



Nazareth College graduates carry rose bouquet on way to campus graduation ceremony, college's thirtieth.



Bishop Kearney walks with commencement speaker Alexander Beebe and guests at St. John Fisher College graduation rite.



St. John Fisher College graduates march in academic procession. (College graduation stories on page 7.)

Priest Assails 'False' Charges In Bus Issue

Hartford—Dr. Glenn L. Archer was assailed here for making "false" statements concerning the current controversy in Connecticut over bus transportation for parochial school pupils.

Monsignor John S. Kennedy, editor of the Hartford Catholic Transcript, archdiocesan paper, charged that Archer misrepresented the Church's stand on the subject.

The priest editor flatly denied, as Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford threatened to close parochial schools if bus transportation were not provided for their pupils.

Dr. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), voiced his criticism of the Catholic Church in his address to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Chicago.

Another charge made by Archer was that the Hartford archbishop had issued a "directive" asking Catholics to exert political pressure on state legislators and take reprisals against any who did not vote for a bill appropriating state funds for parochial schools.

These statements were a "prime example of falsification" by POAU, which he described as a "small but vocal group."

He said the archbishop had not threatened at any time, in any form, to close parochial schools. Nor, he said, did the prelate issue any directive to Catholics.

The POAU had denounced what he called "mounting Roman Catholic pressure for government subsidies to their schools."

Connecticut legislators have

authorized state subsidized bus transportation for parochial school pupils, as is done in New York State and other states.

"No state funds for Catholic schools are sought," Msgr. Kennedy explained, "nor did the legislation in question have anything whatever to do with state funds for Catholic schools."

The editor also replied to Dr. Archer's reported charge that the archbishop "flouted the U. S. constitution in seeking passage of the bill."

In reply, Msgr. Kennedy observed that in its 1947 decision in the Everson case the U. S. Supreme Court said public transportation for children attending parochial schools "is a public welfare benefit, that giving it is not a violation of the separation of Church, State and is perfectly constitutional."

"Which is the ultimate constitutional authority in this country," Msgr. Kennedy asked, "the Supreme Court or POAU?"

"POAU is advocating precisely the doctrine of the racial segregationists; namely, disregard of the court," he maintained. "Despite intensive efforts to make it bow to POAU's usurpation of the authority of the U. S. Supreme Court, Connecticut's legislature followed the court rather than POAU."

1960 Elections

Sen. Kennedy Says 'Catholic Can Win'

Pittsburgh, Pa.—(NC)—U. S. Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, has expressed the belief that a Catholic could be elected president of the United States.



SENATOR KENNEDY 'At Best A Catholic' Hamilton & Omega Watches Budget Terns, Wilkins S. Thorne Jeweler, 115 Main St. East—Adv.

"The people are running ahead of politicians . . . who say a Catholic would have no chance for the presidency," Senator Kennedy said. "The people today are more interested in a man's talent and ability than his religious convictions."

SEN. KENNEDY, a Catholic, who has been mentioned as a likely candidate of the Democratic Party for the presidency in 1960, said he will not seek the post, but that he will be a candidate for re-election to the Senate in Massachusetts in 1958.

The Senator expressed his views in a tape recorded interview on the weekly program, "For The Record" on radio station KDKA here.

IN 1928 WHEN the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York, a Catholic, failed in his try for the presidency as the Democratic candidate, reasons other than religion figured in his defeat, Sen. Kennedy said.

"You must remember that the Republicans had been in power a long time, that 1928 was a period of prosperity and that Al was campaigning against prohibition—an unpopular stand," Sen. Kennedy said.

The Senator noted that Gov. Smith did better in the South than did Adlai Stevenson in 1952.

At the Democratic convention in 1956, Senator Kennedy came close to winning the vice presidential nomination. His chief support came from the South. He was defeated by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

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Bp. Neumann Beatification Case Studied

Philadelphia (NC)—His Eminence Gaetano Cardinal Cigrangari has been named Cardinal promoter of the cause of Venerable John N. Neumann, C.S.S.R., fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, it was disclosed.

