AMERICANS PREPARING
VATICAN II

The Church is subject only to the limits of the human race and the existence of the world. She knows no other boundaries than these. Speaking of our unity in Christ, St. Paul tells us: "There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female" (Gal. 3: 28). Yet the members of the Church are all from distinct parts of the globe, and each of them is justly proud of his homeland and his countrymen. Thus, although there is no difference of men in the Church's view of things, we can still take justifiable pride in our American leaders who have been selected to serve the Church on the Preparatory Commissions for the Second Vatican Council.

Why is one man appointed as a member or consultor of a Commission rather than another? To dig out information about American participants in the pre-Council work, our team of researchers sent many inquiries and letters asking this very question. The replies were varied, but one of the most candid and enlightening came from a consultor who is not an American. Very Rev. Amand Reuter, O.M.I., consultor of the Commission for the Missions, is a German citizen by birth, although he did teach in San Antonio, Texas, for a few years. His friendly reply, with tongue in cheek, is pleasant reading. He wrote:
"Why one is appointed as a member or a consultor (like myself) of a preparatory commission? Either because known (and remembered!) as outstanding in some field of ecclesiastical science or activity, or because of being considered useful for the daily work. Daily work requires a Roman residence and some experience in work for the Curia. Personally, I was already a consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, which I had become upon some "recommendation." ("By the way, do you know of some one, preferably not an Italian, who could do this or that?"—"And if you do, what qualifications does he have?") In my case, Roman studies: doctorate in theology and canon law from the Gregorian University (1940); doctorate of civil law from the Lateran University (1956); and advocate of the Sacred Roman Rota (1954). To this, add the almost inevitable knowledge of some languages (German, French, Italian, English, some Spanish, and, of course, Latin) and the fact of having been a seminary teacher on three continents (Italy and Germany, South Africa and Texas): this just to give you an idea or if you prefer, an example or model case...

This is not to imply that all members and consultors have had such rich and varied backgrounds. But a quick perusal of the lives of many will indicate their sources of fresh ideas and different outlooks, and their well-springs of new life.

America can be justly proud of its members and consultors on the preparatory commissions. The contribution they make is only one more sign of the growth and maturity of the American Catholic spiritual and intellectual life.
CENTRAL COMMISSION

Members:

Francis Joseph Cardinal Spellman, D.D.

The general facts about Cardinal Spellman are well known: his early years as priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, his introduction into the Papal Secretariate of State, his role in publishing a Papal Encyclical against Mussolini, which demanded that Msgr. Spellman smuggle it to Paris. His entrance into the Episcopacy as Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, and his progress to the Archdiocese of New York, 1939, on the death of Patrick Cardinal Hayes, are well known too. His energetic acceptance of the duty of Military Vicar of the Armed Forces of the United States eventuated in hundreds of thousands of hours of labor in what mushroomed into the largest See in the world when the Second World War began. His building program in the Archdiocese of New York is so large as to bewilder an unprepared surveyor. In his seventy-three years, the last seventeen as Cardinal, His Eminence has faced an awesome number of questions, problems and trials. He is said to be the most widely travelled prelate in the history of the Church.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, D.D.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Los Angeles began his rise in the hierarchy in the city of his birth, New York. He attended the public grammar schools, and then while working in Wall Street, he completed his high school and college studies in the evenings. After finishing his preparatory studies at Dunwoodie, New York, he was ordained in 1921. In only two years, he was appointed an assistant in the Chancery office of the Archdiocese of New York; and in 1934, he became chancellor. In a period of eight years, he was named Auxiliary Bishop to the then Archbishop Spellman (1940), Coadjutor Bishop of New York (1946) and Archbishop of Los Angeles (1948). Finally in 1952, he was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals. Cardinal McIntyre is Cardinal Protector of the Sisters of St. Joseph whose motherhouse is in Orange, California.

Albert Cardinal Meyer, D.D.

Cardinal Meyer, leader of almost two million souls who form his flock, is the Archbishop of Chicago. After completing his education in Rome where he was ordained, the future Cardinal returned to St. Francis
Seminary in Milwaukee. In 1946, he was named Bishop of Superior, and then in 1953, Bishop of his native Milwaukee. The Cardinal came to Chicago in September of 1958 and succeeded Samuel Cardinal Stritch.

**Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, D.D.**

Ordained in 1910, Archbishop Alter has long been connected with social problems. This interest manifests itself in his early work in Toledo for Catholic Charities and his serving as Director of the National Catholic School of Social Service and lecturer at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. The Archbishop was named Bishop of Toledo in 1931 and Archbishop of Cincinnati in 1950. Through the National Catholic Welfare Conference and particularly its Social Action Department, Archbishop Alter has worked effectively for labor, health and the Spanish-speaking, and the Catholic Hour Radio Program. Reporting on the work of the Central Commission last summer, he expressed pleasure at their thoroughness and efficiency.

