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Journal of my 16th
Trip to Rome
Msgr. Joseph C. Fenton

Rome 3/4/62

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Sunday, March 4, 1962
Room 608 - Pensionat
Romano - 11 AM

This is the first time I
have had a chance to write
in this journal since I landed
here. We have been frightfully
busy during the past week.

Before I begin the story
of this trip, I must finish
my account of the last one.
As I recall it now, my last
entry was around Thursday Oct.
13, 1961.

The next day we met in
full session and discussed
the constitution on the
necessity and the manner
of the Church. I managed
to have some correction made.
I heard more than any
other member at this meeting.

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I considered it my duty because that chapter, in the form in which it was posed before us that day, was disgracefully ambiguous.

On the following day we wound up our affairs. On Sunday I went for a dinner with Charlie Mullenkoff. On Monday I went to the Paolo Belli and bought a ticket, which was good around the next day. Then I packed home. We had a pleasant but rough trip.

I was quite happy to be home. But, thank God, recovered rather well. I have been much better ever since I was released from the last trip.

This trip started Feb. 26.

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It was a rainy day in Washington.
I woke up early and called
Annie Lucille. They told me
that I should take a taxi
since my flight would
probably be cancelled. I
took the train, and met
at Penn Station by the Alitalia.
I then went to Idlewild, from
the East Side Terminal. Cel.
Talamini met Bob and his
wife. We had supper together.

Then we went back to the
Alitalia office, where I met
Bob Hamble and his family.
We had a pleasant time.

After a time we were taken
to the East Side [Inn]. There
we had a meal and tea and
I was given a room together.

We came early in the
morning, and went out to

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Idlewild and said Mass. We waited around until 2:30 PM, when we took the plane. We left the ground about 3:30. The flight was very pleasant. We stopped for a few minutes at Milan, and reached Rome just before 9 AM. We came in from Fiumicino by bus, and one of the Collegio [illegible] boys brought us home.

After saying Mass I went up to the Holy Office to see the Cardinal. He was very pleased. I then saw Sealey and [illegible]. The Cardinal invited me for lunch the next day. That same noon, (Wednesday, Feb. 28) I ran across Msgr. Boni at his office. Then the

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weariness of the trip took hold of me. I went back to the house and rested.

The next day, Thursday March 1, we had our first session of the subcommission on the Church. Present, as I recall, were Parente, Ruffini, the man called Groessens, a member, that is, Peruzzo, Sagnis, Hermenegildo, Congo, [illegible], Betti, Utz, Binktrine, Basset, Fenton. Later that week we were joined by Bali and Lattanzi. Colombo and Philips were desperately from the beginning. We first took up the section between Church & State and about tolerance. It went through fairly well. I then made several observations

and about half of them were accepted in some form or other. Altogether I have done some service to the Lord, which is all I give about.

I had lunch with the Cardinal. He told me that he would try to have me appointed as one of the theologians of the council. If it comes it will be a great honor. He charged me with writing a letter to Sheedy to tell Sheedy that he should accept a new appointment. This will be fun for Sheedy.

In the afternoon we had de laicis. It was a long and tiring session. I had supper with De Boni at [Dulcissima]'s. This was Giovelli Grassi in [illegible].

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The Cardinal is functioning.

The next day was Friday, March 2. We had our meeting in the morning and another in the afternoon. We finished the chapter on the Magisterium of the Church and started the one on Our Lady. I had dinner with Griffith, and supper with Bill Cummings and was on his way to the Holy Land.

The next day was Saturday, March 3. I sent the letter to Fr. and Sheedy. We spent the morning finishing the chapter on Our Lady. I did the Church a service on this one. The original text said that we should hope that "tatan aliquando" there might be one fold and one shepherd. I fought it. Tromp was

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rude, but so was I. By this time I am deathly sick of Tromp. I rested most of the rest of the day.

Today I arose at six and said Mass and all of my office. While I was writing this, Card. Homble called. I was surprised to him more than I want. The food here is quite poor. We had a pleasant talk. During the course of the conversation I developed that there had been a meeting of the "commis" after in the Domus Mariae in an attempt, sometime in November. I shall not take the blame for this guy, but I am going to note my [illegible] to the Maled AER

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The other day I bought
Healy's Early Christian Count-
cil and Keating's Clergy of the First
Vatican Council. I take Healy as
a quite [illegible] review.

Room 608 - Pensionat
Romano - March 5, 1962
8 AM.

Last night I had pleasant
supper at the house. I went
to bed early, but there was
a bit of noise. Finally the
music simmered down. It
was coming from the TV, but
I have no attempt. All the
stuff was from Sardinia.
There was much bag, a [claire]
cake, a clavier, and some
marvelous wine. I finished
a piece of something.

I had [pepered] on the
place Collegio etc; it was

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quite a party.

Tuesday March 6, 1962 -
Room 608 - Pensionato Romano
8:20 AM.

Yesterday we had our first meeting of the full theological commission. The Cardinal told me that I was to come to lunch with him today. He has a bee in his bonnet about the Msgr. Kenney article. I shall do whatever he says.

In the morning we had most of the counselling on the Blessed Mother. In the afternoon we finished this and started the chapter on the magisterium. At the end there was a big flareup over the right as to whether or not a moral unanimity of the population would be necessary to have a Catholic

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state. Most of them did not seem to know the difference between theology and sociology.

We went to hear him "again" at the Domus Mariae on Sunday at 1 PM.

I took John Wright & [Zulomian] for dinner yesterday noon. And Jim Fenton took us to his home for supper last night.

Wednesday, March 7, 1962
Room 608 - Pensionato Romano
8:12 AM

Yesterday I attended both sessions. In the morning we did the magisterium and then in the afternoon we started de laicis.

At noon Griffith and I had dinner with the Cardinal. Each of us was astonished to find out the other was

invited.

He has sent to the delegate
for a copy of McKenzie's article
about Ruffini. He wants more
information, but I have no
time to write notes. [poor]
little man like McKenzie,
Griffith stayed after I left.
I was anxious to get back
here for a few minutes rest.
Griffith had some stuff
which was secret.

The suite was with us
at dinner. She was playing
for her apology out at hand.
She has been a great nuisance
to the Cardinal.

During in for the afternoon
session I noticed where
I was going by the queue
at the outer gate and at the
entrance to the Brenaro. I

would not satisfy their curiosity.

Today is Ash Wednesday. We are supposed to receive the ashes from Van Lierde at 9:20 AM. I do not the slightest notion as to when the sessions will take place.

So far we have done fairly well. They are pushing the affair ahead too fast. Sagnis agrees with me that that formula "apponitur foedus imperitum Ecclesia" is most unfortunate.

This is one thing but an ideal learned gathering. A few people, notably Tromp and [illegible], do most of the talking. I hope and pray that it comes out all right. As I shall be interested about

that appointment as a theologian of the council. That should be out fairly soon now.

Friday, March 16, 1962 - 7 PM
at 32,000 feet directly over
Mt. Blanc on Alitalia flight
632, which was scheduled to start
at 1 PM (Rome time), but which actually
took off about an hour late.

First I should resume the account
of the meeting. On Wednesday of last
week we received the ashes from Van
Lierde. The morning and afternoon
meetings were of the entire commission
and were held in the Vatican. At the
afternoon meeting we were forced
to play for meeting of the sub-
commission for the next day.

The following day, March 8, we
had the morning meeting in the
Holy Office. At noon we had a
banquet at the Campana. I met

Father Breen there and congratulated him on being named a Consultor. At the afternoon meeting Philips launched a whole attack against me, and I quite in hand. The three [canons] as to the in opposition to the plan for a commission, which will not be presented to the full commission. It will be worked on by the members of the subcommission who are in Rome, and then the members and consultors of the full commission who are in Rome. We have not been pleased with the one on the laity as with the one on the right of preaching the faith.

The following day, Friday, the ninth, we resumed the meetings of the full commission. In the morning the papal photographer came through. The Pope came. In the afternoon we found we could

finish the next day.

Saturday the tenth, we had two meetings and a so-called agape at the Domus Mariae. We finished Saturday evening. Philips apologized, but I still do not trust him.

After the meeting, I was very tired. I had dinner with the Cardinal on Monday. Suffice it that I did time with Wright, once (the last time) we were in some danger because John put chum the true Sicilian [illegible], and the place was recommended by an eminent man that was argued by the boy that the poems had rubbed a stitch. On Wednesday I had dinner with Albano and Marcella. I had a very little rest on

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Wednesday morning. We went out about the little guys.

Yesterday I went for a trip with four German, Peter Sheehy, Arnold Peas, Joe Haggerty, and Bill and John. I am not sure about this last name. We visited Caserta, Salerno, San Carlo, Paestum, Tiberius, Montepier (where we had a fine meal, across the [Planters] of Tarja. We had dinner at Palmiri's.

Last Sunday I gave De Boni a "lezione" at San Salario.

Now that the visit to Rome is finished, I should give my judgment on my work on the commission.

In the first place, I sincerely regret the writing of the commission in the membership and the Church

I honestly do not think that most of them have ever given any special attention to the matter, and certainly they consulted many of them has been considered with the Bishop.

I hope I pushed O'Neill three very sorry with a very valuable Catholic writer. For the summer I shall try to bring out the fact that there are two answers to taking the word "members." I think it may be a contribution, especially in view of my position on the commission.

Again I have had for once influence this time. I really did some good.

These are four propositions which were handed to me inside the SHO by the then Sodarius in Belgium 11/28/64. They were also delivered to Frank Connell

Proposizioni Dottrinali
Erronee

a) The Catholic confessional State, professing itself as such is not an ideal to which organized political society is universally obliged.

b) Full religious liberty can be considered as a valid political ideal in a truly democratic State.

c)

The State organized on a genuinely democratic basis must be considered to have done its duty when it has guaranteed the freedom of the Church by a general guarantee of liberty of religion.

d) It is true that Leo XIII has said: "... civitates ... debent eum in colendo numine morem usurpare quo coli se Deus ipse demonstravit velle" (Enc. Immortale Dei). Words such as these can be understood as referring to the State considered as organized on a basis other than that of the perfectly democratic State.

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There has never been
anything less effective in the
Church than a secret
condemnation of an error.

Journal of My
Seventeenth Trip to
Rome - Sept 25-26, 1962

Room 608 - Pensionato Romano
Sept. 27, 1962 - 10:25 AM.

I am starting this
Journal this morning. I
am here to work for the
forthcoming Second Ecumenical
Council of the Vatican. My
friend Cardinal Ottaviani
sent for the members of the
old Theological Commission

to be in Rome for the Council.

While I was here I was
told twice in Feb. and
March by the Cardinal
that he had handed in my
name to be a member of
the college of theologians for
the Council. On March
10 the Pope told me in
[confession] that I would
be received. On May 3
Tierney wrote that I
most probably would be
invited, and told me to
be sure to have reservations.

In Sept. Luigi wrote me
that I was sure to be named.

And yesterday I told me
that he had been assured
that I would be named.

But after my latest
vice cettalis for flight.

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Coll. flight directly to [illegible]
from Washington. I had
previously considered coming
here by ship.

Tuesday morning Sept. 25,
I said Mass in the little
chapel in the basement of
Caldwell Hall. After Mass I
went to see Pa. On the way
I met Pat Conniff and
took him to the chapel. I
went to confession to him.

I had a long counseling
visit with Pa. He walked out
to the car with me when I
left. Then I went back to
the room and made out a
new will. I left my books
to Springfield. The Bishop
has been most kind and
generous. Don Mansfield
came along and we drove

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it over to the office to have three people witness it.

By that time I went to dinner. I had a fine time. On my way out I met Phil Brown and Cecil Leffy who had come to drive me to National Airport. We started at once. I arrived there about 2:15. I found I had forgotten my rubbers. I bought a new pair at the airport. We had some dinner and coffee. I also bought some.

At about 3:15 we met Jack King & [Seegars], his superior. We (Jack & I) boarded Alitalia flight 810 set out for Palermo and Albano. I appreciate the great kindness of Phil and Cecile.

The flight of N.Y. was wonderful. When we arrived at the National terminal I discovered, me found that we were not met by the man from Alitalia. Jack called the Alitalia office and they sent a man over. We boarded at the Alitalia office just as this was called flight 616.

The flight over here was delightful. I had three places to myself, so I could stretch out. I did not sleep but I did rest.

We landed at Fiumicino, and were greeted by Count Camillo Cellado who waited for me and a priest from the American College was waiting for Jack. I had

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brought him some vitamins at the airport in Washington. He was delighted to have them.

Here I am, in my usual 608, the room I had in February and March of this year.

Room 608 - Pensionato
Romano - Sept. 28, 1962
5:40 PM.

I stopped writing yesterday morning because I was tired. I shall now continue the account of what happened here on the 26th.

