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January 1, 1963 - 1 AM

Yesterday was a wickedly cold day. I had dinner with Pat Greenfield at Jack Hontz and had supper with Phil at his rectory.

Yesterday the new issue of The New Yorker, with an article by "[Ryan]" (Murphy C.S.S.R), was brought to my attention. Murphy blames me (and Leo, Bobi, Cappi and others) for misinforming O. The January issue, with my article defending O. should be interesting.

I hope I can do a lot of writing this year. My next for AER is "The Roman Curia and the Ecumenical Council."

Mass at noon at St. Ambrose.

Had breakfast at the rectory.
Phil not feeling well. Visited
with Jack Duffy.

I called on Pa on the way
home. We had a fine visit.

Supper here at C.U. Ate
with Slevyn. Mary called
tonight.

Must return & work tomorrow.
First some letters, then the
February article.

Mass downstairs. The material for January, back in galley form. Pat and I made up and sent it back at 4 PM.

I was quite sick with dysentery. I spent all the rest of the afternoon in bed.

Mass upstairs. I lectured
at noon & the first year men.
A [Glenwoodie] man was there.
He seemed to like it.

After dinner I took the
February material & Jan & sent
& letters.

I am feeling much better.
I talked with Pa this
afternoon. Received a letter
from John Borelli.

Late Mass. I took Pa &
lunch at Jack Hent's. Jack was
wonderful. Pa and I spent the
afternoon and evening at Bill's.
I received my money from
Alitalia today. And I
paid Kathy's tuition at
Stone Ridge.

Late Mass again. dinner
and supper here. No mail of
importance.

I have done no work this
week. I must never waste time
this way again.

Mass at St. Ambrose. Breakfast
at the rectory. Then went to
Kelley's for supper. I took Pa
back home. Jim had called for
him at 2:30

Mass here. Letters to Bob
North, O, de Bruin, [Haroline]
Ray O'Brien, Anne Sullivan, Walt,
Chris Weldon, Maloney, John L. Murphy

I have asked article from
George Higgins, John K., Quasten,
Abbo.

Tonight at 8:45 I lectured
on the council at Fenton Hall.
It was quite pleasant.

Mass downstairs. Went to lunch with [Brizgini]. Received a fine note from O.

Supper with Kennedy and King. We should have a good year for the 75th of AER.

Must get on with Curia article.

Mass downstairs. Talked as usual
with Pa. Found Hall will give
AER 6000 words.

Worked on article.

Supper tonight at Marist College.
It was very pleasant. The young fellows,
like so many other theologians, are
affected by the liberal trend.
A great educational effort is needed.

Mass downstairs.

I worked hard today. The class was reasonably pleasant.

In the afternoon I pushed on with the article.

The car was stalled. I went into Carl's, and the colored fellow did not know what to do. The Philippine chauffeur is a great mechanic and he fixed the thing up.

Supper at the Roma with Mr Clifford. A visit to Bill.

Mass downstairs.

The January pages came back. I enlisted Pat Greenfield, and we worked on them. Jack King's article was in bad condition. At 2:30 we drove to Baltimore. We fixed up the January issue.

On the way back we stopped at Phil's for supper. I enjoyed it immensely. AER should be good this year. I have the promise of two articles from Bill McDonald.

Mass downstairs.

Little Bill was on television
WTOP this morning.

This afternoon at 4 I lectured
on the council & the nuns at
Stone Ridge. I had supper with
Jim Von der Veldt. I stopped
in at Bill's on the way home.
There was a fearful fog.

12:45 Mass at St. Ambrose.

Had pleasant visits with the priest. I returned and worked on the March article. I stopped in to see Pa on the way back.

I stayed at St. Ambrose for the blessing of the families at 4 PM. It was not pleasant.

Mass downstairs. I was quite tired.

I finished the article for March. It is on the Curia and the Council. I must send it off to Hannan this week.

Mass downstairs

I gave my two lectures this morning and worked on AER all afternoon. I was very tired. The printers are so slow that I am afraid they will hurt the magazine.

Mass downstairs. I am 57 today.

There was a faculty meeting at noon. It lasted only a few minutes.

In the afternoon there was a meeting of the theological society. Sheerin, Brown, and Weigel talked about the council. Brown is an agitator. I was quite displeased with Mr Cormick. King and Kennedy took me out to supper. We stopped in at Bill's on the way back.

Mass downstairs.

I lectured to the first year men this morning. I worked on AER all afternoon and sent off to Hannan 1) My own article, 2) Hurth, 3) One on St. Joseph, 4) One on the priest as a catechist, and 5) one on the Orthodox. I must get the rest of the material together soon.

Studied Poulat tonight.

There was a doctoral exam at 5 this afternoon. We gave the fellow an A. He did not deserve it.

Mass downstairs.

This afternoon we had an
oral exam for the doctorate.

The candidate, Father Lawrence,
was very good.

I started writing letters
today.

Mass downstairs.

Heard from Mc Cormick. Some one in my class told him that I said that Brown did not know what he was talking about.

I wrote more letters and studied Poulat. I must start my April article at once.

Mass at Chevy.

Finished and sent out following
letters:

- 1 Flynn C.S.P. - accept invitation on 25th
- 2 [Fellows of Cene] - Books
- 3 Joe O'Donnell
- 4 de Bruin
- 5 Off.
- 6 Chen C.P.
- 7 [Tofoso] Bill
- 8 Bishop
- 9 Sheedy
- 10 Walt
- 11 Martin
- 12 John L. Murphy
- 13 [Voyegsy]
- 14 Yuter S.J.
- 15 Mae [Bunder]
- 16 Katherine Shea
- 17 Fr. Bernert, S.J.
- 18 Dr. Pat Sullivan
La Puente, Cal.

Mass downstairs.
Worked on AER today.

Mass downstairs

Ate out with the two
[escapfield] boys at the place
on Rhode Island Avenue.

The dinner was very pleasant
indeed.

I was called to the
AD at 5 tomorrow.

Mass downstairs

at 2:30 I had an
appointment with Dr. Comeau.
Pa was with me. We were
both all right, but I
was some overweight. I
weigh about 253 all the
time these days.

At 5 PM I went to
the delegate. He talked for
well over an hour.

Mass downstairs, but late

This morning Phil drove
me up to Baltimore for Bob
Clifford's father's funeral.

Bob said the Mass. Pat
Greenfield was there.

Mass downstairs

At 12:30 I reported to the
Paulist house for a fine dinner.
I met many of my friends.

At 6:30 I went out with
George Higgins & the [Roma].
We stopped at Bill's on the
way back.

Mass downstairs.

I took Pa to Bill's.

I enjoyed myself. We had
to return early because of the
snow.

Larry's father is dead.

Bill and I saw him as he
was starting for the funeral.

Mass at Chevy.

A very pleasant visit with
Phil and the others. I stopped
in at Pa's on the way back.

Mass downstairs.

I sent out the last of
the March material to the
printer. Sent back the article
on Judy. The author must
be more careful.

I have a new secretary,
a Miss Shea.

Sent the Jan. AER by
air mail to Ottaviani.

Mass downstairs

Worked this morning on the
April article

2/11/63

I have let this go
far too long. The
April '63 article took a
long time & finished off
this moment, noon
2/11/63, it is over at

Mass downstairs

the AER office ready to go to
the censors.

Those past two weeks have
been most interesting. The
Jn AER issue came out
and since then I have received
about twenty letters of congrat-
ulations for the Ottaviani
article. This has been the
second most popular

Mass downstairs

article in the 19 years I have
been editor of AER. By
all means the most popular
was the Reply to Father Hartnett
published back in 1942. All
the correspondence on the
Ottaviani article has been
favorable.

Mass downstairs. Exam for
Major B

During the first few days of
February I worked very hard on
the April article. I sincerely
hope that it will do some
good. It criticizes a statement
by Brown in Commonweal
for Jn. 18.

Mass downstairs

So far there has been no news this past few weeks. I must continue the journal I wrote in Rome and put down the story of the mixed commission meeting of 12/7/62. At this meeting Ottaviani and Bea met head-on in a clash about the

Mass at Chevy. - First lecture in Adult education series - very pleasant indeed. Jim Kelly was among those present.

inclusion of a statement to the effect that there are some dogmas of the Church which are not contained in any way, either clearly

Mass downstairs. Meeting at [the Off.]

or obscurely, in the books of
Scripture. Bea was quite
firm at first, but after
O's great series of speeches,
B ended up proposing and
vigorously defending O's
resolution. I have never seen
anything like it in my life.
If the papers knew anything

Mass downstairs. Two lectures today. Quite pleasant.

about this, they would have it in two-inch headlines.

At the end of the meeting a Belgian (De Smedt) got up and launched a bitterly personal attack on O. The excuse was that O had not designated as top secret the

Mass downstairs

letter of the 19 cardinals
to the Pope protesting against
bad teaching in Scripture.
Ruffini attacked De Smedt.
The meeting was forcibly
closed by O. De Smedt
and Bea made fools of
themselves.

Mass downstairs - first year class. I gave them a good going over for not working hard enough.

Dinner with Greenfield at Jack Hentz.

John Wright gave lecture here tonight. Pleasant talk with John later.

Mass at Chevy. It
was supposed to be a
dialog Mass.

Finished April article.

I am quite pleased with
this one, although it should
have been much more firm.

Mass downstairs. I did not feel well today.

Went downtown with Bill & sent cable and to shop.

Lecture at Immaculata. It was successful. Mass at Chevy, with sermon.

Then a talk at 3:30 for the adult education class

Mass downstairs. Received
Cable from O. Decided
to go to council. Talked
with Pa, the Archbishops,
the Rector, Wally, and Pat.

Ordered ticket from Alitalia.

Mass downstairs.

There were two classes today.
Both were very pleasant.

I am receiving a great many
letters of congratulation for the
January article.

Mass downstairs

Worked on AER all
day. I am getting ready for
the trip on the 22nd.
It should be interesting.
The other group (Bea's)
is working to dilute the
teaching as much as possible.

Mass downstairs.

A letter from O today. The meetings start the 21st, not the 26th. I changed my reservations. This leaves me very little time.

Dinner with Selva and Pat. Coffee at Matt Kane's on the way back. I am very busy indeed.

Mass downstairs.

Talked with Pa as usual.

Tornillo is coming out here for tickets. Everything is all right.

I am excited about the trip.

I am to have lunch with AD
on Monday.

Jim Kelley's called this morning.

Mass downstairs

Talked with Pa. Packed
for trip to Rome. The congratulations
on the O article are still
coming in.

Tonight I dined at [Shrajer's]
and then with McClafferty. On
the way back I stopped at
Bill's.

A party of the Oblates at 5:30
Mass at [Chevy]. The
lecture at 3:30 was very
successful. The people wanted
to talk about the change
that the University has
"banned" Murray, et al.

