

Public Recognition of Catholic Schools Urged as Teachers Meet

Catholic Press As Textbook Aid Explained

"It is high time for Catholic education to grow up and stop merely trying to protect its children from loss of faith," 1,000 teachers of the Diocese of Rochester were told at a two-day institute in Aquinas Institute, Thursday and Friday.

The speaker who advocated a movement to gain official public recognition of the Catholic philosophy of life in education was the Rev. William E. McManus, Assistant Director, Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D. C. Father McManus spoke on Thursday on "The Catholic School in American Life," and again on Friday on "The Christian Citizen in The Nation."

Highlighting the two-day meeting was the Catholic Press session on Friday afternoon at which teachers told and demonstrated how they use the Rochester Courier-Journal as an adjunct in the class room in lieu of a text book.

John O'Connor of Brooklyn, columnist for the Courier-Journal and other Catholic newspapers in the country spoke on "The Power of the Catholic Press." He explained how to interest children in Catholic news stories and asked teachers to make use of the Catholic press.

How this is actually being done in St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester, was explained by Sister M. de Pazzi of the Sisters of Mercy speaking on "The Catholic Press in the Classroom."

Use of the Courier-Journal is the only way to have the children get the Catholic viewpoint paralleled with the secular viewpoint in the daily press on current topics, Sister de Pazzi stated.

The diocesan newspaper, Sister said, is used in her school to teach religion, social studies, reading (oral and silent), written and oral English and art. The Sept. 8 issue of the Courier-Journal was the background for Sister de Pazzi's address. She emphasized the Iowa school bus story as a means of giving the Catholic viewpoint on a controversial subject.

Class Demonstrations With a class of 18 St. John's school demonstrated the actual use of the pupils of the Sept. 12 issue of the Courier-Journal. An analysis by the youngsters of news, columns, editorials and miscellaneous items was given. The yardstick is used by the pupils to gain a background of the church's stand on social justice, the children demonstrated.

The two Sisters of Mercy, it was brought out, by using the diocesan newspaper develop the Catholic viewpoint in the elementary grades that is carried over into adult life.

The Catholic Press and Missions and Vocations sessions were presided over by the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, associate editor of the Courier-Journal and the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Catholic schools, Father McManus said in his talk Thursday, cannot "pull their weight" in American life unless they receive a share of public funds as official approval of their contribution to American education.

He advocated passage of the Murray - Morse - Pepper Bill, which would appropriate funds for parochial school buildings, scholarships and non-instructional services, such as transportation.

Be Calm with Reds Urging calm dealing with Communists, the Rev. John P. Monaghan, Ph.D., former chairman of the history department of Cathedral College, New York and now a Staten Island pastor, said the Communist should not be looked upon with fear. The priest said the Communist should be looked at logically



