Vatican and Lutheran Body Name Ecumenical Study Group

Vatican City - (NC) - The ed to the new international workederation have set up a joint orking group to explore the posbilities of future contacts beween the two communions.

The 14-member body is the ist in which the Roman Catholic hurch is dealing with another hurch at a world level. The anuncement of its establishment ras made simultaneously (July 5) y the Vatican Secretariat for Prooting Christian Unity here and y Lutheran World Federation eadquarters in Geneva.

The announcement came one ay before the start of the first nal theological discussions held Baltimore between representas of the U.S. Bishops' Commisfor Ecumenical Affairs and of e U.S. National Lutheran Counil Two of the participants in the ltimore conversations were nam-

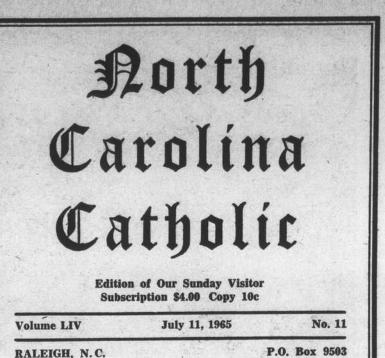


WEWLY ARRIVED in the Diocese of Raleigh is the Reverend loseph Maule, OSFS, (Oblate of St. Francis de Sales). Ordained n 1943, Father Maule has been high school teacher throughut most of his priesthood, and was most recently stationed at St. Peter's, Onancock, Virginia. Presently he is in residence at st. Lawrence's Church, Asheof Washington, Secretary of the Bishop's Commission on Ecumenism, and the Rev. Warren A. Quanbeck, professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Earlier this year, the Unity Secretariat named representatives to joint committee for consultations with the World Council of Churches, which while composed of over 100 Orthodox, Anglican activity will be limited to study-Churches.

The Lutheran World Federation toly See and the Lutheran World ing group: Msgr. William W. Baum is a free association of Lutheran Churches. While it has no power to legislate for them or to interfere with their full autonomy, it can act as their agent in matters they assign to it. There are more than 80 million Lutherans in the world, and 53 million of them belong to churches which are members of the LWF.

> and Protestant Churches is not en-titled to speak for any one of them. The establishment of the and action between the Federa-Catholic-Lutheran working body tion and the Roman Catholicwas seen as setting a precedent Church, and to making recommen-with representatives of other dations to authorities of the respective churches.



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LONDON, Ont .- (NC)-The "absolute indifference of the free world" has helped ease the way for stepped up religious persecution in the Soviet Union, according to a new study published here.

The document charges that the current Soviet "antireligious cam-paign of terror" is being carried out "relentlessly" and aims at "the total and final annihilation of all religious institutions in the near future.

The study, a 12-page booklet en-titled "Religious Persecution in the U.S.S.R.," is the work of the Very Rev. Dimitry Konstantinow, pastor of St. Mary's Russian Ortho-dox church in Maynard, Mass. He is a former professor of literature and journalism at the University of Leningrad who left the Soviet Union in 1944 and became an Orthodox priest in Germany. The booklet was published by

S.B.O.N.R., an organization of anti-communist Russian exiles. An introductory note says it is based on reports in the Soviet press and communications by Christians in the U.S.S.R. to the Orthodox Patriarchs of Constantinople and An-tioch and the secretary general of the United Nations.

The report says that, finding religion thriving in the Soviet Union during and after World War II, the communists turned first to antireligious propaganda and then, in late 1959 and early 1960, to "more decisive measures" against

persecution takes, the are forbidden. religious document lists the following:

-Monasteries and churches are closed "on all kinds of pretexts." By the beginning of 1964 their number was only half that of 1958.

-Missionary work and the teaching of the Scriptures to children are forbidden and sermons are subject to censorship. -Religious services outside offi- to be baptized.

Among the forms which current cially recognized places of worship

-Religious organizations are forbidden to perform any charitable or social work.

Children and young people aged 3 to 18 are forbidden to attend religious services or to receive Communion. Children over the age of one-and-a-half are not

-Threats and social and economic pressure are used on individual believers to force them to give up religion.

The document says many monks, priests and bishops have been imprisoned or placed in labor camps. There is presently a special camp for clergy and Religious in the steppes near the Sea of Aral with about 30,000 inmates.



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION AT WALLACE



Official Appointments

The following clergy appointments made by His Excellency, Bishop Waters, are announced through the Diocesan Chancery:

Effective Thursday, July 15, 1965:

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence C. Newman, V.F., Pastor of the Church of the Holy Child, Jacksonville, is appointed Vicar Forane of the New Bern Deanery.

The Reverend Francis J. Gorham is appointed Pastor St. Aloysius Parish, Hickory.

The Reverend James J. Noonan is appointed first Pastor of the newly established parish of St. Vincent, Charlotte.

The Reverend Thomas M. McAvoy is appointed Vice-Rector of St. John Vianney Pre-Seminary, Asheville.

The Reverend Albert J. Todd is appointed Pastor of St. Mildred Parish, Swansboro.

The Reverend Thomas P. Hadden is appointed Pastor of the combined parishes of St. Paul and St. Joseph, New Bern, which will new be known as St. Paul Parish. St. Paul's will be the parish Church, with St. Joseph's a Chapel within the parish.

The Reverend William N. Pharr is appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Monroe-Sacred Heart Parish, Wadesboro.

The Reverend Edward J. Sheridan, Co-ordinator of William Gaston Memorial High School, is also appointed Assistant Administrator of the new St. Paul Parish and St. Joseph Chapel, New Bern.

> Gerald L. Lewis Vice-Chancellor