My room was not in 608; only it matters. I went up and changed into cassock and went out for Holy Office. I met the Cardinal, who told me to come to see him at 11:30

the next morning. He seemed quite upset because the list had not yet been published. He remarked that we were on the eve of the Council, and that no one knew who the Council's theologians were to be.

From the Holy Office I went to Luigi's place. He was out. Then I went to the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities.

Saw Romeo and the Cardinal. Romeo was quite pessimistic and was completely open in his condemnation of Wygerend and Staffa. He told me that [Frks] name hated me.

Driscoll was his usual self. He performed dismally

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worried about the situation in Scripture. He referred to me as an apologist. I told him upon that, & his obiter something.

I tried hard to say Mass, but the house was up was shut up and I had a long wait in St. Peter's, only to be told finally that it was impossible because the Pope was using a public audience right there. I could hear the people cheering as the names of the various groups were read.

After Mass I walked down to the Vatican. I came back here for dinner. I was assigned a seat, and then De Boni came and moved me to the table next to his

own. Some man Italian with a few tables down towards the door. He came and got beside me, telling me how all American men rejoice and how we were not owned for speculation. I must about hating of him. I was tired.

I slept a good part of the afternoon. At six, they came up and found him. He rang from the 29th, then took him to the St. Paul's Book Store.

At seven De Boni drove up in his new Peugeot 404. He drove us to Caldoni's, where we had a fine meal. Then we went back home by way of Rome's most beautiful fountain. We met some Camerini and

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Garghetti at the Piazza Manna.
Then we left Jack at
the house on Humility Street
and drove home. I slept well.

The next day, the
27th (yesterday) I arose
early and said Mass at 8:15
in my own chapel.

10 PM After that I fixed up the
room, and wrote the preceding
entry. Then I went to the
Holy Office to see the boss.
He told me that he
must leave at 4 PM to bring
me to the Domus Mariae, where
Cardinal Ruffini wanted to see
me. He wanted me to pay
attention to what Ruffini had to
say. I then went to Via Cecchin
where I met Luigi. He was
all apologies. He told me the

a list was to be published in L'Osservatore, but that this list would include only experts who were not theologians or canonists. I was very discouraged.

I came back here and had dinner with De Boni, who is not starting his vacation. He is on his way to Pologna.

After dinner I went back to 608, and I was preparing for my siesta. There was a knock at the door, and the monsignor who works with Luigi told me that there was a packet for me at the desk.

The packet contained my appointment as "adjunct" and the books. I went immediately to thank God and to promise Him my work and my life. It is strange that poor old

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Joe Fenton is an officer of the
Second Vatican Council.

Oct. Tues. 6, when I went
to the Holy Office, and was
driven to the Domus Mariae. I
had to wait a while to see Ruffini.
He gave me a lot of information
about Ottaviani and Frig. And he
urged me to work well for O.

I called Jim Treacy. At
seven he came to the Pensionato.
At 7:15 his car. We went
out to Il Riccio. We had a
good evening. Then we
returned and went to bed.

In the morning, (the 28th)
I said Mass at Santa Maria
in Traspontina I think.
Then I returned and
slept most of the day.
At 6 the secretary to
Marella asked me to occupy

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I went with him to the
Galassi restaurant, where
I paid. It was a quiet evening.

6:45 AM - Sept. 29, Saturday

I forgot to say in my last
entry that on leaving the
Church this morning, I met
Bub Walsh, from NCWC.
We had a fine visit.

Then I went to see O
and thank him. He told me
that Quinn was his friend,
that is, the Quinn who was
named as one of the eleven
Americans called to the
Council as experts. Incidentally
the eleven are:

Brennan, Doheny,
Steinmueller, Fenton,
Hogan, Quinn, McManus,
Betz, Weyn, Heslin,
Tavard.

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I shall do my best to
obtain a place for Hemberger.
I owe it to him.

Afterward I visited
Romeo at the Congregation.
The atmosphere is charged up
there. An explosion is bound
to come soon.

Last night I did my
best to wean the secretary to
Marella away from the
things of Murray.

I did not sleep well
last night but I feel very
well. I hope to say Mass
at the church across the
street.

2 PM - Tuesday Oct. 2.
Saturday was a very busy
day. I said Mass at the
Traspontina. Then I had
breakfast here at the house

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Then I walked over to the Humility House and saw Jack and took a shower. I ask about Luie again.

We bought some books, and I walked back to the house. I had lunch, and slept most of the afternoon. I bought a copy of the bull and documents. It will come in handy for AER if I ever get it back.

We arranged to go for a trip on Sunday. It was by all means the best of the outings I have had in trips. Sunday morning we left here about 7:30 and picked up King. Then we drove to Fossanova. [Reynoso] and I said Mass in the room where St. Thomas died. King had already said Mass. Fr. Angeles said Mass

in the Church. We enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Then we drove to Priverno, saw the head of St. Thomas in the Cathedral, and had dinner at Romeletto's. The old boy is closing out the back room, so the C.U. signatures on the legs of that picture are gone forever. We dined on the terrace where we had a glorious view of Rocagorga, Maenza, and Roccasacca dei Volsci.

Then we drove to Maenza and saw the room where St. Thomas stayed with his sister. The people showed us some lovely part of the castle, including the hole down which they threw condemned men. St. Thomas's brother-in-law was quite a boy.

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At the end of the stay in Maenza I gave a thousand lire to the youngsters for ice cream. We had a great time.

From Maenza we drove to the abbey of Valvisciolo. It is beautiful, but not in a class with Fossanova, or, for that matter, with Casamari.

Then we went to Cori. We intended to eat there, but the commies were having a celebration. So we went home and dined at Palmini's. It was a very rewarding, but a very tiring day.

Monday I was very tired indeed. I read some of the material of the schemata. I do not like the one on the unity of the Church.

This morning I said

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Mass at 8:30. I wrote the
pro-memoria about [Hnaline]
I also wrote to Pa.

These were letters from
Mr. Coffey and [Wuerne]. There
was also a check from JEP.

I saw [Jordi]. Then I
changed some more money.
I went to the H O and saw
the boss and gave him the pro-
memoria. He invited me to
lunch tomorrow with the Vog.
I am to wear the red button.

On the way out I saw Joe
[Falerey]. He's disgusted. I
never saw him in such shape.
He wants to get out of the
council now. He is chagrined
at the fact that the list came
out so late. He may be sore
at Tromp. Most people would
be.

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I forgot to say that on Saturday I ordered a new black cassock with red button and a new sash. The cost is \$26.00. I am getting it from Immacoli's. They are thieves, but they are pretty good tailors.

I am to report at HO at 1:20 PM tomorrow, with the book. I have my own copy now.

By the way the news of the appointments was in the NY Times for the 28th. They left out Quinn's name.

10:10 AM - Friday Oct. 5.
Wednesday morning I studied the schemata. At 1:20 in the afternoon I went to the HO. The party included the boss, Marella, Parente, Maselli, Vagnozzi, [Corgno], Ciri, Mr + Mrs. Talenti, the sister, and me.

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During the course of the morning
I bought a copy of Time Magazine.
It has a picture of the Pope on the
cover. Inside there is a story
on the council, in which the
writer makes it clear that he
expects and wants a change in the
Church. After the dinner I
went out, buy a copy and
give it to the boss. I translated
it into Italian.

That night I went out with
Jack King to the [Josette] restaurant.
The food and service were bad.
Then we walked over to Palmini's
for the rest of the meal. We
saw that the next day (Thursday
the 9th) the Pope was going to
take a trip to Loreto and Assisi.

The next morning (Thursday)
I said Mass here and walked
over to the American College.

I saw Zygel for a few minutes.
The new fellow from Springfield
had arrived, but had gone out
to Assisi. Jack and I went
to see Frank Connell at the
Celforseum but found he was
not staying there. Bill Cummings
has gone home.

We dined at Isidossi's
and then went to St. Paul's
and the Tre Fontane. Afterwards
we went to St. Paul's bookshop,
across the street from this house,
and I bought [Cappello's]
book on Italian Modernism.

The Rome American
carried an article about the
council, prophesying that it
would change the Church.

At supper Wednesday
night the boys had some
wine and cheese from Sardinia.

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It was the night before that
I went out with Jack.

Last night (Thursday), I
met Phil. He invited me
out for tonight.

Last night I slept 12 hours.
I walked far too much yesterday.

Jack called last night. He
wants to get in touch with
Vog. I shall bring him to
HO this morning. I do not
think that I am making a
mistake.

12:05 PM, Sunday, Oct. 7.
I thought the matter over,
and decided not to bring Jack to
the HO. It would be preaching
on my friendship for the Cardinal.
Jack and I called Frank
Connell at St. Alfonso. We were
told he was not there. Then
we walked over there.

My memory played tricks on me. Jack went back, and I worked on some letters. During Friday + Saturday I wrote eleven letters, mailed Saturday noon from Holy Office. They were to 1) Pa 2) Kathy, 3) Bill McDonald, 4) Wally Schmitz, 5) Joe Fitzgerald, 6) Pat Driscoll, 7) Betty [Groos], 8) Sheedy, 9) John Murphy from Milwaukee, 10) Walt 11) Mr. [Clafferty].

At noon I went out to buy a paper and I met two Albanian bishops, one of whom [Solby], was an old student of mine. They took me to the [Giolitti] di vino and ate. We had a fine time together. They seemed quite conservative. I hope they stay that way.

Back here I met Bob
Turlo. We agreed to go out
together Friday night. He
came to my room at seven.
While we were here my bell
rang and the call was from
O'Donnell, the new man
from Springfield. We all
had supper at Galassi's.
I paid. It was a very
agreeable night.

In the morning (Saturday)
I received a call from Frank
Connell who really was
at St. Alfonso's. He drove over
here and we ate at Palmini.
It was a delicious dinner.
I enjoyed it immensely. I
mailed my letters on the
way.

In the evening I had a
very pleasant meal here.

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The boys talked about the bomb thrown into Spell's house this morning.

After supper I walked out with Reynoso. He told me some stories about the corruption in the Curia here. He complained about a case decided against the court of [Mpuen Coty] because of money and the influence of the Jesuits. He thinks that there should be a reform of the Curia. I agree with him, but I think that this is a matter for a Pope, and not for the Council.

10:50 AM, Monday Oct. 8
Yesterday at about 1 PM
O'Donnell came over, and we went to the station to meet the Bishop. He was not on the train that came in from

Naples at 1:20, so we took a cab to Palmini's for dinner. We met Arch. Miranda and Reynoso. They wanted us to sit with them, but it would have been a way of making [Munda] pay for our meal. We went into the other room. There were about 20 socialists there, complete with red handkerchiefs around their necks. They made a lot of noise when we came in. A few minutes later they all trooped out. Then a few minutes after that they all trooped in again.

One fat old man stopped at our table to say that they were disciples of St. Thomas. He kept shouting "for us to listen." I told him he was just a disciple of Nenni as far as

we were concerned. He kept trying to argue and to quote some passage of St. Thomas. I finally had to tell him to go away. With that a tough (who was a meanly little fellow) came up and started to upbraid me. I gave him the go-away sign. Then they went back to their old table and fussed a while. Then, by twos and threes, they left the restaurant.

The meal was excellent but the service was not too good.

On the way back we ran into the socialist parade on the Corso. We skipped across the street right in front of it.

We walked to the [Ducal] hotel and met Joe Johnson and Tom Glennon. We had a great

time with them.

At 6:30 We went down to the lobby where we met and sat with Fletcher, Bartolome and the bishops of [Omerdoni]. On the way in we met and talked with Cooley.

At about 6:40 the bishop came down. He was wonderful as always. He invited us to supper. We ate at the Grand where the food was exquisite.

Afterwards Johnson, [Helene], O'Donnell, and I walked back to Humility Street. There I met Hettinger and Mr Morris.

Then I walked home and went to bed.

I found all the bishops, especially Bishop Weldon, quite worried. They have no doctrinal problems at

all. Indeed they act as if there were no doctrinal problems at all.

They are concerned with the overt admiration of the Council, to which many of them have contributed. They know that the people of the world, and especially the American people, expect some miraculous results from this council. And they do not see how these are going to come about.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 9:50 AM
I left Washington two weeks ago today. It seems as though I had just started.

Yesterday was one of the fullest days of my life.

I said Mass and then went out to see Romeo and to prepare the way for the bishop.

The visit with Romeo was quite rewarding. He showed me a letter from the grand rabbi of Jerusalem, stating that the "Bible of Jerusalem" was of no scientific value and that it opposed the doctrine that the scriptures are inspired.

I returned and waited for the bishop's call. When he did not, I went out to look for him at the American Bishops place. I was told on the street that he had passed only a minute or two before. I met him in front of the Traspontina church.

