

(August 1965)

DRAFT MEMORANDUM

1. Agenda and plans are being developed for a meeting between a group of Roman Catholic Women, including some of the Auditors of the Vatican Council, and a group of women leaders from the constituency of the World Council of Churches.
2. Place of meeting: Institute of the Suore di Nostra Signora, Terme Apollinari, Vicarello-Trevignano (Bracciano - Roma).
3. DATES: Evening of Friday, October 22nd - to Sunday 24th, or Monday morning, 25th October, 1965.
4. The main topic of conversation would be "the forms of life and service for women in our respective Churches". (1)
5. The meeting should devote itself to two parallel considerations
 - (a) Information about what is presently the case in the various Churches,
 - (b) some reflections about the place of women in the life and ministry of the Church.
6. It is proposed that the meeting should consist of about 12-15 participants from either side. Some representation from women's religious orders (including deaconesses) on either side should be sought. (2)
7. The meeting will have a strictly unofficial and informal character, with minimum publicity. It will not make any public statements without prior approval by the authorities of the R.C. Church and the WCC.
8. The meeting will be sponsored by the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity in cooperation with COPECIAL on the one side, and the Department of Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, and the Division of Ecumenical Action of the WCC on the other.
9. Travel expenses will be the responsibility of the individual participants. Hospitality will be provided for the weekend by the Unity Secretariat.



10. Miss Rosemary Goldie and Mlle Madeleine Barot will be jointly responsible for the agenda and the physical arrangements.
11. Special programmes for the WCC visitors to Rome could be arranged by Mlle Barot in cooperation with Miss Goldie. A reception can be arranged where the WCC visitors can meet all the Auditrices, but it is not proposed that the two-day meeting should be attended by all the auditrices.

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- 1) The Catholic contribution to the two points mentioned in the memorandum could be:

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Brief presentations of:

- a) The different - and developing - roles of nuns in the Church today. (This point will be introduced by Sister Mary Luke, S.L., Auditor at the Council);
 - b) different types of service for lay women - especially in the lay movements (on the basis mainly of information supplied by the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations);
 - c) Secular Institutes;
 - d) the thought of the Catholic Church about the role of women - in the light of the Council discussions.
- 2) The Catholic participation will include several Council Auditors (both religious and lay women), a member of a Secular Institute and lay women with varying responsibilities. A Catholic priest-theologian will be appointed by the Vatican Unity Secretariat, and at least one clergyman will attend from the World Council of Churches.

