

In the last analysis, the absence of peace in society can be traced to the absence of peace between individuals with God. And once there is peace between the individuals and God, peace in society will follow.

This then can be an interpretation of the Circular. Prayer and Penance help men acquire, preserve and increase Sanctifying Grace. So let us campaign for Prayer and Penance with the hope that all receive, preserve and increase Sanctifying Grace in their soul. Then Peace in society will follow.

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Dull Reading

I find the Boletin Ecclesiastico a dull and unattractive magazine. There are many items I cannot read at all. Please do something about this.

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On June 1, 1923, the first issue of the Boletin Ecclesiastico was published by the University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

In that first issue the Editors outlined the purposes of this publication. They are the following:

1. To communicate to the Clergy the Papal statements and Documents and the decisions and decrees of the Sacred Congregations.
2. To communicate to the Clergy the Statements and Documents from their Excellencies the Bishops and the Diocesan Curias.
3. To publish studies which will be of help to the Clergy and the faithful in giving account of their faith.
4. To publish studies on Christian asceticism and mysticism to help the Clergy in guiding their flock in their spiritual life.
5. To publish studies on Liturgical matters.
6. To publish studies on the Doctrine of Faith and Morals.

7. To publish studies on Pastoral Theology
8. To publish news of ecclesiastical character coming from the various dioceses and parishes in the Philippines and around the world.
9. To publish Reviews of Religious publication that occasionally come out for the guidance of the Clergy.

With these purposes, the Boletin cannot be a magazine for easy reading. Encyclicals and Documents have to be read with concentration, unlike articles on Graft and Corruption, on Fights between Demonstrators and the Metrocom, and Pornography. Besides, since you are not a priest, your line of thinking may not easily jibe with ecclesiastical documents. So why not study for the priesthood? Perhaps, after that you will enjoy reading the Boletin.

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Dear Fr. Jim.

As you know very well, just like you, I am an avid reader of the "Philippine Priests' Forum". Well, after much waiting, I finally laid my hands on the December 1970 issue last February 1, 1971. — On page 80 I read the following item: "Last November (1970), Frs. Jesus Diaz and Eladio Neira resigned as Rectors of UST and Letran . . . Both posts are expected to be filled by Filipino Dominicans. The continued existence of these two Dominican schools . . . under Spanish Rectors, observed a PPI official, could not but be interpreted as the lack of capable Filipinos in the Dominican Order, and if this be the reason then there must be something wrong in the training of their Filipino members."

Some friends of mine read the item also and they asked me about it. Frankly, I felt hurt by that remark. What do you say about it?

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