

Pope Upholds Church's Teaching Authority

Diocesan Schools Will Open Sept. 6; Enrollment Rise Seen

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

An increased total enrollment of approximately 34,000 students is forecast for all schools (elementary, high, college, seminaries) in the Diocese of Rochester for the new fall term. Total enrollment last term for all diocesan schools was 33,431.

All Catholic parochial and high schools of the diocese will open Wednesday, September 6.

SIX NEW school buildings, one in an entirely new parish, are being prepared to receive the children on opening day.

Faced with current building difficulties, pastors are seeking in some areas to open new schools or to increase space for the influx of kindergarten children and those of parents moving into new homes.

First of the new parishes to report school buildings adequately finished for the first fall is St. James of Irondequoit at 119 Brockley Road. Classes will be conducted from kindergarten to the eighth grade. Sisters of Mercy will occupy quarters on the school's second floor.

AN EXTENSIVE expansion program has been carried out in St. Charles Borromeo parish, Greece, where six additional classrooms and two kindergarten rooms are being given the final touches to accommodate the expected growth. The school has been using eight classrooms in the old school and three in the annex.

St. Andrew's Seminary

Pending completion of new school facilities on Buffalo Road, St. Andrew's Seminary will resume schedule in the old Seminary building on Plymouth Avenue North. Seminary authorities announce that the High School Department will open on September 6 at 9 A. M.

The College Department's opening will be deferred until September 28, 9 A. M. Boarding students will report respectively on September 5 and 19 before 6 P. M. at the St. William House, Buffalo Road.

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A beautiful new school building for St. Helena's parish, Gates, rounds out a school program begun in September, 1943 in a temporary structure. The new building will provide five new rooms, four to be regular classrooms and one a kindergarten affording the St. Helena's pupils a total of 9 classrooms. The Franciscan Sisters staff this school.

WITH ITS largest registration, 340 pupils, St. Thomas School in Irondequoit will have an imposing addition of eight classrooms and kindergarten which will be in shape to welcome the children.

Holy Cross School in Charlotte has registered 73 children for the first grade and for the first time in its parish history will have two first grades. The playground on the school grounds is guarded by a new high wire fence. Playground equipment for the smaller children is planned for the site of the old garage.

A new school with a capacity of 480 is being constructed in St. Francis d'Assisi parish, Auburn, and the tentative completion date is set for Dec. 31, 1950. Most of the work on the building of this school is being done by the parishioners.

St. Alphonsus new school is under construction in Auburn but the opening date has not yet been set.

CATHOLIC HIGH schools of the diocese also suspect increased attendance and Rochester's Aquinas Institute will have more than 400 boys at the Annex on LaGrange Ave. in addition to the upperclassmen at the main school. DeSales High School officials in Geneva are pressing architect and builders to complete the addition replacing the wing destroyed by fire, March 23, 1943.

Students at St. Bernard's Seminary will report for the new term Tuesday evening September 5. Registration at Rochester's major seminary totals 238 students.

Nazareth College for women conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph will conduct a freshman orientation program on Sept. 11 and 12. Formal opening of the college year will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 13 when His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass.

Nazareth Hall Academy for boys will open as usual on Sept. 6 according to the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

Attention Brides — Ask for a free booklet on planning your wedding. Call Blanchard Florist 58 Lake Ave., Baker 9194—Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—Adv.

Dr. Mahoney's

Letter To Parents

Home Study And Television . . . Steady Company Keeping . . . Spending Money . . . Parent And Teacher Obligations

(This Open Letter is addressed to parents of children in Catholic schools of the Diocese of Rochester by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney Ph.D., Diocesan Superintendent of Schools.)

My Dear Parents:

This September 28,000 children will enter the parochial schools in the Diocese of Rochester. About 5,000 students will enter our Catholic high schools in the Diocese. Into our seminaries and Nazareth College a thousand students will enter making a total of approximately 34,000 children and students receiving Catholic education in the schools of the Diocese.

About one half million pupils and students will enter Catholic schools and colleges in New York State and about 3,000,000 children will enter parochial schools throughout the United States. About one half million will enter high schools. Over 180,000 students will enter Catholic institutions of higher education throughout the nation.

