

Catholic Schools Rate High In Science Courses

By JOHN J. DALY, JR.

Washington — (NC) — Public high schools offer more general mathematics and general science courses than Catholic high schools, but in special science and mathematics instruction the Church schools do better.

This is one of the conclusions made in a survey of Catholic secondary schools and their strength in science and mathematics as indicated by the courses offered.

THE STUDY was carried out by two officials of the National Catholic Educational Association, Father John J. Green, O.S.F.S., associate secretary of the Secondary School Department, and Father O'Neil D'Amico, associate secretary, School Superintendents' Department.

Comparing its findings with a 1956 survey made by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the study said that 89 per cent of the public high schools offered a general mathematics course, compared to 69 per cent of the Catholic schools.

In science, the survey indicated that about 81 per cent of the public schools offered a general science course, compared to 71 per cent of the Catholic schools.

However, in the higher fields of mathematics and science, more Catholic schools offered courses, according to the study.

In algebra one, about 98 per cent of the Church schools offered a course, compared to about 92 per cent of the public schools; in algebra two, about 91 per cent to about 85 per cent; in plane geometry, about 98 per cent to about 74 per cent; in solid geometry, about 89 per cent to about 18 per cent; in trigonometry, about 88 per cent to about 24 per cent.

Making Marriage Click

Sacred Bond Unites Husband, Wife

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC
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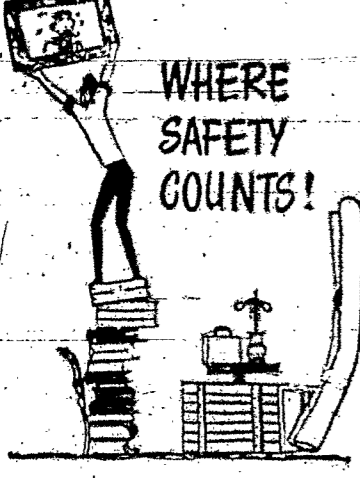
"In holding out against divorce, the Catholic Church isn't facing reality; it is mainly interested in appearances. Let's face it! Why fight for old, dead laws instead of live people? How about a little humanism! Marriage without love isn't marriage. Face it! I know my marriage won't even take a good meal."

Operation — understanding — W. P.

What a barrage! The W. P. Monsignor name could well stand for whole pepper. Okay! "Operation understanding." Stick with me. But first keep this in mind. Anything that isn't reasonable isn't Catholic.

THE CATHOLIC Church is against divorce for two major reasons: divorce is against natural law and it is against the sacramental character of marriage. The first point means this: the union of man and wife cannot, as in the case of most animals, be left to chance meetings. It cannot take place without thought of tomorrow.

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Boston Clergy To Serve In Peru Missions

Boston (RNS) — The newly formed, Plous Society of St. James the Apostle for South American missionaries has enlisted fifteen priests — fourteen from the Boston archdiocese.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, founder of the society, will preside at a departure ceremony here next February. The fifteen priests will serve in the Prelature Yauyas — Curachini, formerly part of the Lima archdiocese in Peru.

The society is the outgrowth of a conversation Archbishop Cushing held with Pope Plus XII in 1948. The prelate, described by the Pope as the widely known "lend-lease" program of the Boston archdiocese.

Under the program, Boston priests serve "on loan" in U.S. dioceses where there is a shortage of priests. Some 100 priests have participated in the project.

THE PROGRAM was conceived by Pope Plus who recommended that Archbishop Cushing extend his endeavors to mission territories in South America. Formation of the new society to loan priests for South America is the result of the Pope's wishes.

Archbishop Cushing noted that one-third of all Catholics in the world are in Latin America. He said there is a shortage of some 50,000 priests to serve in that area. The shortage in South America is 10,000 according to the Boston archbishop.

Future plans for the Society of St. James call for the recruitment of seminarians and laymen to undergo special training for the missions.

A German Views American TV

A pert brunette from Germany came to Rochester this week to study American TV programs for children.

Dr. Gertrud Simmerding, director of a West German TV network of six TV stations, is currently on tour of principal U.S. cities under an exchange program arranged by the American State Department.

American dramatic TV shows rate "excellent" in her opinion. Children's programs, she said, are "too frightening." She thinks U.S. children spend "much too much time before TV sets. The machines are mechanical baby sitters," she said.