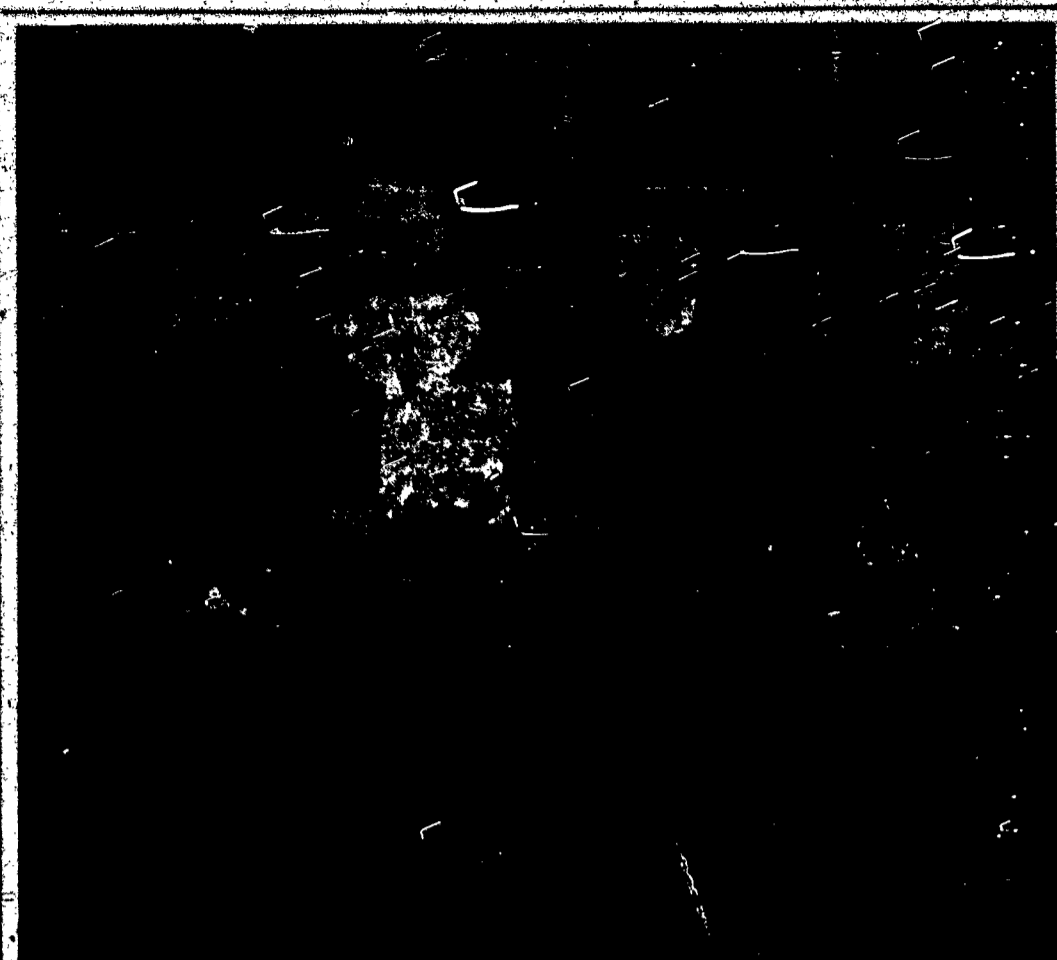
Exhibits featured the Teachers' Conference in Rochester this year. Here Miss Audrey Schmitter explains exhibit of which she and Sister Mary Gregory, R.S.M., Elmira Catholic High School.



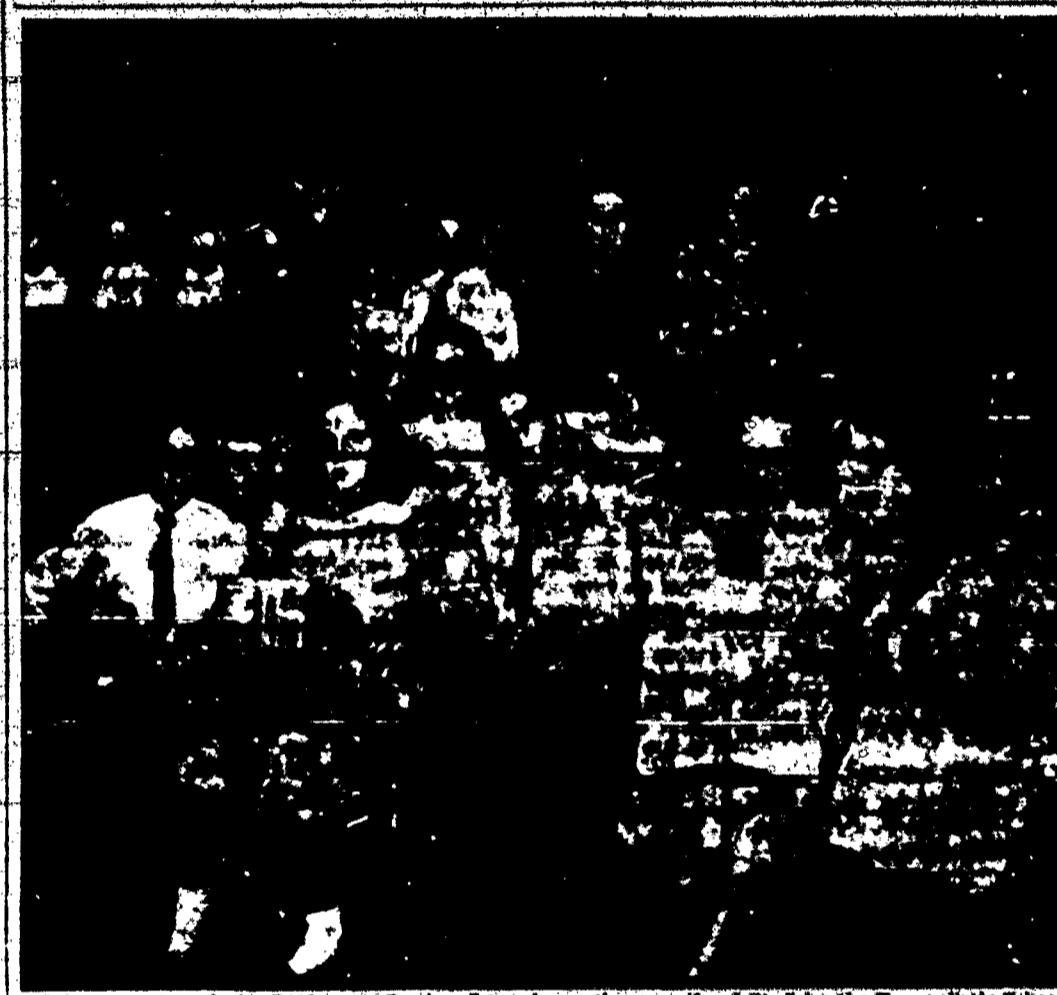
Religious habits at the Diocesan Teachers' Conference varied as shown here. Teachers are (from left): Sister Eugene Francis, O.S.F., Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Rochester; Sister Mary Theodore, F.S.S.J., St. Theresa's School, Rochester; Sister Mary Carlotta, O.S.F., St. George's School, Rochester, and Sister M. Edward, S.S.N.D., principal, St. Joseph's Commercial School, Rochester.

