

Cardinal Theologian

Backs Scriptural Approach to Theology

ROME — A cardinal who was for eight years the second-ranking official of the Holy Office and its successor agency at the Vatican, the Doctrinal Congregation, has declared himself in favor of a Scriptural approach to theology.

Pietro Cardinal Parente also championed the theory of the evolution of dogma and belabored a "convenient inertia" in the face of the task of re-expressing the word of God in the language of man.

But he cautioned against regarding older dogmatic formulas as "archeological relics." Rather they are to be seen as "milestones," he said in a talk at Rome's Urban College, run by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Cardinal Parente, who held the post of secretary of the Doctrinal Congregation at the time of his election to the College of Cardinals last June, said that God's revelation in history is a "fact" before being a "formula." Forgetting it led to enclosing theology in a "syllogistic system of theoretical formulas," which tended to drain the faith of its "personal and charismatic as-

pect," he contended.

The Second Vatican Council "asked theologians to search out a way of explaining doctrine that would be in harmony with the developments of culture and of thought," he commented.

As for the evolution of dogma, it is "substantially justified if well understood and defined, even if in the Modernist epoch it aroused suspicions. Today it opens the way to fruitful theological work desired by the council and already realized on an historical and speculative plane."

Of Thomism, Cardinal Parente said: "A just admiration for the genius and work of Aquinas brought many to think that we had reached the infrangible limits of philosophical and theological speculation, so that nothing remained for others but to water down his wonderful Summa in fixed formulas."

"St. Thomas would be the first to disown such a view," Cardinal Parente said.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV

New York — (NC) — The annual catechists' conference of the New York archdiocese was held here via closed circuit television.

Applications For CU Tuition Grant Available

Raleigh — Details for a tuition scholarship which has the value of \$6,500 to \$8,500, for undergraduate students at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., is available at every Catholic High School in the diocese of Raleigh.

The announcement of the tuition grant was made by the Reverend John P. Whalen, acting rector, in a letter addressed to Bishop Waters.

The priest wrote that the scholarship program offered to each archdiocesan province of the country, is an expression of appreciation to the Catholic people for their support of the university. This scholarship application can be secured at the principal's office.

COMMUNICATIONS MERGED

Adelaide, Australia — (NC) — The Adelaide archdiocese's press, radio and television services will be merged into a single department.

President at Mass

Hears Prayer for Inspiration, Help

WASHINGTON — An archbishop declared here that the smooth running Organization of American States "should serve as a model for the United Nations."

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, preaching at the 59th annual Pan American Mass (Nov. 19) in St. Patrick's church here, said the OAS today has forged "an impregnable defense against atheistic totalitarianism" and has inspired "an unyielding and resolute resistance to tyranny of every kind."

President and Mrs. Johnson came a half hour late for the Mass, but heard the sermon. Usually the Sunday Mass at the church is at 11 a.m., but the special Pan American Mass began at 10:30.

Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington, who presided, at the conclusion of the Mass spoke of the presence of the Chief Executive. He said: "We are grateful for your presence. We real-

ize you have a difficult task and we want you to know, sir, you not only have our understanding and our sympathy for the burden God has placed upon you, but also assurance of our prayers, day after day, that God may inspire you and help you."

The congregation included an outpouring of the diplomatic corps, as well as members of the judiciary, U.S. senators and representatives, and government officials.

Conceived by the late James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore to beg God's blessings upon the nations of the Americas, the Mass has become one of the most important religious events annually in the nation's capital.

AID LATIN AMERICA

Washington — (NC) — The U.S. Bishops' national annual collection for Latin America has allocated \$5,000 for a leadership training center in Coban, Guatemala.

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