A fine party at the Oblates at
night.

Mass downstairs.

I arose very early, and went over to the AER office to make up the March issue. It will be good.

I ran through two of the articles, and left the rest of the work for Pat.

I had dinner with the AD
at 3:15 Pat and Oue called
for me. We picked up Hurlow and
Pa. Oue could not go, but the
rest of us drove to Friendship.
There I delivered. I went over
with Bishop Flahiff.

Early this morning we stopped at [Fordham], where I had my first cup of Bovril. Then to Milan, then to Rome. No one met me. John did not send those cables.

Alitalia drove T and me home. I slept for three hours, and then saw Cerella.

Supper was most pleasant. Afterwards there was a "[bagmare]" for [Giancioni] here on the 6th. I am staying in 612 this time.

Late Mass downstairs. I
was very tired.

I had lunch with Cerella and
assorted ecclesiastical dignitaries.
Very pleasant. He does not
know whether or not Sheedy
is coming.

Bed and more rest.

I know Parente's return and
Bali's letter to work on.
Tomorrow I shall have Schieder's
schema. Tomorrow the commission
meets at 10

Mass in chapel

The meeting was scheduled for 10.

I stopped first at the Seminary and University buildings, where I had a few minutes with Romeo. I met O'Boyle and McCormick there.

The meeting was pleasant. Tromp has done a rotten job.

Present, among the periti, were,
Siri, Bali, Siller, Tromp, Ottaviani,
Witte, Danielou, Van den Eynde, Sauras.
John Wright did not show up.
Neither did Piolanti.

I took dinner and supper here.
John O'Reilly is away.

Mass in chapel.

The meeting this afternoon was at

4. Suys wanted the afternoon session.

This time things were not quite
so smooth. Wright still not here.

They discussed the four formulae
about scripture and tradition. A
great deal of trouble has been caused
by the fact that O did not call
for a definite vote.

Philibert is here and is staying at the
house.

Mass in chapel. - Out in morning to meet Sheedy.

Today at four we had the first meeting of the mixed commission. It was apparent from the start that things would not go well. Toward 5:30 O left the meeting, putting Browne in his place. Then came a bombshell. Desmedt read a resolution of the Secretariat claiming that it is impossible to mention anything to the effect that Judith "latens petiit guam S.S." It passed, with only nine votes in favor of the O group.

It was a bad day.

Dinner with Sheehy & Mark Hurley at Tre Scalini

Sunday - Mass in chapel.

At noon we went out to Frascati with Alfredo. A fine dinner and then returned. O is all broken up about his mistake. He is making a move of some sort.

Supper at La Cisterna with Sheehy. We walked down but taxied back.

Mass in Chapel.

A full, but most unpleasant day.

Had dinner with Romeo and supper with
Mark Hurley at Panzano's.

The meeting was at four. O consented
a protest about the vote, but Bea
went after him. I heard the former
"Diximus, et dicimus, et
dicemus." O was answered by
Suys, Bea, De Smedt, and Rahner.
The meeting broke up without having
done anything.

During a half-hour pause, the
secretariate held a separate meeting.
Black Monday

Mass in Chapel

My morale was low. At One PM
Marella called for S and me and took us out
to a convent on the Via Flaminia where
they serve banquets. Present were O,
two nephews, a lawyer named Palermo,
Griffith, Cleary, S., [Corgone] and
I. O told me that Bea had been
to see him that morning.

At supper I was not feeling well,
but I went out with S, Lindi, Hurley,
and Higgins. This is Carnival night.
We went to Panzano's.

I have had dysentery for the
past couple of days.

No Mass Today.

I did not have any sleep the night before. I stayed in bed until late in the afternoon. Then the Belgian who lives next to me told me about some Italian medicine that will stop dysentery. I discovered that I had some in my bag. I took some, and was helped.

I took S out to Panzelli's for supper.

I had to pass up an invitation to O's for dinner.

Mass in Chapel, and early.

Alfredo called for S about 9 AM.

The two of us went out to Fiumicino.

S. left on Pan-Am. Alfredo and I
went to the town and had a short walk
on the Mole.

I had a good visit with O'Boyle
and with Romeo.

Dinner at home.

In the afternoon I began
the work on the German bishops'
schema.

At night I went to O's
apartment where Bea was visiting.
Saw O. He was delighted with
my work.

Supper with de Bonis at
[Juleconi's] and Federici's

Mass in chapel.

Stopped for a yogurt on the way to
the H.O. Wrote letters to Pa and Bill.
Will now get on with work for O.

I stopped off on the way back and saw
Luigi. I had dinner at the house. There
was a meeting at 4:30, and we finally
got rid of most of chapter one. We are
supposed to get back to the Prologue on
Monday.

I had supper with Thils at the
Scoglio. It was very pleasant.

When I returned Mr. [Cormick] called
me up and told me O'Boyle wants
me out for supper tomorrow night.

Mass in chapel. No one was there to disturb me.

I had a yogurt on the way to H O, where I am writing now.

I went up to HO to give my report on the Phillips thing. O was talking with Bea. I spent a long time with him. He was pleased with my work.

O'Boyle took McCormick, Steinmueller, and me out to supper at Passetto's. I chose the place. O'B liked it.

Mass early downstairs

One of the best days of my life.

O'Donnell and McCarthy called at 9:15 AM.

We went to Capranica Prenestina, Palestrina,
[Galliano], Casape, Poli and S. Gregorio.

At S. Gregorio we took Don Denis to
visit the Augustinians and had a fine
lunch. Back to S. Gregorio and home
by way of Tivoli. Supper at
Panzano's.

Mass late downstairs.

My heart bothered me last night.

Then in the mail came two letters from

Washington with clippings from the Post.

The persecution goes on. I saw O and
Romeo.

At 4:30 a meeting of the mixed
commission. The first chapter
approved. It is a poor thing. May
God protect His Church.

Mass downstairs.

Confession at S. Susanna. McCormick tells me more about reaction to stories about CU.

Dinner with O. He is going to try to get me a J P.

Meeting of theological commission at 4:30. O left at 7, and I left during the same recess. The thing is hopeless. O seems not to care.

Supper at Panzano's with Mark Hurley. We agreed that no one over here seems to care. A new Pope soon?

Mass very early downstairs.

Alfredo called at 9 AM and brought me to Fiumicino. I gave him 5000.

Flew to Paris and now on way to N.Y. Alfredo told me that Suys was angry after last night's meeting. That is a good sign.

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I am writing this in the guest room of the Bishop's House on East Avenue in Rochester N.Y.

This noon I am scheduled to give a lecture on the Pope and the

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Council

I shall divide my short lecture into two parts.

A. Interesting truths about ecumenical councils in general

B. Topics of interest about this council.

Boni topic - Head of Prayers

A. - The E C is the most solemn organ or act of jurisdiction on the part of the

CC. - It is [proper] spiritual

1) This involves teaching - see introducta to Dei Filius.

The Council teaches the salutary doctrine of Xt. This is not easy to formulate in a Council.

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2) It involves legislation.

The object of this legislation is to direct the people of God so that their faith may be protected and may become more intense, and so that they may love God and each other more effectively.

Such legislation demands prudence, as well as faith and charity.

These gifts will not be given to the Church apart from the prayers of the faithful.

Questions about the council

1) That of reunion

A First we are talking about

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reunion among Christians. There is no immediate question about any religious unity with those who profess not to believe that Jesus is Lord and God.
B There will be no institutional union emanating directly from this Council.

2) There will certainly not be any higher or more extensive social unit into which all will coalesce -

b) There will be no federation into which all will enter - like U.N. etc.

c) But there is a great friendship with religion leaders of

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non-Catholic groups. The Secretariat for Unity showed these people exquisite courtesy, just as the World Council of Churches showed exquisite courtesy to the Catholic observers to their meetings.

D) This friendship will go through the ranks, or at least so we hope. End of P II, etc.

E) Speaking as a scholar, I believe that the Council is a factor, though by no means the only factor, in bringing Catholics and

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non-Catholics together on the plane of theological and historical research. We shall be more ready to look to one another's sources. This tendency in the field of research is already observable.

F. Honest research and investigation is always a benefit to the cause of Xt and of His Church. It should bring about better relations.

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The Conservative - Liberal question

This, I think, is the matter in which most Catholics are interested today. To be honest and scholarly in this area, we must first of all define our terms.

Among the sources are 1) Bardin, 2) Billot, 3) Civ.

Liberal Catholicism as condemned by these men was and is the system of thought by which the teaching of the Catholic Church were represented as compatible with the maxims that guided the French Revolution.

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In practice the men who advocated the doctrines of separation of Church and State, etc., as these have been condemned by the Popes since Leo XII, are called liberal Catholics. The term was not considered respectful in this country until the appearance of Cross' book a few years ago.

In the sense in which the tenets of liberal Catholicism have been repudiated by the Popes, these teachings are definitely not going to be espoused by

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the Council.

But the men who are called
liberals today, at least the
Fathers of the Council who are called
liberals as distinct from the
group known by the reporters as
conservative, are definitely not
liberal in the sense that Felicite
de Lamennais was a liberal Catholic.

Practically these men who
are Fathers of the Council, and
who are designated as liberals
by the press, are those who

seek a "pastoral" rather than a "scholastic" approach to the teachings and the legislation of the council.

To a certain extent that same mentality was manifest in the action of the Fathers of the 1st Vatican Council, who sent back the first draft of the material on Faith and Reason on the grounds that it was too academic in form.

Of course the teaching as well as the directives of the Ecumenical Council should be

pastoral in the fullest sense of the term. The statement of the Council is not a theological text book. At the same time, however, a declaration by a council can cause confusion or finally can actually be harmful when, even though there is no error about faith or morals in it, the statement passes over truths which are, and which have long generally been recognized as, assertions of Catholic doctrine.

On this point, as in other areas, the Fathers of

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of the Council need prudence, and
they need your prayers.

1:00 PM - The Same Day

I - Nature of Council -

Most solemn act of jurisdiction
within the C.C.

II Purpose of Council

1) Necessary - Purpose of
Christ and of Christ Himself.

A - Through teaching -

see Dei Filius -

Enlightenment, increase
and protection of the faith

B. Through directives or through legislation in various fields, protection & enlargement of the Faith. Increase in Charity.

approach of non-Catholics to the Church

2) At some council - reunion - it must be understood that this

20th Trip to Rome
September 24, 1963

I am writing this in Room 113 of
Salvator Mundi Hospital in Rome.
This is my third trip to Rome this
year. Since making the last entry,
I have had two more severe
heart attacks.

- On May 11 I gave my
lecture in Rochester. Then I
went out to see Msgr. [Goggin].
I had two radio, or rather TV
interviews.

The boys gave me a banquet
that night. They had me on my

feet for over two hours answering questions about the Council. Then we went over to Joe Whalen's rectory for a party.

