

Liturgical Commission Warns Against Experimentation

VATICAN CITY — The Church body charged with coordinating the ecumenical council's liturgical reforms has warned against experimentation by persons claiming a general permission.

The Consilium (commission) for the Implementation of the Liturgy Constitution, in the June number of its publication, Notitiae, which was published early in July, declared that aside from one case it has "never given any general indulgent to begin experimentation."

The one exception, it said, was a temporary indulgent for experimentation in concelebration and Communion under both species, granted

from July 3, 1964, until April 15, 1965, after which the general decree on these practices went into effect.

THE CONSILIUM said the liturgy constitution provides that authority for such general experiments will be granted to territorial bodies of bishops by the Holy See. They are to be performed only by determined groups suited for such experiments and for a determined length of time.

"If the Consilium permits experiments," Notitiae said, "it will always communicate the faculty to perform them to territorial ecclesiastical authority, and this in writing, with the addition of conditions and limits within which the experiment may be performed.

"Likewise when rites or ceremonies or innovations of any kind seem out of harmony with today's laws in liturgical matters, all of them are to be considered 'personal' innovations, arising from 'private agitation' . . . and by that very fact disapproved by the constitution and the Consilium."

CLARIFYING DOUBTS arising in the interpretation of the liturgy constitution, Notitiae said it is permissible to celebrate Mass in the vernacular even if those assisting do not actually participate by making responses.

Answering another difficulty concerning the use of the laity to read the Epistles and lessons or perform the function of commentator, Notitiae noted that even in houses of Religious women or girls' schools, the Epistles and lessons must be read by a man. Women, however, can per-

form the function of commentator in a restricted sense: they can "as it were, lead singing or prayers."

Notitiae set down the general guidelines the Consilium will follow in proposing liturgical changes. "Only those elements are to be set forth which already manifest some sort of certainty on the part of the Consilium. Others, although they may have been discussed and examined frequently, will simply be omitted if they seem not yet sufficiently mature."

Expressions used by the Consilium, such as "it has pleased the Fathers" or "the Fathers have given their vote" or "they have approved," are to be accepted in a broad sense. That is, Notitiae said, "they show the mind of the Consilium, not the definitive solution to questions. "In the pursuit of their work, a matter can be established otherwise if new elements arise . . .

"It is especially superfluous to note that the judgment of the Consilium constitutes no binding rule for ultimate and definitive approbation by supreme authority."

TWO PROPOSALS, reported out of the committees of experts at work within the Consilium, were published in Notitiae. One concerned the general principles or criteria for the reform of the liturgical calendar. The other concerned the redistribution of psalms in the priests' breviary.

In the former, it was proposed that the calendar of saints' feasts be revised to represent more equally saints from various regions "so that it is demonstrated that sanctity is diffused throughout the universal Church, avoiding making the Roman calendar a Mediterranean calendar." The committee specifically proposed by way of example the inclusion of the Japanese, Canadian and Uganda martyrs.



BISHOP-ELECT Carlos Lewis, S.V.D., Panama-born U.S. citizen, has been named Auxiliary Bishop of Panama. Since 1961 Bishop-elect Lewis has worked in Rome at the seminaries of the Society of the Divine Word, earlier having been a student and professor at the Divine Word seminary at Bay St. Louis, Miss. (NC Photos)

It was suggested that several saints' feasts be assigned to the same day, leaving an option on which is to be celebrated.

As guidelines for the selection of saints for the universal calendar, the committee proposed the retention of all the Apostles and Evangelists, of all the more ancient martyrs who are universally celebrated or have a special universal import for the life of the Church, and of a selection from all areas of Church life — clerical and lay. The "major" doctors of the Church are to be retained, while the "minor" ones are to be selected individually. Saints should be kept in the universal calendar whose lives have a universal bearing on Church piety, either because of the particular form of their spirituality or their apostolate.

Requiem Offered For W. N. Berry

W. N. Berry, 79, a prominent Greensboro businessman for four decades, died at Maryfield Nursing Home July 2.

Berry, founder of Berry Coal & Oil Co., had been in declining health for almost a year and a patient at Maryfield for three weeks.

Born in Owensboro, Ky., Berry moved to Greensboro in 1913, at the age of 27. After 11 years with Southern Railway he started the company which bears his name and is one of the largest fuel suppliers in the Piedmont.

Survivors include his wife, who in 1942 was named "American Mother Of The Year," and 12 children. A daughter died several years ago.

Berry was president of the fuel company from the time he organized it in 1923 until his death. He was a past president of the North Carolina Fuel Merchants and the local Merchants Association.

A member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church, he was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Berry also was a member of the Greensboro Lions Club, the local Chamber of Commerce and the Old Timers Telegraphers Club.

Funeral mass was offered at 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church by his son, Father Thomas Berry of Passionist Monastery in Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y., assisted by Msgr. Hugh Dolan, Berry's pastor.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Vize Berry of Greensboro; eight sons, John V. Berry, Dr. Francis X. Berry, Joseph L. Berry and Thomas G. Berry, all of Greensboro, Father Berry, Col. James F. Berry of the Air Force, Dayton, Ohio, Benedict R. Berry of Charlotte, and Stephen B. Berry of Maitland, Fla.

Four daughters, Mrs. Katherine Fuller and Mrs. Leo J. Kelleher, both of Greensboro, Dr. Margaret Berry of Cleveland, Ohio, and Sister Mary Elizabeth Berry of Bolivia, South America.

Three sisters, Mrs. Mary Louise Cassilly and Mrs. Mabel Fitzgerald, both of San Francisco, Calif., and Sister Mary Anita of Nazareth, Ky.; two brothers, J. W. Berry of Santa Rosa, Calif., and J. H. Berry of Jackson, Miss.; 42 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Human Relations Conference Will Hear Archbishop

The Most Reverend Paul J. Hallinan, Archbishop of Atlanta, will keynote a three-day conference on human relations for Southern Catholic leaders July 29 (1 p.m.) at the Hilton Inn, Atlanta.

Archbishop Hallinan's topic, "The Church in Society," will be addressed to clerical and lay delegates from 25 dioceses in the South and Southwest invited to send representatives to the conference. The meeting is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

Entitled "Social Change and Christian Response," the conference will discuss the changing South, the Negro movement, several viewpoints on the Negro apostolate, and diocesan involvement in human relations.

Three prominent civil rights leaders will discuss the Negro movement, its philosophy and operation, at 8 p.m. July 29. They are Mr. Rudolph Lombard, national vice president of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality), Rev. Andrew J. Young, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Rev. C. T. Vivian, director of affiliates, SCLC.

Archbishop Hallinan has extended an invitation to the Ordinaries of 25 dioceses from Virginia to east Texas to participate in the meeting. The conference, open to all diocesan officials and Catholic leaders both lay and religious, will provide an opportunity for delegates to assess the problems of human relations in the South today.

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