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Rochester Deanery Meeting Adopts Three Resolutions

By ARTHUR P. FARREN Failure to include non-public schools in any federal aid would jeopardize the very right of freedom of education, the Rev. William E. McManus of Washington, D. C., told Rochester Holy Name men Sunday.

Such failure also would set a precedent that could deny public funds to any private social welfare unit, the Washington priest, assistant director of the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, contended.

WARNING AGAINST "a current trend" to regard the right of freedom of education as "merely a privilege," Father McManus, principal speaker at the annual Winter meeting of the

Rochester Deanery Holy Name Union in St. Monica's School Hall, termed this trend a step away from democracy and toward totalitarianism.

"One of the first guarantees of perpetuation of democracy," the priest-educator maintained, "is diversity of school systems." Those who say the public schools are the "only real American schools," he charged, have a "warped idea" of democracy.

"When government is impartial," he declared, "there is less danger of arbitrary control of education. Democracies should espouse diversity — but in the interest of unity, not uniformity."

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS are not seeking direct financial aid, Father McManus said, but only the general welfare services granted public school children.

Through their service to the public in the educational field, non-public schools qualify for such "fringe benefits," the priest said. They are turning out students, he explained, "well-grounded in the basic tenets of democracy, qualified to vote and to hold public office, subject to service in the armed forces, and ready, willing and prepared to take their rightful place in civic society."

Among "fringe benefits" Father McManus listed transportation, health and welfare services; textbooks of a non-religious character; visual aids to education; and normal social benefits. Catholics throughout the nation are bearing the expense of these services, he noted.

Failure to grant this aid would set up a precedent, he said, which would allow the government to withdraw aid to private hospitals, social agencies, child care centers and similar organizations.

POINTING OUT that Catholics spend \$200,000,000 annually to maintain their school system, the speaker estimated it would cost the American taxpayers at least twice that amount if parochial pupils were sent to the public schools.

Further, he added, the replacement value of Catholic school buildings would add a billion dollars more to taxation.

TAKING NOTE of contentions that federal aid might bring the danger of control, the speaker said that Congressmen shaping federal aid legislation for schools

Non-Public Schools Merit Aid, Educator Tells HN Men



Priests from Washington and New York City highlighted the annual Winter meeting of the Rochester Deanery Holy Name Union held Sunday in St. Monica's School Hall. Shows conferring on the program are, from left: The Rev. John B. Affleck, New York City, assistant national director of the Holy Name Society; Edward M. Lorscheider, president of the Deanery Union; the Rev. William E. McManus, Washington, assistant director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Richard S. Torpey, treasurer, Deanery Union; the Very Rev. Magr. Gerald C. Lambert, pastor of St. Monica's; Capt. Henry H. Jensen, marshal, Deanery Union.

have been "most solicitous" to provide against it. "We wish federal aid to education were not necessary," Father McManus declared. "But the inequitable distribution of the nation's wealth, and of its educational services, is beyond dispute. I would say, as a moralist, that Catholics can favor federal aid to education for the welfare of the nation as a whole."

Distribution of funds to the poorer states, he said, is "an investment in fuller employment, greater demand for services, and better citizenship. It is the price of belonging to the union of the United States — one nation, not merely 48 states."

MORE THAN 200 men, representatives of Holy Name Societies from parishes throughout Monroe County, attended the session, and gave protracted applause to what one official termed "a most scholarly presentation of a difficult subject, in a clear, forceful and definitive fashion."

Among other speakers was the Rev. John B. Affleck, O.P., of New York City, an assistant national director of the Holy Name Society. Father Affleck congratulated the officers and men of the Diocesan Union for establishing a Holy Name Central Office, and urged all-out support to make it as effective as possible.

HE ASKED that Holy Name Union officers consider selection of a literature committee, which would seek to promote circulation of the national Holy Name Journal.

Delegates unanimously adopted a resolution, introduced by James A. Ryan and Joseph Altman of Holy Rosary Holy Name Society, calling on the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to oppose "any federal aid to schools legislation which fails to provide for all American children."

Also adopted was a resolution requesting the State Department and the Hungarian Ambassador to call on the Hungarian government to provide freedom of the press at the "trial" of the imprisoned Hungarian prelate. His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, and to allow him to consult with the Hungarian hierarchy during the proceedings.

The resolution was introduced by B. Edward Shlesinger of St. Ambrose Holy Name Society. TURNING TO the proposed state-supported university, the delegates passed a resolution, also presented by Shlesinger, asking the State Legislature to postpone the April 1 date for establishment of the university's board

Benadette. You men are to be congratulated on presenting it here. It will be a real inspiration to everyone who sees it."

The afternoon's program was opened with the celebration of Benediction in the church by Monsignor Lambert, assisted by the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, spiritual director of the Diocesan Union, and the Rev. Harold F. Rogers, moderator of the St. Monica's HN Society. Father Flynn led the congregation in recitation of the HN pledge.

Baltimore Panel To Draw Music Seniors

An invitation to Nazareth College Music Department to be represented at the "Student Panel Discussion" on Modern Trends in Music Education at the Eastern States Music Conference set for Baltimore in March has been extended by Dr. William S. Larson, co-chairman.

Student representatives from the principal music schools in the East will participate according to Dr. Larson, head of the Music Education department of the Eastman School of Music.

Music seniors elected Miss Helen Crotty of Jordan and Miss Juliann McCarthy to represent them. Nazareth faculty members will attend.

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