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liturgy which corresponds perfectly to those sublime edifices venerated so much by the people is the patrimony of all the faithful as well as of the ecclesiastical Authorities. These Authorities have the duty of preserving it with love and care.

NORWAY

LETTER, ADDRESSED TO THEIR BISHOPS, BY A GROUP OF NORWEGIAN CATHOLICS

Since our Bishops have asked us, members of the laity, to inform them of our desires concerning the projects of reform of the Liturgy, we would like to make the following comments :

We are preoccupied about the modifications that are intended to be made in the Liturgy of the Mass, and particularly about the « reform of the language ».

We ask respectfully the greatest prudence in making any modification in the structure and form of the Mass as celebrated at present.

For the reason that we are part of the culture of Western Europe, and keeping in mind the Norwegian mentality and tradition, we are convinced that the use of Latin for the fixed texts of the Mass — also outside those of the Canon — is today just as good and useful as it used to be before.

Out of love for the Roman Catholic Mass, it is our sincere desire that those who have the important mission to defend such precious values should act with great discernment and piety.

III - NEWS FROM THE CIMS

Our President, Mons. Johannes Overath, has been afflicted with a serious illness. Although he has recovered, he will not be able to undertake any overtaxing activity for some time. In the meantime the meeting of the members of the CIMS announced for the Spring of 1967 is temporarily postponed.

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