The fact that these schools are supported by voluntary contributions of our Catholic people in the Diocese, in the State and in the Nation apart from their support of public schools is a marvelous act of faith on the part of our own people. It means that our people are taking very seriously their primary parental responsibility to lead their children to eternal salvation. Again too, this is a marvelous contribution to American society because we know that the very foundation of American Democracy is virtuous living and the great pillar of virtuous living is religious education.

Particularly are the people of this diocese to be congratulated for their generosity to the cause of Catholic Education in their continued splendid support given every year to our parish schools and the fine record maintained in the support of our seminaries, in the drive for a new St. Andrew's Seminary and in the recent drive for the new St. John Fisher College. Those who support generously the religious education of our children should be very close to the heart of Christ because in maintaining our Catholic Schools they bring these children closer to Him whom we know He loved very dearly. "Suffer children to come to me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Luke 18, 16) . . . "See that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 18, 10).

In our Diocese we have maintained high standards both in the

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Catholic Schools Diocese of Rochester Official School Calendar

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MOST REV. JAMES E. KEARNEY, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester

First Semester Begins	Wednesday, Sept. 6
Superintendent - Principals Meeting (Rochester Elementary Schools)	
Sacred Heart Academy, 4:00 P. M.	Monday, Sept. 11
Teachers' Conference	
Aquinas Institute, 9:00 A. M.	Thursday, Sept. 21
Aquinas Institute, 9:00 A. M.	Friday, Sept. 22
Columbus Day Recess	Thursday, Oct. 12
All Saints Day	Wednesday, Nov. 1
Thanksgiving Recess begins at 3 P. M.	Wednesday, Nov. 23
	Thursday, Nov. 24
	Friday, Nov. 25
Immaculate Conception	Friday, Dec. 8
Christmas Recess	
School Closes at 3 P. M.	Wednesday, Dec. 20
School Reopens	Tuesday, Jan. 2
Diocesan Examinations	Wednesday, Jan. 17
Regents Examinations	Monday, Jan. 22
First Semester ends	Friday, Jan. 28
Second Semester begins	Monday, Jan. 29
Superintendent - Principals Meeting (Rochester Elementary Schools)	
Sacred Heart Academy, 4:00 P. M.	Monday, Jan. 29
Lincoln's Birthday Recess	Monday, Feb. 12
Easter Holiday Recess	
School Closes at noon	Wednesday, Mar. 21
School Reopens	Monday, April 2
Bishop's Public Speaking Contest	
Semi-finals - Elmira	Monday, April 16
Rochester Boy's Semi-finals	Wednesday, April 18
Rochester Girl's Semi-finals	Thursday, April 19
FINALS - Rochester	Tuesday, April 24
Ascension Thursday	Thursday, May 3
All Catholic Schools Music Festival (Tentative date)	Sunday, May 20
Memorial Day	Wednesday, May 30
Diocesan Examinations	Wednesday, June 13
Regents Examinations	Monday, June 18
School Year Closes	Friday, June 22

Encyclical Cites Peril Of Error

By G. R. BRUNST

Vatican City—(NC)—A new Encyclical letter by His Holiness Pope Pius XII firmly upholds "the teaching authority of the Church" in the face of "some false opinions" and warns against attempts to water down Catholic truth in a vain effort to make it more palatable to those not of the faith.

In the Encyclical, named for its opening words "Humani Generis," the Pontiff surveys present day philosophical, theological and scientific trends both inside and outside of the Church and issues this warning:

"Let no Christian, whether philosopher or theologian, ever eagerly or lightly what ever novelty happens to be thought up from day to day, but rather let him weigh it with painstaking care and a balanced judgment, lest he lose or corrupt the truth he already has, with grave danger and damage to his faith."

The tenor of the new document is characterized by such terms as "aberrations from the truth," "confusion of opinion," "imprudent zeal for souls," "immoderate zeal for the apostolate," "erroneous philosophy," "advocates of novelty," and "conjectural opinion."

RETURN OF many former adherents of rationalism and related philosophies to the word of God as contained in Scripture is welcomed. At the same time the document regrets that among not a few of these "the more they exalt the authority of God the Reformer, the more severely do they spurn the teaching office of the Church" and adds "often those who disagree with the true Church complain openly of their disagreement in matters of dogma and thus unwillingly bear witness to the necessity of a living teaching authority."