**Most Rev. Lawrence Leo Graner, C.S.C.**

Archbishop Graner resides in Dacca, the legislative Capitol of East Pakistan. The Archbishop was ordained for his life's work at Notre Dame, Indiana, at the age of twenty-seven. His thirty-four years of priesthood have been spent in Pakistan, the past fifteen as Bishop and then Archbishop of Dacca. Aside from his contribution to the Central Preparatory Commission of years of missionary experience, the Archbishop is that country's only representative on this Commission.

**Most Rev. Martin John O'Connor, S.T.D.**

Archbishop O'Connor is also on the Secretariate for Communications Media, and his listing can be found there.
Richard Cardinal Cushing, D.D.

One of the most colorful prelates in the American hierarchy, Cardinal Cushing's activities range from member of the Central Commission for the Council to dancing with hundred-year-old women at his dinners for the aged. The Cardinal's wide interests, and especially his Society of St. James which sends priests to South America, have brought him before the eyes and ears of America frequently. The sixty-seven year old prelate was born in Boston in 1895, and attended Boston College and St. John's Seminary there. Before being named Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, he was diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He became Archbishop of Boston in 1944, and was created a Cardinal in 1958.

Joseph Cardinal Ritter, D.D.

Cardinal Ritter, the prominent 71 year old Archbishop of St. Louis, began his studies at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, and was ordained in 1922. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Indianapolis eleven years later, and Bishop in the following year. In 1944, he was raised to the rank of Archbishop, and in 1956, he was transferred to the archbishopric of St. Louis. Pope John named him a Cardinal on Jan. 16, 1961.

Counsellor:

Rt. Rev. Francis J. Brennan

Monsignor Brennan is the first American to be named to the Sacred Roman Rota. The sixty-eight year old prelate is now Dean of the Rota. After finishing his education in Rome, Msgr. Brennan returned to America and taught at St. Charles' Seminary of Philadelphia until his appointment to the Rota in 1940. Monsignor Brennan is the only American Counsellor to the Central Commission preparing for the Council.
THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION

Members:

Most Rev. John Joseph Wright, S.T.D.

A product of Boston and the Boston Archdiocese, Bishop Wright was consecrated at the age of thirty-seven. His work has gained attention and praise from organizations of the civil community and from representatives of other faiths, as well as from his co-religionists. A tireless lecturer, he is known as an advocate of the Catholic intellectual. His experience, after he earned his doctorate in theology, has embraced parochial life, the diocesan chancery, and the seminary lecture hall. Before he became Bishop of Pittsburgh, he was Auxiliary Bishop in Boston, and Bishop of Worcester.

Most Rev. James H. Griffiths, S.T.D.

As the motto of his episcopal coat of arms maintains, the aim of this pastor of souls is to minister to others rather than to be ministered unto. He has found opportunities to implement this goal in varied ways since his ordination in 1927. Now an Auxiliary Bishop of New York, he has labored in the ministry of parish priest and in ecclesiastical courts, in the military ordinariate, and in the Vatican Information Service. Founder of the annual Fordham Conference on Eastern Rites, and one of the founders of the Canon Law Society of America, Bishop Griffiths continues to be active in many organizations, ecclesiastical and civil, which promote the common welfare; among them are the Bishops' Peace Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, as the observer of the Holy See.

Msgr. Joseph Clifford Fenton

Presently the editor of the American Ecclesiastical Review, Monsignor Fenton, author of several books, is a prominent American theologian. His
early education brought him to Holy Cross College in Massachusetts, the University of Montreal, and the Angelicum in Rome. After his ordination for the diocese of Springfield, Mass., (the place of his birth), Fr. Fenton did parish work for several years. He taught philosophy in St. Ambrose College in Davenport in 1934, dogmatic theology in St. Bernard’s Seminary in Rochester in 1935, and then joined the faculty of Catholic University in 1938. From 1943 to 1945, Fr. Fenton was dean of the faculty. In 1954, he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal; in 1956, nomination as the first American member of the Pontifical Roman Theological Academy; and in 1951 membership in the International Marian Academy. In 1958, he represented Catholic University at the Mariological Congress held at Lourdes.

Consultors:

Rev. Dominic J. Unger, O.F.M. Cap.

Father Dominic Unger, a Kansan, entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1929. After his philosophy and theology studies were completed, he did post-graduate work in Rome for four years earning the degrees of licentiate in theology and sacred scripture. On returning to the United States, Fr. Dominic taught sacred scripture and spiritual theology. He does research work in these fields and has written several books and pamphlets along with numerous articles for theological journals in America and Europe. In 1957, Fr. Dominic was given the annual Mariological award by the Mariological Society of America for his outstanding work. At present, he is lecturing in Catholic University.

