

# Convention News

THE first of the 10 draft documents for the Convention, that on the Communications Media, has made its appearance in print. At the end of last week a copy of the Chinese and English versions was posted to each of the Convention delegates. It is hoped that all who received it will study it carefully and note down their impressions of it. If any delegate has suggestions for amending or improving this document he may send in his comments at once to the Steering Committee (Box 2984, Hong Kong) or he may wait until the working groups have been formed and pass his ideas on to one of the delegates belonging to the working group dealing with the Communications Media or he may prefer to attend in person the meetings of the working group (these meetings will start in the second half of February) and make his point in person.

If any delegate has not received by this time his copy of the Communications Media document, he should write at once to the Steering Committee. Copies of the document will be made available to the parishes in the near future. Instead of their being distributed free of charge, it has been decided to sell them for 20 cents a copy. This will ensure that printing costs will be kept within reasonable bounds and that the documents will be within the reach of anybody who is interested.

It is hoped that the document on Religious will be ready within the next few days. As soon as it appears it will be sent directly to delegates. The document on Ecumenism has entered the final proof stage and will be ready shortly.

Naturally in a Convention that is intended to renew the life

of the whole people of God in the diocese, the document on the liturgy will be one of the most important—if not the most important — of those prepared for discussion. The draft document is in the last stages of preparation. On Saturday, January 17, at 3 p.m., a meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Catholic Centre. This will be a last general discussion on the Liturgy document to get it into final shape. The chairman of the Convention Commission, Father Giampietro, warns participants to “be ready to go through a rather long discussion.”

While it may be a little premature to say that the eyes of the whole Church are fixed on Hong Kong and that Bishops everywhere are breathlessly awaiting the outcome of the Diocesan Convention, we have at least received our first overseas enquiry. The Bishop has received a letter all the way from Holland. A Franciscan Father, professor of missiology in the Catholic University of Nijmegen (and a fervent reader of the *Sunday Examiner*) has requested that he be sent copies of the draft documents. He is very interested in the renewal of the Church taking place in Asia. His 52 missiology students are at present busy with the papers that resulted from the National Seminar held last year in India and have “derived many new insights from this study.” As they are anxious to follow the development of the Diocesan Convention in Hong Kong they would like to receive information about it as well as the documents: this “will be a great help to us in updating missiology and in discovering the local Church of Hong Kong.”