

Fourth Session Predicted

CINCINNATI — Before leaving here to attend the third session of the Second Vatican Council, Cincinnati's Archbishop Karl J. Alter predicted a fourth session will be needed to complete the council's work.

"I don't see how it would be possible to finish the work already outlined for the council in the session ahead. But I believe it can be done in one more session," the archbishop said in an interview on the eve of his departure.

Archbishop Alter noted that the

third session is scheduled to conclude Nov. 20 to enable many of the bishops to attend the 38th International Eucharistic Congress which opens in Bombay, India, Nov. 28.

When asked about reports of Jewish criticism of the proposed statement on relations between Jews and Christians after the confidential text had been disclosed in the public press, Archbishop Alter said:

"It is unrealistic to anticipate the action of the Vatican Council, which has not yet met for deliberation in its third session. No one knows what modifications may be made in the text of reports to be submitted to the bishops for consideration."

"The Church has always taught," the archbishop continued, "that Christ died for the sins of all men, our own included. The Church has never in the past and does not now attribute responsibility for the death of Christ to the Jewish nation as such, and not even to all its leaders; most certainly it does not do so in respect to succeeding generations, who were not yet born."

HE ADDED that "the Church, moreover, reprobates any ill will, hatred, or persecution of any individual, group, race, or nation."

"Christ taught that we must love all men without exception," he said. "The Church expresses its gratitude to the 'People of God' of the old Testament, from whose ranks came Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, the apostles, and many thousands of early Christians."

"The Church expresses moreover her intense sorrow that the Jewish people have suffered persecution and indignities in the past, and repudiates any attitudes which might lead to anti-Semitism."

Religion is not the only factor which leads to social cleavage and conflict; history, both of the past and of our contemporary period, bears ample witness to this fact."

Archbishop Alter said he expects council action in defining more clearly the role of the laity in the Church. In this respect, he said, "the council perhaps will point out the responsibility which rests on all members of the Church for the expansion and extension of the kingdom of God."

DISCUSSING the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy adopted at the council's second session and promulgated by Pope Paul VI, the archbishop said he was "gratified" to have had a part in ratifying the liturgical changes.

He admitted that the possibility of Mass in the language of the people had seemed extremely remote a couple of decades ago, but added that the change is "most welcome."

He called use of English in the Mass "a real and genuine advance toward getting the whole congregation involved in the Mass as a community action."

As for the liturgical renewal in the Cincinnati archdiocese, "we're on our way," said the archbishop. "Participation by the people will continue to grow in the coming years," he added.

"We'll not be able to have high Masses in English in all probability for some time," he said, "because we don't have the proper music yet that will fit the text."

When Masses in English begin, Nov. 29, cards will be available in all churches with the complete text in English on one side, and with hymns in English on the other. Congregational singing of hymns, said the archbishop, will be encouraged and will serve as an introduction to congregational singing of the high Mass when it is inaugurated.

At Butner

Clergy Institute On Retardation Set For October

The Second Ministers' Institute will be conducted at Murdoch Center, Butner, North Carolina, Monday-Tuesday, October 5-6, 1964.

Theme for the two-day Institute will be "The Church and Mental Retardation." Resource persons, in addition to the staff at Murdoch Center, will be: The Reverend Warren Carr, Pastor, Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham; Dr. Sam O. Cornwell, Deputy Director of Mental Retardation, North Carolina Department of Mental Health; and Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas, Director, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Carr will speak on: "The Pastor Looks at Mental Retardation." Dr. Cornwell's address will be: "Current Trends in Mental Retardation." Theme of Dr. Keith-Lucas' three lectures will be: "Christian Maturity and the Helping Process."

This two-day Institute, sponsored by Murdoch Center, of the Department of Mental Health in cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Churches, and the Diocese of Raleigh, is being coordinated by the Reverend Milton P. Snyder, Chaplain at Murdoch Center.

Murdoch Center, a state institution for care, treatment and training of mentally retarded persons, has over 1500 residents and receives applications from 21 counties in the central part of North Carolina.

Dr. J. F. Elliott, Superintendent of Murdoch Center, announced that all ministers, church-related vocational workers and other interested persons are invited to attend the Institute.

Anyone desiring further information may write Chaplain Snyder regarding advance registration.

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Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

CENTURIES OF EROSION BY WIND AND RAIN FORMED THE CURIOUS "ROCK CHURCHES" IN CENTRAL TURKEY, USED FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES UNTIL THE 14TH CENTURY. MANY OF THE CHURCHES BOAST SPLENDID BYZANTINE DECORATIONS.

IN THE MIDDLE AGES MANY OF THE LARGER MONASTERIES HAD A SPECIAL ABBOTS KITCHEN, WHERE MEALS WERE PREPARED FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF THE COMMUNITY.



THIS EXAMPLE FORBUILT FOR GLASTONBURY ABBEY IN BRITAIN.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND THERE WERE NO ORANGE TREES IN ITALY UNTIL THE 13TH CENTURY, WHEN THE FIRST ONE WAS PLANTED BY ST DOMINIC IN THE GARDEN OF ST SABINA'S CHURCH IN ROME. THIS TREE IS STILL FLOURISHING THERE TO-DAY.



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