick calls, they observed a greater appreciation among the people. The priests said the sick now are able to respond to the prayers in English, while the Latin version had little meaning for them.

A number reported that the new practice has made a great impression upon non-Catholics, now able to understand more of the Catholic ceremonies.

which concern the exercise of episcopal authority, you realize that this is done for the good of the entire Church, for the Church which has proportionately greater need of centralized leadership as its worldwide extension becomes more complete, as more serious dangers and more pressing needs threaten the Christian people in the varying circumstances of history, and, we may add, as more rapid means of communication become operative in modern times.

Pope Opens Third Session

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liberations on this subject will certainly be what distinguishes this solemn and historic synod in the memory of future ages," Pope Paul declared.

The Second Vatican Council has already made history by the pope's declared intention of bringing women into its deliberations and by the actual presence of delegated

observers from other Christian churches and communities.

Although the pope expressly welcomed these "first women in history to participate in a conciliar assembly" in his speech, their names had not yet been announced.

THE POPE ALSO addressed non-Catholic observers, begging them not "to take it in bad part"

when he invited them to "enter into the fullness of truth and charity."

Just as the Second Vatican Council will balance the First Vatican Council's definition of papal primacy with a clarification of the role of the bishops in the universal church, Pope Paul balanced his own affirmation of the authority of the bishops with a forthright assertion of the pope's authority and of the church's need for centralization. He said:

"If our apostolic duty obliges us to impose restrictions, to define terms, to prescribe modes of action, to regulate the methods

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Science Grant Made To Belmont Sister

Sister Mary Anne, R.S.M. of Sacred Heart Junior College in Belmont has received a grant from the National Science Foundation and the Atomic Energy Commission for a year of Advanced study in Biology with emphasis in Radiation Genetics. This includes full tuition, living expenses plus travel, and book coverage. Sister Mary Anne will study at the University of Syracuse at Syracuse. This grant presupposes the equivalent of a Masters Degree.

'Catholic' Hour Is Rescheduled

Beginning Sunday, October 4, 1964, and weekly thereafter, the NBC Radio Network will reschedule the CATHOLIC HOUR from its present time period of 2:30-3:00 p.m., to 1:05-1:30 p.m.

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