I believe that May 11th was one of the happiest days of my life. I can never forget the kindness of Bishop Kearney and of Msgr. Joe Sullivan.

On the next day I had breakfast with Dr. Murray. Then I flew to New York [logomandin], went by bus to Idlewild, and flew TWA to Rome.

The whole venture was too much for me. I was badly

over-tired when I reached Rome. I slept most of the time for the next couple of days. I had dinner with O on the 15th, and then attended the 1st meeting of the commission.

The next morning I had my heart attack. Abbot William brought me to the hospital where I stayed until July 15. I had a fine audience with Pope Paul on July 8.

The situation at the University was quite unpleasant. While I was away my room was rifled.

The individual at fault was an employee of the maintenance dept. His name is Everdale.

The Council's second series of meetings is scheduled to start Sept. 29. I left Washington on Sept. 5 with Jim & Mary Kelley. We stayed at the Sheraton Motor Court.

The next day I went aboard the Saturnia. The following day the ship was at Boston. The Donoghues and the Kennedys came aboard to see me. I was very tired.

The next morning. Sept 8,

I had a heart attack. I could not breathe. Archbishop Johnson anointed me, heard my confession, and gave me Viaticum. He said the prayers for the dying.

My recovery was good. I was walking around in a couple of days. After Lisbon I said Mass.

Alfredo called for me at Naples and drove me to Rome. I went to the Pensionato for one night, but it was too rough and noisy.

I landed in Naples on the 19th. I came here on the 20th.

Now I am leaving for the Grand Hotel
and stay with the Bishops.

Ed Honaker gave me two
books on Modernism. In one of
them I found evidence that the
teaching in the first chapter
of the new schema on the Church
and the language on that of
Tyrrell.

May God preserve His
Church from that chapter. If
it passes, it will be a great
evil. I must pray and act.

Sept. 25, 1963 - Room 174
Grand Hotel, Rome

Last Saturday, the 21st, I
sent out letters from the hospital to
1) Pa, 2) Walt, 3) The Kelleys, 4)
The Donoghues, 5) Bill McDonald,
6) Pat Cronfield.

Yesterday, from this room,
I wrote to 1) Pa, 2) John McClafferty,
3) Mae, 4) Sheehy, 5) Phil Brown,
6) Cimoni.

Tonight I wrote to Pa.
Yesterday I was discharged from
the hospital. My bill came to \$79.00
I cashed a check for \$50 also.

Jack O'Donnell came over to help me move. We came to the Grand Hotel and my boys were put into room 174. We called the bishop, but he was out. On the way out of the hotel we met Joe & Tom, along with Fr. Cunningham C.P. and others.

We went to Romanelli's where I ordered a new cassock. It will come to \$60. It is of Henrietta cloth. Then I had a haircut and we had dinner at Heick's, in the Piazza del Ottavio. I could see a modern looking crucifix, modern 1565, under

the awning.

We visited the Casa, and then came back to the Hotel. Jack then went back. I slept most of the rest of the afternoon.

Outside of Romanelli's I met Bishop [Demen], and told him about the first chapter. He was startled and hurt to hear about Tyrrell. Thank God he has some interest in Theology.

At night we met the bishop. [De] gave me the check, which I sent to Pa tonight (that is,

the next night). Jack, Joe, Tom, the Bishop and I ate together. Afterwards the Bishop and I walked for about half an hour in front of the Ministry of War. I slept fairly well last night. I awoke at 2, and took another sleeping pill (after having said a good part of the breviary). I slept until 10:30 this morning.

This morning, the 25th, they were wonderful to me at Santa Susanna. I met Murphy ([Francis] Ryan), and he gave me his issue toothy and warm smile.

I said Mass this morning
for the first time since last
Friday.

After Mass I went to see
O. He was astonished about the
Tyrrell thing. He wants the
exact quote, which I shall
give him tomorrow. He invited
all of the Springfield crowd to
lunch with him on Tuesday the
1st of October. This does not seem
as if he wants to go.

Then I went to see Staffa.
He was likewise astonished about
the Tyrrell affair. I may have

some response yet. He is going to let me see the letter of Paul VI & Tisserant tomorrow. I must get over there in time.

From there I walked down the Via Conciliazione to the Pensionato. On the way I met [Quentin] who was sitting at a table with some German doctors. He is staying at the College.

At the Pensionato I paid my bill and met Colella. He and 3 others (The Sardinian [Rudis]) and the professor Vannelli came to see me at Federici's. I gave them a bottle of good wine. I

took nine myself.

On the way down the Conciliazione
I bought one of those [raga] boys
for Massachusetts. It should
look well on a new car. It
costs 2000 lire.

The four of us had supper
together tonight. Afterwards we
walked to the Via Nazionale by
way of the Monte Cavallo, then
home by way of the Nazionale.

I found tonight that I
had forgotten my manuscript.
Now I must write the whole
thing over.

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Thursday - Sept. 26, 1963
4:10 P.M. - Room 174 -
Grand Hotel. Rome

There is very little to report this afternoon. I awoke early this morning, said most of my office, and then went in to breakfast.

I was very tired when I returned to my room, so I went to bed and slept until after noon.

I had lunch with the bishop, Joe & Tom. It

was quite pleasant.

During the course of the conversation I learned that a group of priests had written a Latin letter to the individual bishops, warning them about the "new theology," and explaining their responsibilities to them. Celio asked me whether or not I was mixed up in the affair. I made it clear that I was not, but at the same time I left no doubt about the fact that I agree with

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the sentiments expressed in the letter, as they were explained to me.

I must try to find out more about that letter.

It is a glorious day. I think I had better stay here and work on the article in reply to Ryan.

Sept 27, 1963 - 7 PM.
Room 174, Grand Hotel, Rome.

Yesterday afternoon I did three pages of the Ryan article. Then I had supper with Celio, Joe, & Tom. Afterwards

Tom and I had a walk.
I had a good sleep.
In the morning I said
Mass about 8 AM. Then I
had breakfast here at the hotel,
with Joe & Tom.

Then I taxied to the hospital
where Dr. [Jon] gave me a good
report. My pressure is down.
My blood is still too thick.
I must take more Coumadin.

Paul Horgan the writer
took me back from the
hospital & the congregation

I met my old friend Bill
Haughton from St. Bernard's.
Then I met Jim Shields.
I had a good visit with
Staffa, Cecchetti, Romeo,
& Steinmueller, as well as
Boland.

At Holy Office I saw
O & Parente. All is
going well. All of them were
delighted with Murphy &
Reeves. O was very grateful
for my research on Tyrrell.

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He had just seen the Pope
and he reported that the Pope
is concerned with the doctrinal
issue.

Dinner at the Curs with
Horgan & Tomack.

Retired here. Wrote letters
to 1) Pa, 3) [Irma] Shea, 3) Sheedy,
4) Walt, & 7) Pat Cranfield.

Saturday Sept. 28, 1963 - Room
174 Grand Hotel, Rome

Last night I had supper with
the Bishop, Tom, & Joe. Afterwards
I had a long walk with the Bishop.

This morning I slept late and,
as usual, said Mass at Santa Susanna.
Afterwards I had breakfast alone.
Then I went to Holy Office to see O.
I met Alhimi, who told me that he
had just been named rector of the
Greg. That is good news. I saw O.
I gave him the news that the 4 from
Springfield would be with him
Tuesday at 1:30 PM.

Then I saw Cecchetti & Romeo.
[R.] called Parente about Murphy.
It seems that the Pope knows about
M and is quite disturbed, or at
least so Parente says.

I called at the Pensionat
and saw Colella. Then I
came home here and slept again.
I went out at 5 and bought
a sweater at CIM for 7100 lire.
It is very comfortable. I shall
need it very much as time goes
on.

Now to get on with the article on
M.

Monday - Sept. 30, 1963 - Room 174
Grand Hotel, Rome - 11:30 A.M.

Saturday night as usual I

had supper with the bishop, Tom, & Joe. Afterwards we had a walk. I had a good sleep.

Yesterday morning I awoke late and said Mass at Santa Susanna. Then I came over here, had breakfast, and went into the bar to watch the opening of the Council on TV. I heard the Pope's address, and was generally pleased with it.

I had lunch with Fr. Cernin from Mystici Corporis. We ate at Bernadino's, which is the old Sabatini's. I had a fine time.

In the afternoon I slept. At night I ate with the bishop, Fr.

Cernin, and the two Johns. Afterwards
I walked with the bishop.

I heard from Jim Kelley this
morning. He sent me a book and
a clipping from the Washington
Post.

I had a good sleep and awoke at
9:45 this morning. I found letters
from Pa, and from Roy & Celi
Joyce at my door. I said Mass
at Santa Susanna. And here I am.

This morning the real fireworks
start at St. Peter's. I wish I
were well enough to go. I hope
and pray that the first chapter

on the Church is thrown out. The news this noon will be interesting.

Tuesday Oct. 1, 1963, still
Room 174 Grand Hotel, Rome.
6:40 PM

The news yesterday was not particularly interesting. They debated on using the present text as a basis, and it is a foregone conclusion that they will do this. The atmosphere is quite different this time.

Yesterday afternoon I met Ed Hanahoe at Moretti's. We walked to Momo's and bought one

copy of Marini for him, then
to Roselli's, and bought another
for me. Then we went to Hoster's
where I bought a Stimmer's
Fundamental dogma and bought
a set of [Mangoni] for Ed. I
owed him the Mangoni and the
Marini.

I walked back here, had
dinner with the lads, and then
took the long walk with the
bishop. I read a lot before
going to bed.

This morning I said
Mass at Santa Susanna as

usual. I walked to Romanelli's to try on the new cassock, and then walked to the American bishop's office, where I changed a fifty.

We had dinner at the Cardinal's, Vagnozzi, the Talents, the four of us, and O himself. There was great rejoicing. It seemed that at the council Ruffini had come up with my objection to the word "sacrament," and had made a tremendous hit. He wowed them by telling them that this was the teaching and

the language of Tyrrell. There is nothing too good for Ed. He is responsible for all of this. The bishop and the other two were much impressed.

The Cardinal's driver brought us home. Jack King called, and he will be here tomorrow. In the afternoon I shall have to make a report to the Cardinal on chapter one & two.

There was no mail today. I may hear from Pa tomorrow. I hope so.

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Wednesday Oct. 23, 1963 -
The Hall of the Congregation 4:30 PM

I have been in the hotel for the past 3 weeks. I have yet to attend a session of the Council.

I have attended two meetings of the American periti. Coyle C.S.S.R. was in charge. Since these meetings there has been another organization under Quinn.

Browne is in charge of this meeting. Griffith & Wright are here. I was greeted by Schauf.

McGrath, Gagnebet, Sebasty,
and the other German.

Philips seems to be running the
whole show.

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The same place.

I was late today. As usual

Philips has the whole show, and
when he is not speaking, Rahner is
spilling words.

