

Visit to Rome, February - March 1960

Notes taken by Cardijn during his stay in Rome. (Handwritten note by Marguerite Fiévez)

Private secretary of Pope John XXIII: Mgr Capovilla

The first two days: pessimism - Devroede, Beltrao, Arnou, Movimento Lavoratori leaders. Audience dell'Acqua has transformed everything: audience planned, letters, messages, subsidies. Encyclical - GIAC difficulties - Osservatore Romano,

Sigismondi: possibly a subsidy in November.

Bishop Van Melckebeeke - de Furstenberg - Cento - RP Janssens.

Comitato: grants cut. OIC-Missions. Veronese: Council of the Committee - Holy Father very open.

While waiting for the hearing: A young assistant to the throne who heard me twice at the Gregorian and also visited the Central - is a friend of Fr Uyenbroeck . Private secretary of the Pope: Capovilla. Archbishop Bemier of Canada. Cardinal Gilroy.

Chaplain General of AC (Italian)

The leaders of the Movimento Lavoratori of the GIAC do not understand the Jocist methods (P. Beltrao); a meeting should be held during the Easter session.

Brazilian Seminar

An ugly bust (of Cardijn) at Pio Brasileiro. Cardinal Bea

Ash Wednesday 2 March, 1960 (11.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.) - Private audience.

1. Here is Youth and here is vigour!

2. Thanks for messages for Lima, Kuala-Lumpur, Leopoldville. Heads, leaders. Importance of the three continents.

3. We need to be open to everyone: Orthodox, Protestants and everyone else. Not to be against, but for; understand them. Catholics also have their faults and errors. (To be clarified!: Handwritten note from Marguerite Fiévez)

Don't waste time on incidental points. The 12 articles of the Creed are sufficient.

4. Catholics sometimes oppose reunion; eg. in England. They suffered for three centuries.

5. The problem of work in 1960 is no longer that of Leo XIII, nor even of Pius XI. No one could have foreseen its dimensions, its unity, universality, technicality. The major international institutions: the ILO, UNESCO, ECOSOC, etc ... all these influences on every race, on all young people. An encyclical

on today's world of work would create a greater sensation than Rerum Novarum and Quadragesimo Anno. But positive, open to necessary collaborations.

A note about it needs to be drafted and sent.

I lived for a long time with Deploige, Pottier, Mgr Vanneufville, Tiberghien. Cardinal Mercier came to Bergamo.

Worker priests received by the Holy Father

The Rome Synod Rome: Fifty years ago, 100,000 inhabitants in Rome - now 2 million.

We will soon canonise a Cardinal. Walking one day near Padua among the children, he said to the mothers: "Courage, the good Lord will give larger pots". (To Romeo) Are you married? and you have two children - how old are they? we are waiting for a third.

The independence of the Congo. Authority of King Baudouin. Nature does not make saints. Transition periods are necessary.

Photo - blessing for all - braces.

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