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President Nyerere

of Tanzania writes on poverty and the need for the Church to take up a revolutionary stance. 'The Church should accept that the development of peoples means rebellion. At a given and decisive point in history men decide to act against those conditions which restrict their freedom as men . . . unless we participate actively in the rebellion against those social structures and economic organizations which condemn men to poverty, humiliation and degradation, then the Church will become irrelevant to man and the Christian religion will degenerate into a set of superstitions accepted by the fearful.'

Geoffrey Preston, O.P.

of the Oxford community in the first of a number of articles on the theology of the sacraments discusses the principle of sacramentality itself—what he calls the 'focussing of God'.

Thomas A. Markus

Professor of Building Science in the University of Strathclyde, discusses the City as expression of the *humanum*. He asks 'to what extent cities have always been a deliberate statement about man's relationship to the world of nature?' He 'tries to show the direction in which cities are developing and how these developments may be said to enhance and enrich experience or to impoverish and destroy it'. This paper and the one that follows were read at the 'Man and Nature' conference at Spode House earlier this year.

Adrian Edwards, C.S.Sp.

replying to Professor Markus speaks of the City as expressed in the *agora*—as the juridical and political unit, and in the *underground*—the romanticism of the city. He also introduces what promises to be this season's in-word: *Feng-shui*.

Brian Byron

who lectures in Moral Theology at the Pius XII Seminary in Brisbane, looks once again at the question of the indissolubility of marriage. Is desertion a different matter from divorce? And does the 'Pauline privilege' really refer to the unbeliever or just to the unbaptized?

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