The document's repeated emphasis on the Church as the divinely appointed custodian of revelation and her divine teaching mission is considered particularly pertinent in view of the forthcoming definition of the Assumption and objection voiced generally by Protestants.

The document contains one specific reference to "communists" in connection with the theory of evolution. Declaring that evolution "has not been fully proved even in the domain of natural sciences," the Encyclical says communists gladly support evolution "so that, when the works of men have been deprived of every idea of God, they may be more effectively defended and propagated their dialectical materialism."

It makes clear that Catholic theologians and philosophers are not barred from studying these erroneous opinions but, rather, must understand them well because it is their grave duty to defend nature and supernatural truth and instill it in the hearts of men. But the Pope also points out the danger inherent in a study of these systems particularly for those who "desirous of novelty, and fearing to be considered ignorant of recent scientific findings, tend to withdraw" (Continued on Page 6)

Catholics Train In Buddhist Temple

Moscow, Japan—(NC)—About thirty students of various universities and high schools took part in a special week's training course conducted for them here by the Rev. Francis X. Bosch, S.J., of Sophia University in Tokyo.

Finding a place for the young men to lodge and hold their discussions was something of a problem until a friendly Buddhist monk permitted them to use the halls of his temple.

The monk himself attended all the talks and was so impressed with the earnestness of the young men that he invited the priest to come back for a similar course next year. Mass was said in the temple every day.

Radio-Angelus Rings Nightly in Ireland

Dublin—(NC)—The proposal of Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin, Ireland, that the Angelus should be broadcast daily at 6 p.m. by Radio Eireann, became fact when, on the Feast of the Assumption, the bell of St. Mary's, the Pro-Cathedral, here was "on the air" for the first time.

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Yank Tells Nuns Way In Korea War Zone



SOUTH KOREA—Three nuns take directions of a U. S. Army captain at a railroad station in South Korea. With the country in turmoil, and refugees clogging the highways out of the North Zone, the salvation of those stricken in the North is all those with whom they come in contact. (RMS Photo).

VATICAN SURVEY

Bishops Of World Approve Proclamation Of Assumption

Definition Of Assumption Will Be Blow At Materialism, Say Rome Writers

By REV. JOSEPH J. MULLIGAN

Rome—(NC)—There could scarcely be a more appropriate time for defining the doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven than the present. This is the opinion of the Rev. Carl Balic, O.F.M., rector magnificus of the Pontifical Antonianum, here, in a front-page article of *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily.

Father Balic presents this question:

AFTER TWO world wars in one generation in the face of a persecution of God and Church, with men turning their backs on Heaven toward materialism, losing their view of the eternal destinies, what better remedy is there than raising men from the material swamp to the majestic position which is the image of God, showing them Heaven where awaits the true mother who has preceded in body and bone, taken there by the angels?

Father Balic, discussing arguments not about the fact of the Assumption but the stage of opportunity raised by some against the definition on the coming November 1, reminds that "we cannot forget that the proper mission of the Church is the mission of truth, which is the way, the guide and the light of life, so that God and through him His Vicar on earth in manifesting a truth, makes the most beautiful and useful gift to men who, for their part, travel more comforted along the tortuous paths of existence."

He declares that it is not absolutely necessary, for declaring a doctrine to be contained in the deposit of the Revelation, that there be explicit, or even implicit, evidence in Sacred Scripture.

We added that it "must not be forgotten — and above all Christians separated from the Church of Peter should understand it well — that evangelic truth should not be considered by the Church as a mere tool which preserves its identity by remaining inactive, but rather as a living presence which preserves its identity and stability by constantly evolving and growing." (Continued on Page 7)

Japanese Missionary Nuns To Open School In U.S.

Yokohama, Japan—(NC)—It is a rare thing for the Church in Japan to provide missionaries for the United States, but that is what the Sisters of St. Mary are doing. This community has never before had a house in the United States but they plan to establish a parochial school at Healdsburg, in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Among the pioneer group of five Irish sisters to begin the new school is Sister Mary Noel, an experienced teacher, who taught at St. Mary's school here.

The Sisterhood of St. Mary was established in France in 1862 as a Secular Institute by the Rev. Nicholas Barre, spiritual Director of St. John Baptiste de la Salle in Healdsburg.

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