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Sacramentum. | Mysterium

Eph 3:3

5:22

I Tim 3:16

Apoc 1:20

Eph 3:9

Col 1:27

Eph 1:9 x

Apoc 17:7

Eph

3:3

3:9

1:9

Col 1:27

I Tim 3:16

Apoc 1:20

17:7

Col 1:26

Apoc 10:7

17:5

Rom 16:25

Col 2:2

Mk 4:11

LK 8:10

Rom 11:25

I Cor 15:51

Eph 6:19

Col 4:3

II Thes 2:7

I Tim 3:9

Mysterium

I Cor 2:7

Eph 3:4

I Cor 4:1

Mt 13:11

I Cor 13:2

14:2

Eph 3:4, 3:3

6:19

I Cor 13:2

14:2

15:51

Col 1:26 / 1:27

2:2

4:3

I Tim 3:9

3:16

Apoc. 10:7

17:5 / 17:5

17:7

Rom. 16:25

11:25

II Thes 2:7

Mk 4:11

LK 8:10

Mt 13:11

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Apostles = Foundation Eph 2:20

Eph 1:9 - S - mystery of his will

3:3 - S - the mystery - refert above

3:4 - M - my knowledge in the mystery
of Xt

3:9 S the mystery which has been hidden
from eternity in God

5:32 S This is a great sacrament, but
I speak in Xt and in the Church

6:19 M the mystery of the Gospel

Col 1:26 M the word of God. The mystery
which has been hidden from ages

God would make known the riches

1:27 S of the glory of this mystery
among the Gentiles, which is Xt.

2:2 M unto the knowledge of the
mystery of God the Father and of
Xt Jesus

4:3 M to speak the mystery of Xt

I Cor 2:7 M We speak the wisdom of God
in a mystery

4:1 M the dispensers of the mysteries of God

13:2 M If I... should know all mysteries
(with reference to charity)

14:2 M Yet by the Spirit he speaketh mysteries
(The man who speaks in a tongue)

15:51 M Behold, I tell you a mystery
(the resurrection from the dead)

Rom. 11:25 M For I would not have you
ignorant, brethren, of this mystery
(The gentiles are engrafted into the election)

16:25 M according to the revelation
of the mystery which was kept
secret from eternity
(now made manifest by the scriptures of
the prophets)

II Thes 2:7 M the mystery of iniquity

I Tim 3:9 M Holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience

I Tim 3:16 S And evidently great is the mystery of godliness, which was manifested in the flesh

Apoc 1:20 S the mystery about the 7 stars
10:7 M the mystery of God shall be finished as he has declared by his servants the prophets
(When the 7th angel speaks)

17:5 M A mystery: Babylon the great
17:7 S The mystery of the woman and of the beast

Mt 13:11 M To you it is given to know
the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven

Mk 4:11 M To you it is given to know
the mystery of the kingdom of God

LK 8:10 To you it is given to know
the mystery of the kingdom of God

Meeting of 11/11/63 - 1st Subcommission
Van Dodewaard

Relatio

Charue

Fenton

Garofalo

Castellini

Philips

Cerfaux

Danielou

Rigaux

Decision -

On Peter +

on the 12 Apos. as
foundation

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Meeting of full commission
Begon at 4:30 PM 11/11/63

Decision of Religion Liberty
Full group. Malone up for
1st time. It would be
interesting to know if he was
invited.

Another meeting of full commission
4:30 PM 11/18/63. In the
meantime there were 2 meetings
of the subcommission.
Probati came in for a

minute this afternoon (in the hall of the congregation). The Cardinal is "indisposed" and wrote a letter telling us that the Pope wants the matter about the mystery of the Church and about the BVM finished before the end of this session.

The boys have been arguing for about an hour and a half. Philips will do all the work.

This afternoon I wrote a little paper urging the change

of the word "sacramentum" in the
"De mysteria Ecclesiae." I gave it
to [Chance] at the beginning of this
meeting. I know that it will
go into the round file, but at
least I have tried.

I must try to see O before I
go back to the hotel. I hope he is
well. But I must also see if
he has done anything about getting
the letter. The one from Johnny
Wright came in this morning.

Ed Hanahoe this morning
tells me that he is disheartened

with the Italian Line about passage from Naples on the 4th of next month. I hope he makes it, and I hope I make it.

Now I must turn my attention to the writing of an article for the Jan 1964 number of AER.

The natural thing would be to write about Relrospet & Prospect.

1) Speak of men who have helped with AER

A - Ed Brossart

B - Connell

C Grove Burke

D Cal Rush

E Tom Martin

F Jack Murphy

G Pat Cranfield

H Dane Cranfield

The writer

The readers

There has been a lot of
Catholic history during the past
20 years. When we started
we had the claim that the
Church was changing its teaching

Again we had the doctrine
on the necessity of the Church and
on the definition of the Church.

During the past few years
(that is, about 12) we have been
more or less in the field of
settlement. In this field we
are proud to confirm what we
have already held.

Now for the present element.
Obviously the Council is the
most important fact during these
20 years. But the direction of

the Popes of the Holy Office are also important and are not to be passed over.

There has been a change. Justice v [Dodenwauld]. The things said by Bellarmine & Sylvius are not understood standards by the modern men.

There was a very pleasant meeting of the 1st subcommittee at the Belgian College. I attended and did more for the

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text than I have ever done before. This was Sat. Nov 23, the day after the murder of Kennedy.

Hall of the Congregation -
Nov. 25, 1963. 4:45 PM

The meeting was called to order by O. There is a rumor that Rubinstein has committed suicide. Everyone here is talking about the mess in Dallas. Last night I saw the murder of Oswald on the Italian

TV. There were people in the public room, and among them were a young couple from Dallas. They knew a great deal about Rubinstein.

The whole affair appears to be a very deep plot, in which some of the leaders of the police were involved.

They have just passed out the papers. The Introduction & the 1st chapter on the Church has just passed.

For Rector
(The article was
successful)

O was delighted with two
poems I gave him before the
meeting. He wants me to write
them out for him. I have written
them on an envelope. Here they
are

I

There are Weigel and Rahner and Kung
Whose praises are everywhere sung
But some fine domani
Old Ottaviani
Will see that they're properly Hung.

II

Old Suenens dislikes segregation
So he spoke out in full congregation
The bishops are churls
So let's bring in the girls
In spite of the world's admiration

III

Hanahoe, Fenton, and King
Their names have a militant ring
They argued for Rome
But were silenced at home
It was, perhaps, a very good thing.

Nov. 26, 1963. 6:05 PM. I am late for this meeting. I had dinner with Joe O'Donnell and it was very pleasant. Afterwards we went to CIM where I bought a bag & took the book I have bought in Rome.

[Joseph] [illegible]

E. Murphy

(Bogus)

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Monseigneur Joseph C Fenton
Notes on my Twentieth - First
Trip to Rome

7:15 PM. Feb. 24, 1964
Room 105 - Hotel Michelangelo

5:20 PM. March 2, 1964,
Monday - Aula Congregationis
Vatican. 1st meeting of the
Doctrinal Commission. I must
leave Rome in 3 days, + be
able to speak as I promised in
Springfield on March 8, 1964

This has been by far the most pleasant trip I have ever made. I started the afternoon of Wednesday February 19, 1964. It was a bad day in Chicopee Falls. They called off the American Airlines flight from Springfield + New York, and so I had to take the train. I met, among others, a fine young politician who seems to be very interested in urban renewal. In New York I took a cab to the East Side Air Terminal. There I took a Cong cab + [illegible]

(formerly Idlewild) Airport, where I landed at the American Airlines building. Then I was taken by the International Hotel bus to the hotel, where I had a fine evening and night.

The next morning I went over to the airport chapel, where I said Mass. Then I took the bus to the Pan-Am station. They sent me to the Clipper Club. I missed the direction and bought myself a fine breakfast. Then I landed in the Clipper Club.

Finally our flight to London (flight 100) was called. We

had already been told that the flight would stop at Shannon. We were supposed to lose 30 minutes, but we actually lost 4 hours. We arrived very late in London, and I went immediately to the Ariel. I had a good night. In the morning I said Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Afterwards a very pleasant trip to Rome by Alitalia Comet with a lot of Irish-Englishmen on their way to the city for an ordination and a first Mass. At the Rome airport I was met by Alfredo. I was brought to see Cardinal Ottaviani and to the

Hotel Michelangelo. I had a good night. I went down to Rosati's for supper. The Michelangelo is very pleasant indeed. I like it better than any place I have ever stayed in Rome.

During my stay over here I have had some wonderful visits. Of course the most interesting were those with Cardinal Ottaviani. I also saw Bishop Primeau, Msgr. Landi, Msgr. Higgins, Fr. O'Donnell, Fr. King, OMI (who seems to have changed a bit, and not for the better) Msgr. Lupi, Msgr. Cecchetti, Msgr. Romeo, and

the others. I have had some fine meals, particularly this noon at Msgr. Lupi's.

- March 2, 1963 - Last night

I had a marvellous supper at the Chicago House with Archbishop Sheean, Bishop Primeau + Barbara, Higgins, Witty, and the rest. I returned, took 2 sleeping pills, and slept until 1 PM. Then I went to eat with Romeo + Cecchetti.

Now I am here. I met John Wright last night.

Notes for Garigou Lagrange article.

([Larard] - 21 Feb. 1964)

Master of S. Theol

Consultor of H.O.

of Sem + Univ.

Member of the Pont. Rom. Theol Acad.

" " Acad. of St. Thos.

Born Auch (Gers) Feb 21, 1877

Baptized [Gontrem]

Educated Auch - Vendée

Nantes - Tarbes

Studied medicine at Bordeaux

At the age of 20, by reading
Ernest Hello, he became interested
in St. John of the Cross
Made retreat at Trappist
Monastery of [Encalcat] - and
at the Chartreuse of Vauclair.
Entered Dominicans
He took name of Reginald after
Reginald of Orleans, Professor of
U. of Paris, who was received
into order by St Dominic
Ordained priest in 1902
Expelled from France, and
studied in Belgium, under
Fr. Ambroise Gardeil and

Fr. Hugueny, O.P.

In 1904 He was sent to Paris,

where Bergson was teaching.

Travelled in Germany + Switzerland

(where he knew Fr. Norbert del

Prado)

Professor of History of Philosophy

in Le Saulchoir in 1905

1906 - Professor of Dogmatic

Theology

1909 - Professor de Revelation

in Angelico

During last war he had to

leave Angelico, but taught at

Coublevie

He wrote 23 books, - 5 of them
in 2 volumes

His first published writing was
an article in the Revue Thomiste
in 1904 "Note sur la preuve
de Dieu par les degrés des
êtres chez S. Thomas," - July
1904 - 363-81.

First book - Le Sens Commun,
La philosophie de l'être et les
formules dogmatiques.

