DATE: June 12, 1987
FROM: Robert Wonderly
       O - 202/659-6700
       H - 703/979-3293
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EASTERN ORTHODOX/CATHOLIC MEETING
REVIEWS ROLES OF COUNCILS, SYNODS

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.


NATIONAL CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR INFORMATION
132 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W. - WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005
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 Maximos, Rev. FitzGerald and Dr. Haddad, Eastern Orthodox with the consultation are Father Alkiviadis Calivas, Father Emmanuel Clapis, 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,
Synods

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).

# # #

X, CL