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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VATICAN SECRETARIAT MEMBER TO SPEAK IN SAN DIEGO ON ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--A progress report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue will be presented by a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity at All Saints Episcopal Church Monday August 8.

Canon William A. Purdy will be the guest of Canon Paul Satrang, who is also president of the San Diego Ecumenical Conference.

Canon Purdy will speak at 10 a.m. at the church. The meeting of Roman Catholic and Anglican priests will not only allow an interchange with Canon Purdy, Canon Satrang said, but will enable him to assess the ecumenical situation here in San Diego.

Canon Purdy will arrive in San Diego on Aug. 1 and leave Aug. 3, following his talk. He is in the United States to participate in the international dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Vatican Secretariat to be held at Lake Junaluska, N.C. later in this month.

He is assistant for Anglican and Methodist Relations in the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, a post he has held since 1966.

An Englishman by birth, Canon Purdy received his PhD and STL at Gregorian University, Rome. He entered the Roman Catholic priesthood after working in private industry.

He taught for several years, first at St. Edmunds College and later at

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Nottingham University. He has been in Rome since 1959, where he was a lecturer in historical philosophy at Beda College.

He is author of "The Church on the Move," and contributing author of "Manning, Anglican and Catholic," and "Towards Christian Unity."

He is the Rome correspondent for the London "Tablet."

His articles on Christian unity have appeared in the London Times, New York Herald Tribune, America, The Catholic World, Sign, Clergy Review and the Dublin Review.

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