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REPORTS PROM superinten period at a cost of \$2,000,000 each. During this time, new gride schools will be built in fifteen or

No further deligite plans have growth" in attendance at Catholic schools will make it necessary to build several new schools during tendent of Catholic schools for Louisville, the Rev. Felix Newton Piti, stressed.

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> seeking to enter Catholic high schools. We have now reached the point where the men and We will find that the pressure on our high schools will continue to increase substantially

Within ten years, Magr. Hochwalt predicted, the number of students attending Catholic high schools will just about double. According to the present trend, he said, there will be nearly 1,000,000 boys and girls in secondary schools operated under Catholic auspices. The growth on the elementary level, he asserted, is now a natural one, and follows the population trend. The coming years will see the trend toward much greater high school enrollments, he brought out.

At present about 65 per cent of all children of elementary age are in Catholic schools, Magr Hochwall reported, while 33 per cent of the students of high school age are in such schools. It is his belief that within ten years the high school enrollment will increase until it reaches more than half of the eligible students.

"THE REASON THAT more students are not in our high schools is because of insufficient facilities," Magr. Hochwalt said. "But dioceses in all parts of the country are planning to overcome that difficulty. More buildings are being planned to meet the demands placed upon these schools. The big growth will be in the South and in the Midwest, but developments will take place in other parts of the country as

Some of the large cities have increased their enrollment in Catholic schools by substantial amounts in recent years. In several instances the Catholic enrollment is from 30 to 40 per cent of the registration in public schools. Attendance based on 1948 figures in typical large cities of the country, for both Catholic clementary and high schools, is as follows: Boston, 102,299; Chicago, 192,744; Detroit, 99,986; New Or leans, 45,750; St. Paul, 43,626; St. Louis, 61,628; Brooklyn, 151,040, and New York, 138,500.

Concerning the growth on the elementary level, the report pointod out that in 1920 there were 6,531 Catholic elementary schools in operation. The most recent survey reported 8,100 elementary schools. This represent an increase of 24 per cent. At present 60,000 teachers are employed in the elementary schools. This number includes 934 priests, 800 brothers, 53,000 sisters and 3,000 lay teachers. Religious teachers constitute 95 per cent of the total number.

States that had more than 200 Catholic elementary schools included New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersoy, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana and California. In 1920 there were 1,552 Cath-olls secondary schools. By 1945 the number had increased to 2,128 a jump of 37 per cent. The total number of teachers employed in 1945 was 24,595. Of these 21,563 were religious teachers and 3,032 were lay teachers. The religious teachers inchided 1,819 diocesan

priests, 2,211 order priests, 2,377 brothers and 15,196 sisters. The increase in high school en-rollment has been rapid and steady. The present enrollment of \$75,000 compares with 420,700 in 1945, 272,000 in 1934 and 130. 000 in 1920. The total number of high school graduates report ed to 1945 was 68,000.

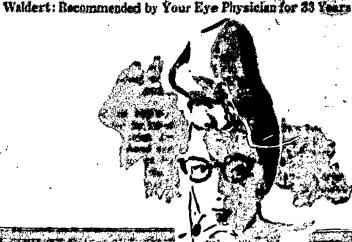
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