We went to its office at 54 Conciliazione where he, Johnson, and Glennon registered. We then went to the St Paul Bookshop, where we bought him a breviary like mine.

I bought some books myself.
Then we walked to Galassi's
where O'Donnell was waiting for
us. We had a good dinner.

After dinner O'Donnell and
I walked back to the Pensionato,
and the other three took a taxi home.

Back here I found George
Higgins, and we immediately
went to the oath. When We
had a call, Jim Hoffman came
with us, and he is too fat to
walk.

We took the oath and the
profession of faith. For the
first time in the profession
the old Council was referred
to as the First Vatican.

It is a crime that we
did not take the Anti-
Modernist Oath. Pope O
must have failed to have our

own profession passed by the central commission. It contained his condemnation of Murray.

At the oath taking I met Balic, Tromp, O'Brien, Phil, Parente, Lattanzi, De Lubac, and many more, including Colombo and Steinmueller and M. Morris. Dante and Felici gave us the oath and the profession of faith. Welte was there, although he was not on the list.

After the ceremony (in a chapel that was meant to hold about half as many as were there) we were told that the periti had to have two pictures of themselves and had to buy them at Felici's office. Steinmueller, Higgins, Colombo, and I

went first to a place near the Vatican. We found that we would have to come back in the morning, and that we could not have the pictures until Wednesday night. So we went to the Termini station. There they have a machine that takes 4 pictures of you in 3 minutes for 200 lire.

We obtained the pictures and then we taxied back through the worst of the Rome traffic to 10 Via Seminario. There we gave the picture to Luigi, who told us we would not have the identity cards until after the first session. Then I changed some money and bought a book at St. Paul's. We took a taxi to the Hotel Mondial (where George is

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staying), had dinner with
Bishops O'Connor and
McHanman at a nearby restaurant,
and went back to the hotel for a
few minutes. I took the bus
home. I had all my office to
say. I was very tired.
I had a fine sleep.
I said Mass at 6 AM,
and tried to call Chris. Then
I fixed things up for the
party tomorrow night.

11:05 PM Wed. Oct. 10,
1962

After Mass yesterday I went
to the Am. Coll. I found many
friends, but learned that King
had gone to the [Jonesclian].
I had dinner at Dalby's and
had the pleasure of meeting
Cummis and 3 [bet] Kenyon,
including a man named [Flynn]

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in the Irish diplomatic service.
I had supper here. The paper
said (as I learned through one
of its boys) that the periti
decided to get their tickets in
the morning. I had a good sleep.

In the morning (the 10th)
I said Mass and went for my
ticket. The thing is a makeshift
passport. My number is 55,
as it was 178. I have come
come down 123 points.

After receiving the ticket
I went to the HO where I met
Tromp and Schauf. Tromp was
most friendly.

Then I walked down the
Conciliazione and met Mc
Sorley and his group. I took
Barra and his friends to the
Madonne meeting at 5:4. They
received their tickets to sign.

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I had a sleep in the PM, and then went to Miss Gradin's party at night. Jmj. Tved drove me. Present were Jim, Bp. Gorman, (who looked [blow]) Barry Kenyon, Murphy, and Richter, [Heads], Jones, Higgins (rode out with this 3), McManus, Burke Walsh, and other. We had a great time. I shall have to get up early to make the Council.

By the way, I learned that the US Bishops were told by Confalonieri that they could not have the meeting in Rome. This is a fact. There O'Boyle called Spell. He told O'Boyle to contact Chief. Chief told them to hold the meeting, but to keep it a complete secret. This is nonsense.

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The party was quite enjoyable.
I was at the desk for 6:45
AM. Tomorrow is the big day!
I hope that AER is coming along
all right.

Saturday the 13th Oct.,
5:45 PM.

The next day - Thursday,
was the day on which the
council opened. It rained
in the morning. Quinn,
Whotte, and Hogan called
for me. We had climbed a
lot of stairs, and we finally
landed in the tribune behind
the altar on the epistle side.
We had good seats there.
Eventually we had to leave,
and we landed in the third
tribune on the same side.
I saw the Pope come in, and
I saw the cardls, and said
the Odesmus. I also said

the office.

I shall never forget the splendor of that opening. The ceremonies were too long, however. We left in the middle of the "supplicatio Orientalis." I heard the Pope from outside, and then from my room. The rain had stopped and the sun was shining when we left.

The other priest drove me to the Pensionat where I changed my clothes. We went to this [office] and we failed here to go to the general congregation in choir robes.

Then I took a cab to the Hotel Mondial. I had dinner with my friends. I returned here. The lights on the Castel St. Angelo were agown. Then

was a torchlight procession
in St. Peter's square.

In the morning - Friday -
I slept late and said Mass. I
then went to see the Cardinal.
I was shocked to see the poor
man. He told me he was
"mezzo morto." He gave
me copies of a slate which
he asked me to carry in his
name to Boland, Leech, and
McNulty. Leech had left
the [Conference]. McNulty could
not be found. I called Boland
at the [English]. He let me
come over to see him. While
waiting for him I saw Leech.
He promised to help. Boland
also promised to help, and
said he would take care of
McNulty. I [tugged] home
after that.

It was too late to eat
here at the house so I
went over to Federico's. I
met a nice English couple,
and the family of one of my
friends at the Pensionat.

I rested a while, then
went over to see the Bishop at
the Grand.

By the way, while I was
at the restaurant I met a
Carmelite bishop, an American
working in Peru. He promised to
work for the slate O had given
me.

On the way in to the Grand
I met two bishops who were
very much interested in the slate,
and who promised to work for it.

The Bishop was most kind.
He had me make three copies.
I kept the last original myself.

He is going to pass the word along.

We had a fine meal at the Grand.

On the way home my pocket was picked, and I lost either 30,000 or 40,000 lire. This was the second time my pocket was picked. I guess I am a natural mark. I put in a complaint at the Carabinieri station, but I know it is a waste of time. Maybe I'll get the wallet back.

On Saturday morning I awoke early and said Mass. It was raining, and I walked to St. Peter's in my choir robes. I don't [said] the Mass (the Cardinal Dean, Tisserant, had said it on Thursday). After the Mass Tisserant

or someone said the prayers,
and then the fathers were told
to vote.

Suddenly, Lienart arose
and proposed that the voting
be delayed until Tuesday the
16th. Frings backed him up.
It was a real blow.

The Americans did not
understand at all. They all
thought it was a good thing.
Ottaviani was almost in tears,
when he met me at 9 Monday
morning.

At dinner I met [Eli]
[Paum] and his brother. But
before that I walked from the
H O over to the Michelangelo to
see McCormick. He promised to
send his material in to AER.
Irving was most cordial and
invited me to eat. Harrison

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was definitely not cordial at all. He and McCormick were at table together.

De Paum told me that all through France, Germany, Belgium, and Holland the Church leaders are out to hurt the Roman curia.

He also told me that the Catholic papers of Germany, Switzerland, Holland are saying that the U.S. bishops are scandalizing everyone here by living in the best hotels and spending so much money.

I had always thought that this council was dangerous. It was slated for no sufficient reason. There was too much talk about what it was supposed to accomplish. Now I am afraid that real trouble

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is on the way.

Ottaviani is bewailing the Franco-German "bloc." I told that to the other this morning and they would not see it.

The boss is going to try to get 8 names who can be placed in ahead of the candidates of the blocs. I hope he succeeds. The Pope may have to make a stand and lose his popularity with the liberals.

4:50 PM - Monday Oct. 15
1962

Saturday night at 6
I went over to the Grand. The bishop and I visited for a while. Then we ate with H. [Sovay], a Springfield air force chaplain, Joe Johnson, Tom Levin, and John O'Donnell.

O'Donnell and I came home by bus. It was pleasant for a change. October in Rome is no time for a council. The weather has been miserable.

Sunday morning we arose early. The car called for me at about 9:30 AM. We drove to Albano, Ariccia, Nemi, Grotteferata (where we stopped at the Church of St. Nilus), Frascati (where we visited the Cathedral), Rocca di Papa (where we lunched with Imbaldi at his house for a [Bitter Word]), Tivoli (where we ate a fine dinner at the [Siren], and where I saw Bishop Daughy, and where I met some priests from Cali who did not like my evaluation of Mugatti) +

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Palombara, and then back home to eat at the Grand. I came home on the bus. It was raining again when I got off. I was soaked.

I said Mass this morning (Monday the 15th) and went to Holy Office. The boss gave me a new list which I am to show to Weldon and to McNulty tonight. I am invited to his house for dinner on Wednesday at 1:30. So is McNulty.

The old list was

- 1) Roy - Quebec
- 2) Repuzzo - Agrigento
- 3) Griffiths - Aux N.Y.
- 4) Franic - Spalato
- 5) Florit - Florence
- 6) Philippe - Curia
- 7) Fernandez - O.P.

- 8) Barbado y Viejo - Salamanca
- 9) Dodewaard - Haarlem
- 10) Schrotffer - Eichstatt
- 11) Ngo-Dinh-Thuc - Hue
- 12) Muldoon - Sydney
- 13) Silva-Santiago - Conception
- 14) Vagnozzi - USA
- 15) Lemieux - Ottawa
- 16) Lokuang - Tainan

The new list (of which I have only two copies, includes

- 1) Roy
- 2) Schroffer
- 3) Philippe
- 4) Franic
- 5) Griffiths
- 6) Peruzzo
- 7) Fares - Catanzaro
- 8) Florit
- 9) Gonzales Martin - Astorga
- 10) Souto Vigoso - Palencia
- 11) Lorscheider - Santo Angelo

- 12) Scherer - Porto Alegre
- 13) Silva Santiago
- 14) Cooray - Colombo
- 15) Zoa - Jadounde
- 16) Ngo-Dinh-Thuc - Hue

I shall now try to get in touch with my man.

Noteworthy is the fact that John Wright and [Deebois] were left off both lists. The Hollander and one Canadian were grouped from the first list; I do not think this list has a chance in the world.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1962 -
Tribune at the back of the epistle side (south) of St. Peter, during the 2nd general congregation of the Second Vatican Council.

Mass has just been completed. Ottaviani proposed that this vote be final. Roberti said that this

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would be contrary to canon law, because this law allows a relative majority to win only after two elections. Ruffini, speaking for the presidents, said that they would leave it up to the Pope. Some other speaker, presumably a cardinal, rejected what Ruffini had said.

Yesterday I carried out the commission given me by O. I had supper with Chris.

- Karl is named undersecretary
- The boys can go home after they have voted. If they have voted already they can go now. They can vote at home if they wish, but they must bring the ballots to 10 Via Seminario before 6 tonight.

10:38 AM - Friday, Oct.
19 - The Room on Inquisition Alley (although the sign has been removed).

Tuesday, after the general congregation was finished, I reported to O on the completion of my commission. Then I returned to the house. It was pleasant by this time. So far all three meetings have been held on mornings which began with rain. I have had to carry an umbrella each time.

Tuesday noon I went to the Congregation to see Romeo, who gave me some papers on the schemata. They are subtle but valuable. I must return them in the next few days.

While I was there Delea came in. Romeo had been complaining that Delea was putting too much emphasis on Latin, and was thereby harming the cause of integrism. But when Delea

came in they were quite friendly.

Delea came with me to the house. I met Bishop Dwyer of Reno at the house. Delea and I went out to Alfredo's at St. Peter's for dinner. While there we were joined by Martin Walsh, a man named Keegan, and another named Ryan. They were interested in integrism. They told me (that is Keegan did, and Walsh was not very friendly). that I was being calumniated here in Rome.

I started to read the material on the liturgy, and I was shocked at the bad theology. They actually have been stupid enough that the Church is "simul humanam et divinam, visibilem et invisibilem." And they speak of the Church working

"quousque veniat ovile fiat
et unus pastor," as if that
condition were not already
achieved.

I had supper at home Tuesday
night.

Wednesday morning I said
Mass rather late and worked
a bit in the morning. I
went to dinner at O's at 1:30.
The following were present,
1) O 2) Ciriaci, 3) Karl,
4) Boland, 5) Stanton, his
auxiliary, 6) Leech, 7) Vagnozzi,
8) McNulty, 9) Leech's theologian,
10) Poznanski, 11) Quinn
12) myself. Ciriaci was something
of a clown, and talked incessantly
of his days in the diplomatic
service. He, too, had talked
to "the ambassador of France."
But he was a pleasant man.

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Quinn was most vulgar.
He tried to horn in on every conversation. Vagnozzi told me that King had been invited and had actually come with him, but that there was simply no place for him at the table.

I forgot - Brennan was also there. I am sure I left out some bishops.

That night Jack O'Donnell came over to consult me about his studies. [Zgud] wants him to go to the Gregorian rather than to the Lateran. We went out to Galassi's where we had supper with Delea. We had to tick off an ignorant Dutchman at the next table. We walked home, that is, Delea and I did. Jack took

a cab from the Trastevere side of the Garibaldi bridge.

