

GROUP A

A. Introduction

including

- a) a reference to N.8 of Introduction to ARCIC I Final Report (especially, "The Church is ... the Community of those who believe in Jesus Christ and are justified through God's grace. It is also the reconciling Community etc.").
- b) Reference to the greatness of the mystery of God's saving dealings with humankind, which has given rise to a multiplicity of complementary biblical images.

B. The historical and actual problem

The biblical images refer to salvation, on the one hand, as a once-for-all event, and, on the other, as a process within human existence. This gave rise to confusion in discussions since the 16th century. The historical question etc. will be dealt with as in 20 (b) 84 nn. 4 - 7.

C. Systematic exposition of the question (cf. 20(b) nn. 8-12 and note)

Particular questions taken up in this section would include:

- a) Salvation as not coming from man's freedom but including it (cf. 20 (a) n.5).
- b) Merit, works and prayer in the life of one who is justified (cf. 20 (b) n.12).
- c) Emphasis upon the ecclesial dimension of salvation (taking up the reference in the Introduction), as involving: i) incorporation (Baptism) and ii) the Church's task and mission - evangelized and evangelizing, gathered and gathering, reconciled and reconciling (an appropriate concluding note!).