Beauchesne XXX + 311 1909
1915 - Dieu, Son Existence et
sa nature

1918 De Revelatione

1923 - Perfection chrétienne et
contemplation selon S. Thomas d'

Aquin et S. Jean de la Croix

1929 - L'amour de Dieu et
la Croix de Jésus.

1932 La Providence et la
confiance en Dieu.

1932 Le réalisme du principe
de finalité

1933 Les trois conversions et
les trois voies

Wednesday March 4, 1964 - My last
day in Rome on what has been by
far the most pleasant trip to this

city. This is being written in the Hall of the Congregation at 6:20 PM

June 4, 1964 - Hall of the Congregation
9:40 AM

Journal of my 22nd
trip to Rome.

I received my call to this
meeting of the doctrinal commission
about three weeks ago. I was in
the hospital for a week. I was
discharged on Saturday May 30.
I flew from Bradley to Kennedy
on Eastern flight 23 Eastern and
from Kennedy to Rome on Alitalia

flight 361. I am staying at the Michelangelo.

Yesterday afternoon I attended the session of the doctrinal commission on revelation. O was in charge. They voted on the 2 schemas, and only 7 wanted the true Catholic position (as embodied with the one in the schema). They were O, Browne, Sigaud, Parente, Fenton, and the two friars. Trani has been the star so far.

Last night I dined with O'Donnell. I slept very well. This morning I said Mass at St Peter's and

had breakfast at the Caffè S. Pietro
on the Conciliazione.

This morning we have a meeting
of the mixed commission. We
have the 17th schema. It has
been improved a bit. Franic wanted
a mention of the persecution of Catholics
by communists, but Haring opposed
him successfully.

6/4/64 A meeting of the doctrinal
commission this PM at 4:30.

This one is on the schema on
revelation.

I am invited to eat with
Romeo tomorrow noon and with
O on Sunday at noon. Also
I am supposed to go out with
Wright tomorrow night
The 5th chapter, on the
New Testament, has gone by
without discussion. I am
afraid that this will turn out
+ be harmful to the Church.
There is nothing erroneous
in the material we have passed.
But there is a great deal that
is incomplete and misleading.
I am sorry to have left the

University since I am one of the very few who know the background of this schema and the one on the Church.

Franic again attacked the attempts made by the progressives to sneak in scriptura alone as a norm. Philips used the etern. rules [tota] again.

6/6/64

Yesterday I was very tired and I slept in all day. I went out at noon with Romeo who was his

usual pessimistic self, and in the evening with O'Donnell. This morning I was tired and slept in. At noon I went to eat with O. I came here with Danielou whom I met in St Peter's square. John Wright was worried and called the hospital.

6/21/64 I am writing this at Lourdes, in room 176 of the Hotel Gallia et Londres. I have just finished my retreat. I went to confession after Mass this morning. On the 7th I went to a meeting of the Pontifical International Marian Academy. Bali presided

Among those present were Garofalo, Rahner, Philips, Congar and Regamey. We are going to have a meeting in Santo Domingo in March, 1965. It is to be a sort of joint affair, just for scholars. We were all called upon to give our opinion. Congar called for absolute freedom. Ciappi wanted caution. I asked for limits. I told them that we were less concerned with the scriptural basis for the dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption than with

the accuracy of the Leon account of the Annunciation. I told them that they were looking in two directions. They are having Protestant and Orthodox theologians for a "dialogue," but they are also looking to a discussion, an open and honest discussion, among Catholics. This discussion among Catholics is the thing that is needed. Strange to say myself enemy Philips agreed with me. He said that the big question must be that argued among Catholics.

During the week in Rome

I saw a great deal of Jude
O'Donnell. I also ate twice
with Lupi and once with Romeo.
Romeo keeps talking about
"ritorno" in the Church.

Last Sunday I had supper
with [Celon] O'Donnell and
with Jack O'Donnell. Both
are good boys.

On Monday I had dinner
with Ottaviani who examined
me to write a memorandum on
cap. 3 de Ecclesia, and in
particular on n. 22. I have

studied this chapter here at Lourdes. I hope to send O the study as soon as possible.

I do not like the passage where they speak of Our Lord as founding His Church "in" or "on" the Apostles, and of the Apostles "gathering" the Church after Pentecost.

Ottaviani's man brought me to Fiumicino, and I flew to Lourdes on Tuesday the 16th. On the 14th I had met Fr. Tim Sullivan from Nassau, in the Bahamas. He was with an

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[No readable handwritten text.]

Irish layman. They and an Irish priest were with me on the plane from Rome. I registered at the Gallia. I like it.

The room looks out on the top of the subterranean basilica of St. Pius X.

(Incidentally, last Sunday, the 14th, the 34th anniversary of my ordination, I said Mass at the altar beside the tomb of Pius XII.)

On Wednesday the 17th Sullivan, the Irish priest, and the

layman and I went to [Lorraine].
We walked towards the Grotto.
Quite some distance from the
path (which was only a
secondary path anyway), we
found a cement slab with
a bronze tablet set into it.
The tablet had two lines of
text I have forgotten the
exact French wording, but
the English translation read "When
the mountains have seized
your heart, everything seems
more fine then and everything
brings you back to them."

This morning after Mass,
which I said for my people at
the basilica, I learned that
Ted Kennedy had broken his
back in a plane crash.

Monday June 22, 1964 -
Room 176 - Hotel Gallia et
Londres, Lourdes. 4:30 PM.
I had a wonderful night
last night. I went up the road
to the left of the basilica and had
the best possible view of the
torchlight procession
(Incidentally, as I was

writing, I can hear the singing of the hymns for the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. This room has a window which looks out on the roof of the subterranean basilica of St. Pius X.)

I had a good sleep. This morning I decided to change my plans and to fly to Ireland tonight rather than tomorrow afternoon. This will give me time to drive out to Clonfin if the weather is good. I should be in my hotel in Dublin by midnight tonight. I must show up for the bus at 6 PM.

Thank God this has been the
best trip I ever made. I
made a good retreat. I shall
never forget Lourdes, and I
pray that I may come back
here again sometime before I die.
All day and all night you
hear the voices of the people
singing hymns. It is like
heaven. There are thousands
there for every service.
I have said Mass in the
lower basilica every day.

Friday June 26, 1964 - Room 16
[Bunratten] Castle Hotel,
[Bunratten], County Clare, Ireland.
12:25 PM

Here I am five miles from
the airport after what has been
by far the best trip I ever took.
Monday I went to the
Aer Lingus Office at the corner
across the Pont Vieux at Lourdes
and took the bus for the airport.
I was with some fine Irish
people whose names I have forgotten
already. We stayed together on

the plane, on a fair smooth flight to Dublin. At Dublin I stayed at the Gresham. I said Mass in the morning at the Pro-Cathedral. I had a fine breakfast at the hotel. Then I bought a pipe and had my breakfast. Then I went out to the airport and flew to Shannon.

At Shannon I rented a Cortina - [Consul] - and

set off for Clare. I picked up two Dublin boys who had been on the bus and on the plane with me and brought them to Limerick. Then I drove to Dingle by way of Newcastle West, Castleisland, Tralee and Anascaul. I stayed at Bennie's Hotel which I found quite satisfactory. The next morning I said Mass at the Presentation Convent, where I had said

Mass 33 years ago. I found
a butcher shop with the
name O'Fiérnaith above it.
I found that the place was
owned by the school-teacher
at Ventry. I met his wife
who is a dentist a few doors
up from the shop. I drove
out to Ventry and met Master
Fenton. He had his youngster
play for me. They have a band
which is very good indeed.
He sent his niece with

me to pick up his brother,
Father Patrick Fenton, who
is the Professor of Gaelic
Studies at Maynooth. Father
Pat showed me around the
peninsula. The high points
were the Gallarus Oratory,
dating from around the year
700, Kilmalkedar, with the
great "[Kiegers]," and the
stone age fort on the shore.
Yesterday, Thursday the
25th, I again said Mass

at the Presentation Convent, and,
after breakfast, set out for
Kerry. I stopped, but did not
eat, at the Imperial Hotel.
Clifford's place is now the
Fáilte.

Then I drove back through
Limerick here. This is the
most pleasant hotel I have
ever encountered. Now I
shall close my retreat
center book at Shannon
and prepare for the flight
back to N.Y. + Springfield

I must remember to send O
his report on Cap. 3, n. 22 as
soon as possible

Report on my 23rd
trip to Rome
Room 533. Hotel Prince de
Galles, Paris - 10:05 AM
- I am waiting for the
Bishop. We shall go
together to the Rue de Bac
for Mass.

I started this trip on
Wednesday Sept 2. Ray

O'Brien called for me and drove me to N.Y., where we stayed at the Gladstone. I was in room 701. Ray was in 716. We had supper at Luchow's. The next day, after Mass and a breakfast at the Oyster Bar in Grand Central, we went aboard the Mauretania. I had cabin M57, the most pleasant accomodation I have ever had in a ship. We sailed about 3:30 PM, after an enjoyable farewell party.

The trip over was very pleasant.
At our table was Bishop [Green],
the auxiliary of Lansing. He left
the ship at Cobh.

I said Mass every day.

We landed at Le Havre at 5:30
yesterday morning. The boat
train (which was not an express)
left about 8:30 and was in
the Gare St. Lazare before noon.

We came immediately to the Prince
de Galles. After dinner I
slept all afternoon. We dined
here last night. I sent off

letters to Pa, Kathy, and Ed
Welch.

On the ship I wrote to
Pa and Bill. The letters went
off at Cobh.

We must clear the room
at 2 PM today. Our train for
Rome leaves the Gare de Lyon
about 7:30.

9/15/64 - 9AM - The
first [tribune] on the epistle side
of St. Peter's.

The trip from Paris was most
pleasant. I had stateroom n. 17 in

voiture n. 1.

We arrived on time and went to the hotel. I slept all afternoon. My room is 192 on the 2nd floor.

Sunday, yesterday, + today I said Mass at Santa Susanna.

The meals at the hotel are quite pleasant.

The opening of the Council was yesterday morning. The Pope concelebrated and then delivered an allocution.

Last night I saw O. There will be a meeting of the doctrinal commission at 4:30 this P.M.

Telegram Pa, Tom Martin, Ed Welch. This is a long stretch. McIntyre fainted at yesterday's meeting.

9/15/64 - 4:42 PM - Hall of
the Congregation. - I am
the only peritus present except
Philips. Tromp, the secretary, is
also present.

O is presiding. Browne, Sigaud,
Santos, and the man from Vienna
are the cardinals. I have spoken
with [Pelleter], [Deavda], Wright,
[Roy], and the Hollander. The
man from Vienna is Koenig.

I also spoke with O + Parente.