Delea wants me to contact Vagnozzi about a reply to some French bishops. It seems that these men intend very soon to propose that the council pass up all the doctrinal schemata and settle for some "pastoral" stuff.

I do not think that any little work on our part is going to bring good to the Church. We should, I believe, face the facts. Since the death of St Pius X the Church has been directed by weak and liberal popes, who have flooded the hierarchy with unworthy and stupid men. This present conciliar set-up makes this all the more apparent. Each

Honselich, the only intelligent and faithful member of Bea's secretariat has been left off the list of the periti. Such clerics as Quinn and the sneak M. [Many] have been put on. [Carrol] is there as an American. God help us.

From surface appearances it would seem that the Lord Christ is abandoning His Church. The thoughts of many are being revealed.

As one priest said to me, to excuse his own liberalism, which, in the bottom of his heart he knows was wrong, "for the last few decades the tendency in Rome has been to favor the liberals."

That is the policy now. We can only do what we can

to avert an even more complete disloyalty to Christ.

Thursday morning I said Mass, straightened up the room, and wrote eight letters. They were to 1) Pa, 2) Kathy, 3) Walt, 4) Sheedy, 5) Bob North (about an article honoring Mike Greenbaum, one of the best friends I have ever had in my life), 6) Pat Driscoll, 7) Phil Brown, and 8) Mr. Clifferty.

De Paum called this afternoon and told me that M. Many was telling everyone in Rome that Fenton does not represent American Catholic thought; nor even the thought at C.U.

In the evening I mailed my letters from Holy Office and saw the Cardinal. We

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talked about the liturgical schema, and he wants me to study on it here in the library of the H.O. So here I am.

I slept late this morning said Mass, and came up here. I forgot to mention that last night I went over to Bonanelli's and took dinner on my arrival I liked it. I paid for it with Sheedy's fifty-dollar check and with a personal check of my own for \$20.00.

10:45 - Sunday Night - Oct. 21, 1962 - Room 608 -

On Friday I came back here to eat dinner, and I rested a bit. Then I went back to the HO to continue my study of St. Robert I had supper [at the Council], and it was very pleasant.

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Saturday the 20th I went bright and early to say Mass at the Trappistine. I came back here and had breakfast, put on my choir robes, and walked to St. Peter's. It was the first good day we have had. This was the 3rd general congregation, or the 4th meeting of the entire Council.

After Mass they told all who were not fathers, periti, officials, or procurators of the council to leave. They then announced the votes. The 16 elected to the doctrinal or theological commission are: 1) Schroeffler, 2) Garone of Toulouse, 3) König of Vienna, 4) Van Dodewaard of Haarlem, 5) Scherer of Porto Alegre, 6) [Fejer], 7) Florit, 8) [Dearden], 9) Charue of Namur, 10) Wright, 11) McEntegart, 12) Griffith,

13) Roy, 14) Santos of Manila, 15) Seper of Zagreb, 16) [Peringo].

After the announcement of the election (they gave six commissions with elected members, one [the liturgical] with elected and appointed members, and three are still there not counted), they came out with a "message to all men." I would say that about 20 spoke on this non-sensical message. They finally voted to send it out, with a few amendments. [Proulx] gave a good talk, but no one paid any attention to him.

During the course of the discussion [Franfoldo], who seems to have taken a liking to me, brought me down to the bar, where I had a coffee and a coke.

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After the meeting I walked back to the house with Pillen (deaf), the general of the Carmelites. He told me that Shorts was quite dissatisfied with the schema on the liturgy.

After dinner I had a short rest, and then went to the Gesù. [I should have said that the procession might be Bini took, me & [Worch], in [Tostone]. We had a great meal.] On the way out we met Brennan, and, of all people, Willie Sullivan.

At the Gesù I met Joe Johnson & Tom Deans. We all walked to St. Silvestro (which is being completely rebuilt) and went to confession. Then we went to Tanfani's where Joe had ordered a cassock. The seller did not fit. We walked back.

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Chis and the 3 of us had
supper together at the Grand.
During the meal Jim Champoux
came in with Ritter.
I went back home by bus.
In the morning I said Mass
here.

After the siesta O called me.
I went up there with my notes.
Tromp came in, and the 3 of us
drew up the outline of O's
speech. Tromp did not want
to take my suggestions (which
were better than his own), O
insisted. So my work will
appear in the acts of an oecumen-
ical council.

My own contribution were
an observation on the schema's
statement that the Church is at
the same time visible and
invisible, and the statement

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the evil version is still to be changed.

On the way back I had a good talk with Denis of Camden.

After supper here I went out with 4 of the boys to [Tacconi's].

→ Monday, Oct 23, 1962.

3:25 PM - Room 608

I arose early this morning and said Mass at the Trappistine.

Then I came back, put on my choir robes, and set off for the general congregation. This was the fourth general congregation and the fifth meeting of the Council.

On the way in I met Biz, Primero, and McGrath. I was not much impressed by this last man. I hope I do not mind working with him on the

theological commission.

After Mass they announced the other three commissions, that is, the men who had been voted places on them. P. O'Boyle was the first and almost a unanimous choice for the commission on seminaries. Cody was also elected. Frank Reh went on one of the commissions. That makes three of Spell's auxiliaries, since Griffith and Sheen are also on commissions.

Then there came the relation on the schema on the liturgy. There were several speeches. Spell and Vagnozzi both criticized it severely. I am sure it will go through in spite of them. The Germans seem particularly skilled for a change. O and McIntyre were not called upon to speak. Spellman was the only American

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to talk. While he was speaking George Higgins was practically having a heart attack.

On the way out I saw Griffith and John Wright. I also talked with [Dick] Steinsmuller and, of all people, with poor McManns. Ned has managed to worm himself into the briefs of everyone.

After dinner here at the house I went out for coffee with Spadafora.

So far there is no time for any organization of the doctrinal commission. This morning they read a rescript from the pope which, in fact, makes Bea's secretariat a super-commission. The word is Gnafo's. We are very obviously in for a bad time. Griffith knows about

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König's hostility to O. And very obviously he is going to fight for the boss. Johnny is a different kind of bird.

→ Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1962 -
6:35 PM. Room 608

I have fallen behind with this thing. And I have a great deal to say.

Yesterday night I went to the H.O. library to work on my notes. They are becoming quite valuable.

Then Jim Tucek picked me up at 7 and brought me to his palatial apartment over near the Via Giulia. We had a fine supper and a good evening. When I returned I found that the boys at the house had been waiting for me at Tacconi's. To keep them happy I sent

out for some wine for them.
In the morning (Wednesday)
I said Mass at the Trappistine
and walked up to St. Peter's.
O spoke. He was good but
he would have been better if
he had not listened to Tromp.
His theme was that a pastoral
document like the liturgical
schema should be exact. He
pointed out as a first horrible
example that the statement about
the Church being at the same time
visible and invisible was no good.

Vagnozzi also spoke. He was
quite good. He favored Latin.

I came home, rested, and
then went back to work in the
H.O. library. I did a lot. I
worked on Bossuet, p. 1586
Roman edition. He has some
magnificent things to say

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about the visibility and the definition of the Church.

I went to bed early last night. I read Time magazine in bed. The people here are quite worried about the international situation.

Wednesday noon I had lunch at Federici's, with Janssens of the [Sties]. He is a crybaby, but not too bad a man.

→ Saturday, Oct. 27, 1962 - The third tribune down (from the altar) North side. The corner (westward, front row).

Wednesday night I had supper at the house and went to bed early.

Thursday there was no meeting of the council. I went to Holy Office in the afternoon and finished the material on Bonny.

Friday was an interesting day. I

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early, said Mass at the house, and was the first in the tribune. I had the same place I have today. It was quite enjoyable.

As for as I can see the Church is going to be very badly hurt by this council. The opposition between the liberals and the loyal Catholics has been brought out into the open. Yesterday a Dutch (Holland) bishop gave a nasty talk in which he claimed to be speaking for all of his countrymen. He charged that the claims (really statements of fact) about theological imperfections in the schema were "exaggerated." The poor fellow seemed to imagine that a little lack of precision is all right in a conciliar document. I am disgusted with talk of this kind.

Another mild liberal speech was made by the auxiliary of

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Lyons. Florit passed up his chance to speak.

After the session I went with George Higgins & the Yale Aldeins, where we had a very decent meal, for which I paid. Afterwards I went over to the continental station to see if the thief had turned in my wallet and papers. I had no luck. These cops are not worth their salt.

Then I started for the H.O. On the way I met bishops Donaghy and Escalante. Then I went on to the H.O. where O asked me to get him some texts from Pius XII. One was on private Masses and the other was on Latin in the Mon. Both texts were given to the Cardinal.

At night De Bonis and I went to Marc Northum. We came home early. He is a very pleasant young man. I enjoyed myself very much.

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This morning, like yesterday, I got up early & said Mass at the house, had a bite of breakfast, and came up here. Again I was the first one in the tribune.

The conciliar aula is set up in the central nave of St. Peter's.

On the inside of the two pillars supporting the main dome are two sections of eight tiers apiece. The first is covered in front with red cloth, and is, in fact, a double section It is for the cardinals.

→ Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1962

The same place.

Saturday after the Council

I went back, had dinner, and rested. I ate in the house that night.

Sunday Morning I arose

late and said Mass in the house.

Then I found that Higgins had

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been calling for me. I phoned him and arranged to meet him at 12. Durham met me at the house and we went to see Higgins. We had a good meal and interesting conversation at the Flavia. Before going to dinner I finally succeeded in sending off a cable to Pa. It was his 88th birthday. May he have many more birthdays. That night I ate at the house.

On Monday I arose early and said Mass, then took their seat for the council. The last speaker was Peruzzo, of our commission. He was obviously unprepared and obviously right. They then began the consideration of the second chapter with good talks by Ruffini & Spell, and with the usual tommyrot from that trivial Hepp began. Monday noon I found that Jack King had been calling. I

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phoned him back, and we had dinner together at Federici's. He is in bad shape. His superior general bawled him out for writing on O's side. The fellow was (and is) vicious. Jack is like a beaten man.

I walked from Federici's to HO where I met a Jesuit from San Antonio. I must look up his name.

We went out to Frascati in a little bus. There was the usual "show" put on by the girls of the Oasis in honor of O's 72nd birthday. I had a good time. The Jesuit and I rode back with Mrs. Talenti and another lady in Mrs. T's M. Benz. We ate together at Federici's.

The next day (Tuesday the 30th) I was too tired to come to the Council. The news was that Alfieri, at Felici's urging, shut O off.

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Apparently it was one of A's more boorish actions. The whole city is talking about it.

At night I went to Izzi Foja's at 20 Via Lucullo with Primero and Landi. I enjoyed myself a great deal. It is quite obvious that not even those like Primero and Landi really agree with me.

This morning (Wednesday the 31st) I arose early, said Mass, and came here. I met many of the bishops at the bar.

Now to continue the description on p. 90
Next to the section which have the red cloth in front of them is another with green cloth. This is for the patriarchs. And then, from there to the east portal, there are 15 sections in which the front is natural wood. This front is the communion prie-Dieu and desk. Each of the 15 sections

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is six seats wide. The smallest are 11 rows long. The longest (the one under the arches) are 15 rows long. The seats are green and are supposed to be foam rubber. The seat is rather snug for a big man.

Under the arches there are three tribunes or galleries on both sides.

[There seem to be 16 sections for bishops and archbishops on our side. Opposite the cardinals is the place for the observers.]

The two tribunes nearest the altar are filled with bishops. The one on the north side in the middle is for generals of religious communities. The other are for the periti.

The sense or feeling of the ghettos seems to be entirely absent. I am anxious to get home. I am

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afraid that there is nothing at all that I can do here.

I forgot to say that I know that Bill McDonald is re-elected. And I know that Roland Murphy is again causing trouble about the Sigman affair.

Being in this council is, of course, the great adventure of my life. But, at the same time, it has been a frightful disappointment. I never thought that the episcopate was so liberal.

This is going to mark the end of the Catholic religion as we have known it. There will be vernacular Masses, and, worse still, there will be some weird changes in the constitution.

I think of Gibbons' book on the 1st Vatican Council whenever I go to the bar (in a room off the

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Blessed Sacrament altar). I meet dozens of bishops I know. But I realize that I am all alone.

→ Thursday, Nov. 1, 1962

Room 608 Pensionato Romano.

On the way back from the Council I stopped in to see O. He seemed shaken by what had happened the day before. I feel for him. We had a good visit.

Going home from the HO I met the O'Neills. They took me to Curti's, where we had a fine lunch.

At night I talked to the bishops. He wants me over at his hotel for supper tonight; I do not enjoy eating at the Grand.

