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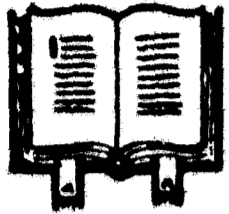
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Notre Dame, Ind.

THE ECUMENICAL SPIRIT AT NOTRE DAME

Twenty-five Catholic and Protestant scholars, most of them theologians, will convene here at Notre Dame next Thursday for a three-day colloquium on "The Concept of the Church as the Body of Christ."

The Notre Dame Colloquium, whose members represent a wide variety of theological positions, will coincide with the opening of the Second Vatican Council. In the same ecumenical spirit, the campus sessions will enable Christians of differing creeds and communions to sit down together to explore their respective beliefs and convictions with one another.



Sponsored by the Notre Dame theology department and held with the permission and encouragement of ecclesiastical superiors, the colloquium is the second of its kind to be held at the University. A similar Catholic-Protestant dialogue on "The Theological Notion of Authority" took place in October, 1961.

Principal speakers at this year's colloquium will be Dr. Krister Stendahl, of the Harvard University Divinity School; Rev. Barnabas Ahern, C.P., of the Passionist Fathers' Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. Walter Burghardt, S.J., editor of THEOLOGICAL STUDIES; Dr. Wilhelm Pauck of Union Theological Seminary, New York; Dr. Franklin H. Littell, of the Federated Theological Faculty at the University of Chicago; and Rev. Bernard Cooke, S.J., of Marquette University.



"The first purpose of the Notre Dame Colloquium," as stated in the official record of the colloquium's original planning session, "is that Christians of differing creeds and communions, Catholic and Protestant, might sit down together to explore their respective beliefs and convictions with one another. Disagreements and cleavages are not to be winked at or set aside; indeed, it is this disparity of views which can spark irenic discussion. For the colloquium does not aim at any conclusions or formularies or compromise. That all who follow Christ might someday be brought into one fellowship is, of course, the prayer and hope of us all. But the best approach to such a goal for the present would not consist in any piecemeal, superficial, illusory agreements; what is called for is a deeper and more considered understanding each of the other."



Attendance at the conferences is by invitation only. The sessions are not open to students or even to faculty. But students and faculty should be aware that such a significant event is taking place on campus. The ecumenical movement is in our very midst.

Council Triduum

Share in the ecumenical spirit by attending the Triduum of Masses beginning today at 5:10 in Sacred Heart Church.