Msgr. Emmanuel C. Doronzo, O.M.I.

Monsignor Doronzo, two time recipient of the Cardinal Spellman award (1947 and 1952), is a specialist in sacramental theology. With the ability to speak five languages and write in six, he has authored numerous works on the sacraments, one of which earned the 1952 Cardinal Spellman award. Msgr. Doronzo was born in Barletta, Italy in 1903. The course of his education brought him to the Apostolic School of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Naples, the Gregorian University in Rome and the Angelicum, also in Rome. Following his ordination and graduate studies, he was professor of dogma at Turin for nine years, at the Oblate Scholasticate in San Antonio, Texas, for ten years, and then he came to Catholic University in 1946, where he is now a member of the faculty.
COMMISSION FOR BISHOPS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DIOCESES

Member:

Most Rev. John J. Krol, D.D.

The sixth Archbishop of Philadelphia is a former newsboy who also worked in a grocery store and box factory to help support his four brothers and three sisters. Archbishop Krol, the son of Polish immigrants, is a native of Cleveland where he was born on Oct. 26, 1910. The prelate, conversant in nine languages, attended Catholic schools in Cleveland, and after his seminary studies, was ordained in 1937. Before continuing his studies in Rome and Washington, he was assigned to parish work. When he returned after completing his studies, he taught canon law, held a high position in the diocesan marriage court, and soon became chancellor of the diocese. In 1953, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland. His strong interest in refugees earned him a medal from the government of Italy for his concern for Italian immigrants and refugees.

Consultors:

Most Rev. Leo Binz, D.D.

By the time he was ordained in 1924, Archbishop Binz had a Master’s degree from St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore and a Doctorate in Theology from the University de Propaganda Fide in Rome. Two years later, at the age of twenty-six, he received a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Gregorian University in Rome. His tasks, previous to that of Archbishop of St. Paul, included instructor at the North American College in Rome, work as pastor of parishes in Illinois, and as an official of the Diocese of Rockford, and Secretary at the Apostolic Delegation in Washington. After consecration he was Apostolic Administrator of Winona for seven years and Archbishop of Dubuque for seven, thus bringing thirty-five years of diocesan governmental experience to his present responsibility.

Most Rev. Vincent Brizgys, D.D.

As of our press deadline, we were unable to find sufficient information regarding Bishop Brizgys, other than that he is a Lithuanian Bishop now residing in Chicago. He was born in Plyniai in 1903, ordained in 1927, and consecrated in 1940.
Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, D.D.

Bishop Smith is currently the episcopal moderator of the National Federation of Diocesan Youth Councils. His higher education took place in Rome, along with his ordination. Upon his return to his home diocese of Buffalo, he was appointed vice-chancellor, chancellor, and finally Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo in 1952. He was born in Attica, New York, in 1905.

Most Rev. Jerome D. Hannan, D.D.

The fifth Bishop of Scranton is famed as a canon lawyer; besides a doctorate in canon law, Bishop Hannan has a Bachelor of Laws (civil) from Duquesne University. He taught canon law at Catholic University, edited the Jurist, C.U.'s Canon Law quarterly, wrote the Analecta in the American Ecclesiastical Review, and co-authored The Sacred Canons, a commentary on canon law, with Very Rev. Msgr. John Abbo. Before teaching at C.U., Bishop Hannan spent more than fifteen years at chancery work in the Pittsburgh Diocese. He has been Bishop of Scranton for eight years.

Very Rev. Wilfrid Joseph Dufault, A.A.

As of our press deadline, we were unable to find sufficient information regarding Father Dufault, other than the fact that he is Superior General of the Assumptionist Fathers and now resides in Rome.

COMMISSION FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF CLERGY AND LAITY

Member:

Most Rev. Ernest J. Primeau, S.T.D.

A former official with the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, the important congregation whose business it is to defend the doctrinal integrity of the faith, Bishop Primeau is now the sixth Bishop of Manchester, New Hampshire. He was born in Chicago on Sept. 17, 1909. After studying in Loyola University of Chicago, he entered St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He received his doctorate in theology and licentiate in canon law, the latter from the Lateran University in Rome. After teaching in the Quigley Preparatory Seminary for nine years, Bishop Primeau was appointed Rector of the College of St. Mary of the Lake, a residence house for Chicago priests studying in Rome.
Consultors:

Most Rev. Charles P. Greco, D.D.

Bishop Greco was born in Rodney, Mississippi in 1894. His priestly studies brought him to St. Joseph’s Seminary in Covington, Louisiana, the Louvain in Belgium, and Fribourg in Switzerland. He was appointed Bishop of Alexandria in 1946. His extensive experience will be a valuable influence on the Catholic Church in the southern part of the country during a period of social upheaval.