Last night I was quite discouraged and I did not sleep well. I arose late this morning, All Saints' Day,

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and said Mass. I had hardly returned to the room when my call sounded. Agostino was on the phone and he told me that O wanted to see me at once.

I went immediately to O's apartment. He wanted me to have a copy made of a "Commentary on the 'Prima Series' of the 'Schemata Constitutionum, Decretorum, de quibus disceptabitur in Concilii Sessionibus.'"

First we called Jack King. He got in touch with his house. The OMI crowd were vicious, and would not allow the use of their machine when they know it was for O. Then I called John Boyle. He came through. Agostino drove me down and warned me "fraternally" to be careful about what I said to O. The fellow is betraying his

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By the way, when I entered O's apartment, I found him talking with Haring the Redemptorist. Haring is a bad man, but O seems to know about him.

I shall now go on. I returned after having had dinner with John at Cosmos & Damian. I gave the original to the copyist to O. He gave me back the copies, and told me to bring him a commentary tomorrow. I am to have lunch with him at 10. Mission and a bishop whom I had in school are lying with John.

I shall now sit down the first draft of my own observations. I shall then type them out in Latin. They will have to be very brief indeed.

I General remarks:

B. Paragraph 3, the last sentence,

"There proposals are not an attempt to voice what some particular theologian champions, but to express the already tried and tested new tendency in theology, omitting strange personal new insights."

- Observation. The author of this Committee, who, incidentally does not know how to write in English, seems to be completely unaware of the purpose of a conciliar doctrinal constitution.

I shall cite a few passages, in which ecumenical councils have spoken of the purpose of a doctrinal constitution.

1) The First Vatican Council from its introduction to the Dogmatic Constitution "Pastor Aeternus:"

"Et quoniam portae infer-

ad everlandam, si fieri possit,
ecclesiam contra eius fundamentum
divinitus positum maiore in dies
odio undique insurgunt; Nos
ad catholici gregis custodiam,
incolumitatem, augmentum,
necessarium esse iudicamus, sacro
approbante concilio, doctrinam de
institutione, perpetuitate, ac natura
sacri apostolici primatus, in quo
totius ecclesiae vis ac soliditas
consistit, cunctis fidelibus credendam
et tenendam, secundum antiquam
atque constantem universalis ecclesiae
fidem proponere, atque contrarios,
Dominico gregi adeo perniciosos,
errores proscribere et condemnare."

The First Vatican set out
to propose doctrine "to be believed and
held by all the faithful according
to the ancient and constant faith
of the universal Church." The

author of the commentary with which we are dealing wants to express "the tried and tested new tendency in theology." On p. 3, in the last sentence, he shows that he is talking about what he considers the theology of the last 30 years.

→ Friday, Nov. 9, 1962

I have let this go for too long
Last Friday I took Bob Trick to the Marc Northum. He showed me a clipping from the San Francisco Monitor in which I am slandered by O'Gorman.

On Saturday I notified Chris, and wrote letters to the Monitor, the National Review, and McGucken. I went to the Michelangelo to deliver the note to him by hand, and I found him with Thornton Davis and with Graham. He told me that he was sorry, and that Vagnozzi had

called him down about O'Connor. He said that O'Gorman was a holdover from the Mitty regime, and that he (McGucken) had demoted him.

By the way, on Sunday night I took De Bonis to Cassinni's. We had a pleasant supper.

Sunday I wrote a great many letters, and posted them at the truck on the Piazza Pio on my way with De Bonis.

Monday the Council began again. They were still on the second chapter of the liturgy.

Tuesday came the first real break. There were some speeches, and then Tappouni announced that the Pope had decided that the postulates would call for a vote on doctrine. They voted almost unanimously. Then they started

on the third chapter.

Wednesday they finished the third chapter and started the fourth, the one on the breviary.

Lagos proposed that they have only lauds (morning prayer) vespers (evening prayer) and some special readings. He was applauded.

In the meantime I saw Steffa-

Romeo, and Cechetti. I had lunch with Dubez, who is quite sick. And O is in terrible shape.

Steffa told me that he had been forced not to take. Ponte told me the same thing last night.

Steffa is quite discouraged.

Yesterday morning Jack King came down. We had a good time.

→ Tuesday - Nov. 13, 1962

Hall of St. Martha. Vatican City

This is the first meeting of the doctrinal commission. O

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just appointed Brune as Vice President and Tromp secretary. O spoke of the people who are trying to reject this schema as people who favor the new theology and who are trying to sow evils. He was very firm. I could see that the Frenchmen were quite hostile.

Tromp gave a hot defence of the schema.

The 36 members are at a table in the centre of the room.

On our side are
Fenton
Steinmuller
De Sia
Cahen

On the other side
à Dimensio
Garofalo
Latourelle
5:20 - A Frenchman has just

left the room

Tromp has just pointed out that a pastoral council should not be non-doctrinal.

Tromp is being very good. He is defending the schemata. He definitely is not giving a break to the opposition.

We are hearing history.

What is the theological note of what is contained in the theological or doctrinal constitution?

Absolutely certain - at least;

- König is obviously furious

- Tony - furious 5:55

- Parente spoke

It is the business of this commission to defend this constitution.

- There are some mimeographed books, being passed around

Lagos is furious

Descamps has been refuted by

Béa & König.

The first booklet he takes up is
the one in bad English written by the
Dutchman.

- The second by the bishops of
Belgium, Germany, etc.

He is fighting half the men in
the commission. But, if he
knows what he is talking about, this
second scheme is a frightful thing.

Will there be a vote tonight?

If there should be, O will be
beaten.

- 6:15 - O said that in the
preceding there was a proposition
to vote the rejection of the schema.

O said that this would be evil
and, among other things, uncharitable.

Nays - ran the proceeding do
this (reject the schema) -

O - No

Browne - This is the mind of H.F.

Peruzzo

against - Says he's old
speaks as his conscience dictates
Mentor modernorum.

So far no one has raised his
voice against O etc.

O says that periti can speak.

Lagos is the first to speak out
against O. He said that he would
rather resign - I wish he would

A Frenchman agreed with Lagos
O answered him, but still seemed
opposed to outright rejection.

Schroeffer - Try to do what is best,
and not to try to defend what we have.

2) We ought to speak out to clear the
atmosphere - He is a gentleman -
Lagos is not.

3) The author of the 2nd schema
was not member of the theol. comm.

O said they were consultors. Sch.,
said they were not.

Lagos attacks O personally

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Speaks Latin - Latin -
Italian

O told him that other deserve the
same freedom of speech he seems
to want - Lagos has shown bad
breeding.

O wants volunteers to share
de deposito fidei

→ Wednesday, November 14, 1962

8:25 AM. My usual place in the
east tribune on the north side.

To continue about Jack King
last Thursday. We lunched in the
Dutch book and, after a dinner
out, I hammered out a fourteen
page of seven pages for O. I
went up to see O and I gave the
paper to him.

The next day, the council
went on with the 4th chapter,
and then took the last four.
I have been in my place here

all the time. I have been quite tired.

Saturday I saw O again, and he invited me to the meeting of the doctrinal commission on Tuesday the 13th.

Sunday night I was supposed to eat with Bishops Weldon. In the middle of the afternoon I received a phone call, or rather a telegram, telling me that Father Phil O'Connell had died and that Chris was on his way back [Esserviny].

I forgot to say that, last night Jack O'Connell and I ate at Da Meo Patacca. It was corny but on the whole I enjoyed it. Late Sunday night I went out for a walk and found Sheri. I gave him a meal. He is making a mess of his life. He should either be a priest or quit trying

to act like one.

Monday morning I found
Bernard Ahon in the Tribune. We
had lunch together at Federici's.
At night we dined at the
Fontanelle, with four Ave Maria
editor bishops.

Yesterday was the big day.
I shall never forget that opening
meeting. Everyone in the tribune
is talking about it this morning.
I have just been invited to
speak to the American Bishops on
Nov. 26.

→ Today the 1st speaker is
Ottaviani. He is magnificent. He
insists 1) They must consider this
schema, 2) Pastoral & doctrinal
are not opposed. 3) We should
not have the new theology.
Paper read by Garofalo &
Ceita 1st Vatican and Pope
John XXIII

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Siri - against - Imagines that the Verbum Dei is a fons. He cites the Dutchman in the booklet. Obviously not a scholar. He takes no cognizance of the fact that this has been the language of Catholic theology since Trent. He imagines that the language is "cold."

He uses the "separated brethren" as a locus theologicus. They love our ideas much as we do. Certainly most of them love them more than [hectem].

Frings - against O because of language - too scholarly

3) against 2 fonts - cites the Dutchman
aliens a pastor - a scholastic - a S. Thom -
a Councilian - began in the 19th cent -
the time of historicism.

"offered the separated brethren" -
that is Frings' real argument

3) Against doctrine on inspiration and
inerrancy - against the truth of the

Bible. He claims that this interferes with a legitimate sentence in theology.

5) Too long

- Rescission follows the Dutchman.

Ruffini - centre of the Council - the most important thing before the Council - for - and speaks heart & Frings

Siri - for - resumé and useful, and should be submitted to the Council as it is - Mention the heresy of the Modernists. It is fitting that the doctrine of St. Pius X should be set forth, plenius. The faithful are troubled.

Kürzinger - for - thinks the schema given us by the Pope.

Ritter against - repeats

Trent & 1st Vat - ambiguous.

Only seems to solve problem on theol & scripture - [Pessimitt]

qui non superem -

Béa - against - does not conceive
or concept & purpose of Pope.

We are supposed to please all who seek
God. We must bring Cath. doctrine
as a whole up to date.

He wants a schema in relation with
them on the sources.

He admits that the teaching on
inquiry is in every "good" manual
on scripture.

The question is not how the
commentary was inspired, but how
the comment influenced the
writing. - Of course the man is
speaking nonsense. - He has not
read the literature.

We must speak for non-Catholics

The schema does not touch
the problem of inerrancy, but has
fear of error - He forgets that all
indemnation of error show a fear of error

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Poor old Maximos - against -
in French, and with emotion.
In the 1st Vat there was a
definition on the force of the head
of the Ch., but the body, the
hier., quite forecast, second
reduced to the status of a clergy

plan 3215
32162
on the 46
liturgy 7

Bishop of Indonesia - against -
Stuff in all manuals
Interfere in quarrels of schools
Interfere with ecumenical
movement
Follows the Dutchman
Suffering [a analogy] on
questi of historical of gospels.
- Uses words "integral"
like the other Modernists.
"Pastoral

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Bishop of Indonesia - for?
silence wants a revision in which
only what is necessary is contained.
Pastoral, clearly, and in a pastoral
manner.

- Spanish - for!

→ My regular place in the Tribune

Friday Nov. 16, 1962. 8:25 AM

The night before last I was
at the Mondial. Jerry McDevitt was
there. The editor of the Indiana Catholic
started out on me and Jerry showed
him up. It was a very pleasant
evening.

In the morning John O'Donnell
came over. I said Mass at the
Trappistine. We had dinner at
Romolo's. I bought Leo Hoi's book.
We met Chris in the bookstore, and he
invited us out to dinner.

I had to pass up the Dominion.

I had a haircut and took John to

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Alberelli's. Then we met with Chris and Hackett at Cassini's for supper.

This morning I had my doubts about coming here. I shall have to spend some time preparing my talk to the American bishops.

→ Nov. 17, 1962 - 8:25 AM

My usual place in the tribune at St. Peter's.

The general congregation yesterday was rather interesting. Brune was good and so was Florit. The barbarian, including Butler the English abbot, was as usual. Yesterday's was the 20th general congregation.

During the course of the proceedings I was told by Schafers that there was to be a meeting at 4 in St. Martha's. Luckily I didn't invite either Brennan or them-

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Mueller. It turned out to be a gathering of the faithful members of the old theological commission's corps of theologians. Present were Tromp, [Balic], Sullivan, de Sia, Lattanzi, Trape, [Ossqualet], and I. There were a couple of others whose names I have forgotten. They were waiting for Garofalo, but he did not show up. They did not invite Philips.

At the end of the meeting Tromp gave me his papers from the first meeting. I shall transcribe what I need during the general congregation. By the way, Propaganda has just been made a Pontifical University, and Garofalo is Rector Magnificus.

From Tromp's notes

On Oct 11, the Pope declared that the 1st purpose of the Council was protect and promote doctrine - See the Osservatore for that day

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->-> Nov. 20, 1962 -

Tuesday - 8:25 AM.

Saturday's session was not remarkable. After the session I went to the Altar of the Chair and bought an excellent map of Apulia. Then O'Connell, Monahan, and Finigan came, and we started off for Monte S. Angelo.

