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NOTE

The Commission has received many suggestions and criticisms concerning its three Agreed Statements. During the last two years these comments have been carefully studied and they have greatly assisted the Commission in clarifying various points for the benefit of the readers of the documents.

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h The Commission believes that it owes to its correspondents a ^hreply to these criticisms without waiting for the final report which it must present to its respective authorities. This, together with a reply to comments received on the Venice document on 'authority (1976), constitutes the Commission's present work and will include an attempt to treat the questions left unanswered in paragraph 24 of the statement on Authority in the Church.

These elucidations express the unanimous view of the Commission on the intention and meaning of the documents. These latter should therefore be taken in conjunction with the two Agreed Statements as expressing the mind of the Commission on these two fundamental questions.

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