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Mayor "Must" Confess Sin, Priest Says

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San Juan mayor Felisa Rincon de Gautier will be denied communion tomorrow by San Juan cathedral pastor, the Rev. Tomas Maisonet, unless he is sure "she has confessed," he said yesterday.

But the churchman denied reports that he would request a police detail as a precaution against possible disturbances tomorrow at the cathedral.

In Catholic lay circles yesterday speculation was that adherents of the mayor might stage a protest if their leader requests communion and is refused.

Father Maisonet voiced hope the communion controversy (See RELIGION, Page 25)

would quiet down soon.

"All the church wants is repentance," he stressed.

The cathedral pastor—caught in the middle of the heated conflict between the island bishops and leaders of the Popular Democratic Party, shied from making any comments that would "generate more "publicity" on the delicate dispute.

But he did clarify that Catholics were free to vote for the three other parties which appeared on the ballot in competition with the Popular Democratic Party.

Newspaper headlines giving the impression that the second pastoral letter also banned Catholics from voting for the Independence or Statehood Party were misleading, Rev. Maisonet said.

Meanwhile, any hope of an