I took them to Romolo's where we all had steak. Then we headed south on the autostrada for Caserta Sud. From there we went to Benevento, and from there to Foggia. In between, at Passo Mirabella, we had a supper of sorts.

From Foggia we drove what turned out to be the long way to S. Giovanni Rotondo. We stopped at the S. Maria delle Grazie Hotel. It was good and clean.

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The other 3 went to Father Pio's Mass at 5 AM. I did not. At 6:30 we started over a mountain road for Monte S. Angelo.

We found the shrine itself in ruins, apparently as a result of the 1948 earthquake and of the archeological work being done by the government. I said Mass at the altar of St. Michael in the chapel, the only place where Mass can be said. Afterwards we signed the register of visitors.

Then we went down to Manfredonia, where we ate at the Hotel Gargano, a very modern place.

We came home by way of Lucera, Isernia and Cassino. I was frightfully tired. I went to bed as soon as I landed in my room and slept around the clock.

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In the morning I said a late Mass, and did not go to the Council. I had dinner with O and [admired] him to say the personal intervention of the Pope. Last night I went out with Jack King. He helped me with my talk.

At this morning's general congregation the Mass will be televised.

-> Nov. 23, 1962 - My old room in the library of the Holy Office.
12:30 PM.

This has been one of the most adventurous weeks of my life. Tuesday they took the vote. It was about 60% against the schema and 40% for it. They announced that, since the opponents did not gather the required two-thirds, they would continue with the discussion of the schema.

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I was delighted. Of course for several days the old man had been taking it on the chin. There was absolutely no reason why they could not take the original schema as a basis for debate.

That night I went out with Jack O'Connell. We went to Angeli di Fuggia, and met Frank Connell and some others.

In the morning I stayed at home & worked at my paper for the bishops. At noon Coogan called me to say that Sheedy had cabled that he was not coming after all. He also told me the bad news.

At the Pope's own order the rules were changed and the schema was thrown out. A new commission was set up, including Cardinal Meyer, Alfrink, and

Lienart.

On the same day, Time magazine came out with a dist-personality article against Ottaviani.

I went up to see the old man in the afternoon. He is angry, and he talks about more action from our side. He is not going to get it with the boys he has now. As I left Paul Philippe was going in. He was crying. And he said that this was the time of the devil.

It was the 21st, and I went to the Canadian College for the reception. Roy was there and I talked with him. Leger was flashing noir. I honestly believe that the poor fellow is out of his mind. He had a bad nervous breakdown a few months ago, and he does not seem to have

recovered. He was always a venomous person.

After that I went over to the Mondial, and saw Tisseran and the boys. They wanted me to come out with them and Schuelty, but I preferred to go home. De Bonis is disgusted.

->-> 3:40 PM - Friday, Nov. 23, 1962 - The writing room on the 6th floor of the Pensionat.

I stopped writing in this book so that I could copy material from Leo XIII and Benedict XV for my paper for the bishops. Thursday (yesterday) was Thanksgiving day. After Black Wednesday there did not seem to be much to be thankful about, at least as far as the council is concerned.

I was invited to a dinner at

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the American College, given by about 50 of the bishops. Chris brought four of us, Fidelis Rice C.P., Joe O'Connell, Ray Furey, and me. I enjoyed it a lot.

Before the dinner Ernie Primeau told me that the bishops wanted me to tell them on Dec. 3, and not on Nov. 26. This is all right with me. Jim Tucek is to talk next monday.

The dinner was fair, certainly not worth the seven dollars apiece they charged for it.

Of course all the talk was about the vote.

This morning I got up late, said Mass, and went to Holy Office. I met Van den Eynde, O.F.M., and then the Cardinal. He told me that I

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am one of the theologians for the new commission, and that I am to report at the Vatican on the 3rd floor on Sunday afternoon at five. I shall be interested. This is a great break. I have been in on all the stuff so far.

I am now going to leave here, & meet Jack King. We are going to hear Schafers at the mother house of the SVD.

Today I received my copy of the schema on the Church and on the Blessed Virgin.

They plan to leave off this television nonsense in a day or two, and then take up the Church unity thing. That will be a disaster. If I did not believe God, I would be convinced that the Catholic Church was about to end.

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I forgot to say that O asked me to go over to the Council for him to see if there was going to be a vote. There was not. I came back and found him on the roof with Balic. Then I went to the library room for the work.

Jack King thinks the old man will have to resign, even from H.O. God forbid.

->-> The same day, Nov. 23, 1962. 11:30 PM. The reading room where Colella and a "friend" are talking on.

At five Jack King and I went to hear Schafers at the Mother House of the Salvatorians down by the station for the subway for Ostia. Schafers was good. Before the talk, we were with him for about twenty minutes. He told us that he

had found a history of Modernism and a study on Livi in the bookshop near St. Louis. After the talk we went there. To our astonishment no one there had ever heard of either book. There was no sign of either book.

During the talk, which had helped me for my talk to the American bishops, there was a German who obviously had not washed his neck for many months near us. He obviously disapproved of what Schafers had said. After it was all over, he ran out dripping attacks against Schafers. It was against such as these that we fight.

After having searched in vain for the studies on Modernism and on Livi, we went to Marc Northum. We had a very poor supper. After that we came home.

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Back here I found the pamphlet written by [Spadafora] against the P.I.B. I like it.

The boys (Colella and our "friend") are speaking against O. The poor fools do not know what they are saying.

King intends to get Barto before going to Washington.

->-> Sunday, Nov. 25, 1962

The reading room on the 6th floor of the Pensionat Romano. 10: AM.

Yesterday I arose late, said Mass here, and went to the Council by way of the Sacristy. They are still talking about television. I learned that the liturgical commission is doing nothing at all. There will be no vote on the liturgical material for a short time. Of course the Council's first section will

end in less than two weeks, as far as any concrete result are concerned. That session on the 8th of December will be merely for show, unless they can have the whole business on the liturgy passed, confirmed, and promulgated on that day. This hardly seems likely now.

I left the council early and went over to see the boss. He was saying his office up on the terrazza, with [Benno]'s nephew. I am delighted to see Panico's nephew in with O. I believe that Agostino is not loyal to the old man. And right now he needs loyalty.

Whitty fell down and hurt himself coming down the stair from our tribune. He was shaken up, and his nose was cut.

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After dinner at the house
I rested a short time and then
walked over to [Danelat]'s where
I found and bought the book
on Modernism. I also bought,
but obviously at another
bookstore, the famous "I
Pericoli del Concilio." by
[Tedeschi].

I brought Spadafora's
pamphlet to Chris, and then
came home. Chris was out when
I called at the Grand, but he
called here before I returned.
He wanted me to go to dinner with
him, but I was too tired.

After supper I finished the
Tedeschi book. It is a scorcher.
It simply shows that some
other people believe what I
have thought for several months,
namely, that John XXIII is

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definitely a lefty. This nonsense to the effect that he is "deceived," or "mal servi" is disgraceful. He is the boss.

In the light of what Tedeschi has written, it is easy to see why O has taken such a bad beating in the council and from the Pope.

Later I read several pages of the Poulat book. It is much better than Riviere. I shall see to it that my boys read it when I see them again.

This morning I arose at 8:30, said Mass, and came up here. I did not take breakfast.

Chris told me that Phil O'Connell was putting on a lot of weight when he died. Bryon McEntegart told my that I would die very soon if I did not take some weight off. For the

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last few days I have had no bread, no pasta, no sugar, and no sweet. I think I have lost a few pounds. I must keep this up.

This noon I am scheduled to go out with De Bonis. At four this afternoon we have the first meeting of the new commission. It should be interesting.

->-> The same day, Sunday
November 25, 1962 4:40 PM.
I am writing this in the Sala dei
Congregazioni. I am in the first seat
on the left side, near the chair.
Johnwright is here, and many of the
others.

-> Mond, Wed-Sat
Three days a week - always at
5 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday
Title - De Revelatione Divina
I want a Title and a

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Proemium. O is taking the [corp]
Bea is sitting there beside him.
O often speaks of Bea. Willie
is sitting with Tromp.

O has asked Lefevre to have
[Inarra] to write a Proemium. X
says that [J] has not yet written.
He has not had the time. He will
bring it in on Tuesday.

B wants a subcommission for each
chapter.

There are 7 periti for the theol.
comm. and 7 for the secretari.
B is following the order of the
present schema.

1) Schema shortened
corrected and perfected.
Principles should be given
in a more general way
Brune - on the possibilities
of "submission"
Ruffini thinks that there is

not enough time

O thinks that there should
be at least a try at this.

Bea is with O.

Frings thinks that there should
be one final edition.

The Holy Office wants to know
whether we are one commission
or two.

O and Bea are going to pick
members.

Lienart makes his pitch about
pastoral writing.

Ruffini insists on dogmatic
nature of principle. He wants this
expressed in terms of our own time.
Mentioned the word Modernism.

O wants the first word to be
the status of principle.

Leger is in bad shape. He is a dog.

Meyer wants the statement
of the Pope. He talks to Bea, not to O.

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also according to Bea, the Pope wants the thing treated in a manner that's pastoral & ecumenical. Bea wants the subcommission to draw out the principles. This is a sloppy trick, since O's way would save a week.

->-> Monday, Nov. 26, 1962 -
The reading room on the 6th floor
9:35 PM.

That meeting last night was a masterpiece. O handled himself magnificently. There was no trouble at all. On the way out I met Philips and another Belgian. They were obviously disturbed because there had been no trouble.

O took me back to his house, and then sent the car to the Gregorian to call for Tromp. I rode over with Alfredo. Tromp rode back with us.

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There are to be five subcommissions with one cardinal and four bishops or generals of religious communities. There are to be periti assigned to each subcommission.

This morning I slept late and went up to the council after Mass. On the way in I met Fraguat, who showed me a magazine on which an article of mine (one printed in AER last October) appears in French. It reads rather well.

I saw a lot of friends. This morning they started to stop discussion on the radio and other means of communication, and they started on the Oriental commission's Church unity affair. One of the Belgians came up to me after Ruffini and Browne had spoken, and he misquoted

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Ruffini completes. These fellows are completely astonished about the whole affair.

I saw O and he told me that I would probably be one of the subcommission. If I am I shall probably not be able to go back on the 8th.

I had supper with Chris tonight. He gave me \$20. He wants me to get him a couple of books. He has been wonderful. Tomorrow we have two entire meetings, the council in the morning and the mixed commission in the afternoon.

With the help of God I shall read the book on Modernism before going to bed. Take a look in the [Melon Corriere della] Sera tell of the Pope's summit with [Buddenti], and they

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made him look like a real
Modernist, at heart. He
probably is.

Subcommission - 11/27/62 - 5:05 PM

Bea proposes - There will
be 2 presidents

1) Frings Jaeger Schauff
Browne Holland Parente
[Stakme] Vonden Eynd
2) Balic Maccarrone

Frings speaks of his eyes and
tells us that he is going to be an
operator.

He says that they should not
take into account the fact that
the old schema was thrown out.

Ruffini answers - we should
all pray for Frings' eyes.

He says that the old should be
a basis.

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2 Koenig
Santos

[Vlas Smut]
[Martis]
Simone
Pelletier

Thils de [Jong] Tromp
3 Lefevre
Mayer

Charue
[Butler]
[Schaer]
The Abbott Prima

Brown Fenton [Keris]
4 Ruffini
[Hermit]

Charue
Peers
[Florot]
[Froni]

Granfield Hamer Lattanzi

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On the mode of procedure

- 1) Schema emendare
- 2) Brevior reddere
- 3) Magis aptum fieri
- 4) Bring it up to date - [tuba]

cognizance of Moderni, Exist, etc.

- Each sub-commis should
explant the principle (mentioned [B] on
[unc]), so as to perfect them;

1st & 2nd Secretariat for

Unity - Consilii St. 64

3 & 4 St. Officii

5 Orient Congrega - enter
on Via Conciliazione

- Abbott Prima wants to
start all over again.

- Bea says that the Pope
orders emendation.

Ruffini backs him up

Frings

- Bea begins discussion
of Proemium

Browne is to read the whole
schema

He read it.

Schauffes wants the proemium
made into a chapter. This
is the idea of Thils.

Bea thinks it is a question of
terms. He is a master of compromise

Poor Bea is about to blow up.

He is very close to a nervous breakdown.

Parente goes out for revelatio
or locutio Dei ad homines.

He thinks that Lumen's
proemium is too vague, and he
is quite right.

Parente is spoken out, but he
hits the [crowd] against him.

We are to read it over and
bring our objections and observations.

The next one should be
on Saturday, but the subcommission
should meet at once

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5) [Jofus]

Fall

[Complits]

Kent

RP Kennedy

Fenton Boyer V?

