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**EASTERN ORTHODOX/CATHOLIC MEETING
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BROOKLINE, Mass.--The 34th meeting of the Eastern Orthodox/Roman Catholic Consultation in the United States reviewed the experiences of councils and synods in the life of the Church and their importance in preparing for full communion between the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches.

Presiding at the three-day consultation, conducted June 2-4 at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology here in connection with its 50th anniversary, were Orthodox Bishop Maximos of Pittsburgh and Roman Catholic Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill of Rockford, Ill.

Papers presented and discussed at the meeting included "Synodal Features in Today's Catholic Church," by Father Michael Fahey, Toronto; "Conciliarity and Primacy," Rev. Thomas FitzGerald, Brookline; "Bishop Theodore Abu Aurrh (A.D. 750-825) and His Understanding of Councils," Father Sydney Griffith, Washington, D.C.; and "Constantinople over Antioch, 1515-1724: Patriarchal Practices in the Ottoman Period," Professor Robert Haddad, Northampton, Mass.

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At the close of the meeting, the consultation members visited Bishop Methodios of Boston at the new headquarters of the Boston Orthodox Diocese here. Bishop Methodios, while still a deacon, served as consultant theologian to the consultation.

The U.S. consultation also sent greetings to the International Orthodox/Roman Catholic Consultation meeting June 9-16 in Bari, Italy, to discuss "Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church" and "The Sacrament of Order."

In addition to Bishop O'Neill and Fathers Fahey and Griffith, Roman Catholics with the consultation are Father Robert Barringer, C.S.B., Toronto; Father George C. Berthold, Manchester, N.H.; Professor Thomas E. Bird, Flushing, N.Y.; Dr. Francine Cardman, Cambridge, Mass.; Father Brian E. Daly, S.J., Cambridge, Mass.; Father John P. Galvin, Brighton, Mass.; Father John Long, S.J., Rome, Italy; Msgr. Frederick McManus, Washington, D.C.; Father David M. Petras, Akron, Ohio; Father Robert Balog, Rockford, Ill.; and Father Joseph Witmer, of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Washington.

In addition to Bishop Maximos, Rev. FitzGerald and Dr. Haddad, Eastern Orthodox with the consultation are Father Alkiviadis Calivas, Father Emmanuel Clapsis, and Rev. Dr. Theodore Stylianopoulos, Brookline; Professor John H. Erickson, Crestwood, N.Y.; Dr. Lewis Patsavos, Cambridge, Mass.; Very Rev. Paul W.S. Schneirla, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. Dr. Robert Stephanopoulos,

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New York; Father Emmanuel Gratsias, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Father Leonid Kishkovsky, Syosset, N.Y.; and Father John Travis and Ms. Elaine Alexis Gounaris, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, New York.

Additional information is available from Father Witmer (202/659-6855) and Father Travis (212/570-3590).

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