



THE BLACK BOX TREASURES (#32)

There is an interesting term called the “black box theory”. It speaks about an object which can be analyzed in terms of its input and output, but there is no knowledge of its internal workings...

(The cassock becomes an instrument of danger #32)

The Second Vatican Council was one of the most important Catholic events in the twentieth century. Even though the Council started in 1962, it took three years to prepare it. In the preparation process 10 specialized commissions were involved. The leaderships of different communities and religious congregations were also asked to present their own proposals. In our Archives in Rome we have a copy of the document in Latin with our suggestions which was sent to the Vatican on October

29, 1959. In today's newsletter I would like to share with you this very interesting paper. A few of those proposals are quite interesting...

1. That the Eucharist be the center of devotion of the faithful in church, with less stress on various novenas and other devotions which at times are exaggerated.
2. That "Family Life" be emphasized, as the basis of cell life and not to draw the faithful away from their families in the evening thru social-church-functions. This in view of the rising "Juvenile Delinquency" precisely because the youth is away from the family in the evening hours.
3. That the clergy be permitted to wear "suits" in view of the rising danger presented in motor vehicle traffic, - whereby the cassock becomes an instrument of danger -- experience has already proven also in Rome.
4. That a short form of Breviary be introduced - due to the shortage of clergy, and the long distances the clergy has to travel, and the various apostolic functions, which make the recitation of the Long Office rather an onus-with-devotion....
5. That Latin be maintained as the language of the Church in opposition to the trends to use the vernacular languages of a country in the Mass, Holy Office, etc.
6. That the idea of Christian help be emphasized thru Parish work and that means be taken to help the less fortunate.

7. That the Marriage Tribunals be given authority to decide undisputed cases locally without recourse to Rome; but thru the authority of the local bishops and their Tribunals.
8. That the seminarians be encouraged to study in Rome, to acquire the traditional spirit of the Church.
9. That the Lenten rules regarding food be revised, and that spiritual and devotional penance be stressed.
10. That the Encyclical "Rerum Novarum" be brought to the attention of the world as the danger-warning to communism and atheism.....



PONTIFICIA COMMISSIO ANTEPRAEPARATORIA
PRO CONCILIO OECUMENICO

E Civitate Vaticana, die 18 iunii 1959

Prot. N. I C/59 -- 2039
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

Reverendissime Pater,

Pergratum mihi est significare Paternitati Tuae Revm̃ae Summum Pontificem Ioannem XXIII fel. regn. die 17 maii 1959, in Festo Pentecostes, instituisse Commissionem Antepaeparam pro futuro Concilio Oecumenico, cui Commissioni praesse infrascripto honorificum est.

Desiderat in primis Augustus Pontifex cognoscere opiniones seu sententias atque colligere consilia et vota Exc̃morum Episcoporum atque Praelatorum, qui in Concilium Oecumenicum ex iure vocantur (can. 223): maximum enim Sanctitas Sua tribuit momentum sententiis, consiliis et votis eorum qui futuri Concilii Patres erunt: ea autem maximae extabunt utilitatis pro Concilii argumentis apparandis.

Rogo igitur enixe Paternitatem Tuam ut communicare faveas huic Pontificiae Commissioni, omni cum libertate et sinceritate, animadversiones, consilia et vota, quae pastoralis sollicitudo zelusque animarum Paternitati Tuae suggerant circa res et argumenta quae in futuro Concilio tractari poterunt.

Huiusmodi res et argumenta respicere possunt sive quaedam doctrinae capita, sive disciplinam cleri et populi christiani, sive actuositatem multiplicis generis, qua hodie Ecclesia tenetur, sive negotia maioris momenti, quae eadem Ecclesia obire hodiernis debet temporibus, sive denique caeteras omnes res, quas Paternitati Tuae exponere et enucleare visum fuerit.

In hoc labore conficiendo Paternitas Tua uti poterit, discreta quadam ratione, consilio virorum ecclesiasticorum peritorum et prudentium.

Reṽmo Patri

Patri Ioanni Mix

Praeposito Generali Congregationis a Resurrectione D.N.I.Chr.