This noon I went to 10

Secretari to obtain the new

schemata. Then I bought a bag
+ held them. Then I walked, with
my old student Umbert Macary,
to the C.I.C. Umbert had a
bad headache, and we had
to leave before the end of the
meal.

At the hotel I found a
fine letter from Bill. Then I
read the paper. Then I took
the 64 for the Vatican.
It is a good thing I did
not write the report on C. 3,
n. 22. It is all changed now. I
would have been writing on a
dead document.

- I should learn a great deal from O. He has just answered an objection by Butler.

5:30 PM. Parente is going to try to turn the doctrine of collegiality. He is bitterly [at] the objectors. O was quite disturbed at P's paper. He was right. P made no effort to explain what he meant

St. Peter's. Tribune on epistle side.
2nd row. 9/16/64 9:57 AM.
I am seated beside two old "freres"
D.D.C.XR - I am friendly but I

took the occasion of the prayer that opens the general congregations to show that I was aware of their savingness.

The meeting last evening was interesting. The air was frightful in the Hall of Congregations, and I felt too sleepy. I left, after obtaining permission, during the recess at 6:15 PM.

Supper with the 3 from Springfield.

Slept over this morning, but still arose in plenty of time for

Mass, breakfast, and the trip in the bus. n. 3.

Suenens gave a fine speech in which he complained of the fact that 90% of the canonized saints are Italian, French, or Spanish. I have always said that this is a scandal.

9/21/64 - 9:47 AM. Again the tribune on the epistle side in the front of St. Peter's

The last entry in this journal was made last Wednesday. On Thursday morning immediately after

Mass I received a note from Boland inviting me to speak to the US Bishops that afternoon at 4:30. I left the aula immediately and spent the few hours available to me in studying. We arrived at 4:20 at the Can. college, but the meeting was already under way. Murray spoke for an hour. Coggins and Shea for a few minutes apiece. I was not called.

The meeting of the doctrinal commission -
Sept. 23, 1964 - The next meeting is for
Sept. 30, 1964, at 4:30

The tribune in St. Peter's again
9/25/64 - Friday 11:12 AM.
I am in the second row. We

arrived in time this morning. There are two new people in the row of observers in front of me. One is an African with the most colorful robe I ever saw.

In rectangular shapes and in stripes I can make out two shades of yellow, three shades of red, green, blue, and black.

There is also Mlle. Monnet, the first woman observer. She is a quiet and ugly person, but somewhat quite.

I must continue the explanation of 9/21/64 - We heard Boland say that he had called exceptionally able men, M. Connell, Shea, + myself.

He spoke as if he did not know whether I was there or not.

As soon as Shea had finished his few words, Meyer charged up to the front, thanked M (but not Connell or Shea) and set about organizing the bishops to resist M's "argument" to the Council. There was no trace of any discussion and no trace of any desire for debate or discussion. Connell + Shea walked out in disgust. I stayed until the end.

After the party Boland came up and apologized. He said he did not know I was there. He never took the trouble to ask, and even if he had, Meyer did not give him a chance to do anything. I showed him that I

was disgusted with the whole thing.

I also attended a later meeting of the US hierarchy at which Sullivan SJ and Keneghe O.F.M. spoke. Sullivan has acquired M's tricks. M launched aside those who disagreed with him as "curious or eccentric." Sullivan passed over his (including Card. Billet) as extreme papalists. Keneghe was pretty good.

During the last few days they have been debating the chapter on Freedom of Religion and voting on the third chapter on the Church.

As was to be expected, the third chapter, with its statement about collegiality, has passed, point by point, and sentence by sentence, by an overwhelming score.

The US bishops have thus mounted M's nonsense, as they have been told to do by Msgr. J. [Gattery] and especially today the UPJ articles in the Rome American. They praise the US bishops as champions of religious liberty and attack the "conservatives" and especially O, as enemies of religious liberty. Today's article, and a whole unsuitable [fine] editorial in the Rome American, centered on O.

This, through the obstinate ignorance of M and J. Meyer, and by the childish weakness of the US episcopate, the people are being told that the "sanior pars" of the Catholic episcopate is opposed to religious freedom.

10:40 AM - M has just come in to see the triumph of his false doctrine.

The book comes next, which has the advantages of a book and an arrest. In the tribune in front of St. Andrew's pilaster, Monday Sept. 28, 1964. 9:40 AM.

Menz has just been completed and Felici has just given out with his "explet omnes."

Three nuns and a laywoman (but not the non-fragrant Mlles Monnet) are in the first row of St. Andrew's this morning. Our African is back but in western clothes.

Friday night I had supper at Solatini's with George Higgins and Peter Witty. I enjoyed myself very much. The meal with Chris and the mice are not enjoyable. Chris is being good, but I cannot be at ease with him. And the mice seem to be deathly afraid to talk with me. I must be really an OSM.

On Saturday at 1:30 I had lunch with O, Marella, Leech, McCormick, Primeau, Quinn, and Leech's secretary.

The atmosphere was jovial. O has obviously taken it for granted that the collegiality will pass. There was a lot of laughing about the women in the council, and a move that children be invited. After all, half the human race is composed of children, who are not represented in this gathering.

Yesterday I wrote letters to Pa, Kathy, Fran Shea, Ed Walsh, Frank Sullivan, Jack O'Donnell, Jim Haley and the St. Patrick's Eighth Class.

Otherwise there was nothing to report yesterday. The meals are boring in the extreme.

10:30 - Johnny Wright has just finished one of the "faceless man" speeches. He was trying to prove that religious freedom was requisite for the "bonum commune." Considering that Johnny did not seem to know what the common good is, except that it is ethical and demands religious faith, he did well.

Some colored fellow from Africa is now following Johnny. They do not want a "merely pragmatic" statement. There will be a lot of indifferentism out of this one.

At the moment we are waiting for [Dicit] on the Jews.

10:42. Lienart is speaking. He is insisting that all Christians have the Jews as a common source. He ignores the fact that the religion of Israel and Juda before the public life was one thing, and post-Christian Judaism is quite another. The center of Jewish religion after Christ is and has been the denial of Christ. The Jews, according to L., did this "through ignorance." He quotes St. Peter. And he acts as if old ignorance were invincible and inculpable.

9/30/64 St. Peter's - Tribune of St. Andrew. Corner. N.E. 10 AM.
I skipped the meeting yesterday.
Monday night Chris asked me for

some "modi" on the 3rd chapter on the Church. I worked on them yesterday. I was quite tired, and I had a good sleep last night.

Father Dondon died. Walt called Chris yesterday morning at 6:15. He is flying back. Johnny McCarthy is being buried this morning in Worcester. Chris is flying back today on Alitalia, leaving Fiumicino about 1:30 this PM. I saw him this morning while I was waiting for the bus in front of the hotel.

This is the 91st general congregation. Yesterday I wrote letters to Pa, little Mary, Ed Walsh, Mr. Claffey, and one other.

There is to be a meeting of the USA periti this PM. I may go.

Sunday I wrote letters to Pa, Kathy,
Fran Shea, Beverly Indra, Frank Sullivan,
Jim Haley

Tuesday 10/6/64 - 9:49 AM - St Andrew's
Tribune in St. Peter's

Last week I did not attend the Friday
congregatio generalis. Nor did I come to the
aula yesterday.

Friday and Saturday I went out
with Bernie [Dolan], who is now a Lt. col.
in the air force.

Sunday night I went out with Ole
Borris. Last night he took me + [Apolinaires],
over on the Aventine.

Saturday night I went out with
Luigi + Da Berardinis.

Before the voting on
chapter 3 of De Ecclesia O, at

Chris's explicit request, gave him some modi.

Last night I went to the Am. college where Higgins + Kenege spoke.

In the meantime I have written cards to all the kids who signed the address book.

Wednesday 10/7/64 9:44 AM. St. Andrew's Tribune, St. Peter's

This morning I sent out letters to Pa and the two curates. I hope that Frank takes care of the important sticker on my car.

Yesterday afternoon there was rain. I had dinner + supper at the hotel. Chris was not present at the noon meal.

Yesterday I heard from Bill

McDonald that Joe Christopher had died.
I hope to do more studying of the
conciliar documents in the near future.

As I am writing this (10:14), Heinemann
is reading his relatio.

O is sick. He has his usual bunchitis
with a fever. It will be a miracle if
he lives very long.

9:51 AM - 10/9/64 - St. Andrew's Tribune

Yesterday I stayed away from the council
and went down to Cedacchio's, where I
ordered the papal blessing for Martin and
for the Chicopee Falls K of C. I did not
miss much. This morning's Rome American
told of asinine speeches by D'Souza and
Lercaro

Yesterday I heard from Tom Martin, from Kathy, and from little Bill. I wrote to Pa, Kathy, + Ed Walsh. I had a letter from Ed in the morning.

The more I hear of the speeches and of the progressives, the more I am aware of the fact that this council is one of the most important events in all the history of the Church.

- 11 AM. This happens every morning. More than half of the occupants of the hall leave their places to go to one of the bars or to talk to one another in the corridors.

9:57 AM. 10/12/64 - St. Andrew's Tribune, St. Peter's.

Yesterday I wrote to Pa, little Bill, Fran, and Frank Sullivan.

In the afternoon I went down to Mae Murray's. I met Martin and his 2 bishops, Bishop Fernandez of the Philippines, and Fr. Gomez, O.P., the nephew of my old teacher, the martyr Joseph Garcia-Diaz.

I had supper with Chris.

Last night Kearney + Frudy came in. Johnson + de la Rue met out to Fiumicino to meet them. The plane was 2 hours + 20 minutes late.

They came with us this morning in the bus. They have a pass to get into the aula this morning. In a few minutes I expect them in the tribune. They can see the mechanics of the council from here.

In a paper over the week-end George Higgins was quoted as saying that no one was going to the bars this session.

As far as I know, George is especially interested in the schema on the apostolate of the laity, which is being discussed at this time. He does not seem to have gone to the bars much during the past week. But, as I have seen for myself, there is more crowding at the bars now than there has been since the council started 2 years ago.

Wednesday Oct. 14, 1964. 5:10 PM
Hall of the Congregation
Yesterday we had the hundredth general congregation of the second Vatican Council.

I overslept, and Tom + Louise called me. It seemed that Chris wanted a picture taken on the steps of St. Peter's.

I said Mass at an altar in a little chapel off the sacristy of St. Peter's about 11 o'clock.

We came back at about 1 o'clock. I forgot to say that the night before I had supper at Luigi Foggia's with Ernie Primeau, George Higgins, Jack Quinn, Peter Witty, Carlo [Tondi]. I enjoyed myself very much. Friedy + Kearny came in today.

This morning I slept in intentionally.
Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 we were
supposed to have a meeting on the
8th chapter on the Church, the one
on the BVM. When I looked this
I found that it was a meeting
on the relatio of the schema on the
Church in the world of this time.
And, of course, it was a meeting of
the mixed commission. It
was terribly crowded.