and with reason and intelligent means should be used to combat him.

Importance of work in the world of man was stressed by Sister M. Euphrasia, community supervisor for the Diocese of Toledo, who said that "work does not have the place in life today that it used to have. People seem to try to find ways of avoiding work and shy away



Principals in the 42nd Annual Teachers' Conference held at Aquinas Institute were seen conferring between sessions. (From left) Rev. Thomas J. Quigley, Pittsburgh School Superintendent; Sister M. Euphrasia, Toledo Diocese community supervisor; Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Rochester, host to the conference; Rev. William E. McManus, N.C.W.C. education aide, Washington, and Rev. John P. Monaghan, Staten Island.



Holding copies of the Rochester Courier Journal are these pupils of St. John the Evangelist's School, Rochester. They demonstrated how they make use of the diocesan newspaper as a text book in the class room and analyzed the newspaper's contents for the assembled teachers.

MRS. SIBLEY ASKS TRUMAN TO ACT ON LYNCHINGS

Washington — (RNS) — Mrs. Harper Sibley, of Rochester, N. Y., president of the United Council of Churchwomen, was one of a number of religious, labor, and racial leaders who called on President Harry S. Truman at the White House and urged him to take definite steps to stop the wave of lynchings in the South.

Mrs. Sibley, wife of a former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, read the following statements which, she said, had been formulated by the Georgia Council of Churchwomen: "Every churchwoman in Georgia who takes her religion seriously must be distressed and horrified by the brutal crime against innocent and helpless people which has been perpetrated in our state. "Lest silence should seem to give consent to this humiliating event, we call upon churchwomen in every section of Georgia to speak out in this crucial hour against all intolerance and injustice and especially when shown toward members of any minority group, remembering that race hatred was the chief characteristic of the enemies we so recently gave our sons and treasure to defeat."

Specialized Work Urged Reorganization of the high school system to divorce specialized training from general education was advocated by the Rev. Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D., superintendent of Catholic schools, Diocese of Pittsburgh. Dr. Quigley declared the nation's educational system should provide for two or three years of training in general academic subjects and then two years of specialized work to prepare the pupil for his life's work.

The two-day conference declared successful and fruitful by participants was organized by the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent and the Rev. Charles V. Boyle, associate superintendent, Catholic schools, Diocese of Rochester who presided at various sessions. Also presiding at panel discussions were: The Rev. William E. Davis, principal of Holy Family High School, Auburn; the Rev. Joseph O'Connell, chaplain, Nazareth Academy; the Rev. William A. Burns, principal, Elmira Catholic High School; the Rev. John T. Callahan, chaplain, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Sister M. Dominic, I. M., Nazareth College; and the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, principal of St. Sales High School, Geneva.

