

# Catholics Aren't Egghead Enough

By ROBERT G. HOYT

Kansas City, (NC) — A spirit of complacency is a far greater danger to Catholic education than "frank, mature criticism" of its standards, Father John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., said here.

The former president of the University of Notre Dame defended the thesis that Catholics are not contributing a proportionate share to the intellectual and social leadership of this country.

Improvement will come, he said, only through a combination of higher standards in the schools and a "renaissance of respect for culture and scholarship" in Catholic homes.

Speaking to 400 persons interested in adult education and in Kansas City's Catholic Community Library, Father Cavanaugh both defended his previously widely publicized analysis of deficiencies in Catholic education and extended it to include the less formal education conveyed through the "atmosphere" of the Catholic home.

At the outset, Father Cavanaugh reviewed the evidence that he and others have cited to show that Catholics are under-represented at the top levels of American leadership. He listed these indications:

• Out of a roster of 30 leaders of business compiled by Forbes Magazine, only two were Catholic — and one of these was a convert.

• In a study of leading educational institutions carried by the Chicago Tribune, a "painful absence" of Catholic schools was apparent.

• In comparison with the far smaller Jewish community, Catholics can boast of relatively few—if any—artists and scientists ranking with men like "Salk, Oppenheimer, Einstein, Hefetz, Horowitz, and many more equally illustrious (Jewish) artists and scientists."

In attempting to rebut this latter point, Father Cavanaugh said, "Many have referred to Einstein's dubious theology, or the fact that he has mischievously asked about Oppenheimer's patriotism." Such allusions, he pointed out, have no bearing on the position these men hold in science and mathematics.

Among major obstacles to Catholic intellectual achievement, Father Cavanaugh said, are the comparative youth and limited funds of Catholic institutions, widespread acceptance by Catholics of materialistic American standards, and the long struggle of Catholics to overcome immigrant backgrounds.

Others are the "benevolent and paternalistic" with which we spoon-feed our students, the "smugness and pat answers" which vitiate a good deal of our teaching, and a tendency among some Catholics to see "some sort of danger in the attainment of high scholarship."

He said the progress in Catholic colleges and universities calls for higher faculty standards, sharply increased salaries and pension plans for lay teachers and administrators, "carefully arranged programs of research," and "exact" admission standards for students.

"Progress also requires that students must be made to work—and work hard—at study, at reflecting, and in using the imagination," he added.

CATHOLIC HOMES bear a share of responsibility for the present lack of leadership, he said, and must contribute to any program for improvement.

"Fathers and mothers have to recognize the terms upon which excellence in the Catholic life is developed—but it comes only through habits of hard application, of serious reading, developed very early

In the child," Father Cavanaugh continued.

"In too many homes today boys are considered eccentric if they do not spend most of their time curled up before a television set, watching the westerns; if they do not shrink in fear of mental hernia when they are required to study a few hours a day; if they do not shy away from expressing a love of music, because they might be considered queer."

In the American setting, Father Cavanaugh warned, there is really no choice about working for an educated body of citizens. "In the measure that our citizenry are not educated, they are subjected to a major and major disaster," he said.

## Winners Named In Bowling Tourney

Fourteen winners in the Catholic Men's Bowling League tournament handicap are announced by Joe Alex, chairman, and John Will, assistant chairman. They will receive a 10 pound can of ham. Scores follow: Holy Apostles, 677; Joe Salata, Sacred Heart, 674; Joseph Chalko, St. Theresa, 653; J. Guinness, Mt. Carmel, 652; Vince "Buzz" Fazio, Most Precious Blood, 636; Emil Sok, Sacred Heart, No. 1, 633; Joe Grock, Sacred Heart No. 2, 629; Charles Papke, St. Margaret Mary, 628; Tom Carr, Holy Apostles, 628; Joe Shortino, St. John, 620; Frank Kiel, Notre Dame, 619; 618; R. Bamann, H.R.A.A. No. 2, 618; F. Julian, Mt. Carmel, 613. Roll off was held Dec. 12. The next ham-tournament handicap will be held the week before Easter.

## John Granger Funeral Said

Solemn Requiem Mass for John Leo Granger Sr. was offered in St. Augustine Church Saturday, Dec. 13 after services at his home, 169 Penhurst St. Mr. Granger, 68, retired traffic manager for Atlantic Stamp Co. died Dec. 10, 1953 after a two-month illness.

Rev. Albert V. Ryan celebrated the Mass; assisted by Rev. Walter Fleming, deacon and Rev. George Wood, subdeacon. Also in the Sanctuary were Rev. Robert H. Fennessy and Rev. Leo J. Matuszewski.

Bearers were Joseph Vay, William Zeppella, Harold Rigelsberger, Michael Serio, David Santoro and John Paterno. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Martin and Jeanne Granger; a son, John L. Jr. and two grandchildren.

Father Fennessy imparted the blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

## Christmas Dance Set By Groups

Auburn — A Christmas dance will be sponsored by the parish clubs of Sacred Heart Church Friday, Dec. 26 from 9 to 11 in the school hall. Dancing will be to the music of Paul Rowe's orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dusal, chairman of the party are being assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yorkey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galkik, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Franczek, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jessie, Mrs. George Leader, Mrs. Marion Rowley, Mrs. Jay Mason, Mrs. Robert Welns, Mrs. Louis Smith and Mrs. Jean Atkins.



## Father-Daughter Breakfast Held

THE FIRST ANNUAL father-daughter Communion Breakfast was held Sunday at St. Boniface school hall. Featured speaker was Sister M. DiPazzi, dean of Catherine McAuley Junior College, Rochester. Pictured with her are, left to right, Rev. George A. Cocuzzi, William R. Hall and John Curran.

## Fr. Regan's Brother Funeral Mass Said For Mary L. Nolan

Rites Held In Ottawa — Funeral Mass for Mary Logan Nolan was offered in Old St. Mary's Church Monday, Dec. 1, after services at Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nolan, widow of Thomas J. Nolan, a retired railway railroad clerk for the New York Central Railroad, died Dec. 11, 1953. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Charles Egan at the funeral home.

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## Frederick Brien Funeral Held

Requiem High Mass for Frederick Brien, 94, was offered by his grand-nephew, Rev. William J. Brien, assistant pastor of St. Andrew Church, in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Saturday, Dec. 13.

Mr. Brien died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1953 in the home of a son, Frederick Brien Jr. of 717 Guide St. where he had resided since his retirement 18 years ago. Mr. Brien was a carpet-layer for the old Howe and Rogers Furniture Co. for 65 years.

He was born in Rochester. For many years, Mr. Brien and his late wife, Rose, lived at 226 Saxton St. Mr. Brien was baptized in SS. Peter and Paul Church, attended the parish school and was married there.

Another son, Raymond, survives. Also nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Services prior to the Mass were held in the Aiamo Funeral Home, 501 Jay St. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

## Capri Club Stages Yule Dinner-Dance

The annual Capri Club Christmas dinner dance will be held at Lorenzo's banquet room on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8:30 p.m. Co-chairmen are Rose Tolo and Vincent Inzerillo.



## 'Bacon Priest' Visits Chancellor

Bonn, Germany — (RNS) — Father Werenfried van Straaten of Antwerp, Belgium, founder and president of the Dutch-Belgian Aid for Eastern Priests organization, chats with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany during a fund-raising welfare campaign here. Father van Straaten is known widely as the "bacon priest," a nickname acquired shortly after World War II when he collected food, especially bacon, to distribute among the needy.

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