

Connecticut Bishops Cite Pupils' Right To Public Buses

Hartford, Conn. — (RNS) — Parochial school students should be transported in public buses as a matter "of fundamental justice," the Roman Catholic Bishops of Connecticut said in a pastoral letter read in churches.

The letter was issued in connection with a bill pending in the state legislature authorizing municipalities to provide on a local option basis the same bus transportation for non-profit private and parochial schools that they furnish for public schools.

The measure was approved by the Senate but the House re-committed it to the Education Committee, an action that appeared to doom the bill for this session of the legislature. However, proponents succeeded in obtaining 144 signatures to a petition to force the bill out of committee and have it scheduled for debate.

Signers of the pastoral letter were Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport, and Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Norwich.

Urging Catholics to "carefully observe" the action of their state legislators on the bill, the bishops said: "As the matter is one of fundamental American justice, and of the most acute concern to so many of our Catholic parents and children—since more than 62 per cent of the children born in Connecticut in 1954 are Catholic—you should carefully observe the action taken, especially that of your local representative."

The Bishops noted that the United States Supreme Court has ruled long since that public welfare benefits cannot be withheld from pupils of religious schools, and that "every state bordering on Connecticut has already provided bus service for such pupils."

THEY SAID the law was "simply and solely a proposal for the welfare of children to safeguard their health and save them from daily exposure to the grave dangers of traffic and molestation by deranged people."

The proposed Connecticut law, the letter added, "has in it nothing novel, nothing at odds with the common practice in neighboring states, nothing violating constitutional principles, nothing in any manner or measure a departure from the principle of separation of Church and State."



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ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY — Eleven of the 42 members of the 1957 Ordination Class of St. Bernard's Seminary will be ordained this month for the Rochester Diocese. Thirty-one other priest-alumni of the Rochester Seminary's current Ordination Class will serve in nine different dioceses of the United States.



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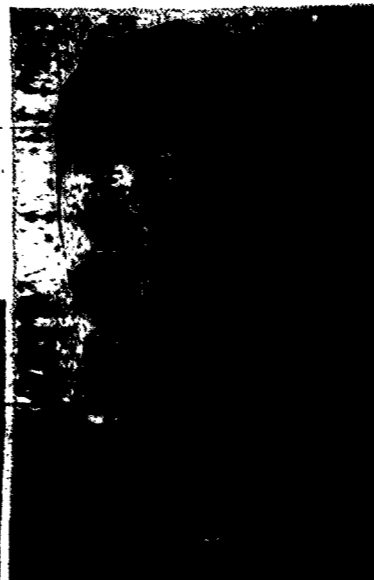
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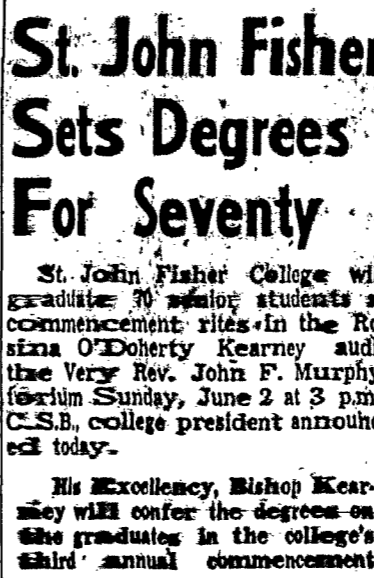
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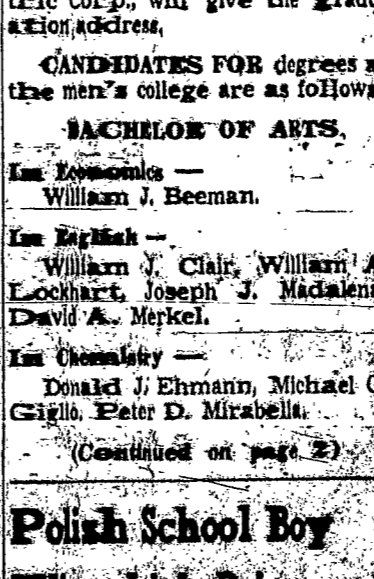
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Should Teenagers Stay Out Partying All Night?

