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## **THE CHURCH AND THE LAW REGULATING VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

The media have often alluded to the fact that the Church faces some difficulties with respect to the Legislation which regulates Voluntary Organizations and their Administration.

It has been alleged that the obstacle lies in the fact that the Church does not wish to render an account of the financial income and expenditure of its Organizations, as stipulated by this legislation. This is certainly not the case. The difficulties encountered are of a different nature. Since discussion with the relevant authorities are still underway and have almost reached a conclusion, we feel that it is not prudent to divulge further details at this stage.

The Church authorities wish to thank their benefactors who, through their financial contributions and active participation, sustain the work done by Church organizations in favour of all those are in need. We also wish to thank the civil authorities who have always endeavoured to contrive the legal means to subsidize financially these organizations, which is vital in order that they may continue to render their services.