

# B. B. Beach Gives Pope a Gold Medal

## Representing the SDA Church—1977

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### THE ROAD TO ROME:

**1965:** Since 1965 Bert Beverly Beach has been the SDA ecumenical liaison with other denominations.

**1968:** The Vatican Secretariat for the Christian Unity of the Faith said that **Seventh-day Adventists became regular participants in the Conference (Secretaries of the World Confessional Families) in 1968.** *Religious New Service, May 18, 1977.*

**1970:** B. B. Beach became secretary of the Conference of General Secretaries of the Christian World Communion. [C. MAU, representing the 70 million member Lutheran World Federation is quoted at the 1990 Gen. Conference in Indianapolis. C. MAU: We have admired your leadership through the years and think especially of B. B. Beach, who has served as secretary of the Conference of General Secretaries of the Christian World Communion for more than 20 years. *Adventist Review, July, 10, 1990.*

**1973:** In 1973, the World Council of Churches (WCC) published a paperback book entitled, **So Much in Common.** This book contained "Documents of Interest in the Conversations Between the World Council of Churches and the Seventh-day Adventist Church." One of these "Documents" outlines the history of the conversations from their inception in 1965 through 1969. It will be seen that the events which transpired during these years finally led to the meeting of the Conference of Secretaries of the World Confessional Families in Rome, which in turn provided the setting for the audience which Dr. B. B. Beach had with the Pope as an official representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**1975:** Robert Welsh of the Commission on Faith and Order of the WCC wrote on April 1, 1975

from Geneva, Switzerland: "With regard to Dr. Beach, he is the Secretary of the Annual Conference of Secretaries of the World Confessional Families. Faith and Order relates to that conference in a consultative manner."

**1976:** Neal Wilson, President of the North American Division of SDA, gives this Sworn statement in the Silver-Tobler legal case involving the Seventh-day Adventist Church: Although it is true that there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint, and the term, hierarchy was used in a perjorative sense to refer to the papal form of church governance, that attitude on the Church's part was nothing more than a manifestation of **widespread anti-papery among conservative protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has now been assigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned.** *Merikay McLeod lawsuit (P. 4, footnote #2, Docket Entry #84: EEOC vs PPA C-74-2025 CBR). Sworn statement dated Feb. 6, 1976.* Further in the same brief: While, however, Adventist doctrine continues to teach that church government by

one man is contrary to the Word of God, **it is not good Seventh-day Adventism to express... an aversion to Roman Catholicism as such.** (p. 30)

“It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the papacy.” **Ellen White, Signs, Feb. 19, 1894.**

**1977:** B. B. Beach writes: “The bodies represented there [at the Conference of World Communions] 15 world organizations such as the Lutheran World Federation, the Baptist World Alliance, the World Methodist Council, the World Reformed Alliance, the Roman Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, and the Anglican Consultative Council. **I have been representing our church** at this meeting for 9 years now and our involvement consists simply in attending the meeting and participating in the discussions and exchange of information. For the past few years I have served as Secretary of the Conference (this means that I am responsible for preparing the agenda and handling the minutes or report of the Conference). There is no useful purpose in giving any publicity to this fact, but I do mention it for your information. Since this year’s meeting [1977] was held in Rome, it was felt that **it might be appropriate to have a meeting with the Pope**, who is the head of Vatican State and the religious leader of well over 500 million people in the world.” (Letter to Pastor A. G. Brito, dated, Nov. 15, 1977)

**MAY 18, 1977:** On Wednesday, the 18th of May, Pope Paul received in separate audience participants of the Secretarial Conference of the United Church World.

**B. B. Beach has a private audience with Pope Paul VI in the Vatican and presents him with gold medallion confirming friend-ship of the SDA Church with the Vatican.** *RH, Aug 11, 1977.*

**THE POPE’S GREETING:** Under the title, “**Seeking the Objectives of Complete Unity**”, a Catholic newspaper reported this: “After the general audience of Wednesday, the 18th inst., the Holy Father received the participants of the Conference of Secretaries of World Confessional Families. The group was accompanied by Bishop John Howe, General Secretary of the Anglican Consultative Council, **and Mr. B. B. Beach, General Secretary of the Seventh-day Adventists. This was the first time that representatives of the Seventh-day Adventists met the Pope.** To commemorate this significant moment, they offered an artistic gold medal to the **Holy Father.**

**The Holy Father** directed the following discourse to them:

Dear brethren in Christ: We rejoice to be able to receive such an important group today, and we welcome you to Peter’s See. In you we greet the representatives of a considerable portion of the Christian people, **and through you we send our wishes of grace and peace in the Lord to your Confessional Families.** [Beach represented the whole church!]

We are happy to express, in your presence, **our common faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God** [the Christ in immaculate flesh], the only Mediator with the Father, the Saviour of the world. Yes, brethren, together with the Apostle Peter, we proclaim that Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

On her part, the Catholic Church is solemnly engaged, through Vatican Council II, in an ecumenism based on increased fidelity to Christ the Lord and on heart conversion. At the same time, she is conscious that nothing is more alien to ecumenism than that **false irenicism** [methods of securing unity among Christians or harmony and union among the churches; - called also Irenical theology] **that would harm the Catholic doctrine and obscure its genuine and precise meaning.**

Reinforced by the power of the word of God, let us therefore pursue, despite all difficulties, **the objective of full unity in Christ and in the Church.**

And, with humbleness and love, let us direct our thoughts and our hopes to our Lord Jesus Christ. Glory be given to Him, as well as to the Father and to the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.” *Osservatore Romano (Catholic paper, Portuguese edition), May 29, 1977.*

[The Pope here recognizes the full import and significance of a “corporate” entity. He was saying that **through the representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, there present, he was receiving every Seventh-day Adventist**, and via that representative, he was sending greetings of grace and peace to each. Thus every member of the Church received a greeting from the Pope, scripturally, “the man of sin” – the antichrist! AND, not only that, every member of the church gave through their representative a gold plated medallion to the Pope! See next article.]