Rt. Rev. George A. Schlichte

Into his thirty-nine years, Msgr. Schlichte has been able to fit a course at Annapolis, which qualified him to serve in the Atlantic and Mediterranean during the Second World War. Naval uniform and medals ceded to seminarian’s garb in 1945. St. John’s Seminary in Boston and the North American College in Rome saw his preparation for the priesthood, in which he was ordained in 1950. After parish work in the Boston Archdiocese, Father Schlichte returned to Rome to act as Assistant Vice-Rector of the North American College in Rome. He was a Private Chamberlain to Pope Pius XII, and a conclavist with Cardinal Spellman at the election of Pope John XXIII. In 1959 he was raised to the rank of domestic prelate, and since 1961 has been Vice-chancellor at the Archdiocese of Boston.

Rt. Rev. Nicholas L. Fusco

This year Monsignor Fusco celebrates his golden anniversary of the priesthood. While pastor of Mount St. Peter’s parish in New Kensington, Pa., for thirty-nine years, his reputation has spread far afield, both through his books, of which *His Name Is John* is the latest, and, at the Vatican, through his frequent visits there as a champion for the cause of the clergy and the laity. Before receiving his appointment as a consultor to the Commission for the Discipline of Clergy and Laity, Msgr. Fusco had been paid such honors as being named to the first Diocesan Consultor Board for the eleven year old diocese of Greensburg, and also being made a Domestic Prelate.

Rev. William Michael Slattery, C.M.

For the last fifteen years, Father Slattery has been Superior General of the Vincentian Fathers, a lifetime position. He first became associated with the Vincentian Fathers in 1908, at the age of thirteen, when he left Baltimore for their Minor Seminary in Germantown. After ordination, in
1919 he went to Rome to earn a Doctorate in Sacred Theology and a Licentiate in Philosophy at the Collegio Angelico. He has held positions of responsibility throughout his career: Novice Master, Rector of St. Vincent’s Seminary Scholasticate, Provincial Superior and Assistant General.

COMMISSION FOR RELIGIOUS

Members:

Most Rev. Joseph M. McShea, D.D.

As a former secretary to the Apostolic Delegate to the United States for twenty years, Bishop McShea acquired an intimate knowledge of the technicalities of Church government and discipline in this country. At present, he is Bishop of Allentown, Pa., a diocese newly created when the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was divided in 1961. Before coming to Allentown, he was an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia for nine years. Bishop McShea was ordained to the priesthood in 1931 in Rome after completing his studies there.

Rev. Edward Louis Heston, C.S.C.

Father Heston is a Consultor for both the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments and the Sacred Congregation of Religious. He lives in Rome and serves his own religious family as Superior of the Collegio di Santa Croce there, an institute at which he previously acted as Director. He is, besides, Procurator General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. Father Heston was ordained in Rome in 1934, and received Doctorates in Philosophy and Sacred Theology in 1931 and 1938 from the Gregorian University there. He returned to this country for ten years to earn a Doctorate in Canon Law at C.U. and to teach moral theology in Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C.

Consultors:


A priest for twenty years, Father O’Brien is Associate Professor of Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America. He received the doctorate in canon law at C.U. in 1947, and since 1949 has been on the Matrimonial Curia in Chicago, his birthplace, and also in Washington.

Very Rev. Theodore Foley, C.P.

Ordained in 1940 at the age of twenty-seven, Father Foley first
taught philosophy in the Passionist Seminary, then after receiving a doctorate in sacred theology from Catholic University he taught theology. In 1953 he was appointed Director of Students and in 1956 the Rector of St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh. In 1958 he was elected General Consultor, Sts. John and Paul Monastery, Rome.

Rev. Charles Joseph Corcoran, C.S.C.

Father Corcoran, a classmate of Father Heston, is known for his retreat work with religious and priests, and for lecturing extensively on the religious and spiritual life. Thus he brings a considerable practical knowledge to his task on the Commission for Religious. His present office is that of Professor of Apologetics and Dogmatic Theology at the Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C. He attended the Gregorian University in Rome for a doctorate in philosophy (1931), and a doctorate in sacred theology (1944).

Rev. John S. Mix, C.R.

Father Mix is a former Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He is presently Superior at Immaculate Conception Parish House, Fontana, California. From St. Louis University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts, he went to Rome to the Gregorian University. He was ordained in Rome, and there received the degrees, Bachelor of Canon Law, Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Doctor of Philosophy. Before becoming Superior General, he had been Rector of St. John Canisius Seminary in St. Louis. Father Mix was born in Chicago in 1900.

