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Moralist Predicts

No Radical Change In Family Teaching

CHICAGO — (NC) — A member of the papal commission studying birth control and family questions counseled people "not to expect something like change" in the Church's teaching on these issues.

"Faith and knowledge can develop, but there can be no turning back, no simple change" that contradicts previous teaching, declared Father Bernard Haering, C.S.S.R., in an interview.

"Whatever happens, it will be in the direction of going ahead. And it would be unwise for me to draw conclusions which I do not yet see."

FATHER HAERING, besides being a member of the papal commission on family questions, is a secretary of the subcommission in charge of the ecumenical council's schema on the Church in the modern world, where the question of married love is considered. He is a German moral theologian who teaches in Rome.

He predicted in the interview that Pope Paul VI will "say something to direct the consciences of people" after the papal commission finishes its study of family questions.

But in the meantime, he added, "no one should anticipate what the solution will be." He did not speculate as to when the Pope would speak.

He said the norms set forth by Pope Pius XII in 1958, condemning the use of anovulant pills for contraceptive purposes, must be "observed in a reasonable, not rigid, manner."

Father Haering remarked that the large family is an ideal, if all conditions are favorable — but the responsibility for making this decision rests not with a government or a confessor but with each individual couple.

He said he sees no conflict between the work of the papal commission and that of the ecumenical council sub-commission dealing with the schema on the Church in the world.

"IN MY OPINION," he said, "the council will give only great directions for the future. It would be unfortunate if the council entered into the casuistic questions of our year, which may no longer be important in a few years."

He said all currents of theological opinion are represented on the papal commission and it is unfair to suggest that only conservative thought has a voice there.

On the question of the council and religious liberty, Father Haering said the effort led by American bishops to get a preliminary vote on the issue at the close of the council's third session, although it did not achieve its immediate ob-

jective, was nevertheless a "real success."

Father Haering predicted that the new draft of the council declaration on religious liberty, now in preparation, will be "better balanced and less apologetic" than its predecessor. He said it would not seek to "whitewash" instances of Catholic failure in the past to respect religious liberty.

He also expressed the view that several of the documents already adopted by the council, including the constitutions on the Church, the liturgy and ecumenism, embody the spirit of freedom. Others still to come, like the schema on the Church in the world and the schema on seminary training, do the same, he indicated.

In New Encyclical

Pope Appeals for Peace

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has issued an encyclical letter calling for increased prayers to Mary during the month of May for the Church and for world peace because "the present hour is especially grave."

The Pope's encyclical letter, Mense Maio (The Month of May), was issued April 30 and though it included the success of the ecumenical council among the inten-

tions to be prayed for, the letter devoted more than 80% of its text to peace.

THE SECOND encyclical of Pope Paul's reign opens by noting that May is marked by special devotion to Mary by Catholics and that it is to Mary that Catholics have turned "whenever the needs of the Church demanded it or whenever danger hovered men-

acingly over the world . . . when we look at the present needs of the Church or at the state of peace in the world, we have compelling reason for believing that the present hour is especially grave; that it makes a call for united prayer from the whole Christian people more than ever a matter of urgency."

Nowhere in his letter did Pope Paul specify what areas of unrest he was referring to. Instead he chose to speak generally of the

The full text of 'Mense Maio' appears in the magazine section of this issue.

world picture and to protest against breaches of the peace wherever they are to be found. He wrote:

"TODAY, AS if no lesson had been learned from the tragic experiences of the two conflicts which shed blood in the first half of our century, we have the dreadful spectacle in certain parts of the world of antagonism on the increase between peoples, and see repeated the dangerous phenomenon of recourse to arms instead of to negotiation to settle disputes of the opposing parties. This means that the populations of entire nations are subjected to unspeakable sufferings caused by agitation, guerrilla warfare, acts of war, ever growing in extent and intensity, which could at any moment produce the spark for a terrible fresh conflict."

The Pope appealed to the See Encyclical, page 2A



SISTER LUKE ADDRESSES PROTESTANT WOMEN — Sister Mary Luke, the only American nun among women auditors at the third session of the Second Vatican Council, visits with Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., wife of the famed civil rights leader, and Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, president of the United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, during a New York ecumenical event of unprecedented nature. For the first time, Roman Catholic women were invited to such a UCW function, with about 100 from the nearby area attending a luncheon. Sister Luke, chairman of the Conference of Major Superiors of Women and superior general of the Sisters of Loretto, addressed the gathering, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the UCW Board of Managers. Mrs. King, a member of the Board of Managers and a concert singer, presented vocal selections.

