Approval Expected for Liturgy Document; Discussion Continues on Nature of Church

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The first day of voting by council Fathers on amendments to the constitution on the liturgy forecast the successful passage of the entire schema, which would greatly affect the liturgical life of the Church in the future.

Ballots were cast on the amendments to the liturgy schema at 8 a.m. on the schema “On the Nature of the Church” was conducted simultaneously. Thus two separate ballots were going to be counted at the same time, about decisions on one and only one schema.

The first five of 16 amendments to the second chapter on the liturgy schema were passed by an overwhelming majority. Voting on the remaining amendments was to continue in the following days. It was anticipated that the entire second chapter would be completed before Oct. 11.

The five amendments passed were briefly summarized below. Cautious Council Fathers Need More Time to Reach Decisions

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“The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you.”

on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods,” the pope said in the interviews, noting that he had been “reprimanded” for failing to speak often about those topics. “It is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time.” Pope Francis also said “the dogmatic and moral teachings of the church are not all equivalent” and that “the church’s pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed

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