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The death of Pope John XXIII has brought deep sorrow to the world. It is fitting, in tribute to this great man that his final encyclical *Pacem In Terris* has been judged by scholars as his greatest.

Aware of the impact of these last encyclical words of the late Pope on the jurisprudential attitude of all lawyers, *The Catholic Lawyer* in cooperation with the Editors of *The Tablet* of London, 14 Howick Place, London S.W. 1, is publishing *Pacem In Terris* in this issue. The translation is the official translation into English from Rome with the *Tablet* synopses of portions to permit easier reading. Publication of the final article of the Sex And The Law symposium, originally scheduled for this issue, has been postponed until Autumn.

Also featured in this issue is an article on law and morals by William Kenealy, S.J., which may well serve as a landmark for future writing on this topic. It has all the ingredients of a memorable piece — style, content, wit, sustained interest and, above all, scholarship. Father Kenealy opens by saying, “The relationship between law and morals is a prime problem of jurisprudence.” He proceeds to resolve this problem, however, in a manner which leads the reader to wonder why lawyers have ever determined it as existing in the first instance.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears a detailed coverage by way of note and comments of the present civil rights crisis in America. In the near future *The Catholic Lawyer* plans to publish a series of articles on civil liberties by constitutional law experts and moralists. These experts will attempt, through analysis and recommendation, to provide some measure of clarification and solution of the nation’s most immediate and serious internal problem.

The Catholic Scholarship Award reproduced on the following page was made to *The Catholic Lawyer* by the Catholic Press Association at its annual convention held in May of 1963.
According to the critique published by the Catholic Press Association, "Mr. William B. Ball's 'The School Prayer Case,' appearing in the Summer and Autumn 1962 issues of The Catholic Lawyer, examines one phase of the growing menace of legislation by judicial fiat. It handles a difficult task of legal argument with learning, originality and bite. . . . It sows a fine crop of tares in the carefully plowed field of the 'disestablishmentarians' on the Supreme bench."

*The Catholic Lawyer* was also awarded Honorable Mention for general excellence by the Catholic Press Association among all scholarly publications in the field. While obviously of high merit, according to judges of the Association, *The Catholic Lawyer* was of too specialized an interest to warrant a first or second place award over periodicals of broader base.

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This award was conferred for the publication of The School Prayer Case by William B. Ball which appeared in the Summer and Autumn 1962 issues of The Catholic Lawyer.