THE HANDS OF PIUS XII 'Long — Slender — Eloquent'

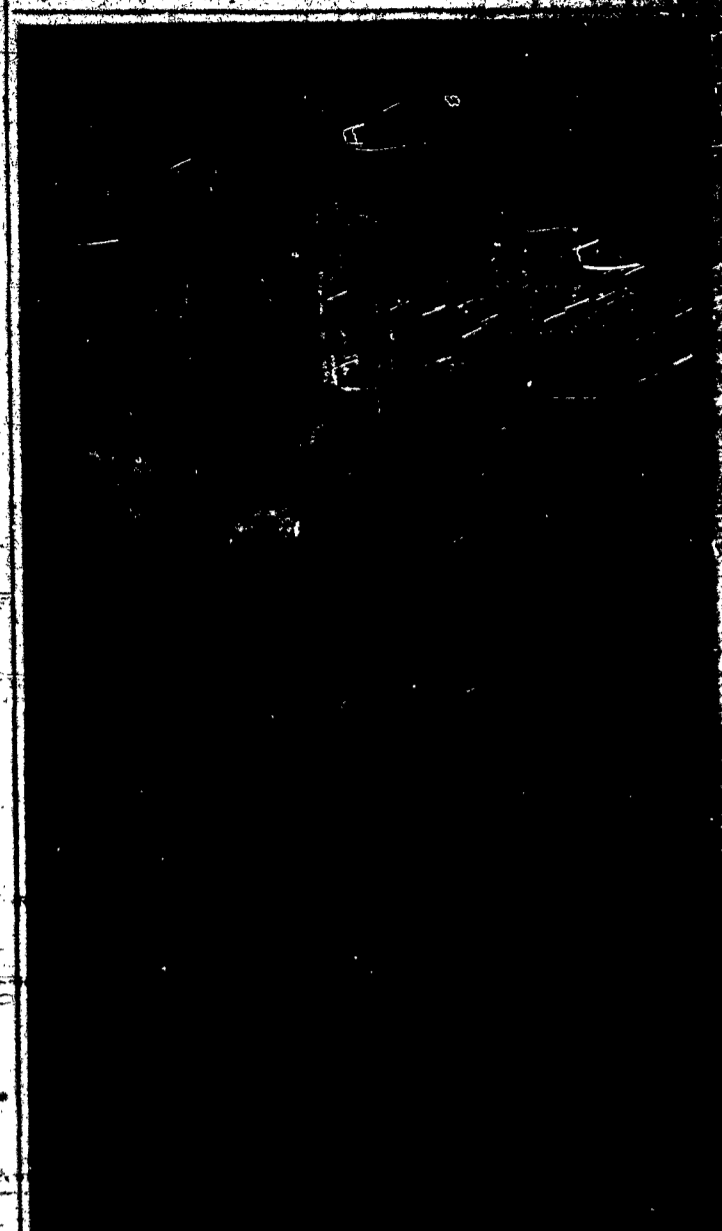
Chicago — (NC) — The eloquent, quietly moving hands of His Holiness Pope Pius XII made a profound impression upon Courtenay Savage, playwright and radio author, whose sense of the dramatic enabled him to turn out many successful plays and radio scripts. It is revealed in a letter he wrote to close friends, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Coogans of this city just a few days before his death in Rome on August 22. "I think the thing I will always remember," wrote Mr. Savage, describing the Papal audience for his friends here, "will be his hands. I have never seen such long slender hands and I have never known anyone to use hands with such eloquence. No thrumming them around, but quiet gestures, and when he blessed us!"

Mr. Savage went overseas as a special correspondent for the N.C.W.C. News Service and to gather material for magazine articles on the work of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference. The Holy Father received in private audience Mr. Savage and James Norris, also of the War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. staff. "He knew all about us, of course," Mr. Savage states, recounting their reception by the Apostle, Manhattan.