- Saturday, the proemium

and whether the subcommission may
have

- 11/28/62 -

Meeting opened at 5:10 PM

Present

Leger

Griffith

Hout

Fall

Kennedy

Volo Fent X

Prayer by Leger

[Odegard] selected as

Secretary

To amend the 5 the chap[ter]

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1st order of business selection of
general principles of the schema (5th
chapter)

He gives us the general principles
(paper A)

24

Fall - The fact that the Church
keeps the Scripture.

Fionnigan - Prefers a shorter
formula. I will have text

[Stoffer] does not want it

25

26

27 - Leger - this should be
presented in a positive manner.

[Second] & 1 - this is done by the
liturgy.

Griffith - the original text
is too vigorous.

Leger - Faithful always has
an introduction to SS in the
liturgy.

Griffith - [Teli] recognizes of
the moment for the common belief

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The pp want a bible without notes, but the Cs want notes.

The Church insists on notes.

Vanden Eynde - but he holds his place.

It is clear. he claims that the text should not preclude the possibility of a common text first - The English will take the same text and publish it with notes for Catholics

28

Leger - to see whether or not all the passages should be kept or not. - That is the question

Fall against the part on the Vulgate

Fionnigan - should be in.

Leger - They should thin it out

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Hout - Keep it in

Kennedy reads his - Keep it in

Griffith - Why should it be there -
here he is against it.

Hout - in favor of keeping it.

X then should be one

version used for the letter

Griffith - if he simply [1st] letter.

Leger - the 25th should

be shorten - There should be no

Hout points of lit. version

in the title. Good

- 26 - Griffith - against

myst. belief & [modified]

Fall wants 28 & the alterius

& 25

Griffith offers his talk on the

fact that the faithful do not

need a degree in SS. to read the
bible.

- X complains that the

old presentation is not [viva] &

efficient.

X speaks about the fact that there is a better scheme to get the [tunct] out SS from hominis etc. for private reads.

Leger - There is a new catechism which is biblical.

Fall - the faithful is much more effective when the catechism

Griffith - the faithful do not read the bible in the original.

Hout - the schema should bring the point that some of the faithful do not know the bible except through the readings of the bible at Mass.

Fall - The reading of the bible is not only an argument but is food. The old lay does not know myst

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about an argument.

Leger - Here the importance of SS in the life of the Church does not appear enough.

28 again

Leger & Fall - a few remarks

Reith enters X - no

respicio -

29 - Fall - He wants smth

about SS for preach -

Leger wants [fruit] -

Griffith wants to join the

last sentence of the 29th and

then going all the rest.

- Next meeting Friday

Monday

Saturday - 5 PM - The Writing

Room on the 6th floor of the

Pensionat - 12/1/62

The last real entry was last

Tuesday, or rather Monday. Tuesday

we had the meeting of the mixed

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commission. The notes are in this book.

On Tuesday night a fine dinner with Jack King.

All this week until today (Saturday) debate on the unity of the Church.

Wednesday the meeting of the subcommission, dinner at noon with Chris. Very pleasant indeed.

Wednesday night the subcommission meeting. Notes are in this book. I must send a resume of these notes to O.

Wednesday night dinner with Luini, Luigi and Higgin.

On Wednesday I conceived the idea of a dinner for the American periti. I spoke of it to the boys. They are

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enthusiastic. Higgins & Luini have taken over, but it was and is my idea. It is to be at the [Trinita] on the 4th.

Thursday was very pleasant.

I read a lot. I had supper at the 3 scalini with Jack. The Pope is sick and has been for a couple of days.

Today noon I ate here. The boys started to vote on the liturgy. They decided to finish with the unity of the Church.

Friday night I had a wonderful party with Hickey, Moderno, and Connell.

Saturday the old man (O) pulled a fast one. He told them the opposition had prejudged the schema on the Church, and that alternate schemas were being passed around before the real schema was handed out.

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He took the enemy by storm.

->-> 12/4/62 - Tuesday 5:05

P.M. The Hall of the Congregation,
The Vatican Palace.

Begins with call by O. [Granne] speaks, and claims that O's objections are not founded. He found out the truth at St Chic[?] and gave us all the Pope's blessing and said that the Pope was much better. He may say Mass tomorrow.

There is the banquet of the American periti tonight. It was my idea.

->-> 12/5/62 - 5:40 PM.

The same place - Ottaviani is absent. They just voted down Ruffini's motion. This, as it stands, the little mafia have only to look to future division of the Church.

->-> 12/7/62 The Hall of the

Congregation 6 PM.

This is a meeting of the full commission. It has been a stormy one. Parente started with his point fine. Bea suggested that they drop the subject. Then the roof fell in.

I objected immediately. They took a vote, which they never finished -

Here is the new point 4

- Divina Revelatione

thesaurus non solum in

S. Scriptura, sed etiam S.

Traditione [assentum] essentum,

quae quidem ab Apostolis,

sive a Christo sive a

Spiritu Sancto edoctis,

profuerunt ad nos usque

pervenit (Conc. Trid s. IV

C. Vat 1° s. III)

Immo quaedam veritates

veritates revelatae,
praesertim quae ad
inspirationem singularum
librorum, canonicitatem
et integritatem Librorum
Sacrorum spectant, nonnisi
ex Traditione innotescunt
vel clarescunt.

- I am writing this in room
612 of the Pensionat Romano at
9:31 P.M. the night of Feb. 20.
On Dec. 7 the meeting ended
with Bea supporting O's position.
Frings said that he would
appeal. At the end of the
meeting De Smedt attacked O for
giving out the letter of the 14 cardinals.
Ruffini put him in his place.
The 8th was the day the
first period of the council
ended. There was a circular
purple.

On the ninth I flew home by charter plane. There were 100 passengers and 10 crewmen aboard. We flew directly to Idlewild. Then [Tushar] and I flew to Washington and took a cab home.

During the past 2 months I have written three articles for AER. One was in defense of O and it appeared in the January issue. Another is about the Roman Curia and the Council. It is for March. The third, to appear in April, deals with the Council and the theology of the manuals.

I flew here from Baltimore the day before yesterday. The flight over the ocean was very pleasant. Bishop Flahiff was on the same plane. At Milan I met a Belgian Franciscan who looks me & think that we will

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have trouble at the commission meeting.

I had dinner with the Cardinal this noon.

Tonight at supper I heard that the Pope will die in May or June. If he does, the [ruin] he left after.

It has been very pleasant returning to the Pensionat.

The first meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in the Hall of the Congregation at 10 AM

10:10 AM - Hall of the Congregation

Feb 21, 1963 - Meeting of Doctrinal Commission.

- Distributed schema

- (to Members only)

- Tromp's report

- Report of Parente

Schauffer

Next meeting tomorrow 4 PM

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Saturday - 4 PM - Mixed

Monday 10AM - Doctrinal

McGrath talks about Chilean

rept. There are also 1) The
origins, 2) [Point], 3) Germans,
4) French and 5) Belgian

O (with some help from members)

names 7 members of revived subcom-
mission on the Church - Browne - [Lav]

King - [Iraama] - Charue - Parente

Schauffer. [Tromp]

- Mixed comm. for religion McGrath

The Dominican [Basting] - Schuyfers - [Idiot]

- Mixed comm for mixed marriages

Dearden - Roi - Van Dodewaard

- Mixed comm on laity

[Griffith] Spinola - Frani and

[another] Flovit

Mixed comm. on ecumenism

McGrath - [Inst] - [Bolland] [Waget] Leger

- Internet - Griffith, Konig

Pelletier - McGrath

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10PM. Feb 21, 1963. Room
612, Pensionato Romano.

I was up early, I said
Mass downstairs. The weather is
very bad. I still have not bought
an umbrella.

Before our own meeting I
went to Seminaries and Universities,
where I met O'Boyle and McCormick,
as well as Steinmueller. I had a
few seconds with Ramos. As usual
Ramos is in tough shape. Everything is
going bad. I am convinced he's
right, but I do not have his
[saldus] temperament to show my
convictions.

After that I went to our meeting.
Luigi was there with his schola,
and I was somewhat dissatisfied by
the show.

I met, among others, Dearden,
Griffith, (Johnny Wright was

right then) McGrath, Konig, [Leger], O, Browne, Lin, Bali (who told me that some one else was taking the matter of the manners for the book), Danielou and the head.

The meeting itself was interesting. The hostility of [Suenens] and the stupidity of Tromp were never more apparent.

After the meeting O asked me to get the [Schauffes] schema. Tromp professed not to know what it was all about, and [Sobege] had. I went to O's office, and found the old boy on his way to the Belgian embassy. I met the Bishop of Reggio Calabria, who is a friend of Garrone's.

I spent a long time after dinner. It is becoming more and more obvious that O is being frustrated

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by his own secretariat. Tromp has been trying to run the whole show from the beginning. There are are affronts. Parente, in a nice way (for once) pointed this out in his report. [Sobegel], as good of him, his slogan is an ordinary sanity.

I shall, with the help of God, spend the rest of the night studying the Parente report.

- 2/22/63 - This has been a logfight. Bali has spoken. Proves that there are truths revealed by God which are not contained in Scripture.

Hofw Rahner. He is silly.
Fr Trappé - Good
Von Vonden Eynde - Fair
[Hirs] [Hünig] - no use
letters from [Furys] - Silly.
Browne - Foolish. He
is bring out the fact that some

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truths are found in SS alone!

Fronia - Fool

The bishop of Monza - Chane

Leger - Silly!

Roi - 3 or 4 - good.

Dearden

Fronne #6 -

Floit - One solution in
between.

- Floit 4

Dino, no theses, of [Apoi]

Boillon - 4

Charue - 2 - with changes

Schauffes - 2 or 5 with [conclu]

Griffith - 2 or 5

Frani 1-4-5

Spada 4 or 5

Von [Roebels] 2 or 5

McGrath - silly. 2 or 5

Quint - 2

Fernandez - 4 or 5

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4 PM - Saturday, Feb. 23, 1963
Sala dei Congregazioni. Vatican
Palace.

Here I am for the first meeting
of the mixed commission. I came
in here with Schauf and [Sognolet],
both of whom are discouraged over
the situation.

Shelley came in today. I
had supper last night with Jim
Tureck.

- [Remiers] spoke first, after
opening remarks by O.
- I am disgusted today. I
received a letter from Pa last
night. It told of a lecture that
was to be given by [Flinn] at Georgetown,
and told of my criticism of
his book. This morning Shelley
gave me a page of America with
a savage attack on me by Davis.
This morning I went with

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Shelley to visit Marella. He was told of the article, and he was quite displeased. He gave me a very sane lecture, and I went after him, very vehemently. Shelley was embarrassed, but he admitted that M had "run off at the mouth."

We then went to visit O. He was told of the Davis thing, and he said I should pay no attention to it.

- Feiner is speaking - He is no theologian.

- O

- Then Bea

- Then Ruffini

- Quiriga

- Leger - always dead

- Konig - 2nd

- Thils Fennelly

I am sick of this "let them

hit you again" attitude of the Roman

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Browne

- and even of [couple]. Believe me, if I could, I would withdraw the March AER article.

2/25/63 - 12:30 P.M.

The yellow waiting room of the Holy Office. I have been here half an hour.

The end of the last meeting was disastrous. O went out to the Roman Seminary to give Benedikt. He left Browne in his place. Bea smashed over his vote, and with only nine votes against, the mixed commission went on record as designating as improper any mention of a tradition "quae litteris pateat" in S.S. It was a frightful defeat. Feiner had spoken of the truth carried in all the manners as an "opinion." The

manuals call it "de fide."

At the moment O and Ruffini are in a huddle. They are in trouble. I met O'Connor and Griffiths at the book store on the way up here, and he told me that the rumor is going around that O is getting fed up with the situation, and that he is going to allow everything to go.

- There has been so much going on that I have kept very little account. I landed here the 19th and slept most of the 20th. On the 21st we had our first meeting of the doctrinal commission. All they did was to choose subcommittees.

The following day, the 22nd, we had a meeting of the theological commission in the afternoon

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At this meeting O gave a few points the right to speak. Then he went through the membership. He made a great mistake (and Griffiths and [Plaser] recognized this mistake this morning) when by broke up the meeting after he had asked the preference of each about the scheme by one of the five propositions about Scripture and Tradition.

On Friday I had a nice few minutes. Shelley, telling me that he was flying in that day. He landed the following morning. Alfonso drove out with me to the airport and Shelley came in half an hour early.

- 4:10 PM - Hall of the Congregation
Begins with [review] of O. It is being read by Garofalo. This

is hot.

- Then Bea - He claims that the question did not touch opponents. Catholics remember that it did. It was thus proposed by De Smet. He is mistaken. Furthermore he talks about dialogue, but always with protestants or orthodox, never with true Catholics.

Then Ottaviani - He will appeal to the tribunal.

Then Bea - He will close the meeting

O - We must have first a vote on the substance.