Legion of Mary Reveals Plans for Congress Saturday

GREENSBORO—Auxiliary Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m., May 15, in Our Lady of Grace Church to open the Legion of Mary Congress here.

The program for the morning also includes an address of welcome by Rt. Rev. Hugh A. Dolan, Spiritual Director of the Central Curia, and an opening prayer by Rev. Thomas Caulfield, Spiritual Director of the Baltimore Senatus.

"The Legion of Mary—A Leaven in the Community" will be the theme of the first session. Mr. Robert A. Wiggs, President of the North Carolina Comitium, will serve as chairman, and Monsignor Dolan will act as moderator.

Following lunch in the Towne House Restaurant and the recitation of the Legion Catena, the second session will begin at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Robert Ford will be chairman and Rev. John Barry, of Franklin, N.C., will be moderator for the discussion of "How the Legion of Mary Can Help the Culturally Deprived."

The last session, dealing with the challenge which the Legion presents to Catholic youth, will be followed by Benediction at 4:15 p.m. All the business sessions will be held at Our Lady of Grace School, 2201 West Market Street.

OFFICIAL

The following appointments, effective immediately, are announced through the Diocesan Chancery:

Rt. Rev. Michael J. Begley is appointed Diocesan Director of the Cursillo for Women.

Rev. Walter Sullivan is appointed Assistant Diocesan Director of the Cursillo for Women.

James E. McSweeney
Chancellor



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My Dear Brethren:

We of the Diocese belong to one Spiritual Family. Sometimes the older members of that Spiritual Family, the Priests, need our help.

Some of our Priests are so devoted to spiritual work that they often forget themselves and their ultimate needs of the temporal order. Actually there are very few Priests anywhere who die with much of this world's goods. Most of them are buried out of the charity of their parish, or with some meager funds that they or the Diocese has saved. At times, they are sick or disabled and unable to do work for God and souls, and this makes them even more dependent upon all the members of our Spiritual Family.

Priests seldom can save much from their \$75.00 or \$100.00 a month salary, but they are rich in the love and appreciation of the people of our Diocesan Family, as Priests everywhere. It is for these reasons that once a year, as head of this Family, we permit a collection in the parishes for the Aged and Infirm Priests who are dependent upon our generosity because of ill health or accidental cause.

Our people each year have been generous to this collection for their Priests, and we hope this year, as always, you will be generous on May 9th when the collection will be taken up for the Priests of the Diocese who need our combined help after age and infirmity have limited or prevented their missionary apostolate of souls in the Church.

With sincere appreciation of your generosity over the years to every cause, and hoping that God will bless us with vocations to the Priesthood, and that we will be able to assist those who grow old in His Service, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vincent J. Statur
Bishop of Raleigh

Says Reds Lead Dominican Rebellion

Miami, Fla. — (NC) — A Jesuit educator caught in Santo Domingo during the Dominican fighting said after his return here that the rebellion is definitely "communist in character."

Father Jesus Nuevo, S.J., principal of Jesuit Preparatory School here, had gone to Santo Domingo for an educational meeting.

"The communist agitators took immediate advantage of the situation when the so-called Constitutionalist rebellion began and seized the opportunity to create chaos and to take the upper-hand," said the priest who was stationed in Cuba but expelled by the Castro regime several years ago.

(Father Nuevo was interviewed two days before President Johnson went on nationwide television (May 2) to charge that "communist conspirators" had seized control of the rebellion and that the United States would not tolerate another Red government in this hemisphere.)

Father Nuevo had no doubt that a link existed between Fidel Castro in Havana and the rebellious troops and civilians in Santo Domingo. He said the radio controlled by the troops fighting the rebels had reported that telephone calls had been intercepted between the rebels and Havana.

The Jesuit said casualties in the fighting were high. Hospitals in the capital city, he said, were crowded with wounded and that students at the Jesuit seminary of Santo Tomas had volunteered as hospital aides.