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My dear friend, ^(CD) Pax Christi;

Enclosed please find three documents. These documents were the end-product of the meeting of the ARCIC Subcommittee on Ministry which was held here at Woodstock from May 22nd to May 26th. The three documents are:

- (1) Summary of the discussion and study at Woodstock (by Bishops M^o Aloo + Clark).
- (2) Outline of the whole schema "Church & Ministry" with the first three numbers of this schema being the agenda for Gazzada.
- (3) Evaluation of research submitted in order to facilitate the drafting of the whole schema "Church & Ministry" in two meetings of ARCIC.

Most respectfully,
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WORKING PARTIES.

1. CHURCH AS EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

Co-Chairmen: Bishop Vogel
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2. PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Co-Chairmen: Fr. J. M. Tillard
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Church and Ministry

1. Church as Eucharistic community

- a) The Eucharist as focus of the whole life of the Church
- b) The president of the Eucharist is de facto related to the whole life of the Church (cf. Ignatius)
- c) In the tradition of both Churches this president has usually been called 'priest' (cf. problem of etymological origin).

2. Priesthood and Ministry in the New Testament

- a) Priesthood - uniqueness of Christ's priesthood (Hebrews)
 - the nature of the Church's priesthood (1 Peter, Rev.)
 - the silence of the New Testament concerning a priesthood of ministers.

b) Ministry - wider than priesthood

The Church shares in the benefits of the unique priesthood of Christ and continues his ministry

- c) Function of Ministers - to build up the Body of Christ. What is the relation between this edification and the priesthood of the whole Church?

cf. the Pastoral Epistles and 1 Peter

- (i) proclamation of the Word
- (ii) holiness of life
- (iii) liturgical office
- (iv) care of the flock
- (v) doctrinal purity

3. Historical understanding of the function of ministers

- emphasis and counter-emphasis

In the light of all the above, how ought we to assess the priorities among the various tasks of the minister?

NB #1, #2, #3 of the above schema constitute the agenda for the ARCIC meeting at Gazzada. #4 and #5 are the agenda for the ARCIC meeting next after Gazzada. Thus a full statement on "Church and Ministry" will take two meetings of ARCIC to write.

4. The threefold order of ministry:

- The emergence of monepiscopacy
- The ordination of priest and bishop. Imposition of hands - Implication of the rites
- The function of priest and of bishop
- The apostolicity of the Church, and the apostolic succession of bishops

5. Some implications:

a) Question of the freedom of the Church,

- to alter this threefold pattern
- to determine the forms and warrants of this order.

as based upon

- the origins of the threefold order
- the contingencies of its development

b) Question of the freedom of the Church to recognize ministry and order

- within itself.
- since the separations, in "separated" Churches

The two traditions - Anglican and Roman Catholic - regarding the nature of the ordained ministry, show historically a differing emphasis.

The Roman Catholic tradition has tended to derive this ministry from the sacerdotal office of Christ, and it can be argued that this endangers the uniqueness of His priesthood.

Among the Reformers, one notes a preference and a desire to derive the ordained ministry from the priesthood of the baptized, thus making it merely a special case of this general priesthood.

A study of New Testament material suggests that these emphases result from an inadequate conception of priesthood.

It is essential, therefore, to re-assess this central idea, to see that it has become an umbrella term covering two distinct (?) ideas i.e., "sacerdotium" and "ministerium", ἱεράτευμα and διακονία - and to identify the presence or absence of these 'functions': -

- 1) in Christ
- 2) in the Church
- 3) in the ordained ministry.

It is our belief that a way can be found thereby to reconcile two inadequate emphases in the light of a richer notion of ordained ministry more consonant with New Testament teaching. For, from such a study, it becomes clear that ministry is 'wider' than priesthood.

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Alan C. Clark

Papers Submitted to ARCIC Subcommittee on Ministry
(Woodstock May 22-26)

✓ A. Report of Oxford Working Party on Ministry

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"The New Testament Teaching on Ministry"

Support Documents

46/1 R. Murray, S.J., "Ministry and Order"

1 *B. Ahern, C.P., "Forms and Developments of Ministry"

3 *A. Clark, "Summary of Congar's 'Quelques problèmes'"

4 *J. L. Houlden, "Note on the Idea of Participation in the Priesthood
of Christ"

5 R. Pelly, "The Spirit and Institution"

6 T. Corbiskley, S.J., "Bridging Statement"

7 *J. Charley, "Apostolic Succession"

8 J. Hallibruton, "Ordination and Laying-On of Hands"

✓ B. *J. Tillard, O.P., "La qualité 'sacerdotale' du ministère chrétien"

✓ C. *G. Tavard, A.A., "The Recognition of Ministry"

D. *J. Smith, O.P., "Anglican Orders"

E. Australian Group

1 H. R. Smythe, "Some Notes Towards the Definition of the Office of
Bishop..."

2 ✓ M. M. Thomas, "Authority and Ministry"

3 ✓ C. Miller, "Apostolic Succession"

4 ✓ C. Tierney, "The Reformation Issues"

sent to all
by Hazel

✓ F. U.S.A. Group

5 G. Tavard, A.A., "The Function of the Minister in the Eucharistic
Celebration"

6 W. J. Wolf, "The Minister of the Eucharist"

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- 7 *W. Burghardt, S.J., "Present Roman Catholic Theology of Ministry"
- 8 T. A. Fraser, "Anglican/Roman Catholic Relations in the U.S.A."

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G. Recommended Reading

- ✓ *Lutherans and Catholics in Dialogue IV
 - ✓ Groups des Dombes "Vers une même foi eucharistique"
 - ✓ *"Catholicity and Apostolicity" One in Christ (1970, #3)
 - ✓ *R.Fuller, "Apostolicity and Ministry"
 - ✓ *L. Bouyer, "The Ecclesiastical Ministry and Apostolic Succession"
- The Downside Review (April, 1972) 133-

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H. Sent by Canon Purdy for Woodstock Meeting:

- 1 + W. Purdy and J. Findlow, "Report on Approaching the Problem of Anglican Orders"
- 2 | M. Bevenot, S.J., "A Rescue for Anglican Orders?"

} Purdy

I. Available from Windsor I (January, 1971) and Venice (Sept., 1971)

- ✓ *A. Vogel "The Church, Intercommunion and the Ministry"
- ✓ *H. Ryan, S.J., "Ministry in a Divided Church"

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* Papers so marked are considered as primary documentation for the ARCIC meeting at Gazzada. All papers should be available for all participants in the Gazzada meeting.

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to S.M. Commission Ministry

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