REDEMPTORIST Father Francis J. Lutz, vice postulator, hailed the appointment as another step in the cause for beatification of the pioneer prelate.

Born in Bohemia, Bishop Neumann was a seminarian when he came to this country in 1836. He was ordained as a priest for the New York diocese and cared for the spiritual needs of German immigrants near the Niagara Falls frontier with Canada, from 1836 until 1840, when he joined the Redemptorists.

On his way to his frontier assignment, Father Neumann stopped off at Rochester on July 4, 1838 for a week-long stay. He preached his first sermon, baptized and heard confessions for the first time while in Rochester.

His visit marked the beginning of the present day St. Joseph's Church on Franklin St.

A pioneer in the promotion of the parochial school system in the United States, he organized the first diocesan school board. He was the first to establish the 40 Hours Devotion on a diocesan basis in this country and he founded the first parish in this country for the Italian-speaking faithful.

Consecrated Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852, he built a preparatory seminary and within five years erected 50 churches. Bishop Neumann died in Philadelphia in 1860.

Nixon Vatican Visit Seen Freedom Peril

Philadelphia—(RNS)—A resolution deploring the recent visit of Vice President Richard M. Nixon to the Vatican was adopted by the Italian Baptist Association of America at its 59th annual meeting here.

Mr. Nixon's audience with Pope Pius XII was termed a "violation of the traditional principles of separation of Church and State." The resolution called upon Baptists and "like-minded brethren" to be vigilant concerning this "cherished principle" and to make "vehement protest" when it is violated.

Closed Circuit TV Shows First Mass

Barley, Iowa—(NC)—St. Francis Church here is much too small to hold all the visitors expected at the First Solemn Mass of Father Arnold R. Steffen, Divine Word missionary from near-by Dunkerton, on June 13.

The young priest's family has solved the problem by making arrangements for a closed circuit telecast. The overflow crowd will be accommodated under a large tent in the churchyard and will hear and see everything via television.

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Mrs. Sidney Vandervoort talks with her son, Neil, in classroom setting. Neil starts school in September, already knows sign of cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, table prayers.

Pointers Given Parents For Pre-School Children

By ROBERT SMETT

No "baby talk" for four and a half-year-old Neil Vandervoort when he starts at St. James parochial school next September!

To help him and thousands like him throughout the Rochester Diocese who will begin school for the first time, the Diocesan Education Office has published a list of suggestions for parents to give youngsters a "head start" in their new venture.

Released under the signature of Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools, and Father William M. Roche, assistant superintendent, the list, mailed to 8,000 parents, includes advice regarding religious information, common courtesies, speech and numbers, and how to follow directions.

No "baby talk," says Mrs. Sidney Vandervoort, Neil's mother, is one recommendation from the schools' office to which all parents should give special attention.

A former nurse, Mrs. Vandervoort feels that continued "baby talk" is often the fault of parents. The Vandervoorts, who live at 180 Merwin St., Rochester, have two other children, Christine 6½ and Dorothy 2.

According to Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.J., head of Nazareth College's speech department and authority in speech clinic work, most youngsters use "baby talk" until they are about five years old, only because they are not physically able as yet to produce certain sounds. "p" and "m" are particularly difficult sounds for most, Sister says.

"But," she warns, "even though the child expresses himself in 'baby talk,' parents should never answer in the same way. On the contrary, they should take special care to articulate clearly and correctly those words which the child finds difficult."

Sister Helen Daniel adds, "Baby talk" should not be considered a speech impediment, as are lipping or stuttering



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Children beginning school for the first time should recognize the ordinary colors and be able to name the common foods, animals and flowers.

"We agree that all children do not learn at the same rate of speed," says Monsignor Boyle, "just as they do not develop physically at the same time."