She has already been to Washington, the west coast states, Chicago, and completed her round-the-country trip this week in New York following her stopover at Rochester, and Clyde.

She came to Rochester to visit Father Paul Cuddy, pastor of St. John's Church, Clyde. When Father Cuddy was a military chaplain in Germany, Dr. Simmerding was an office employee at U.S. Army headquarters.

In Germany, TV is operated on a customer-pay basis. Rates are comparable to telephone service and users are billed monthly. Dr. Simmerding said this arrangement is widespread throughout all of Europe.

She noted that religious programs on U.S. TV are "way ahead" of Europe. "We wouldn't even think of televising the Mass," she stated. Europeans, she explained, feel that the Mass is "too sacred to be put on the same screens where clowns perform." She admitted that U.S. religious programs she has seen are, however, reverently presented.

"It's just that we are brought up different," she said. "You Americans are so free and open. I guess we in Europe are still too formal."

Dr. Simmerding saw a TV news report of Bishop Sheen's recent visit to California. She said Ger-



DR. GERTRUD SIMMERDING, 'no secrets' in America

man radio and TV transmissions would never dare "rob a priest" in her homeland. She was amazed at the ease of the rated TV Bishop in answering news-men's questions and speaking before the cameras.

Her one big discovery about America she said is that here "there are no secrets." She cited the widely publicized failures of recent missile tests, the open discussion of prominent people's private lives, and just everyday events of a neighborhood known to all in the area.

"America it seems to me, is just one big neighborhood and everybody knows everybody about everybody else."

An End And A Beginning

While Maryknoll Missionaries knelt in the seminary quadrangle at Maryknoll, N.Y., last Sunday to begin their foreign mission careers — across the world, Chinese Communists rattled down the Bamboo Curtain on another chapter of mission history.

Ironically, Red China picked an appropriate day to expel the last two American priests from the mainland — Maryknoll's annual Departure Day.

Within hours after the two missionaries walked out of prison, 31 priests and brothers stepped forward to receive mission crucifixes and lifetime assignments to remote areas of the world.

The two priests, Fathers Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., of Palmyra, and Cyril Wagner, O.F.M., of Pittsburgh were released from jail after serving five-year sentences for what the Communists called "espionage" and sabotage for the American imperialists.



Mass Aboard 'The Romance'

Caroline Islands — (NC) — Newly-appointed Superior of the Jesuits attached to the Caroline-Marshall Islands Mission, Father William E. Riveh, S.J., of Altoona, Pa., says Mass aboard his 50-foot mission schooner "Romance." In the background, assisting at Mass, is the schooner's native crew.

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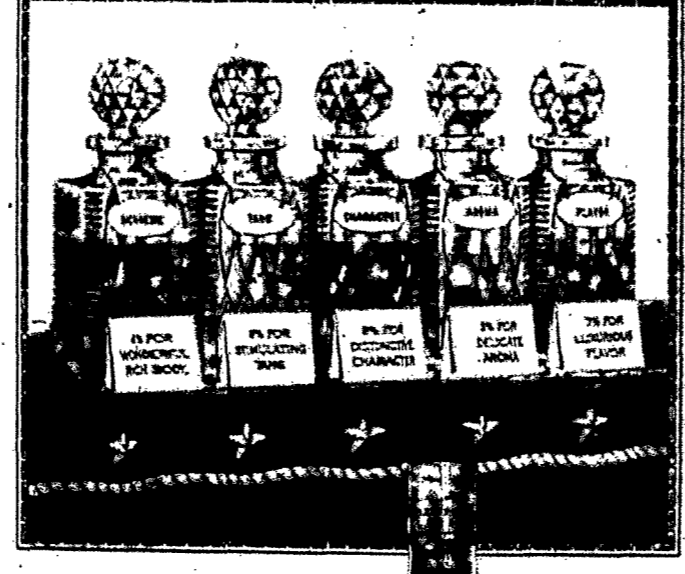
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Deaf 'Language' To Add Catholic Word Signs

Louisville — (NC) — Two important developments for Catholic deaf persons are expected to come out of the ninth annual convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association here, July 6 to 12.

Convention directors are looking for an agreement on a set of hand signs for Catholic usage which will eliminate differences in the signing of such terms as "sacraments," "rosary" and "Mass."

A PRINTED form for Confession by deaf persons is the second major item on the agenda.



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