COMMISSION ON THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

Members:


Law has been Monsignor Doheny's major occupation. He was named Superior of Collegio di Santa Croce in Rome, having acquired a doctorate in civil and canon law at C.U. in 1928. Again in Washington he served as Superior of Holy Cross College for another six year period. Then, after six years as Professor of Law at Notre Dame, he was appointed as Auditor of the Sacred Roman Rota; he is a member of the Commission to oversee Ecclesiastical Tribunals in Matrimonial Cases, Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments. This, and his well known books on marriage procedures and
church property, seem indication enough of his competency on a com-
mmission dealing with the legalities attendant on the sacraments.

**Rt. Rev. Clement V. Bastnagel**

The School of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America has
been tapped for many of the functionaries in the preparation for the Sec-
ond Vatican Council. Monsignor Bastnagel is the Dean of the School. At
first he worked as a parish priest in Indiana. Then, after receiving a Doc-
torate in Canon Law at C. U. in 1930, and after further study in Rome's
Gregorian and Angelicum Universities, he joined the faculty of C. U. He
is general secretary-treasurer of the Canon Law Society and business mana-
ger of the *Jurist*.

**Consultors:** none

**COMMISSION FOR THE LITURGY**

**Member:**

**Msgr. John Quasten**

Editor and author of many scholarly works dealing with patrology,
theology and archeology, Monsignor John Quasten is also a member of
the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs. His wide
experience and knowledge had its beginnings in Hamburg, Germany,
where he was born. He studied in the public schools of Hamburg, the
University of Muenster and the Pontifical Institute of Christian Arche-
ology. He came to the Catholic University of America in 1933, and after
teaching ancient Church history and archeology, he became dean of the
faculty of theology in 1945. He is an editor of a German liturgical maga-
azine and of the Ancient Christian Writers Series. He is now writing a text
for patrology studies. In addition, Fr. Quasten's linguistic abilities (he
speaks five languages and writes in six) are a valuable asset. He received
the Cardinal Spellman medal for distinguished achievement in sacred
theology in 1960.

**Consultors:**

**Rev. Frederick R. McManus**

A member of the Canon Law Society of America and of the Catholic
Theological Society, the President of the Liturgical Conference and the
editor of *The Jurist*, quarterly review of the C.U. School of Canon Law, Father McManus has taught at Catholic University for the past four years. Before that, he did parish work in the Archdiocese of Boston, acted in various administrative positions, and taught at St. John’s Seminary in Boston. Besides four books on the liturgy, he has written articles for several learned journals.

**Rev. Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B.**

Father Godfrey Diekmann, the fifty-four year old editor of *Worship* since 1938, has been active in liturgical movements almost since his ordination in 1931. He has been professor of patrology at St. John’s Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota since 1933, and he is also chairman of the theology department of St. John’s University there. In 1940, he was one of the founders of the American Liturgical Conference, and is at present the vice-president of that organization. He has been American Representative at six of the International Liturgical Study Weeks held since 1952. He co-organized the American representation at the International Congress (International Liturgical-Pastoral Congress) at Assisi-Rome in 1956. In addition to his lecturing on the liturgy at summer schools in different parts of the country, he has written numerous articles and book reviews, as well as several books.

**COMMISSION FOR STUDIES AND SEMINARIES**

**Members:**

**Most Rev. John F. Cody, D.D.**

Of Archbishop Cody, Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans with right of succession, Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis said he is “... endowed with a fine mind. His educational background can hardly be equalled by any other member of the hierarchy. He has a fine, human personality as well as broad experience in human affairs.” This broad experience involved Episcopal service in four dioceses, as Coadjutor in three. To his future work in the Council and in troubled New Orleans, Archbishop Cody brings an enormous capacity for work, sixteen hours a day, seven days a week, and a reputation for speed that has had him dubbed "a jet-age prelate."

**Most Rev. Loras T. Lane**

In the six years of Bishop Lane’s governing, the Diocese of Rockford,
Illinois, has built five high schools and remodeled several other buildings. Plans for two more high schools and two Catholic colleges for women are being made. Bishop Lane had been ordained for the Archdiocese of Dubuque and was a parish priest and teacher at Loras College there. After his consecration as Auxiliary Bishop of Dubuque, he served as President of Loras College. He studied at the University of Notre Dame, Loras College, the Gregorian University in Rome, and the Catholic University of America.

**Msgr. Rudolph Bandas**

Monsignor Bandas had already been consultor for the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and University Studies in Rome since 1954, when he was named to a similar role in the preparatory Commission on Studies and Universities. He has been the pastor of St. Agnes parish in St. Paul, Minnesota, since 1958. Born in 1896, he attended the University of Minnesota, St. Thomas College, St. Paul Seminary, the University of Louvain, and Collegio Angelico in Rome. In 1925, four years after ordination, he returned to St. Paul to teach at the seminary. His specialty is the field of Christian doctrine. He was director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for twenty-four years and has written two books on catechetical methods. Since 1958, Monsignor Bandas has been one of the forty members of the Pontifical Roman Academy of Theology.

