

N.Y. Land Sale To Fordham Upheld

Albany, N. Y.—(RNS)—The Court of Appeals unanimously ruled here that New York City did not violate state or federal constitutional provisions of Church-State separation in condemning and reselling two blocks in the Lincoln Square Project to Fordham University at less than acquisition cost.

In its decision the state's highest court declared that the Roman Catholic school was not getting a "grant or subsidy of public property" in buying the land at marked-down prices.

THE DECISION also upheld the entire \$205,000,000 project which involves a 13-block area in Manhattan.

Harris L. Present, attorney for two groups of taxpayers opposing the project and the resale of land to Fordham, said he would appeal the case "with all deliberate speed" to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The plaintiffs contend that resale of the area to Fordham at marked-down prices was a subsidy to the college and contrary to the state constitution.

Fordham was one of four sponsors to buy land at marked-down prices in the 60-acre site. It paid \$2,241,610 for the land, or about \$700 a square foot, which the city bought at \$16 a square foot.

THE COURT of Appeals admitted that Fordham was getting the area for about \$3,500,000 less than what it cost the city. But it held that the school was not getting "a gift, grant or subsidy of public property" because "what the city bought is not the same as what Fordham bought."

"The city bought land and buildings," the court declared. "Fordham bought the same property, but subject to its agreement to raze the buildings, relocate the tenants and use the cleared land for a collegiate campus and buildings only."

"What Fordham was paying for was the reuse of the land," the court pointed out.

It added that there was "no dispute of the fact that the \$700 per square foot which Fordham paid is at least equal to the reuse value as established by several appraisals, all of which reported figures lower than \$700 per square foot."

Therefore, the court concluded, since Fordham paid more per square foot than the "reuse value" fixed by the several appraisals, "there is no substance to the assertion, on which this whole suit depends, that the school was getting a subsidy."

THE STATE'S highest court was hearing an appeal from a ruling of the Appellate Division upholding a Supreme Court decision which dismissed the taxpayers' suit against the city. Last December, the Supreme Court rejected the contention that resale of property to Fordham at less than the acquisition cost violated the principle of Church-State separation in the state constitution.

Informed of the latest ruling here, the Rev. Laurence J. McGinnis, S.J., president of Fordham, said the decision "was a welcome confirmation of the opinion held by federal, city and the university's own attorneys from the very beginning."

College To Build Science Center

Philadelphia — (RNS) — A \$2,000,000 science center will be put into construction this summer at LaSalle College, four-year liberal arts institution conducted by Brothers of the Christian Schools.



Dr. Gregory O'Connor and family, of West Hartford, Conn., are pictured shortly before their departure for Uganda, British East Africa. Dr. O'Connor will organize and direct the recently built hospital and clinic in Nyakibale Mission, Diocese of Mbarara. Left to right are: Thomas, 10; Sally, 4; Mary Ruth, 8; Dr. O'Connor, holding Peter, 18 months; Jean, 13; Mrs. O'Connor and Joseph, 6. (NC Photos)

U.S. Doctor, Family Headed For African Mission Work

West Hartford, Conn.—(NS)—A young Catholic doctor from this town and his family of seven have left for Equatorial Africa on a new and challenging assignment.

Dr. Gregory O'Connor has volunteered for service in the Diocese of Mbarara, Uganda, British East Africa. His wife and six children, ranging in age from 13 years to 18 months, will accompany him.

DR. O'CONNOR, 34, has been assistant pathologist at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, since 1952. In his new assignment he will organize and direct a hospital and dispensary built recently in Nyakibale Mission, in the southwestern part of Uganda, by Bishop John M. Ogez of Mbarara.

While Dr. and Mrs. O'Connor were discussing the possibility of going to Africa, Pope Pius XII issued his encyclical Fidei Donum "The Gift of Faith" which emphasized the needs of the Church in Africa and ap-

pealed for help from Catholics the world over. Dr. O'Connor said that when he and his wife read the encyclical, it strengthened both of us in our conviction to undertake the work.

THERE IS NO salary attached to the doctor's new job in Nyakibale. He and his family are assured only of room and board.

Dr. O'Connor—the son of Dr. J. O'Connor, developer of formica, the decorative plastic material—is a native of Cincinnati and a graduate of Cornell University and the Cornell medical school. He interned at New York Hospital, and studied pathology at Cincinnati General Hospital and St. Francis Hospital.

The education of the O'Connor children will not be interrupted in Africa, for they will attend a school conducted by the Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel, an English community.

IN UGANDA, the O'Connors will live in a small, sun-baked

Cardinal Receives Visitors

Rome — (NC) — Cardinal Stritch bounced back so quickly after his arm amputation that he was able to take up official business and express his thanks to one of his Chicago physicians in a concrete way within a few days after his operation.

One of the first official acts the cardinal performed after his right arm was amputated to save his life was to hand a medal and parchment to Dr. John Keely making him a Knight of St. Gregory the Great.

DR. KEELEY, circulatory specialist and professor of surgery at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine, had flown here from Chicago with Dr. Ralph Egey, the Cardinal's personal physician, when the Archbishop of Chicago was hospitalized for the blood clot in his right arm which necessitated the operation.

Now rapidly progressing on the road to recovery, the Cardinal received the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, as one of his first visitors after the operation.

CARDINAL STRITCH was out of bed and seated in a chair in his hospital room when he presented the insignia of papal knighthood to Dr. Keely. Appearing in the best physical health, the 70-year-old prelate also announced that Father Joseph Howard, vice rector of Our Lady of the Lake College, Chicago archdiocesan house of studies here, had been appointed a papal chamberlain.

Cardinal Stritch was doing so well that, barring complications, he was expected to leave the hospital by the week end and go to the Chicago house of studies where he intends to make his residence.

As soon as the Cardinal has recovered his strength sufficiently, it is expected that he will



Rome — (NC) — Recovering rapidly from his arm amputation, Cardinal Stritch is shown in his hospital room. On May 5, exactly one week from his operation he was able to leave the hospital for a brief auto ride through Rome's Borghese Gardens.

pay a call on Pope Pius XII. It was learned that the Cardinal's severed right arm is being taken back to Chicago for burial in the vault of the bishops at Mount Carmel cemetery at Hillside, Ill. where the Cardinal himself plans to be interred.

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