CONGREGAZIONE DELLA RESURREZIONE
VIA SAN SEBASTIANELLO II
ROMA, ITALIA

CONSILIA QUAE IN PROXIMO CONCILIO OECUMENICO PROPONI POTERUNT:-

I

UT EUCHARISTIA SIT CENTRUM DEVOTIONIS FIDELIUM ET MINUS MOMENTUM
TRIBUATUR ALIIS DEVOTIONIBUS PER NOVENDIALIA ET TRIDUA ET SIMILIA,
QUIBUS QUANDOQUE NIMIUM MOMENTUM TRIBUITUR.

II

VITA FAMILIARIS, QUAE BASIS ET FUNDAMENTUM EST VITAE SOCIALIS,
MAGIS COLATUR ET NE DISTRAHANTUR FIDELES A FAMILIA HORIS VESPERTINIS
TARDIORIBUS PER CONVENTUS SOCIALES ET ECCLESIASTICOS. ABSENTIA IUVENTUTIS
A FAMILIA ILLIS HORIS FOVET DELICTA IUVENILIA, QUORUM INCREMENTUM NUNC
IUSTE DEPLORATUR.

III

CLERUS POSSIT LICITE DEFERRE HABITUM FORMAE SAECULARI^S, ID EST SINE
VESTE TALARI, EXTRA ACTUS LITURGICOS, CUM VESTIS TALARIS IN VIIS PUBLICIS
OB PLURIMA^VVEHICULA AUTOMOBILIA ET IN EORUM USU NON LEVIS^A PERICULA SECUM FERAT
UT^{EV} EXPERIENTIA CONSTAT.

IV

BREVIOR OFFICII DIVINA^I FORMA CONSTITUATUR, CUM EX DEFICIENTIA NUMERI
SACERDOTUM IIDEM LONGIUS TEMPUS IN ALIIS MINISTERIIS SACERDOTALIBUS ET IN
ITINERE IMPENDERE DEBEANT., ITA UT LONGIUS DIVINUM OFFICIUM AUT NON INTEGRE
AUT NON DIGNE, ATTENTE ET DEVOTE RECITARE VALEANT.

V

LATINA LINGUA RETINEATUR IN MISSA ET IN OFFICIO DIVINO NECNON IN
PRAECIPUIS PARTIBUS ACTUUM LITURGICORUM, CONTRA TENDENTIAM SUBSTITUENDI
IN HIS LINGUAM VULGAREM. |VERNACULAM|

VI

CONGREGAZIONE DELLA RESURREZIONE
VIA SAN SEBASTIANELLO II
ROMA, ITALIA

ACTUM DEDUCATUR PER SODALITIA PAROECIALIA, QUIBUS TUM BONUM SPIRITUALE
TUM SOCIALE ET OECONOMICUM, PRAESERTIM MELIORE FORTUNA DESTITUTORUM, PROMOVEATUR.

VII

TRIBUNALI MATRIMONIALI DIOECESANO TRIBUATUR ^AQUATORITAS ^{FERRENDAE} ULTIMAE SENTENTIAE
PRO CASIBUS IN QUIBUS ET IUS ET FACTUM OMNINO CLARA SUNT.

VIII

COMMENDETUR STUDIUM ALUMNORUM SEMINARIORUM MAIORUM ROMAE FACIENDUM,
UT HI ALUMNI MAGIS SPIRITU TRADITIONALI ECCLESIAE IMBUI POSSINT.

IX

LEGES IEIUNII ET ABSTINENTIAE REVISIONI SUBICIANTUR, MAGIS HODIERNIS
CIRCUMSTANTIIS ADAPTENTUR ET UNIFORMES REDDANTUR IN TOTO ORBE CATHOLICO. SPIRITUS
TEMPERANTIAE ET POENITENTIAE MAGIS INCULCETUR.

X

DOCTRINA SOCIALIS CATHOLICA PROUT CONTINETUR IN LITTERIS ENCYCLICIS
SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM INDE A LEONE XIII MAGIS IN NOTITIAM FIDELIUM FERATUR UT
ANTIDOTUM CONTRA PERICULA COMMUNISMI ET ATHEISMI.

ET DEUS, ETC.....

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