Our Lady of Mercy High School has urged parents of its Senior and Junior students to curb the late-hour partying which follows spring high school dances. Asking for a definite curfew, a letter signed by Rev. Richard Torrey chaplain and Mother Mary Frances, principal, warns parents that the thoughtless exhilaration of the prom night endangers moral and physical safety.

The COURIER JOURNAL asked Father Torrey to enlarge upon the reasons behind this school action in the hope that other parents and other schools might benefit from a discussion of a widespread problem.

By REV. RICHARD TORREY
MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

The evening of the Junior Prom or the Senior Ball or Graduation Dance is the "big night" of high school life! Anticipation of glamorous joys and freedoms to do things never done on other dancing evenings put high-schoolers in a frenzy of planning weeks in advance.

In a great many cities and towns there is a growing custom that students must celebrate their final dance by "staying out all night." Not just till 2 or 3 in the morning, but literally till after breakfast, around 4 or 5 a.m.

This A.M. partying can lead to tragic and shameful results. For it is precisely the exuberance of the big evening and the thoughtlessness intended to do the rare and the unusual which pushes aside the ordinary standards of social and moral propriety.

Youth on a fling, without curfew or parental restrictions, can find a dozen unintended ways to endanger reputation, morals and physical safety. Young people can be intelligent and decent and still be swept along by the crowd when the mood of all is high and unrestrained.

If it is no comfort after an accident or scandal occasioned by

First Masses Scheduled

First Solemn Masses are scheduled for Sundays, June 9 and 16 by eleven new priests who will be ordained for the Rochester Diocese in two June ceremonies.

First Masses will be offered in the parish churches of the eleven new priests of the Rochester Diocese. All are graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Official Evening Mass Permitted For 3 Special Feasts

St. John Fisher Sets Degrees For Seventy

St. John Fisher College will graduate 70 senior students at commencement rites in the Rosina O'Doherty Kearney auditorium Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m., C.S.B. college president announced today.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will confer the degrees on the graduates in the college's third annual commencement ceremony.

Polish School Boy Wins Irish Prize

William (NO) A. Boy of Polish descent attending parochial school in a German parish has won a national prize for his essay on "The Life of St. Patrick."

Eleven young men, all St. Bernard's Seminary graduates, will become priests for service in the Rochester Diocese in two ordination ceremonies, June 8 and 15.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will ordain eight priests at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Saturday, June 8, at 9 a.m.

On the following Saturday, June 15, he will ordain three more priests at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, also at 9 a.m.

Besides the eleven priests to be ordained for the Rochester Diocese, 31 additional members of St. Bernard's Seminary 1957 Ordination Class will serve in one archdiocese and eight other dioceses in four states.

All of the new priests of the Rochester Diocese will celebrate their first Solemn Masses in their respective parish churches on the Sunday immediately after their ordination.

The eight to be ordained at the Cathedral are, all residents of Rochester or its suburbs:

The three who will be ordained at Hornell are from that city, Rathbone and Waverly.

NAMES OF those to be ordained and their home parishes are as follows:

At Sacred Heart Cathedral ordination, June 8:

Rev. Raymond H. Booth, St. John the Evangelist parish, Rochester.

Rev. Daniel R. Brent, Immaculate Conception.

Rev. Michael E. Daly, Corpus Christi.

Rev. Thomas D. Hoctor, Corpus Christi.

Rev. Thomas J. Kuchman, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Rev. Raymond G. Ringwood, St. Helen.

Rev. William A. Trott, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Rev. Michael Volpe, St. Ambrose.

