

discontinuation of the Friday fast  
 changes in clerical garb  
 removal of the Vulgate as the official  
 text  
 vernacular Bible translations  
 purging of the list of saints  
 communion in both kinds  
 deemphasis on auricular confession  
 indulgence reform  
 limitations on the Index, etc.

Some of these are minor and there are others I  
 have failed to mention. The church has  
 permitted the charismatic movement within  
 it..and in fact some of the leaders have been  
 Romanists. Rome always allowed the healing  
 gifts (Lourdes, you know) and now permits some  
 Bible study almost of an independent sort. But  
 the fruits of liberalism are increasingly  
 tolerated in the Roman communion and that does  
 not augur for good.

The church's long standing policy on birth  
 control and clerical celibacy are still enforced  
 although there is a lot of argument about  
 them. A number of conservative Roman cells  
 have also developed where priests and nuns have  
 avowed to maintain the "old ways". Social  
 changes in many countries have cost the church  
 its prestige and the admission of divergent  
 religious ideals have done a lot to injure the  
 catholic oneness appeal in places such as  
 Spain.

It is an interesting scent to watch and to  
 watch in the hope of snatching some of the  
 brands from the burning.

VI.2.f Church  
 Growth  
 Thrust

Charismatic movements

Movements oriented to charismatic  
 expressions occur on a cyclic pattern in the  
 church. At the same time there is always a  
 fringe but I mean that at times the fringe  
 becomes the major move. We have seen such a  
 wave in the last 25 years. It has been promin-  
 ent in America and Europe and is accompanied  
 often (but not always) with stress on success,  
 popularity, wealth, etc.