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Roman Catholic Bishops tighten the Screw



In a ruling that will have implications for Prime Minister Tony Blair and the President of the Irish Republic, Mrs. Mary McAleese, the bishops of the Roman Catholic church in Britain and Ireland declared that their members must not take communion in an Anglican church or in any Protestant church. They also ruled that only in exceptional circumstances may a Protestant receive communion in the Roman church.

Tony Blair's wife is a Roman Catholic as are his children, although he is an Anglican. He has partaken of the Mass in company with his family, but was told by Cardinal Hume that he must desist.



The Irish President, Roman Catholic Mary McAleese, has taken communion in a Church of Ireland service last December. It caused a furore in ecumenical circles when she was rebuked for doing so. This underlining of Rome's official stance is simply saying that, after all the compromises that ecumenists have made and the so-called agreements that have been reached between Rome and various Protestant denominations, Rome is repeating her unchanged position that she alone is the true church and none will be accepted by her as a true Christian, until they kneel before her and submit to her power and authority.