At St. Ann's Church, Hornell, ordination June 15:

Rev. Michael J. Keenan, Rathbone, St. Catherine parish, Addison.

Rev. William J. Spolney, St. Ann, Hornell.

Rev. Thomas H. Watter, St. James, Waverly.

Newly ordained priests for one archdiocese (Hartford) and eight other dioceses in New York State, Connecticut, Kansas, and Georgia are represented in the 1957 Ordination Class of Rochester's St. Bernard's Seminary, according to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Cronin, P.A., rector of St. Bernard's.

Besides the eleven to be ordained

for the Rochester Diocese, the 31 additional graduates of the Rochester Seminary will serve the following dioceses:

Hartford — Reverends William D. Clifton and Andrew A. Ventresca. They were ordained in Hartford on May 25.

Syracuse — Reverends Ronald C. Hill, Daniel R. DeLozier, Vincent J. Kelly, Lawrence W. Kennedy, John M. Larkin, Angelo J. Libera, Thomas J. McLaughlin, John J. Moore, Edward J. O'Heron, John M. Quinn, William D. Vickers. They were ordained in Syracuse on Feb. 2.

Buffalo — Rev. Richard L. Wetter, ordained March 16.

Atlanta — Rev. Dale J. Freeman, of Ithaca, N. Y., ordained at Syracuse on May 18.

Wichita — Rev. Raymond E. Whelan, ordained May 13.

Savannah — Rev. William V. Coleman, ordained May 25.

Bridgeport — Rev. Robert J. Maty, ordained May 25.

Norwich — Rev. Philippe E. Millotte, ordained May 25.

Albany — Reverends Francis R. Hamilton, James F. Kelly, John J. Murphy, to be ordained there June 1.

OTHER MEMBERS of the 1957 St. Bernard's Class who completed their theological studies at special schools are four for the Syracuse diocese and three for the Hartford Archdiocese:

Rev. Charles E. Robertson and Rev. John T. McGraw were ordained in Rome Dec. 15, 1956 for Syracuse diocese. Rev. James J. O'Hanlon and Rev. Edward J. Hayes were ordained in Syracuse May 15 after completing studies at the Catholic University, Washington.

Rev. William H. Lynch and Rev. Paul J. Whelan of the Hartford Archdiocese are currently studying at Louvain University, Belgium, and will be ordained in July. Rev. John R. Getteman, also of the Hartford See will be ordained in July. He is completing his studies at the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Paris.

Commencement exercises at St. Andrew's Seminary will take place in the school's auditorium on Thursday, June 6, at 4 p.m.

His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney will preside and present diplomas to the twenty-nine graduates.

The Very Rev. John F. Murphy, president of St. John Fisher College, will deliver the address to the graduates.

Valedictorian for the class is John L. O'Connor.

The Very Rev. Richard M. Quinn, seminary rector, will present the graduates for their diplomas.

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The 1957 graduating class includes 29 young men who have completed their junior college preparatory work and now await assignments to major seminaries by their respective bishops.

The 29 graduates include 11 from the Rochester Diocese, 11 from the Diocese of Syracuse, and 7 from St. Augustine Diocese, Florida.

PREGRADUATION events include the senior banquet at Parkers Hotel with Bishop Kearney and faculty members as guests on June 6.

Traditional Baccalaureate Mass will be offered by Bishop Kearney in the seminary chapel June 6, commencement day, 8:30 a.m.

Attending the Mass are: Rev. Richard M. Quinn, seminary rector; Rev. John F. Murphy, president of St. John Fisher College; Rev. John R. Getteman, also of the Hartford See; Rev. Paul J. Whelan, Hartford Archdiocese; Rev. William H. Lynch, Hartford Archdiocese; Rev. Charles E. Robertson and Rev. John T. McGraw, Syracuse diocese.



high school partying to all: "They never meant to do any harm."

It is a surrender of common prudence for parents to permit partying into the unnecessary.

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