I left the hall with O,
and, in my hurry, I forgot my
raincoat. It is here all right
now.

I was late for the meeting this
afternoon.

They were on the 7th chapter when I came in. Now they are going on the 8th chapter. The only ones from the periti who have spoken are Philips, Congar, and Danielou.

There is supposed to be another meeting tomorrow evening. O is not here tonight. Browne is presiding and seems to be doing a good job.

10/21/64 St. Andrew's Tribune - St. Peter's
9:23 AM - A Rumenian Mass in the Byzantine Rite is going on. I am here in my usual place, in the 3rd row

at the southern end.

This has been a busy week. Khrushchev has been replaced as the ruler of Russia. The Chinese have set off an A bomb. The Labor Party won a slim victory in England. The Cardinals won the World Series. Yoggi Berra was fired as manager of the Yanks. Last night Hown died.

- 10:28 AM. The same place. Ottaviani was supposed to speak today. He was scheduled yesterday, but they did not get down to him. This morning his name was not on the list. He has not been feeling well these last few weeks. I hope he is all right now.

Yesterday Tom + Joe told me that Chris has decided to fly home on the

charter plane. As yet I do not know what day we fly. At any rate we will save about 2 weeks.

At the moment 2 Italian women are sitting beside me and chattering away like mad. It was a mistake to let people like these into the council.

Yesterday I met Tom Falls, and we had dinner together at a Spanish place in Trastevere. It was a very pleasant meeting.

Tim Champoux is in town. The night before last, the 19th, he came over for supper with us. There was also a Fr. McManus from San Diego with us.

Yesterday I had an invitation to write for the Irish Ecclesiastical Record and for the other Maynooth magazine. The offer came from [Crimmins], the

editor. He is not here with us today.

This made me feel very good. Pat Granfield, with all his expressions of gratitude, did not ask me to write any more for AER.

I shall, I hope, center any future writing around the results of this council.

10/30/64 - The abbey - Collegio Grande - Potenza, Italy.

Since writing the last entry I have had a bad cold, and I have attended only one general congregation. I have also attended the 9/30/64 meeting of the doctrinal commission. The undersigned forgot to tell my name, but I was there anyway.

For the last ten days the

general congregations have been given over to #13. A couple of days ago Suenens and Leger coming often hit out at the Church's teaching on birth control. Some fellow from Mill Hill told the reporters (according to the mice) that this was the happiest day of his life. Hermet has had a sad existence.

In the meantime I have dined with O'Donnell + [Stronits], and also with Tom Falls. Both meals were at Sabatini's.

This morning (10/31/64) Luigi and Tom Tobin called for me, and we set off for the South. Luigi's

wife was with us as far as the Naples exit. We left her with her daughter and we drove to Paestum. That was quite an experience. I took some pictures and I hope they come out all right.

From Paestum we drove to Eboli, and then, over the wildest mountain passes I have ever been over, went on to Potenza. We saw dozens of contadini walking back to their homes in Polla.

This is quite a place. I have room 502, and Tom has 503. This has been a fine trip. Tom and I

are in 30,000 opinions. We hope to take off for Matera + Taranto tomorrow night.

Hall of the Congregation: - 11/4/64
6:10 PM.

In the morning when we woke up in Potenza, it was raining a little. We went up to the very top of the hill and said the Mass of All Saints (with the commemoration of the Sunday) in a cold little chapel of the Sacred Heart.

After Mass we left the hotel and drove to Matera. We took breakfast at a little bar near Potenza.

The drive to Matera was very hard because of the terrible fogs. Luigi kept banging on the horn, and he was making about ten miles an hour.

We finally arrived at Matera, which was one of the most interesting places I have ever seen. There is a magnificent cathedral. Below it, in a semicircle, is the Citta Vecchia. And there is an indescribably wild gorge under and around the old city.

On the way in and out of Matera we looked at the gorge.

From Matera we went on to Castellaneta, where there is a monument to Rudolph Valentino, who was born in this town.

It is a marble slab, onto which
has been added a bas-relief of the
late RV in the robes of the sheik.
I remember that the dominant color
is purple.

We drove into Taranto early in
the evening. We went out to eat at
the Gambero.

We stayed the night at the
Jolly Hotel. In the morning we
started out for the cathedral. There
was a long traffic jam, and we
went to another church, where I said
my three Masses. After Mass we
took off for Alberobello. (The same

traffic jam was on, and, after waiting a couple of hours, we drove around the Mare Piccolo and set off for Martina Franca.

We soon arrived at the neighborhood of the trulli. We had a wonderful time. I bought a couple of pamphlets and found that the real story of the trulli was far more interesting than the invention of the guide books.

From Alberobello we went on and ate at Putignano. Then we set off for Bari, Barletta, and Foggia. We stayed at the Palace Hotel Sarti at Foggia.

We ate at the Sarti restaurant,
and said Mass the next morning
at the nearby church. The priests
gave us breakfast.

In the morning we set out for
Naples by way of Manfredonia, Pizzo,
Benevento, + Cassino. We ate
at the Quirici.

We had a good drive back,
and I got back to the room about 7:45 PM.
I found letters from Pa and from a
little girl in Chicopee Falls.

(Pa had the time of his life at
the party Bill had for him.

I sat up far too long last

night listening to the election on the Armed Forces radio. It was the original landslide.

I said a late Mass this morning.
Then I came over here.

Philips is running the meeting.
O has not shown up. He has invited us to a meeting of the Marian Academy tomorrow.

The fifth chapter of the schema on the church is being steam-rolled through. The relator (Philips) has insisted on hurrying up the affair time after time. He does not allow the discussion of what some would think

important points. He has just broken into a discussion on the place of the religion and goes on to another point. And they seem to love it.

11/10/64 - Perito's gallery - N.E. corner of St. Peter's. 9:30 AM.

I have been very negligent about keeping this up for the past few days. I have been rather alarmed about my cold. I stayed away from the council and from the commission Friday + yesterday. I feel better today. The last few days we have had very bad weather.

We have had several visitors the last few days. The Englishman Woodlock and the Indian (Bast) came yesterday for dinner. We had an interesting

meeting. And, in the meantime, I have had dinner with Ray Duba + Tom Falls.

Last Wednesday the Pope gave a talk on the papal power. It was given to an allocution.

11/11/64 - The old roost. The periti's tribune or balcony on the northeast corner of the aula.
9:56 AM

I enjoyed yesterday's meetings. Umberto Medeiros + I ate dinner at the Arco di S. Callisto. Then I went over to the Belvedere to get the new book. Then I went up to the 3rd loggia for the meeting of the doctrinal commission. I met O. He seems to be in good shape. Last night we were on the revised schema on revelation.

I forgot my reading glasses yesterday. Consequently I was not able to read the documents at either meeting.

11/16/64 - 4:55 PM. - Hall of the Congregation.

I am at a meeting of the mixed congregation, the doctrinal + the one for the apostolate of the laity. This noon I went to the restaurant on the Via della Croce with Colm O'Donnell, the confessor of St. Peter's, my old student at C.U.

We walked back to St. Peter's. We stopped in at the Bar S. Pietro for coffee, and then I came here. O is running the meeting.

On Sunday morning we are scheduled to take off for the USA. Chris has decided to fly to Louvain to see the seminarian

there. Ray has told me that he will be at Kennedy to meet me.

There will be a public session Saturday. And, despite a previous threat, there will be no afternoon sessions.

At the moment it looks as if the schemata on the Church and on ecumenism will be ready for Saturday. The latter will be proposed without the chapter on religious liberty and on the Jews.

We are much better off now than we were towards the end of the 1st + 2nd sessions.

Charles Davis has inherited Henry's position as king of the nuts.

At the moment they are debating whether the schema on the Church in the present world is addressed to Catholics + Christians or to the world. There have been some silly speeches. At the moment M. Lio is giving the silliest of all.

Tonight, with the help of God, I am going out with Ernie, George Higgins, and Tom Falls. Perhaps Jack Quinn will come along. Tomorrow night I shall go out with O'Donnell and Storum. The following night I hope to go out with Luigi.

This has been, for me, the most pleasant of all the sessions. Hammill, the editor of the Irish Theological Record, is resigning this year, after 16 years of service. Crimmins has invited me to write. They want me for Divinity. I have found that there was a good deal of deep personal regret at my leaving C.U., and that many were sore at me for taking the parish. Of course I realize that I did a stupid thing in asking for the parish and that Chris did a stupid + mean thing in giving me Chicopee Falls. Still I must not change

back to C U at all. There is no good to be achieved by going back. I must do some writing here in the parish.

This morning I slept over and, after saying Mass, took a cab over to St. Peter's. On the way in I met [Sattlerzi] and [Hulbe]. [Rynno] came in during the course of the morning. George Shea is as gloomy as ever.

The other day I came over here for a visit —

11 — the next meeting of this mixed commission will be May 17-21, 1965-11

The visit was to assist at a

meeting of the doctrinal commission. There was a secret meeting of the cardinals + bishops and the periti were left waiting in the anterooms. I found that all of the boys were talking about the new book "O miei preti." I went out and bought a copy and finished it two days later. It is sensational.

Friday - after session

12:30 - The obelisk - Meet

Bishop Wrights

9:50 AM - The same tribune

of the periti. Saturday, Nov. 21,

1964 - The great day of the council -

The pope is just saying the preface of the BVM. Now he and we have finished the sanctus.

- 10:50 AM - The same place - Felici is reading the beginning and end of the chapter of the constitution of the Church, or rather the constitution on the Church.

He is reading the title. The document begins "Paulus VI, P.M., S.S.D. unacum concilii patribus."

In between the end of this Mass and the beginning of the session itself, I went down with Rigaux, [Keneghe], Miller, to try for copies of the

missal for this Mass. No luck.
Joe Quinn just told me that
the H.O. is being abolished and that
Card. Ottaviani will not be the head
of the new, non-supreme, congregation
which will take its place. The
old man is being humiliated. He
is a saint.

Felici has read the beginning
+ ends of the constitution on the
oriental church - 11:57AM

- 12:00 PM - The eucharistic
Fast for all is 1 hour for
solid foods before communion

12:00 PM - Paul speaks

5:05 PM. Room 224 - Hotel
Hanna, Boca Chica, Dominican
Republic. 3/25/65

Father Walsh drove me down
from the rectory at six in the
morning a week ago, Thursday
March 18. The day before was
the patronal feast of the parish.
Father Ed [Hamble] preached at
the 9 and at the 5:30. We had
good crowds, and we had about
20 priests for supper. There was
a reception for Father [Hamble] in
the parish house at 7:30 in the

evening.

Father [Hamble] arrived at the airport about 4:30 the day before, the 16th.

