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the same day as was formerly called the 11th. Now in that period of a couple of centuries the exact date is quite a question. Shall you call something what the people then called it or shall you change it to what we would now call it--turn our present calendar back? And often during those two centuries we would have one country having one Christmas and then another country having another Christmas. It really doesn't make very much difference what Christmas you have but uniformity is very desirable. There was great disuniformity through the ages too on the matter of when the year began. The Roman catholic church has always held that the year begins at Christmas. I don't know whether they^{still}/do or not but I know that many parts of the Christian church through the middle ages would date things the date of the next year as soon as Christmas was over. You'll find a date December 27, 1948 and that would be what we would call 1947. They would begin the year after Christmas. Then there were other parts of the church which began the year at Easter, and so it was only in the last century or two that it became uniform to begin the year on January . Those, of course, are technical problems but today we still have this variety in the day of Easter, which is rather interesting. Mr.---? (Student) Yes. No. No. Ther're called patriarchs. They seem to have had various patriarchs. They established a patriarch in Moscow. Since Russia was the largest sect on it was only reasonable they should have a patriarch. The patriarch was in Moscow. He was imprisoned by the Bolshevics and I believe died in prison, but in recent years they have allowed a new patriarch to in Moscow and he has a good deal of authority in Russia over the Holy Oriental Orthodox Apostolic Church in Russia provided that he doesn't do anything that displeases the Bolshevists, but under the czar, the patriarch is subject to the czar, and he is very important

He sinned against God rather than put himself in the position where the cardinal could . He said, "Human wickedness has extorted from human weakness a different confession but a change of conviction can be effected only by the