"Do not let this collection of suggestions discourage you," the Diocesan Superintendent writes to the parents. "Most teachers and parents underestimate the mind of the child. Every child has ability, and very often more than we give him credit for."

Easiest suggestion of all, according to Mrs. Vandervoort, is that the little one know how to skip and climb. "The biggest difficulty is stopping the skipping and climbing!" she says.

World War Combat Pilot Becomes Flying Missionary

Springfield, Ohio—(NC)—A young priest who piloted a Flying Fortress in World War II will pilot a small plane over West Africa in a campaign to win souls for God. Father Urban Goss, O.P., ordained two years ago, has been assigned to Gusu in the province of Sokoto, Nigeria. He will service and pilot a plane for the Prefect Apostolic of the Sokoto Prefecture in British West Africa. His "target" includes more than 300,000 miles and approximately 1,500,000 persons, virtually all of them pagans or Moslems. A graduate of Catholic Central High School here, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942. After the war he attended Providence College, Providence, R. I., and in 1949 he entered the Dominican Order.

Sisters Of Mercy Community Slates Centenary Rites

A special 16 page supplement, featuring the story and achievements of the Mercy Sisters' century of service in the Rochester Diocese, is published with this week's issue of your Courier-Journal.

His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney will lead diocesan celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy arrival in Rochester by offering a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving at Old St. Mary's Church on Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

Clergy and Sisters and parochial groups from the parishes where the Mercy Sisters teach in all sections of the diocese will attend.

Old St. Mary's is the site of the first foundation of the Sisters of Mercy in this area. Five Sisters, escorted by Mother Francis Ward, superior for the United States, and Most Rev. John Timon, Bishop of Buffalo, whose diocese then included Rochester, arrived in Rochester on June 1, 1857, and opened a convent at 15 South Street.

The Motherhouse building was named in that first shrine dedicated to the Blessed Mother in a side of the present Motherhouse.

The Mercy community includes hundreds of Sisters and Sisters of the Holy Family, who are active in elementary schools, high schools, a Junior College, a nursing school, a nursing training school. Directly in charge of the instruction of 10,074 grammar schoolers and 1,421 high school pupils, the Sisters also teach catechetics weekly to about 1,500 boys and girls on released time training and conduct 13 Religious vocation schools with an approximate enrollment of 1,000 youngsters.

A SPECIAL CHOIR of Mercy Sisters from the Motherhouse and parishes will sing a new Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother at the St. Mary's services on June 15. "Missa Salve Regina," composed for the centenary by Sister Mary Aelredis of the Mercy High faculty is a three-part Mass for women's voices based on the Gregorian melody "Salve Regina."

Next weekend's recognition of the Mercy contributions to diocesan history follows a trail of

Rev. Richard Torrey, chairman of the Motherhouse, says an anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for members of the first graduating class of Mercy High School on Wednesday evening, June 7, at the Motherhouse Chapel. Thirty-one of the 35 graduates of the class attended the Mass offered in special remembrance of a deceased classmate, Helen Kuhlman. Dinner party at the school and entertainment reviewing the school days concluded their union.

'Don't Seek Miracles In Faith Healer Tents'

Notre Dame—(NC)—Catholics may not attend "healing services" or view them on television, Father John Kelly, director, bureau of information, National Catholic Welfare Conference, says in a magazine article.

These "healing shows" are based on false doctrine and their teachings fall within the scope of the Index, Father Kelly writes in the June 3 issue of Ave Maria magazine, a national Catholic Weekly, published here.

The Church believes in miracles, but they are not to be found "in the makeshift tent of the faith healer tents," says the priest.

Christ promised continuing miracles in the Church as a sign of its divine origin, he writes, and theologians have set up four requirements to determine such miracles.

There must first be "a supernatural setting," he declares. "The frenetic raving and frantic demands of faith healers are not God's will, but a man's will, and right now, to set up the religious context, sinners."

Second, the character of miracle worker must be in accord with the spirit of the Gospel, he writes.

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