

An Appendix on the Proceedings of the St. Katharine's Sub-Commission
of ARCIC

The Sub-Commission membership was comprised of the two Co-Chairmen of ARCIC, Fr. Pierre Duprey, WF, the Revd. Julian Charley, the Revd. Dr. John Halliburton (Consultant), Fr. George Tavard AA, Fr. Jean Tillard, OP, and the Revd. Christopher Hill (Anglican Theological Secretary). Fr. Tillard arrived on Monday afternoon, Dr. Halliburton left on Wednesday evening and Fr. Pierre Duprey before lunch on Thursday. The membership of the Sub-Commission was by invitation of the relevant Co-Chairman.

On the Sunday evening the general aims of the Sub-Commission were discussed. It was strongly felt that the work at Grottaferrata should be used and built upon, together with the various papers offered towards the Grottaferrata and Oxford meetings. The Lordship of Christ within the community of the Church seemed clearly to be the basis for future work. There was hope that the St. Katharine's meeting might 'clear the decks' of preliminary work, so that the Oxford meeting could concentrate on Primacy and Infallibility.

To this end the work of the Grottaferrata Sub-Commission (ARCIC 124/I/3) as re-shaped in the Poringland Note (ARCIC 127) seemed the most useful starting point.

On Monday the development of a line of thought from the Poringland Note was discussed. The work of the Grottaferrata Sub-Commission II and the South African ARC's paper (ARCIC 128) seemed to be the way forward leading logically on from the authority of the community to authority within the community. This called for a reworking of existing material in that the material of Grottaferrata Sub-Commission II and the South African ARC paper followed logically on from Poringland paragraphs 1 and 2 before its treatment of the ministry as such. The material was therefore reworked in such a way as to preserve essential material, sharpen the logical argument and economise language. At this point the emergence of the importance of the local koinonia became apparent as the way to understanding the problem of authority. In particular the Acts 2:42 reference seemed apposite. By the evening the first two paragraphs of the St. Katharine's Schema had been agreed to.

On Tuesday the idea of the local koinonia was investigated further and Fr. Georges Tavard was commissioned to draft material on this subject using the Oxford Sub-Commission paper (ARCIC 115). It was at this point that Fr. Duprey discerned an emerging structure for consideration at Oxford. This was essentially the same structure as in the Co-Chairmen's letter and reflected in the sections of the Sub-Commission's Schema. Meanwhile Fr. Jean Tillard and the Revd. Julian Charley began drafting the continuation of paragraphs 1 and 2 in the shape of material which would be preliminary to that of Grottaferrata Sub-Commission II (Sensus Fidelium). This material introduced an important consideration of the authority of holiness and special gifts. Following from the Sub-Commission's consideration and redaction of this material the same drafters were further commissioned to continue with the authority of the ministry and the Sensus Fidelium. This substantially incorporated the later material of the Poringland Note and the work of Grottaferrata Sub-Commission II. At this point the Sub-Commission began to feel that the emerging structure and material might in reality provide a 'spring board' for the Oxford Meeting. At the end of the day paragraphs

3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, were thus agreed.

On Wednesday a discussion ensued on the nature of communion and catholicity which led tentatively into a preliminary consideration of the koinonia between the Churches. The two drafters, after being briefed by the whole Sub-Commission prepared material on this subject for consideration. After reworking this formed paragraph 8. At this point the structure of the accompanying Schema was agreed in detail and it was felt that the Sub-Commission could go no further than a final paragraph on 'Councils'. After preliminary discussion and briefing the drafters again prepared material for consideration.

On Thursday the last paragraph was considered and re-worked and a letter agreed to all members of ARCIC. There was some final discussion on the Oxford Meeting.

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