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## Notre Dame Sociologists

# Teacher Survey Finds Catholic Parents Lax In Sex Training

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Catholic parents are failing to provide timely sex instruction and proper date guidance to their children. This conclusion is drawn by two University of Notre Dame sociologists in a report given to the annual meeting of the American Catholic Sociological Society here. It was based on a survey they made of students at four mid-western Catholic colleges.

Only 29 per cent of the men and 37 per cent of the girls included in the survey received their first sex instruction from their parents, Russell Barta and Charles O'Reilly said.

FIFTEEN PER cent of the men and five per cent of the girls received their first admonitions and information on this subject from priests, while four per cent of the boys and 14 per cent of the girls listed teachers as their source of instruction.

Three out of every eight Catholic college students received their first information on sex from companions, the sociologists said.

"The role of the family in sex instruction would appear to be somewhat different than many Catholics consider it to be," they declared.

"Apparently, sex instruction starts late for most children, if it is given at all. The fact that parents are not the source of

initial sex instruction does not necessarily mean that they give no instruction, but evidently they are tardy, at least, in discharging the parental responsibility, probably sometimes with unfortunate consequences."

With regard to parental supervision of dating, the Notre Dame sociologists said, "an indication of lessened parental control over this question: 'Do you discuss your dates with your parents?'"

THE RESEARCHERS said that only 7.6 per cent of the men and 25 per cent of the girls frequently do so.

About 24 per cent of the boys and 40 per cent of the girls do so fairly often. Forty-nine per cent of the boys and 31 per cent of the girls said they did so "occasionally." Thirteen per cent of the boys flatly said that they never speak with their parents on the subject.

"All of the girls said that they spoke at least occasionally to their parents about their dates."

"The fact that 63 per cent of men and 31 per cent of the women discuss dating at best only 'occasionally' with their parents," the Catholic sociologists said, "would seem to indicate that parents of many children know little about their children's associates and thus exercise only limited control over a very important aspect of

dating; that is, when the sons or daughters date."

The sociologists also found parents, particularly fathers, wanting in the field of religious instruction.

WHEN THE students were asked who took the responsibility for religious instruction in the home, not one of them said that the father took the lead. Forty per cent gave credit to the mother, 45 per cent said that both parents participated, and 15 per cent mentioned others or said there was no home direction in this field.

Considerably more tolerance for dating persons of other faiths and for mixed marriages was found than the researchers had anticipated.

ALTHOUGH ONLY ten per cent of the Catholic men and 17 per cent of the girls were regularly dating non-Catholics, the survey showed that only 26 per cent of the men and 12 per cent of the girls thought prospects of a mixed marriage "poor." Fifty-three per cent of the men and 72 per cent of the girls thought prospects for such a match at least "fair" and 19 per cent of the men and 16 per cent of the girls thought they would be "good."

Fifty-four per cent of the men and 60 per cent of the girls said they would be willing to try a mixed marriage, "other things being equal."

## New Mother Goose Tales Combat Modern Secularism

Hollywood, Calif. — (NC) —

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had many children because she wanted to. She taught them their grace and fed them some bread. And gave them a kiss and blessed them in bed.

It's a new treatment of the old Mother Goose rhymes—paraphrased with sanctity—as Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles put it—By Frank Scully, author of "Behind The Flying Saucers." His collection is called "Blessed Mother Goose—Nursery Rhymes For Today's Children" and has been published here by House-Warner, Publishers.

Here's another sample from its 163 pages of rhymes:

Mary had a little lamb  
Its fleece was white as snow,  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go  
When she grew up she had a Son  
Who died that we might live,  
And through the ages she's the one  
Who asks Him to forgive  
For now wherever Mary goes,  
Wherever people trod,  
Her Son has now become Our Lord,  
The Gentle Lamb of God.

I took Mr. Scully three years to finish the book. He relates in the introduction that he got the idea because "like all parents, I have had to read a great deal to children" and when reading the Mother Goose rhymes he found himself editing them as he went along. He is the father of five children—the oldest 20, the youngest 1.

Mr. Scully, a native of New York and an alumnus of Columbia University began his writing career on The New York Sun. Later he became known as a hard-hitting writer in the field of biography, fiction and non-fiction. He came from the French Riviera to Hollywood as a writer for 20th Century Fox movie studio, but was forced to retire to the desert because of his health. An invalid, he wrote a half dozen Fun In Bed books.

HE DEDICATED his "Blessed Mother Goose" to "Mother Mary, again, founder of Boys Town, to John Hurvitz 'and to all those of gay faith who laugh at superstition and believe God loves one day just as much as another.'"

Just for good measure, here is how Mr. Scully treats Little Bo-Peep.

When little Bo-Peep had lost her sheep,  
She didn't know where to find them.  
What worried her so,  
As she looked high and low  
Was her failure to watch and  
Mind them  
After praying for days she  
Saw in a haze,  
A shepherd whose halo defined him.  
And there on his back  
Was a lamb, like a pack,  
And all of her sheep were  
Behind him.

## Non-Public Schools Set Building Record

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Construction by non-public schools in the United States set a new record in 1951, a government report here revealed.

Construction projects estimated to cost \$329,000,000 were started by private schools and colleges last year, compared with \$294,000,000 in 1950, the previous record.

Non-public school construction is feeling the pinch of government controls, imposed because of scarcity of steel and other building supplies, but not so severely as other types of construction.

PROJECTS COSTING \$25,000,000 got under way in December, the Department of Commerce said, which was \$1,000,000 less than the November level and \$4,000,000 less than the level of December, 1950.

Public school construction was running a little ahead of non-public schools on a comparative basis with construction projects valued at \$116,000,000 in December, five per cent above the volume of 1950.

Public school construction, totaling nearly \$1,500,000,000 in 1951 was 25 per cent higher than in 1950, while non-public construction was up only 11 per cent.

IN BOTH instances, higher building costs made the gains less than the dollar volume would indicate.

## Reds Imprison Canada Bishop, Four Priests

Toronto, Canada — (NC) — A Canadian-born Bishop, four of his priests and three nuns are being held prisoners by the Reds in Lihai, China.

This information was released here by the Scarboro Foreign Mission Society to which the Bishop and the priests belong. Three of the priests are Canadian-born. The other is Chinese.

THE PRISONERS are Bishop Kenneth Turner of Lihai, South China, a native of Montreal, the Rev. Arthur Vanders of Pontreux, N. S.; Craig Strong of St. John's, N.B.; Alex McIntosh of St. Andrew's, N. S.; and Paul Kana, and Sisters Mary Catherine of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Mary Angela McCarthy of Montreal, and St. Matthew Paul of Lihai.

All three nuns are members of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke, Ont. Bishop Turner and the four priests have already been held for 12 months in an abandoned school in Lihai, South China, where they are being held in a rooming house. Their plight is described as growing worse daily.

They are great only in their faith. They are not allowed to say Mass and are not permitted to have any outside contact except by mail. EARLIER REPORTS revealed that the Chinese Reds have placed under house arrest some other Canadian missionaries when they captured Bishop Philip Cote of Sault Ste. Marie of Lac Seul, Ont.

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State, Municipal and Other Bonds	5,577,056.46
Loans and Discounts	15,999,316.43
Mortgages	2,753,217.15
Bank Buildings and Equipment	1,064,690.47
Other Assets	260,620.89
	<b>\$53,304,996.34</b>

### LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$48,354,175.50
Capital Funds	4,350,304.43
Common Stock	\$2,000,000.00
Surplus	2,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	350,304.43
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