SUB-COMMISSION 1 - THE EUCHARIST

We believe that the degree of unity in Christ, which we already share in virtue of our Baptism, has been increased by the agreement which we have now reached on Eucharistic doctrine. This agreement should be seen to have some immediate consequences for our Eucharistic practice.

We recommend that on the acceptance of the agreed statement on the Eucharist by the competent authorities of our two Communions, Anglicans should be given greater freedom to communicate at Roman Catholic Celebrations of the Eucharist.

We recognize that such an arrangement, so long as it is unilateral and not reciprocal, cannot be regarded as satisfactory or more than temporary. Reciprocity, however, is not possible until there is a mutual recognition of the Ministry of our two Communions.

The Commission therefore regards as its next and urgent responsibility the production of an agreed statement on Ministry which will make reciprocal intercommunion possible. This would be an important step will towards removing the obstacles which/still have to be overcome before we can achieve that full communion in the context of organic unity which is our objective and goal.