

All About Ecumenism

News and Views on the Ecumenical Movement.

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Next July the fourth general assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held in Uppsala, Sweden. They expect an attendance of 1,330 clerics and laymen as delegates from the council's 232 member denominations, as well as 15 official Roman Catholic observers.

As *Time* magazine observes, one of its main problems will be to resolve the potential conflict between two seemingly incompatible goals of the council: to spread its ecumenical net as wide as possible and to make Christianity more responsive to modern social issues.

Another possibility of conflict involves the question of Rome. The church men of the old school, they who started the organization, (circa 1912) prefer a slower approach to ecumenism with the Roman Catholic church, while the younger churchmen believe that it is about time to think of providing a way in which the Roman Catholic Church can be a member of the World Council of Churches.

Recently, St. Louis Catholics got a new archbishop. He is the Most Rev. John Joseph Carberry, formerly bishop of Columbus, Ohio. The Pope appointed Bishop Carberry to succeed Joseph Cardinal Ritter who died eight months ago.

Last month Archbishop Carberry, who is currently chairman of the U.S. hierarchy's Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, became the first Catholic bishop to receive the

Protestant Ohio Council of Churches' annual "Pastor of Pastors" award.

Many there are who believe that it is just a matter of time, probably short, when Archbishop Carberry will wear the purple cap of a Prince of the Church.

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As reported in a previous and in this issue, the Knights of Columbus of Quezon City Council and Scottish Rite Masons of Luzon Bodies, AASR, enjoyed a day of togetherness on the golf course of Camp Aguinaldo. They hit the ball, sometimes not, but they exchanged pleasantries and jokes with agreeable familiarity. We wish that hereafter the meetings between Knights of Columbus and Masons will have more cordiality. The last time we listened to a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus speak to Scottish Rite Masons, it seemed like he labored so hard to get his ideas across, and yet, the Masons did not do or say anything to belabor him. He was so ill at ease, I was tempted to say, "Relax lang basta Mason."

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WB Teofilo Marte, PM (11), reports that out in Iloilo City where they have streamlined the administration of the Iloilo Mission Hospital, owned by the Baptist Mission, WB Jose Pabelico, PM (11), is the new Business Manager. They have modernized the plant and equipment of the hospital and in the process, re-

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quested donations from civic leaders of the community to equip the rooms in the new hospital building. The friends of the hospital responded agreeably and most of the rooms in the new building are being built and equipped as memorials to relatives of the donors. A group of priests have asked to donate at least one room if they cannot have two or three. They want to donate them in appreciation of the care the priests have received from the hospital since 1902 when it was founded by Baptist and Presbyterian missionaries. There is also a Catholic hospital in the city. Δ

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belief that Freemasonry, of which he is a member, is the one and only common ground for all sects and people, and, unless he believes in this philosophy and were imbued with a similar belief, he ought not continue to belong to this ancient fraternity. Therefore, a true Freemason is called upon to contribute his humble effort toward the achievement of ecumenism.

Masonry is not a religion but it is a religious fraternal organization. In fact, we pray before commencing any great undertaking. We believe in the saying "No man should ever enter into any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessings of God."

Let us practice less form, but more substance in our religious, political or civic endeavors. It is the substance in all our actions and in all our undertakings which make us better men and better citizens. It is no, the form but the practice that makes us christians. Δ

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