

## Modern Life, Worldly Parents Seen Blocking Religious Vocations Of Youth

Indianapolis, Ind. — (NC) — Today's soft living and parental opposition are the two principal reasons for the critical dearth in religious vocations, according to a study made by the members of the Indianapolis Serra Club here.

Speaking in the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, Father Bernard Beck, O.S.B., vice rector

of the St. Meinrad (Ind.) Seminary and professor of canon law, said that the access to "easy money" and "easy cars" and other luxuries undoubtedly lure many young people away from the sacrifices of a life in the service of God.

Parental attitude is the biggest deterrent to religious vocations, he said.

"Surveys indicate," he said, "that only one-third of those who have actually been ordained or who have made their vows in religious vocations received any encouragement from their parents during their preparatory studies."

He cited a recent survey which showed that 59 per cent of the men and 72 per

cent of the women who have achieved their religious vocations endured some opposition from their parents.

"It ranged all the way from ridicule to downright violence," Father Beck added.

The opposition comes principally from the mother, particularly in the case of (Continued on page 6)

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## Catholic, Public Schools Cited For Cooperation Role

Boston — (NC) — An improved partnership between public and Catholic schools has replaced the "bickering and ill will" sometimes found in the past, an education editor declared here.

Dr. Benjamin Fine of the New York Times told the annual teachers' institute, sponsored by the American Association of Catholic Teachers, in Boston, that improved relations between the two systems "suggests a new era in the future educational advancement of America's youth."

Dr. Fine, who has a received several honors from colleges and universities in tribute to his nearly 20 years of education reporting for the Times, said in the keynote address that in recent years Catholic education has undergone great improvement.

He called it a "vital force" in American education and said its increased stature has been not only the result of growth in size, but an increase in the quality of its teaching.

The Journalist said that as the Catholic schools grew, there was a parallel development in cooperation between them and public schools. "I think the day of conflict between Catholic and public education has passed," he said.

"Many mutual problems," he said, "can be solved if the two work together as an educational team." The signs indicate that this will be done to an even greater extent during the coming decade.

IN AN INTERVIEW, Dr. Fine touched on the question of government aid to the nonpublic schools. He maintained the purpose of such aid is a key point in any discussion of it.

"It would certainly be a terrible discrimination to deny students their share in government health or hot lunch programs because they do not go to public schools."

"On the other hand, I don't think government funds should be used to pay for instruction in sectarian schools. If they made such use of government funds, these schools probably would lose their independence to some degree. The question of government aid for the building of sectarian schools is doubtful—possibly the government could help in the construction of buildings without influencing the teaching," he said.

DR. FINE EXPRESSED disagreement with the proposition that all children should attend public schools. "I am against monopoly in education just as I am against any other kind of monopoly," he stated.

Some members of the National Education Association (NEA) would probably disagree with him, Dr. Fine admitted. "The NEA is a public school organization and naturally they want to give the public schools every possible advantage," he said.

He added that some educators may hold a "public schools only" opinion, but that the responsibility of educators "is simply to give our children good schools, and I don't believe that can be done by any kind of monopoly."

**Crowd Expected For 'Olympic Mass'**

Metairie, La. — (NC) — Close to 100,000 people are expected to attend the opening ceremonies of the 1956 Olympic Games here.

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## New School Opened For Penfield

Pupils of newest school opening in Diocese of Rochester, St. Joseph's of Penfield, because of overcrowding at St. Bernard's in West Rochester where they will meet.

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## 'Zone' Bishop Hits Division In Germany

Cologne, Germany — (NC) — A Catholic Bishop from the Soviet Zone of Germany said the present division of Germany is a sin because it is an injustice in the eyes of God.

The prelate was Bishop Otto Spuebeck, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Metz, who came here from the Soviet Zone to attend the 71st national convention of German Catholics (Katholikentag).

Mass in the Cologne Cathedral, whose solemn opening was one of the chief events during the congress, Bishop Spuebeck said the German people must accept this division as a result of "the great guilt we have loaded upon ourselves as a nation."

He said Germans should see it as "just punishment and as an opportunity to do penance." The division came, he said, "as a result of the unleashing of the evil forces by Satan himself."

"However," he added, "both East and West must realize that this division is a breach of the Divine order to which all nations belong."

"LET US ALL," he concluded, "pray and sacrifice in order that unity be restored by the grace of God."

Bishop Spuebeck told the congress, made up chiefly of Catholics from the Soviet zone, that "we respect the valid laws of the regime under which we live, but we cannot cooperate because we deem it very unfortunate—Marxist idealism—as unacceptable."

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## POPE PIUS XII

# Church Cannot 'Co-Exist' With Red Atheism

Cologne, Germany — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, in a radio message to the closing rally of the German Catholic Day Congress here, rejected as "a deceptive illusion" the notion of "co-existence" between Roman Catholicism and atheistic Communism.

Broadcast over the Vatican Radio from the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's talk was heard by 800,000 faithful, including 23,000 from Germany's Soviet Zone, gathered in the Cologne Stadium.

In his address, the Pope called upon Catholics everywhere to band together "to insure peace—even social peace." Much of his talk was devoted to the Church's work in fostering a just and sound social order in the world.

THE GIANT rally also heard an address by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer who urged the German clergy and laity to work together in the spiritual struggle against atheistic materialism. He called this "the most decisive issue of the present era," and said the future of Christianity depends on the outcome.

Pope Pius, who spoke in German, set forth what he said was the indispensable condition that must be met before any "honest co-existence" between the Catholic Faith and the Communist system can even be discussed. "This was, he stated, the Church's joy 'the freedom to live with the state in conformity with her constitution and laws, caring for her faithful and freely preaching the message of the Gospel.'"

Meanwhile, the Pope said, the Church continues to fight for her freedom "not in the field of politics and economics, as she has often been accused of doing," but with the spiritual weapons proper to her.

These weapons, the Pope said, are "the perseverance of her faithful, prayer, truth and love."

"Indeed," he added, "she offers the suffering of persecution for the salvation of her persecutors as well as that of the countries and peoples where she is persecuted from carrying out her mission."

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