I picked him up. I had intended to call in at Don's and at Ray's, but something urged me to return to the rectory as soon as possible. It was well that I did. Sullivan, the second curate, was due to take the 5:30 Mass, and he had simply gone off. There was no priest to say the Mass except myself. I took it over and started on time.

The morning of the 18th I had a good flight from Bradley + Kennedy. I had just about time to pick up my bag and catch the flight for San Juan

It was a jet flight, and was extraordinarily pleasant. I sat in the front compartment.

At San Juan I had a rather long wait, and at last took off in a Dominican Airline DC6 for Santo Domingo. There I was welcomed as a member of the Mariological Congress, and was driven to the Hotel Embajador. I had room 333.

The fellow in the next room was a professional guitarist, and he played in his room for most the early morning. I asked for a transfer and was given room 325. It was pleasant.

On the morning of the 19th I

saw Bali and found that I was to
preside in the afternoon over section 2.
I enjoyed the experience. The room was
the senate chamber of the Dominican
government. I made my report on Monday.
I enjoyed the session, and, for the
first time saw the weakness of the
"[sergietta schebeu]" position.

I made some good friends there.
A military attache from the US embassy
took a couple of us ([O'Conmit] +
myself) through the back country.
We saw where Trujillo was shot,
and some the native villages.

I moved to the Hanna on Monday.
A Mr. [Frad] A. [Cypher], a Dominican
who has spent much time in the USA

and in Canada, has been most kind.
Also there was a Father James P.
Logue, a Pittsburgh pastor who
lives at 126 Fort Couch Road in
that city. We saw many of the
sights of Santo Domingo, including
the Colegio, the house built for
Trujillo, and a sugar mill.

Here I met the parish priest
and the curate, both Augustinians.
They live in dire poverty. I
have said Mass every morning at
the little church of St. Raphael,

On Sunday, I said Mass at the

Cathedral in Santo Domingo, where I met my old friend Father Robert Cruz, who is the pastor.

There are people from Worcester staying at the Hanna.

I shall have to leave here early tomorrow. My Carib plane takes off at 9:45 for San Juan.

My 24th trip to Rome
Well, immediately after we left S. Domingo the revolution came. Imbert, whose house was guarded by soldiers, and who was one of the

murderers of Trujillo, was a big factor for a time. Now (Oct. 13, 1965) no one knows exactly what is going on down there. I hope, if God gives me life and strength, to go back there some time. I would like to stay again at the Hotel Embajador and at the Hotel in Boca Chica.

On the evening of July 11, 1965, I had a telephone call from Bill. He told me that Pa was not eating, and that this was his only trouble.

At about 9 PM on July 13

I had a telephone call from Dr. Comeau. He told me that Pa was in a dying condition. I packed my bags and started driving to Washington at about 10:30. I was at Prince George's General Hospital at 5:30 in the morning of the 14th.

Pa would go up and down. I made four trips to Washington all. At 12:30 PM on Aug. 31 he died. I heard the news from Mary Kerby. I was at Bill's. I had not gone over that morning. [Shirley] was at her worst that day. She was venomous in

March, 1960, when I was in the hospital with my first serious heart attack. After the ride home (which was finished about 2:30 AM Sept. 1, 1965,) it was impossible to have anything to do with her.

Pa's funeral Mass was sung at Holy Name in Springfield on Sept. 3. I was the celebrant, and Walter Fischer were deacon + subdeacon. I paid for Bill + his family at the High Point. They never thanked me. They did not even leave tips.

During the past few years I think that, directly and through Pa, I have contributed well over

\$22,000.00 to Bill and his family. Bill is OK, but his wife (and her mother) are diabolical. The kids are no good.

I bought a ticket on the Constitution, leaving NY on Sept. 16, and arriving in Naples Sept. 29. Ray O'Brien drove me down the previous day. We stayed at the Astor.

Hall of the Congregation - 4:30 PM
10/26/65

The Cardinal's man met me in Naples. We had a meal at La Bersagliera's and left for Rome. I was soon installed - Room at the Grand Hotel. My first room was quite unsatisfactory. Then

They put me in 346. It is quite good.
I have had a tough time so far, with
a cold and an infection [clearing out] as abscesses
on the ship, several heart disturbances, a bad
cold, a turn of dysentery.

I have had dinner with O. I also
have handed out modi and writings from
Carlo. I have eaten with [El Borris], Luigi,
Romeo + Questa. I have heard from Ed Walsh,
Jim Kelley, + Francis Shea.

At the moment I am listening to the
"discussion" on the 2nd chapter of the
2nd part of XIII. I suppose these fellows
mean well, but they sound to me like
men talking nonsense.

It is certain at least that what they
are saying + trying to explain is not a part
of Catholic doctrine, and certainly not of
Our Lord's teaching.

At 6 we had 10 minutes rest. I had a yen for the first time in my 24 visits to Rome. I spoke to Dearden + Wright - one of our members, an Englishman with a Polish name - has just been named a bishop. Tomorrow's meeting is called for 4:30 PM in St. Martha's.

Since coming here I have been obsessed with the idea of writing a book "To Be a Priest." Then, the night before last (Columbus when I did not sleep at all), I had the inspiration to write what would really be "To be a Priest in the Church after Vat. II." I think I have something. It will give me the chance to comment on some of the schemata.

I can make some necessary but rather stinging comment on the "De Ecclesia" and the other dogmatic constitution. As I see it the line-up of the book would run somewhat as follows:

1) I shall give only a sketchy notion of what a priest is + does, but I am interested in the attitude that a man must have, and must have had in our time, if he was to aspire worthily to the priesthood.

A Here I must bring out, in the very first section, that, under the discipline of the Western Church, a man makes something of an heroic act of charity whenever he aspires, seriously to the priesthood, and when he decides worthily to accept his call to the priesthood.

B. I am going to bring out the fact that this is not necessarily true of little boys who go to a minor seminary or to a high school for candidates for the priesthood. At least this is not true until the man is old and intelligent enough to understand what he is giving up in order to give his life in the service of Christ in His priesthood.

2) In order to aspire worthily to the priesthood a man must believe the entire body of Catholic dogma, at least implicitly. In other words he must not hide out and ignore any statement contained in the teaching as a whole

10/27/65 On the way back last night I stopped in at St. Paul's and bought a copy of Saint Cohen.

10/28/65 - I forgot my glasses and could not write yesterday. In the morning I said Mass for Pa at St. Simon's. In the afternoon I went, as I have for the past few days, to the meeting of the Mixed Commission. The text of n.13 is being rushed through. We are supposed to be finished by Sat. Oct. 30. It is, like the last days of Congress, when everything goes through without a moment's halt. The part on money is mostly all right.

Butler, last night, spoke out on the need of caution in the condemnation of emphatic and speculation.

The part on sermon is a joke. It reads like a 19th century text, or a second-rate article in a leftist magazine.

Wednesday night Dan Walsh and Joe O'Neil came in. They are staying at the Grand. Tonight they will stay at the Excelsior.

Shelley left N.Y. last night. He will be in here the 6th.

Today I was ahead of time. I thought the meeting was scheduled for Santa Maria. I landed there at 4:20 PM, and found no one there. I started to walk to the aula, and I was picked up by chance.

In the elevator I met George Higgins, who showed and then gave me a page from the London Tablet of Oct. 9, containing by far the best anti-monsignor material I have ever seen. The letter from Fortune is something out of this world.

I am very sorry that I have not kept up a diary of this trip, by far the most interesting of all the 24. I had a good time on the Constitution, although I had the misfortune to pick up an infection, which grew or developed into an abscess, and which had to be lanced towards the end of the trip.

At Funchal, at Casablanca, and at Malaga, I went ashore. I did not go ashore at Cannes or at Genoa. Rome found me rather tired. I was sick a good deal of the time for the first

three weeks. Now, thank God, I seem to be all right.

When I was first here I was invited to dinner with O in his house. Only the rector was there. O has lost a lot of his energy. I think that he has wasted a lot of his life and has canceled out a great deal of his value to the Church by reason of his attachment to a political group.

One Sunday the Mae Murrays called me for lunch. I met them, their bishop, and Martin, who is also staying with them. Twice I have had dinner with De Bovis and twice with Luigi.

I have not been many times to the morning meetings. From now on, for a while at least, I am going to the afternoon sessions of the commission. I enjoy them. Before I go back I hope to start my book on the priesthood. There is a possibility that this may do some

good.

Saturday Oct. 30, 1965 - The Hall of the
Congregation. 4:10 PM.

This may be the last time I enter this
hall. We are all ready for the final meeting on
number 13. There are so many bishops
due here this afternoon that the first seven
places in the periti tables on either side
are reserved for the patres.

I slept in this morning. It is the
third time I have done so this week.
I do not seem able to sleep at night.
With these sleep-ins I feel fine and
I have not had a really bad angina
pain for several days.

Yesterday's meeting was quite
pleasant. I brought my copy of the

Fortescue letter on monsignori to the hotel, showed it to the Springfield crowd, and read it to Shea, the auxiliary of Baltimore.

I must plan to outline the new book during the coming week. At the moment I have not decided whether or not to wait here until the end of the session.

12:20 AM - Nov. 26, 1965 - Room 88
Santa Lucia Hotel, Naples.

Well, I decided to go home early.
The Independence docks here at 10 in the morning. With the help of God I shall go aboard at 6 in the evening (the earliest time possible), and sail at [illegible]

For my first few weeks in Rome I was not feeling well at all. Then, about two weeks ago, I started taking an iron tonic. It seems to have fixed me up.

I attended my last meeting of the mixed commission on Friday Nov. 12. It was interesting, but entirely in the hands of the bishops, which is to say, entirely in the hands of the ruling clique. We discussed number 13. It is a mess.

The day before yesterday I had dinner with O. On the way back I found that the Pope had written to O about 13. I saw the letter. It was a great mistake to let that one, the one on religious liberty, and the one on non-Christian religions, get by the council.

On Tuesday [Borghese] carried

an interesting article on rebellion in the Church.

I think that I may go over again on March 18. O is having his 50th. I must be in my parish for the 17th. I have invited George Shea.

Chris was very kind the night before last. He told me that I could come to see him about the new school.

Varese drove me down from Rome this morning. We had dinner together at La Bersagliera, which is right across the street from this room.

This afternoon I took the tour to Vesuvius. We drove in a bus (?) of us to the chair lift station, and then went up in the lift. We then

went to the edge of the crater and some distance down into it. There is a jet of hot steam coming out of one of the rocks. There was scattered snow up there. I landed back here about 6. I did not bother to eat supper.

I met some great friends in Rome. Bishop Fletcher and Phil Grine, and Bishop Feeney + Ed O'Leary were good to me.

Unfortunately I did not do all the studying I should have. I was not well for a long time. Pa's suffering and death knocked me out.

Tonight I sent postcards of the

crater of Vesuvius to Fran, Ed
Walsh, Ray O'Brien, Jim Kelley
and Mac.

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