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TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC

Members will be glad to know that arrangements have now been made for two Sub-Commissions which will meet in preparation for the full meeting of the Commission (30th August - 8th September).

The Sub-Commission requested by ARCIC at Chichester to take further the outstanding matters of the Authority Statement will take place at Verulam House, Verulam Road, St. Albans (Tel. 56-69336) from tea-time on Monday, 5th June, until after breakfast on Friday, 9th June.

Those taking part will be:

Roman Catholics: Bishop Clark, Fr. Duprey, Fr. Tillard
Fr. Yarnold.

Anglicans: Archbishop McAdoo, Bishop Moorman, Bishop Knapp-Fisher, Revd. Julian Charley, Revd. Christopher Hill.

The Chichester 'Windsor' Sub-Commission will convene immediately afterwards until Saturday evening, 10th June at: Damascus House, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7 1HH (Tel. 01-959-8971). Those taking part in this meeting will be:

Roman Catholics: Bishop Clark, Fr. Tillard, Fr. Yarnold,
(?Fr. Duprey).

Anglicans: Bishop Knapp-Fisher (substituting for Bishop Vogel), Revd. Julian Charley, Revd. Christopher Hill.

For those coming to the St. Albans Sub-Commission meeting there will be further information after Easter. You will recall that four papers were commissioned for this meeting at Chichester:

- (a) Petrine Texts (Bishop Vogel and Fr. Tavard)
- (b) Divine Right (Fr. Yarnold and Dean Chadwick)
- (c) Papal Infallibility (Archbishop McAdoo & Fr. Ryan)
- (d) Universal Jurisdiction (Fr. Tillard & Professor Fairweather)

Bishop Vogel and Fr. Tavard's paper has already been received and is distributed in this circulation. Could the remaining material be sent to me by the end of April at the latest please?

At the Lambeth Conference 1978 to be held at the University of Kent at Canterbury, from 22nd July - 13th August, the work of ARCIC will figure prominently on the Agenda. The Venice Statement has been specifically referred to as a preparatory paper on authority. The three Agreed Statements will be considered by a special sub-committee. (The Archbishop of Dublin will be involved in this and the Dean of Christ Church will be a consultant to it.) The work of this group will come before a section of the whole Conference (one third) and there will also be a plenary debate. There will be three Roman Catholic Observers.

With the Lambeth Conference in mind SPCK have decided to republish the texts of the three Statements under one cover. This reprinting should be available in about a month's time.

Members of ARCIC will also wish to know that the Faith and Order Advisory Group of the General Synod of the Church of England (under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Chichester) has been asked to prepare a response to the three Agreed Statements for the November Session of the General Synod. It is planned that this should take into account the response of other Anglican Churches; it could therefore be an important document. It was requested in reply to Bishop Howe's letter to Primates circulated to members of ARCIC at Chichester, which itself reflected the meeting between Pope Paul and the Archbishop of Canterbury last April.

Also of interest to ARCIC will be the small Anglican/Roman Catholic Consultation on the Ordination of Women, which will be held at Versailles at the end of February. (See my Report on Anglican/Roman Catholic Relations, 1976-77.)

I enclose the following ARCIC documents:

- 175 "A Canadian Roman Catholic Response to the Venice Statement (ARCIC)". (Circulated to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops from the Roman Catholic members of Canadian ARC.)
- 176 "Primacy and Conciliarity: The Agreed Statement of ARCIC on Authority" by Edward Yarnold, SJ, from "The Month", March 1977.
- 177 Comment from the Doctrinal Commission of the Church in Wales on Authority in the Church, June 1977.
- 178 Resolutions of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada on Authority in the Church. (Copy of a letter from the Ven. E.S.Light)
- 179 Correspondence about the Statement on Authority published in "Theology" September and November 1977.
- 180 "Note on Pope Paul's Letter to Cardinal Willebrands on the 700th Anniversary of the Council of Lyons (1274)" by Christopher Hill.
- 181 "Note on Peter in the New Testament" by Georges Tavard, AA, and Arthur Vogel.
- 182 Assessment of some of the recent comments on the Venice Statement on Authority in the Church by Peter Staples, in "News from the English Churches", Vol. 6, Bulls. Nos.7 and 8, November 1977. (SENT SEPARATELY TO MEMBERS BY DR.STAPLES)
- 183 "Authority in the Church: Response from the English Roman Catholic Theology Commission", October 1977.

The following papers are also included:

"An Open Letter on relations between the Anglican Churches and the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Old Catholic and Ancient Oriental Churches".

An Analysis of the Common Declaration of Pope Paul VI and the Archbishop of Canterbury

An up-to-date Address List of members of ARCIC.

Members will also have received recently a copy of Anglican/Orthodox Dialogue.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon. CHRISTOPHER HILL