Ruffini - a good talk - He now agrees with Parente.

Then Koenig -

Then Ruffini

Then Konig

Then O

Then De Smet

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Then O - He answers De
Smet sharply. This is not a
new question. It is de fide.

Then [Lucien] - Always
remember that it is a question of
voting as to whether or not this
doctrine is true

Then O. calls Parente
Then Parente - [Qu omnem]
non [reasse] [tomerano] [lore]
principium est de fide in traditione
[inveniri] [possant] veritates quae
non [sunt] in sacra scriptura
[Illam] in Sacra Traditione divino
[apostol] [fidelium] [sensu]
[clamant] "veritates revelatas
quae in Sacris Scripturis non
[inveniuntur].

Charue - too vague, poor
Charue is crazy

Parente answers
Then comes a half hour
of pause

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The [Secretate] (O says
openly the Supercommission) on
supercommission - is still out.

Of course they are going to vote
"no." As a joke O had Ruffini
read a passage in Bea's article
in which he gives the true doctrine,
but the article was written more
than 10 years ago.

Bea threw a bombshell. He
said that the group refuse to take the
vote. O is almost in tears. He
suggests that the vote should go on.

Ruffini backs up O.
O speaks again - [zuerda computere]
of co-ordinate commission
4:30 - Wednesday
Theol Comm

Friday, March, 1963 - The
Reading of the Holy Office. 11:05 AM
These have been among the most
hectic days of my life.

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4:30 PM. The same day Hall
of the Congregation

Lin has just been named a
consultor of the HO and Trappé named
a qualificator. Good luck to them.

The meeting is slow starting.
O and Bea are both here. So are most
of the others.

We started at 4:35
There are 6 of these paragraphs
- A great speech by Lefebvre, the
French Cardinal
Was some voted on 1, 2, and 3.
O does not want a vote on 4, 5, and 6.
It is now 7. They are forcing O into
a vote.
They have voted against O and
for Bea 30
It isn't limited that many
of those who voted against O voted
for reasons of prudence, but really
believed the words omitted belonged

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Quiriga made the observation, and
O commented that this be set down
in the acts

Saturday March 2, 1963 - 11:15 AM.
The Library of the Holy Office.
To set things straight, there
have been five meetings since I
landed here. They have been on Feb.
21, 22, 23, 25 and March 1. The
next one is scheduled for March 4.

O has asked me to prepare a
criticism of the German bishops'
schema on the Church. I have done
this to the best of my ability. I
hope to see O again this morning,
after his meeting is over.

I must now sum up my impressions
of the meetings.

At the first one there seemed to be
some harmony. That was the meeting
of Thursday, Feb 21.
O seems to show a great deal

of weakness.

The first meeting was given over mostly to the appointment of subcommissions. The big one is the one on the Church. This is a subcommission of the doctrinal commission, and not of the mixed commission. All of the Cardinals present were put on this one.

Griffiths was put on the one for international affairs. I have seen it only in passing since I came over here. He has not been as kind as Dearden, and O, at his best, is a stick.

Barnabas Ahern gave me an article for AER. It is a very obscure sort of thing, written in the language of the Modernists. He went out to dinner with me one day. At the meeting he has given me something of a wide berth. He is playing up to the unspeakable

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Leger. I suppose he figures on getting an invitation to Montreal.

The second meeting, which was also of the doctrinal commission alone, was somewhat less cordial. The revolt, which has been the [rumuter] of this entire meeting began to blow up then. There were five propositions which were supposed to be voted on. The members, all of whom were called upon to speak, talked for hours. O did not call for a vote. Here he committed a great blunder.

As a matter of fact O's leadership this time has been pathetic. He has really lost the touch, or maybe he is just fed up with the whole mess.

The third meeting was tragic. It was held Saturday Feb. 23. O and Bea were co-presidents for the first portion of the meeting, which was quite unsatisfactory. O tried to

ram through the idea that the commission should take a preliminary vote as to whether or not there are some divinely revealed truths which are not in scripture. It should have been apparent to him that the meeting was getting out of hand.

At, at about six, he left (claiming a little recess he had given us) and went off to some ceremony at the Lateran. Actually it was to give benediction at the feast of Our Lady of Confidence.

He left M[ick] Browne to take his place. And of course Bea was in charge.

As soon as the recess was over [DeSmedt] arose and read a unanimous resolution of the secretariate, to the effect that it is inappropriate to say anything about the tradition been more

extensive than (*litteris pateat*) Scripture. Browne, Ruffini, and Parente did all in their power to prevent a vote being taken.

The situation was quite unpleasant. In the end there was something of a break between Ruffini and Parente, and (I think) as a result of that Bea had the nerve to force the vote through. It was secret.

Only nine voted for O. They must have included Ruffini, Parente, Quiriga, Spada, Fernandez and Barbado. I believe the two US bishops voted against O. Things looked bad for the Church that night.

The fourth and most tragic meeting was that of Monday, Feb 25. O started out with an indignation against the vote of the 23rd. He claimed that it was invalid. He

claimed that the body should not have acted in his absence. And, for all intents and purposes, he charged Bea with treachery. He certainly should not have

- March 4, 1963 - 5:15 P.M. Hall of the Congregation. Meeting of the Mixed Commission.

The meeting began at 4:30. We finished the first chapter. We are now on the Proemium of the Schema on Divine Revelation.

- March 5, 1963, 4:35 P.M.

The meeting of the theological commission begins with a speech by Tromp

Then O

Then Browne

They are arguing against the Protestants

Rahner in favor of it. He talks for a long time and in a tiresome

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Manner. [Spraghet] answers him.
They voted to omit the
postulatio on p. 1

There were 4 [schemas] + the Cuban
1 Parente
2) Chile
3) German - [Doepfner]
4) Philip
5 France - [Lucien]

March 6, 1963. Somewhere above
New Brunswick. Too rough to
write. Three years since heart
attack.

-- Beginning of the Journal
of my 19th trip to Rome.
On Tuesday May 7 I
received the summons for this
meeting. On Thursday May 9
I had my last two classes of
my 25th year as a professor at
CU.

On Friday I left for Richmond

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The trip was interesting. I rode up there by UAL and had the Polish congressman from Buffalo in the seat with me. It was stormy. We spent an hour over Rochester, and then landed in Buffalo. I did not get into Rochester until 11:30. I was due at 6:23 PM.

I stayed with Bishop Kearney. Saturday noon I spoke of the Inst. Cath. Alumnae Federation. The Murrays met me at the plane, or rather at the airport, and both Mr. Murray & Margaret were at the banquet.

In the afternoon I appeared on the WHEC TV twice, with Joe Sullivan. I saw the first television.

In the evening I spoke to about 35 priests. We finished at 9:PM
I was very tired.

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While in Rochester I called to see Msgr. Goggin at St. Ann's. Sunday morning I went over to Murray's after Mass. We had breakfast together. They then drove me to the airport. I took an American plane to La Guardia. I went from there to Idlewild by bus. I came on to Rome by a TWA Boeing 707. We made the trip in 7 and 1/2 hours.

Alfredo met me at the airport. I saw the Cardinal, and went to the Pensionato. I slept all afternoon. That evening I had supper with Thil at Pascucci's. I slept all day the next day, except for dinner with O and supper with O'Donnell at Tre Scalini.

This morning, after Mass,

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I had a most unsatisfactory visit with Romeo. Then I returned and met McGrath. I went to O with my report at 12:30. On the way back I saw [Hepsi].

I must eat tonight with McGrath & O'Donnell, Mils with Luigi. Saturday with De Boni

I am with this Wednesday, May 15 in the Hall of the Congregation. It is 4:30 PM. This is the first of this series of meetings. All of the USA delegation are present. I do not think that there will be much trouble, but the chapter on the laity is very poorly written.

It will be interesting to see how these meetings turn out.

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Johnny Wright came in. I let into him for his conduct about McDonald. He is a queer bird.

Browne and all the rest are here.

At 4:35 O called the meeting to order.

He held, only to bishops. Tromp read minutes of last meeting. There turn out to be, not the ones we attended in February & March, but a lot of sessions of subcommission. I am afraid that they are going to foist a lot of nonsense on the poor Catholic people.

He finished 4:57 PM. Browne speaks for a while Griffith has not shown up at all.

There are 22 members, including

O & Tromp.

There are 25 periti

There are 2 sub secretaries.

This is silly. O has chosen

Leger & Chaine for the chapter on

culture [Leger,], and two

dutchmen, Konig, Schauffes, for

peace and international order.

Leger also proposes himself for

de Laicis

What confusion. Tromp

is all fouled up.

They have finished (5:30)

[decent] discussion of the matter

themselves.

This is a council for the

bishops and the laity and against

the pope and the priests. It

is disgraceful that such a small

couple of paragraphs, (most

negative in aspect) are devoted

to the priests.

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Tomorrow all the relators
are to meet at St Martha's at 4:30
- Room 23 - Salvator Mundi
Hospital. June 3, 1963. 4:25 PM.
This is only my second entry for
this trip.

The Pope died at 7:45 PM,
at the end of the Mass said by Cardinal
Traglia. I heard the bells. They rang
only a few minutes.

On the morning of May 16 I said
Mass and had breakfast. I felt very
sick. I thought I would go to the
meeting, called at the Hall of the
Congregation for 10 A.M. I was too
sick. I lay down. Then I heard
Albert Weddens out in the visitors room.

I went out to him. He saw I was
sick, and he brought me to the hospital.
I arrived here about 11 AM. I have been
here ever since. I was quite sick,
and weak, for the first 11 or 12 days

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Since then I have been getting better.
I had a terrible pain in my chest.
Now it seems to be gone. It returned
a bit yesterday.

I have had the following visitors:

- 1) Cardinal Ottaviani - 8 times
- 2) Cardinal Marella - a long time
- 3) Cardinal Konig
- 4) Bishop McGrath
- 5) Bishop Wright
- 6) Monsignor Thils 2
- 7) Monsignor De Boni 2
- 8) Monsignor Sepi - 2
- 9) Monsignor Cozano 2
- 10) Monsignor Romeo
- 11) Monsignor Cochetta
- 12) Monsignor Ferrari
- 13) Monsignor Howard
- 14) Monsignor Foster
- 15) Father Pettos 3
- 16) Father Moriarty 2
- 17) " Sullivan S.J.

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- 18) Father Foley C.P.
- 19) " Ahern "
- 20) " Martin "
- 21) " Stearns S.S.P
- 22) " O'Donnell "
- 23) " O'Donnell - Springfield 10
- 24) " McCarthy Later 4
- 25) " Morton S.J.
- 26) " Kiley Holy Cross
- 27) " Joschin "
- 29) " Mouche. Phil
- 30) " Fenney Boston
- 31) " Justin [Furman] O.S.S.T
- 32) " Abbot William O.S.B
- 34) Pat Riley
- 35) Mr. & Mrs Jim O'Neill
- 36) Renat Ottini
- 37) Miss Francesca Mae Mencough
- 38) Father Carmel - Malta 2
- 39) " Muscat "
- 40) " Balic
- 41) " Tromp

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42) Father [Loberg]

43) Cardinal [Cicognani]

44) Msgr. Gobelin

45) Father John Sullivan - S.J. also

There have been many more.

July 8, 1963 - Room 23

Salvator Mundi Hospital. 3:27

P.M.

This morning I had a wonderful audience with the Holy Father. I arose at 7:45 and said Mass, sitting down, in the Sisters' Chapel on the 3rd floor.

At about 9:45 I was driven from here to the Cortile S. Damaso. I went up the elevator to the 2nd loggia. Then I went through the Clementine to the Consistorial Hall, where I met Jim Van der Veldt and Msgr. McDonough. A few minutes later John [Suley]

came in. Then a representative of Ecuador & the Latin meeting at Sacra joined us. He was with [Isonnetti] (I think that is his name) the man with whom I made the famous trip on the Suburban three years ago.

After a few minutes others came in, and then about 15 of us were brought in to a little room near the private apartments of the Pope. I was placed in the first position, then John, then McDonough, then Jim, then the others. Among the others was Garrone.

In a short time the Pope came in with [Cicognani] and the rest of his retinue. He knew me as a writer and remembered me from the old days. He could not have been kinder. He passed

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on to John and then to the others. Afterwards he gave us all his blessing.

On his way out he turned around to me and to me alone, and smiled and said "Auguri, auguri." It was a great experience.

John wanted some relics. I went over to Holy Office to find where to get them. Alfredo [diacono] called Giorgi and they will be ready for tomorrow morning.

Then I returned. I had a visit from Msgr. [Corloly] and Father McCarthy from McCafferty's parish in Staten Island. John asked them to drop in.

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Sat - Michael

Sun letter

M[?] Council 2nd

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Wed Council 3rd

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Then King

Fri - [Sonia]

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