**B.B. BEACH’S RESPONSE:** Another Catholic newspaper reported this: “The Conference of Secretaries of World Confessional Families was organized twenty years ago, and its founder was the First Secretary of the Anglican Advisory Council, Bishop John Howe. The present Secretary of the Conference and at the same time the First Secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Mr. Beach, made a statement at the Vatican Radio **emphasizing the importance of this first meeting of Adventists with the Pope.** Word for word, this is what he said: “It was a great honor for me, as the Secretary of the Conference, to be present here in Rome, in audience **with the Holy Father.** On this occasion I presented to the Pope a book about the world-wide work of the Adventist Church.” *Glas Koncila (Catholic paper in Yugoslavia), June 5, 1977.*

**B. B. Beach, a Seventh-day Adventist, representing the Seventh-day Adventist church, in an interview over Vatican radio used the term “Holy Father” in referring to the Pope, the representative of the beast of Rev. 13 and 14!**

In the Vatican Radio interviews, two officers of the Conference of Secretaries of the World Confessional Families, expressed satisfaction with the Rome meeting. Bishop John Howe, secretary general of the Anglican Consultative Council, who is president of the Conference, said “It was a **brotherly** discussion, **we have been able to decide how we shall work together** more with the World Council of Churches in understanding **the ecumenical role that all of us have.**“

Bert Beach said that it had been a pleasure to be able to attend the Conference meeting in Rome, and that the meeting had provided a good opportunity for reflecting on ‘the work that has been accomplished’ by the Conference since its founding.

#### **A GOLD MEDAL PRESENTED TO THE POPE (THE MAN OF SIN)**

Beach presented the Pope with a conference-issued gold medal. The 8-11-77 *Review* said it was a **“symbol of the Seventh-day Adventist church.”** It was felt that it was of interest to meet with the man who is the religious leader of some 700 million people....[Beach] gave him one of the medallions that...are given from time to time to statesmen.



**There are several items on this gold medal which are designed to please the pope.**

1. Christ is in a Catholic stance, like the Vatican painting by Francis de Assisi, and idols. His beard is forked.
2. **This Christ has no crown on his head.** The one in Revelation 19:12 does’.
3. It appears that Jesus is standing on the summit of a mountain like Satan will when personating Christ. The true Christ will not touch the earth when he returns.

4. There is a cloud with nine lightning bolts extending from it, just as mystery religions and the medieval papacy used. It was a symbol of Satan in the mysteries.
5. There are eight angels. Eight is the symbol of the sun day.
6. The angels are shown facing toward and worshiping Christ, after he has arrived on earth. (They should be shown as facing the earth with Jesus as they come toward it.)
7. The Christ in Rev. 1:16 has seven stars in his hand. This Christ has six on each side.
8. **The Maltese cross** is a Vatican symbol. Typically, this has four equal rays flowing outward from a central sun. Each ray expands in width as it radiates outward and terminates in two horns, producing an eight-pointed cross. It is thus a sun symbol in two ways (the radiating sun, and the eight points.)
9. THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT READS THE SAME WAY THE PAPACY ATTEMPTED TO CHANGE IT—the way the third commandment is quoted in the Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine. When the Catholic Church changed the Sabbath Commandment, what did they change it to? They used **the exact wording given on the back of the gold medal.**

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When you have read in times past that **the professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin.** (General Conference Bulletin, April 13, 1891, p.257); **and that Protestantism will reach across the gulf to clasp hands with the Papacy.** (An Appeal to Ministers and Conference Committees, p.38), "It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the Papacy." *ST* vol 3, 99. **You never really believed that the Seventh-day Adventist Church through an official representative would be involved, did you?**

We are very sorry that this event took place. Apparently not everyone was disappointed, for not too long afterward, Dr. Beach was elevated to a position at the General Conference in Washington D.C..

### **WARNING FROM THE LORD**

To secure worldly gains and honors, the church was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth; and having thus rejected Christ, **she was induced to yield allegiance to the representative of Satan, the bishop of Rome.**

It is one of the leading doctrines of Romanism that the pope is the visible head of the **universal church** of Christ, invested with supreme authority over bishops and pastors in all parts of the world. More than this, the pope has been given the very titles of Deity. He has been styled "Lord God the Pope", and has been declared infallible. He demands the homage of all men. The same claim urged by Satan in the wilderness of temptation is still urged by him through the Church of Rome, and vast numbers are ready to yield him homage. **But those who fear and reverence God meet this heaven-**

daring assumption as Christ met the solicitations of the wily foe: “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.” Luke 4:8. God has never given a hint in His word that He has appointed any man to be the head of the church. **The doctrine of papal supremacy is directly opposed to the teachings of the Scriptures.** The pope can have no power over Christ’s church except by usurpation.” *Great Controversy* 51, 52.



Pope John Paul II greets his friend SDA Representative, Bert B. Beach. (*Adventist Review* -November 08, 2001 page 10.)

The pope is not regarded by God as anything more than **a man who is acting out in our world the character of the man of sin**, representing in his claims that power and authority which Satan claimed in the heaven-ly courts. *Manuscript Releases, Vol. 5, p.102.*

**CALL TO REPENTANCE:** The giving of a gold-medal, a symbol of the SDA church, is a corporate sin. B. B. Beach represented the Seventh-day Adventist church. **We call on both Br. Beach and the General Conference to publicly repudiate the 1977 gold medal gift to the Pope in the pages of the Adventist Review.** If not, they should be disfellowshipped. They did not represent true Biblical Seventh-day Adventism