**Consultors:**

**Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, D.D.**

Archbishop O'Boyle shepherds the souls living in the nation's capital. Although born in Scranton in 1896, he was ordained for the Archdiocese of New York in 1921 by Cardinal Hayes. His constant concern for social welfare had an international field in which to work with his appointment in 1943 as Executive Director of the N.C.W.C. War Relief Services. His actions and promotion of racial equality have earned honors by the N.A.A.C.P. Archbishop O'Boyle was consecrated the first Archbishop of Washington in 1948.

**Rt. Rev. William J. McDonald**

In addition to being Rector of the Catholic University of America, Monsignor McDonald is Editor in Chief of the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, an immense project of scholarship now being compiled. He is also
the present president of the Federation of Catholic Universities, the first educator in North or South America to hold this post. Educated in Ireland, but ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Monsignor McDonald came to this country in 1928. While serving as assistant pastor in various parishes, Monsignor McDonald was also engaged in the work of the Newman Clubs and Catholic press, and founded a Catholic Professional Women’s Club and Catholic Culture Guild. After receiving his Doctorate in Philosophy from C.U. in 1939, he taught philosophy there. In 1957 he was appointed Rector.

**Rt. Rev. John E. Steinmueller**

Monsignor Steinmueller, the noted biblical scholar, was born in Brooklyn in 1899. The importance of his role in American biblical studies is evident from his activity as a founding member of the American Catholic Biblical Association. He was Special Editor of the gospels in the edition of the bible published by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and in addition, served on the editorial board of the Confraternity. Since 1947, he has been a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

**COMMISSION FOR THE ORIENTAL CHURCH**

**Members:** none

**Consultors:**

**Rev. Francis Dvornik**

Father Dvornik is best known for his rehabilitation of the famous Photius, the political leader involved in the schism between the eastern and western Church. Father Dvornik was born in Czechoslovakia in 1893. Educated in Europe, he held positions at various institutions of Czechoslovakia, France and England until coming to America. In 1940, he was professor of Byzantine history at Harvard University. In addition to his work on Photius, he has written numerous other studies.

**Rev. Meletius M. Wojnar, O.S.B.M.**

Now associate professor in the School of Canon Law at C.U. Father Wojnar has Doctorates in Canon Law and Sacred Theology. Born in 1911, in the Western Ukraine, he studied at the Gregorian University in Rome, and taught at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Glen Cove, Long Island and the Pon-
tifical College of St. Josaphat in Rome. He was also Vice-Rector of St. Josaphat's in 1953-1954.

Rev. Dunstan Donovan, S.A.

Father Donovan's work for the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, and his graduate studies in the Pontifical Oriental Institute equip him for his assignment. He is a native of Lynn, Mass., and a former student at Boston College. Also included in his background is a temporary professorship of theology at Graymoor, and the editorial supervision of the Atonement publication *The Lamp*. After studying his philosophy and theology at Catholic University, Father Donovan was ordained in 1941.

COMMISSION FOR THE MISSIONS

Members: none

Consultors:

Most Rev. Celestine Damiano, D.D.

From Dunkirk, New York, where he was born, the present Archbishop of Camden went to St. Michael's Seminary in Toronto, and from there to Rome, where he was ordained in 1935. His first work as parish assistant was in Niagara Falls. Then, after a few months in Buffalo, he was made a pastor in Falconer N. Y. in 1942. In 1949 he was transferred to Rome and assigned to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Pius XII named him titular Archbishop of Nicopolis in Epiro, Greece, and Apostolic Delegate to South Africa in 1952. Eight years later, Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, S.T.D., Archbishop of Newark, installed him as the third Bishop of Camden, New Jersey. Pope John XXIII named him a consultor of the Preparatory Commission on Missions. Since then the Archbishop has been in Rome for preparatory meetings several times.

Rev. Timothy Lincoln Bouscaren, S.J.

Seventy-eight year old Father Bouscaren, Procurator General of the Society of Jesus, is a noted author in canon law. Before entering the Society, he was a practicing lawyer and a former District Attorney. His specialization in canon law earned him positions as instructor in many institutions until his appointment as Procurator General in 1947.
Very Rev. Caspar Caulfield, C.P.

In 1951, Father Caulfield was made Secretary General of Passionist Missions, Sts. John and Paul Monastery, Rome. For the twelve years previous to this, he was a China missionary. Born in 1908, he was ordained in 1936 and sent to study Chinese at Harvard University Language School. Then he went to China, and until expelled by the Chinese Communists, was Vicar General of the Diocese of Yuanling, Hunan, China.

COMMISSION FOR THE LAY APOSTOLATE

Members:

Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, D.D

Bishop Babcock is now the Bishop of Grand Rapids. He completed his priestly studies in Rome where he was ordained. After only five years in the United States, he returned to Rome as Vice-Rector of the North American College there. He was named Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit in 1947, and Bishop of Grand Rapids in 1954.

Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, D.D.

Of all the mission organizations, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the principal one. As the Pope has said, "... this charity surpasses all other charity as the mind surpasses the body; heaven, earth; eternity, time." Bishop Sheen became the National Director of the Society in 1950. A year later he was consecrated Bishop. Prior to this work, he had become well known through his years as professor at the Catholic University of America, radio and television, and the large number of books he authored. The importance of his work for the Propagation of the Faith is more clear when seen in the light of Communist expansion, impairing not only the spiritual ministry of the Church, but also the material supports such ministry demands.

Rt. Rev. George C. Higgins

Social Action is Monsignor Higgins' field. Born in Chicago in 1916, and ordained there in 1940, he studied at Catholic University of America, and is now a member of the staff. Since 1944 he has worked in the NCWC's Social Action Department, as its Director since 1954. His work has earned him places in many organizations for social problems. Besides
a weekly syndicated column, he publishes a monthly bulletin, *Social Action Notes for Priests*.

**Consultors:**

**Rt. Rev. Luigi Ligutti**

The National Catholic Rural Life Conference made Monsignor Ligutti its executive secretary in 1940, after he had been president for two years. When he left that post recently, he went to Rome, where he directs international affairs of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. He was born in Italy, came to America as a child, and was ordained in 1917 in Des Moines. For twenty years he was a pastor in Iowa, ministering especially to mining communities. The next twenty years were spent in work for the NCRLC. His work and extensive travels, aimed at improving farming and family conditions, have earned him among other things a name as Iowa’s unofficial “world ambassador,” the 1961 Peace Award of the Catholic Association for International Peace, and a title of which he is particularly fond, “The Pope’s county agent.” He has been a leader among Catholic clergymen in appraising and publicizing the problems of agricultural reform and development in Latin America.

**Rt. Rev. William Francis Kelly**

Monsignor Kelly, currently the head of the Social Action Department of the Diocese of Brooklyn, has been active in social work since 1945. He has held prominent positions on the Resettlement Council, on the New York State Minimum Wage Board, the American Arbitration Board, the New York City Displaced Persons Commission, and on the American Commission on Italian Immigration. Such experience provides him with first hand knowledge of the social problems rising from metropolitan society.

**SECRETARIATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA**

**President:**

**Most Rev. Martin John O’Connor, S.T.D.**

Archbishop O’Connor is the only prelate not a cardinal to head an agency created by Pope John in the preparations for the Council. Moreover, he is the only American to be named to two preparatory bodies; he is President of the Secretariate for Communications Media and a member
of the Central Commission. Archbishop O'Connor's present position is Rector of the North American College in Rome, and since 1955, he has been president of the newly created Pontifical Commission to study the problems of radio, films and television. He is also a consultor to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The Archbishop began his

career in Scranton where he was born and educated. During college, he transferred to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore but after only a brief time, he was sent to the North American College in Rome where he was ordained. He earned the doctorate in canon law and theology in Rome, and then returned to America where he was the Bishop's secretary and soon became chancellor of his diocese of Scranton. Archbishop O'Connor was consecrated a bishop in 1943.

Members:

Very Rev. James I. Tucek

Monsignor Tucek is well known to members and readers of the Catholic press. His by-line frequently appears on news features released
from Rome where he heads the N.C.W.C. News Bureau. The forty year old correspondent has been a Monsignor since 1959, and is on leave from his home diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.

**Rev. G. Frederick Heinzmann, M.M.**

Born in 1904, Father Heinzmann was ordained at Maryknoll in 1933. After studies in Rome, he taught at Maryknoll, and served as Vice-Rector. From 1946 to 1960 he was Procurator General of the Maryknoll Society. He lived in Rome, and was also English Editor of *Agenzia Fides*, the International Mission News Agency in Rome. In November 1960 he was named director of *Agenzia Fides*.

**Consultors:**

**Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D.**

Archbishop Cousins, the eighth governing bishop of Milwaukee, has also served as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and as Bishop of Peoria. The Archbishop began his education in the Catholic grammar schools of Chicago, his home town, and continued them in Quigley Preparatory Seminary and in St. Mary's Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. After his ordination in 1927, Father Cousins spent five years as curate in Chicago. Then, in 1933, he was named to the parish mission band of the archdiocese. Within two years, he was named superior of the mission band, and continued in this office until he was named pastor in 1946. His nomination as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago followed quickly in 1948; then he was moved to Peoria in 1952. He is now assistant chairman of the Legal Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and chairman of the National Office for Decent Literature, an episcopal agency which issues moral evaluations of books for young people.

**Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, D.D.**

Bishop Sheil, a strong leader of the Church in the midwest, has spent most of his life in Illinois where he was born, educated and ordained. The seventy-four year old bishop is most widely known for his founding the Catholic Youth Organization in 1930. A leading magazine could say of the Bishop: "For many Catholics and for non-Catholics, he has symbolized the kind of open mind and social energy which promises the greatest return for Christianity in the modern world." The former navy and prison chaplain was named Titular Archbishop of Selge in 1959.
Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D.

Bishop of Paterson since 1953, Bishop McNulty studied at Seton Hall and at Louvain. Born in 1900 and ordained in 1925, he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Newark in 1947. He has reflected a dedication to aiding the needy and the young. Last October when Pope John reviewed the work of press and entertainment, he expressed pleasure and surprise at its progress. Later he received Bishop McNulty in a private audience.

Most Rev. Albert R. Zurwoeste, D.D.

During his years as a priest of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, Bishop Zuroweste achieved the position of managing editor and director of the diocesan newspaper. In this post he served in the Catholic Press Association on both regional and national boards. In these same years, 1924-1948, he worked in the local branch of the National Legion of Decency and the National Office of Decent Literature. In 1951, three years after consecration, Bishop Zuroweste was named assistant Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Press Department and a few years later, Episcopal Chairman, (ex officio honorary president of the Catholic Press Association). He still holds this position; in the past, he was President of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Very Rev. Timothy J. Flynn

Cardinal Spellman established the Bureau of Information of the Archdiocese of New York in 1957, and named Monsignor Flynn as director. After his ordination in 1943, Father Flynn had served as parish priest, counsellor to Catholic students at New York University and director of the Catholic Center at NYU. He taught Sacred Scripture and Catholic Theology at NYU’s Washington Square College. He is also, among a host of offices, director of the Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese, and an Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations.

SECRETARIATE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY

Member:

Rev. James F. Cunningham, C.S.P.

Father Cunningham lives in Rome, where he is the Procurator General and pastor of Santa Susana, the Paulist Fathers’ Church for Americans.
in Rome. He is also professor of homiletics at the North American College, and Chaplain Delegate for the Military Ordinariate for the Mediterranean area. After his ordination in 1930, he served in parishes all across America, as Newman Club chaplain, radio speaker, college teacher, and home missionary. For six years he was Superior General of the Paulist Fathers. Among his credentials are a Master's Degree in Sociology, a book, *The Life of Jesus*, and numerous pamphlets and magazine articles, as well as honors and awards from the Vatican, the Republic of Italy, and his own country, which he served as a chaplain in the Second World War.

**Consultors:**

**Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher**

*The Bridge* is perhaps the reason Monsignor Oesterreicher's name is so well known. This yearbook of Seton Hall University's Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies is one evidence of Monsignor Oesterreicher's constant work for the understanding between Christians and Jews. This began over forty years ago in Moravia, when the young Jewish boy was influenced by the writings of Newman, Kierkegaard, Dostoevski, and Buber, eventually converting to Catholicism, and studying for the priesthood. Monsignor Oesterreicher came to this country in 1940, when the Nazis forced him to leave first Austria and then France. Praise for his work has come not only from Catholic but also from Jewish sources.

**Rev. Gustave Weigel, S.J.**

Father Weigel, one of the most widely known Catholic ecumenists in the United States, is currently assigned to Woodstock College in Maryland. He was born in Buffalo in 1906, and spent considerable time in Chile as a professor. His numerous writings on Catholic-Protestant relations have received wide recognition.

**Rev. George A. Tavard, A.A.**

Father Tavard was born in France in 1922. He studied at the University of Lyons before entering the Assumptionists. He has been temporarily exclastrated to facilitate his work especially in relation to the Council, but is maintaining an address at Mount Mercy College in Pittsburgh. He has lectured extensively in Europe and the United States, and is the author of numerous works which advocate a more dynamic approach to Protestantism.
Rev. Edward Hanahoe, S.A.

Father Hanahoe is National Director of the Chair of Unity Octave. The New York City native entered the Atonement Minor Seminary in 1938 and was ordained in 1947. He has authored many authoritative books and articles on Oriental Rites and the Catholic ecumenical endeavor. A former professor of ecclesiology, Father Hanahoe studied philosophy and theology at Catholic University where he was awarded the doctorate in theology in 1953.

Archivist:

Rev. Thomas F. Stransky, C.S.P.

In the time from his ordination in 1957 until his present assignment, Father Stransky has been assigned to further studies at Catholic University, the Institute for Mission Studies, University of Muenster in Germany, and the Gregorian University in Rome. He nevertheless has written articles for many American and German magazines, and has lectured on the United States' ecumenical and apostolate problems in Great Britain, Germany and Italy. His extensive travels, and the resulting contacts with churchmen prepared him for Secretariate work, which aims at guiding the Council in theological and pastoral problems knit up with Christian unity, and which demands establishing contact with non-Catholic Christian leaders.

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