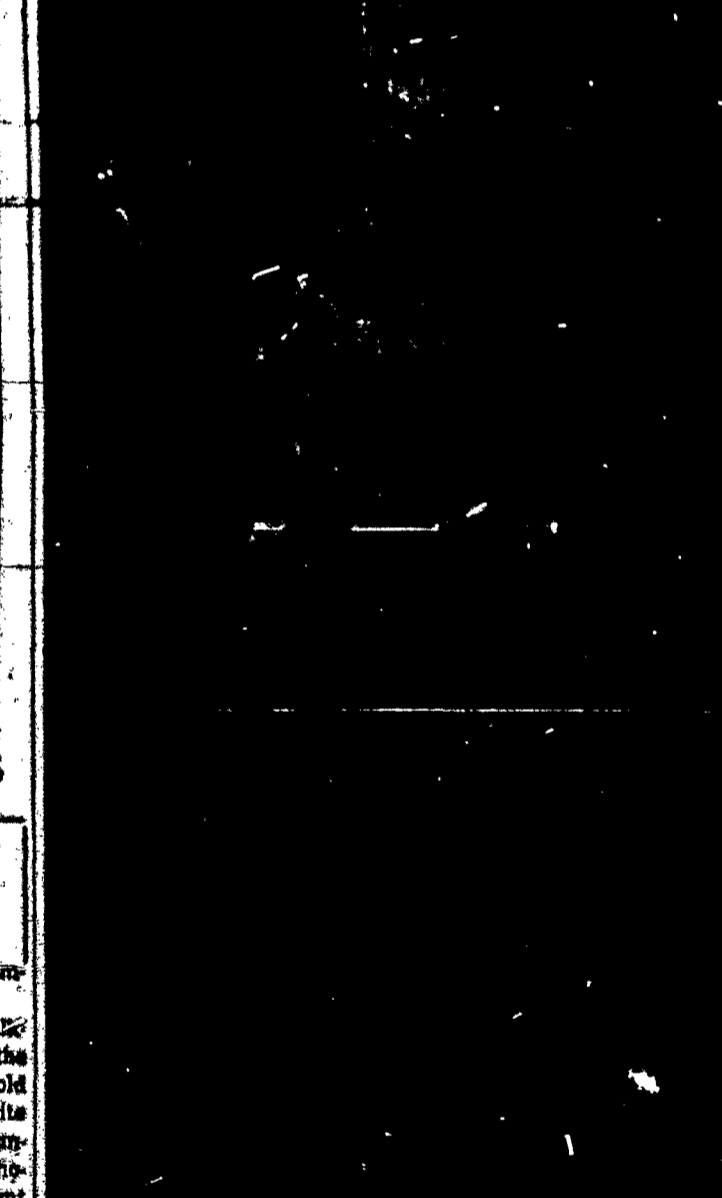
Holy Father, "and was very ample—very cordial. "We sat at his desk and talked of displaced people — of the sad state of the world. Jim told him that I was going to write and try to make Americans understand that this was a Catholic problem — that 90 per cent of the displaced persons were practicing Catholics. His Holiness asked several questions and talked at length of the good qualities of Americans. "When the audience was drawing to a close, he asked if we had any loved ones and he said he would like to present the children with a Rosary. Then, he blessed us — and we kissed his hands — and then we shook hands and thanked us for coming — a very simple, very great man."

"You realize his knowledge when he talks. You recognize his power because there is absolutely no pretension."

Father Was Requiem New York — (NC) — Solemn Requiem Mass for the Rev. J. Elliot Ross, Paulist writer, lecturer and educator, widely known in Texas, where he lectured from 1914 to 1923, was offered in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Manhattan.



Showing two Sisters from Maryland in the Rev. Charles V. Boyle's diocesan school superintendency and host with Dr. Mahoney of the Teachers' Conference. The mission Sisters are Sister M. Juliana, R.S.M. and Sister M. Dominic, R.S.M.



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Easton, Pa. Begins Released-Time Plan

Easton — (RNS) — The released-time plan of religious instruction of public school pupils was inaugurated here with more than 300 children enrolled.

Legal action has been taken to restrain the Easton School Board from instituting the plan. The town of Easton, Pa., near here, also instituting the released-time plan this year.

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Protestants Seek Repeal of Bus Law

Boston — (RNS) — Ten Protestant clergymen and laymen have filed an initiative petition with the Massachusetts Legislature asking repeal of the bus law which grants private and parochial schools free bus transportation.

The bill was passed in 1935, and since 1935 the petitioners have tried without success to have it repealed. Filing of the initiative petition will be followed by a drive to obtain 20,000 signatures, which, when filed with the Massachusetts Secretary of State, automatically brings the bill before the legislature.

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