

Should You Send A Daughter To A Non-Catholic College?

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My wife and I are having our first major quarrel. She wants to send our oldest daughter to a non-Catholic college because the daughters of some of her friends are going there. She argues that the girl has a good Catholic training and will profit by studying with those in her social class. I'm a self-made man and don't know much about girls' colleges, but I've always wanted our children to study in Catholic schools. Perhaps higher education is different. Do you think my wife is right?



This is one question I can answer directly. No, Bill, I don't think your wife is right. I don't think you suspect she knows better, herself.

There are plenty of Catholic colleges where your daughter can study with girls in her social class. Whatever that class may happen to be.

Would I be hitting very wide of the mark if I characterized your wife as a bit of a social climber? She would not be the first "mobile" Catholic to regard her religion as an unfortunate hindrance to social advancement. Such Catholics frequently try to gain acceptance by soft pedaling their religion. They assure you that they are good Catholics, but—

There are many reasons why your daughter should continue her education in a Catholic college.

In the first place, her understanding and appreciation of the faith should keep pace with her intellectual development. The religious training she has received thus far is necessarily based primarily on memory habit and routine.

IN COLLEGE she should deepen her religious convictions by gaining a more intellectual grasp of the reasons for the faith she practices.

TO STOP her religious education now, while she continues to advance in other fields of learning is bound to leave her an unbalanced, insecure Christian. Catholicism is more than a set of religious

practices learned in youth; it is an interpretation of life which must give meaning to each new experience, intellectual or otherwise.

Second, associated with this lack of positive religious training at a non-Catholic college is the danger of undermining what faith your daughter now has. Granting that her religious beliefs may not be attacked directly, much of what she has learned is presented and interpreted in a different frame of reference.

When religious values are rejected, other values based on different principles tend to replace them. Almost without perceiving it, the student finds that human nature, man's purpose and destiny, are being studied and explained within a "scientific" framework which leaves no room for religion. Instead of offering an interpretation of life, religion is relegated to the unscientific realm of myth and emotion.

Third, the atmosphere of a non-Catholic college obviously can offer little support for a Catholic. The entire "climate of opinion" offers little en-

couragement for the practice of the faith. Young people in particular are highly sensitive to this influence for they desire to "belong" and to be one of the group.

Finally, most of the young men your daughter will meet are probably going to be non-Catholics so that there is every likelihood that she will become involved in a mixed marriage. There is no need to review the problems such marriages face. Is this the future you are planning for your daughter?

No, Bill, your wife is not right this time.

If you have your daughter's real happiness at heart, you will insist that she attend a Catholic college. Of course you don't like to argue with your wife, but this is one time you have no choice. As head of the family you have the obligation to guide and protect your children.

It will be no excuse to say that you tried but your wife wouldn't listen. After all, you are the head of the family, aren't you?

Religion Query Dropped In 1960 Census

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—The 1960 population census will not include any question on religious affiliation, Robert W. Burgess, director of the Census Bureau, announced here.

"The primary reason for this decision," he said, "is recognition that at this time a considerable number of persons would be reluctant to answer such a question in the census where a reply is mandatory."

"UNDER THE circumstances" it was not believed that the value of the statistics based on this question would be great enough to justify overriding such an attitude. Cost factors also were a consideration.

Mr. Burgess said this decision "does not deal with the question of inclusion of an inquiry on religion, on perhaps a modified basis, in later censuses." Nor, he said, does it deal with the publication of information based on an inquiry on religion, asked of a random sample of individuals on a voluntary basis.

HE POINTED out that a survey of the latter type was carried out last March, covering a nationwide sample of about 35,000 households. Mr. Burgess said the results of this survey are now being prepared for publication.

The Census Bureau had been considering including the question, "What is your religion?" in the 1960 census. A number of national Protestant and Jewish groups strongly opposed such an inquiry on the grounds that it would violate the separation of Church and State and constitute a grave invasion of privacy.

Some religious groups favored such a question as a means of securing valuable statistical information.

Bishop Named
Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has appointed Anthony Khoreiche, Titular Bishop of Tarsus of the Maronites, to be Bishop of Saïda of the Maronites in Lebanon.



Never Heard Carols Before
University City, Mo.—(NC) A happy little smile appears on the face of Joan McCracken as she hears for the first time this year, Christmas Chimes—thanks to remedial work done by Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet here at St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf. At left is her teacher, Sister Joseph Margaret.

Billy Graham N. Y. Crusade Costs Top Two Million

New York — (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham's recent 16-week New York crusade had an income of \$2,850,081 and expenditures totalling \$2,632,413.

The figures were announced by the crusade executive committee in a final audit of the campaign. The committee said the \$217,618 surplus will be used to follow-up the campaign and further Mr. Graham's evangelistic work.

THE EXPENDITURES do not include the salaries of the evangelist and his associates which are paid by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Minneapolis.

Of the surplus, \$67,618 will go to the Protestant Council of the City of New York which sponsored the crusade. The money will be spent to follow up those who made "decisions for Christ" and prospective converts, and to promote additional evangelistic activities.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will receive \$150,000 of the surplus to support telecasts of subsequent crusades.

Notre Dame Head Decries Following Soviet Education

Cleveland—(NC)—Important aspects of U.S. education are in danger of being sidetracked by the influence of Soviet scientific achievements, the president of Notre Dame University warned here.

"We are in danger of being stampeded and doing exactly what the Russians are doing," Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., told the annual family Communion breakfast of the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland.

"This is the United States and not Russia," he said. "We have a third more students in higher education than Russia. We have no need to have the same number of scientists and technologists as Russia. . . . The number of such men we need is the number this nation can use."

Father Hesburgh observed that in its emphasis on science Russia is neglecting other important aspects of life, such as "the humanistic side of man, literature and the arts."

He called for an "excellence across the board" in all educational spheres, and added: "If we follow Russia we become what we are opposed to, with no thought of spiritual values."

Erie, Pa.—(NC)—Americans who fash out with criticism of the American educational system in view of the successful launching of a satellite by Soviet Russia were criticized here by Archbishop John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie.

Terming the American system "equal, if not superior, to any system of education in any country in the world," the prelate said he is shocked that so many prominent educators have taken part in the critical attitude toward the American educational system.

Archbishop Gannon cited the inventions of the airplane, electric lights and anesthesia as excellent "sputnik" in merit.

The Archbishop cautioned educators: "Don't get excited and try to change our school system because someone has invented a satellite and sent it up into the air."



MONSIGNOR McDONALD
Rector Named
At Catholic Univ.

Washington —(NC)—Mgr. William J. McDonald, a member of the faculty for about 20 years, has been named the 11th rector of the Catholic University of America here.

He succeeds Bishop Bryan J. McInerney, who was rector from June, 1953, until April, 1961, when he was named the Bishop of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mgr. McDonald came to the university in 1934. He received a master of arts degree in 1937 and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1938.

70th Year
Trinidad, Colo.—(RNS)—Father Joseph Samuel Garcia marked the 70th anniversary of his ordination as a Catholic priest (Dec. 17) at the San Rafael Hospital here.



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Once again it is the holy season when, with reverence and joy, we celebrate the birth of Christ. May the true meaning of Christmas enter our hearts and strengthen our faith... and may the year to come bring peace on earth and good will to men.

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