

material but in which also there was a great stress made on getting these groups together. Think what could be accomplished if we get together!

So the ecumenical movement had at its base two desirable ideas: that of improving earthly conditions, and that of getting Christians to recognize their unity. That is one thing that is greatly stressed in the Bible, the fact that all Christians are members of one body. But Christ is the Head of that Body, and no human being has the right to say that he takes Christ's place except in quite a secondary way. We all try to do Christ's will and to some extent we are His representatives. We consider it blasphemy for the Vicar of Rome to say he is the Vicar of Christ on earth. (Bishop)

If you want to have a rather amusing time sometime get a book which was published about 30 years ago by a movie director named Farrow. His daughter is quite a famous movie star today. His book Pagent of the Popes which has the imprimature of the Bishop of Los Angeles and so it was published with the full authorization of the Roman Catholic Church, and which for a time they promoted and was very widely held. I used to assign it to all my classes in Church History/ I would assign them to read this book in which he told very frankly about the Popes one after another. He would say this man had his mistresses within in the Vatican, and he had his enemies murdered and there was a sigh of relief when he died. The next man was a much finer type of man. He did nothing of that kind, but he was determined to conquer other cities and he put on armor and marched at the head of his army in order to conquer these cities and put his enemies to the edge of the sword.

Then the next pope, he would say, he found the problems of the papacy too great for him so he spend his time sitting in the Vatican garden and musing. At the end of the book, he said, when you see the character and the failures that have characterized the heads of the Roman Catholic church, these 200 years, you see absolute proof that this is indeed a divine institution for if it had not been it would have ended long ago! I thought it was an interesting argument, but the book having the imprimature of the Bishop and being widely distributed by them, I had my students make a list of the popes and list all the qualities that he mentions that might seem to suggest that this one was a proper one spiritually to be the head of Christ's church.

I didn't mean what he had actually (we're not in a position to investigate that), but what Farrel said he had. And then what qualities did Farrel say this man had that would unfit him for such a position. And then administrative ability-- ability to direct a great organization. What qualities did Farrel say he had were favorable, and what were unfavorable? And thus make sort of an evaluation from Farrel's own statements. And I said to them If you are talking with a Roman Catholic and he brings up the fact that Pope is the divinely established head of his church, don't start telling him some of the things these popes have done. He'll just say that's Protestant propaganda and you're a terrible liar -- I said don't do anything of that. Mention certain things to him and after he says, ~~These~~ They are not true; it can't be