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## Bigger Classes Seen Teacher Crisis Solution

Boston — (NC) — The general trend of research on the best number of pupils to have in one classroom does not support the idea that small classes are preferable to large ones, an educator said here.



Msgr. Cornelius T. H. Sherlock, former superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Boston and a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education, made the statement in an interview.

He was asked to comment on suggestions that a partial solution to the shortage of teachers in grade and high schools would be to increase class size. This would demand a re-examination of the assumption that small classes—about 30 pupils or less—are better than larger ones.

"As a matter of fact, only 4.1 per cent of the 73 studies on this subject are significantly in favor of small classes. Exactly four times as many of the studies, 18.4 per cent, are notably in favor of large classes, while the remainder find little or no significant difference resulting from different class sizes," Msgr. Sherlock asserted.

Msgr. Sherlock, now pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in nearby Cambridge, said one of the most widely heard arguments against large classes is the harmful effect on the teacher.

"But the trend of available studies indicates that class size has no relationship to the teacher's health or attitudes," he said. "Seven investigators found that the large class demands more alertness and application from the teacher, while four others found no difference. Ten experimenters reported that teachers found large classes more stimulating and eight commented that teachers who were willing to try handling large classes readily developed facility."

He said that it is admitted that in large classes the discipline problem seems to be greater. But he said that apparently none of the educators found this a very serious difficulty.

### Memorial

Dubuque—(NC)—This statue of Our Lady of Peace in Dubuque, Iowa, has just been blessed by Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque, as a memorial to five Sullivan Brothers who lost their lives in the wartime sinking of the USS Juneau in the Pacific, November 1942. The statue was donated by persons throughout the U.S. whose name is Sullivan.

## Priest Terms Safety Problem Moral Duty

Chicago — (NC) — "Our moral obligation to prevent accidents to ourselves and to others transcends any other motivation," delegates to the 44th National Safety Council Congress and Exposition here were told.

Msgr. George G. Higgins, director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, made the statement in an address to the labor section of the safety congress.

SPEAKING ON "The Moral Aspects of Accident Prevention," Msgr. Higgins told the group that this program's most important method is "to work together in a spirit of good will to prevent accidents of all types."

Msgr. Higgins pointed out that the Pope has recognized the fact that safety is a world problem and has commended voluntary action of such organizations as the National Safety Council.

In concluding his address, Msgr. Higgins said: "No matter how extensive the destruction of materials in an accident may be, materials can be replaced. Dead and maimed human beings with their right to life, their skills and their intelligence, cannot be replaced."

### Catholic Leader Samoa Governor

Tutuila, American Samoa — (NC) — Peter Tali Coleman, 37-year-old part-Samoan, who has just taken his oath in Washington as Governor of American Samoa, is a leader of the Catholic community of his island.

A graduate of the Georgetown University Law School, Gov. Coleman was appointed by Interior Secretary Fred Seaton to succeed Gov. Richard Barrett Lowe, who became Governor of Guam.



### First Vote This November

New Rochelle — (NC) — The "how to" of voting machines is explained to seniors of the College of New Rochelle who have reached voting age and will go to the polls for the first time on November sixth. Giving the explanation is Mrs. Jerome Ledere, President of the New Rochelle League of Women Voters. Students pictured are Florence Lang, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Margaret Pruner, Johnstown, Pa.; Joan Gais, Woblesley, Mass.; and Lura Devitt, Bronxville, N. Y.

## Priest Prayed All Night For Crippled Stratoplane

London — (RNS) — The 31 persons aboard the Sovereign of the Skies, Pan American Airways Stratocruiser forced to ditch in the Pacific Ocean, had the prayers of a Catholic priest in far-away New Zealand during their long ordeal.

An Australian Radio-broadcast monitored here disclosed that the priest, identified only as Father Keane, a radio amateur, intercepted the stratocruiser's distress calls over the Pacific.

It said he prayed for the passengers and crew all through the slow hours when the pilot maneuvered to ditch the crippled plane in mid-ocean on a night flight from Honolulu.

The broadcast said Father Keane was later informed by the local PAA office that all aboard the plane had been rescued by a Coast Guard cutter and were being taken to San Francisco. That same morning, he offered a Mass in thanksgiving for their rescue.

### Postcards To Feature 'In God We Trust'

Washington — (RNS) — Two new international postcards to be issued by the Post Office Department will feature the national motto "In God We Trust." Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced here.

One is a four-cent card that will carry a message to any part of the world and receive the same handling as first-class letter mail. The other is an eight-cent international postage-paid reply card which U. S. citizens can send correspondents abroad. It can be returned postage free anywhere in the world.

## Historic Holy Trinity Boston Church Swept By Fire

Boston — (NC) — A \$300,000 fire swept through historic Holy Trinity Church in Boston's South End, injuring one fireman.

Father Francis M. Horn, S.J., escorted by two firemen removed the Blessed Sacrament. Six Jesuit priests, a brother and the church custodian were driven to the street by smoke and heat.

A \$35,000 organ, considered one of the best in the country, was destroyed by flames in the choir loft. Six old stained glass windows had to be broken by firemen to let out heat and smoke. Both the organ and the windows had been imported from Germany when the church was constructed in 1877. Origin of the fire was not determined.

HOLY TRINITY Parish is staffed by Jesuits and serves the nucleus of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The first parochial school in New England was established there and still exists.

But the parish is best known as the "Christmas Parish." From this parish radiated many features of the present American Christmas customs. Until the middle of the last century, even the Catholic residents of New England observed Christmas as a holy day without special customs.

The German immigrants who formed Holy Trinity Parish in the 1840's began the use of Christmas trees, crabs, hymns and carols as in their homeland. They were gradually followed in these practices by Catholics of other nationalities, and later by the Protestant population.

### Social Service Role Told

### U. S. Chemists

Castel Gandolfo — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII told a group of American chemists their work should represent "a true social service necessary for the assistance of human beings or at least the amelioration of their standards of living."

THE CHEMISTS belonged to the American Cyanamid Co., Lederle Laboratories Division of New York. They were received by the Pope at the papal summer residence here after attending an international congress in Naples.

"The importance of your work," Pope Pius said, "must inspire a resolution wholeheartedly to dedicate yourselves to your task, not only for the purpose of legitimate profit, but out of full knowledge that you are working for the welfare of humanity, to whom you can bring assistance and relief in their suffering."

"If difficulties make your work painful, if sometimes sacrifices cannot be avoided, remember the superior interests of your work. Remember, especially, the help this work brings to those who, thanks to their social conditions, are deprived not only of current commodities but also of the most indispensable necessities of life."



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