

American **PAX** Association

An association of Catholics and others who seek to promote peace and to encourage the practical application of Christian principles to the question of war.

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Dear Father Doubs:

This is to thank you for writing the "Open Letter to the American Hierarchy." It made so many crucially necessary points and made them so clearly. The enclosed clipping from the Philadelphia Bulletin indicates what a dreadful struggle we will have to keep whatever of strenth^g there is in the present draft of Schema XIII. Cardinal Spellman jumped the gun in condemning the right of conscience in war (right after he had upheld the right of consience^c in religious matters.)

PAX has had a case of "galloping collegiality" this past summer. (This is th term used by Justus George Lawler to describe his project of writing to all the American Bishops.) The enclosed letter was sent to ^{all} bishops of residential sees. We want you to pray for the Fathers of the Council in this war/peace issue wpecially - as you are doing with no reminder from us probably. We want no publicity on this matter, so we would ask you to keep the matter confidential.

I am also enclosing an unofficial translation of the peace section of Schema XIII as it will be discussed on the floor of the Council. It is good except for one sentence which allows for the deterrent. You may quote or use this in any way as you you dont^t mention where you received this text, Father Louis. We feel that with the excision of a couple of sentences, the remainder of the text is an improvement. Dorothy Day is in Rome. I hope to go there next week for whatever light I can help throw on the peace matter. Pray much for us. In Our Lady, Eileen Gan