

**Prelate's Proposal**

# Start Schools At 7th Grade

Atlantic City — (NC) — An experiment in limiting pre-college Catholic education to the seventh through twelfth grades in some areas was proposed here by the keynote speaker at the convention of U.S. Catholic educators.

Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan said that in a carefully planned trial of such a program "at least we would have nothing to lose and perhaps much to gain" because all Catholic children then might be enabled to attend Church schools, even if only at a certain level.

The Bishop of Bridgeport, Conn., president of the National Catholic Educational Association and a widely known speaker on educational topics, told the first session of the association's 59th annual convention that his proposal would involve only a fraction of the cost of building the facilities necessary to have all Catholic children attend all grades.

The prelate said in his prepared text that statistics indicate about 1,945,252 Catholic primary school pupils and about 780,330 Catholic high school students are currently not being educated in Church schools.

Added to the reported total of 1,294,534 infant baptisms in the seventh to the twelfth grades, these figures seem a clear

indication "that the size of our educational system will have to be not merely doubled, but tripled within our next generation" if Catholic schools aspire to reach all Catholic children, he said.

Bishop Shehan stated, "Since young children are more completely under the control of their parents, since it is common experience that during the younger years attention and interest can be held by extracurricular religious instruction, and since neither of these conditions hold true during the years of adolescence, thought might well be given to a plan to provide all children with Catholic education, say from the seventh to the twelfth grade."

**Manitoba**

# Prelate Seeks School Justice

Winnipeg — (NC) — Archbishop Philip F. Pocock of Winnipeg has criticized the failure of the Province of Manitoba to provide state aid to Catholic schools.

In remarks during the blessing of a new parochial school here, the Archbishop called for "the spirit of justice" to correct the situation. Manitoba and British Columbia are alone, he pointed out, of ten Canadian provinces which do not provide aid to education to Catholic schools.

"In the whole British Empire, the state helps to some extent private and parochial schools," the Archbishop noted. He said that in Manitoba and British Columbia "parental rights are not recognized for lack of proper democratic spirit."

"This situation has existed here now for 63 years, during which the Catholics in Manitoba will no longer take a second place to any province in Canada nor to any country in the Commonwealth."

Referring to recent action on public school teachers' pay increases, Archbishop Pocock said:

"But as wages go up in public institutions, so must ours increase. Our parochial schools, colleges and convents cannot continue to exist unless grants are given to them, unless justice is done and done soon."

"In a democracy," he said, "we have a right to our Catholic schools. The children belong primarily to the parents, not the state. It is the responsibility of the Church to give and supervise religious education, and of the state to assist the parents in supplying material needs of education."



## Isolation Booths For Language Study

Jersey City — (RNS) — Isolated in semi-soundproof booths, some 95 teachers from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania listen to recorded lessons during a Language Laboratory Day demonstration at St. Peter's College. The student listens to the lessons through earphones and in carefully spaced pauses he speaks into his microphone, imitating, answering questions, and responding to various directions. In this way, all students can speak or "recite" at the same time, just as books enable them all to read at once.

# India Reds Win Catholics From Church

Bangalore — (NC) — Intensive communist activity in India has caused a "definite set-back" for the Catholic Church, a prominent bishop reported here.

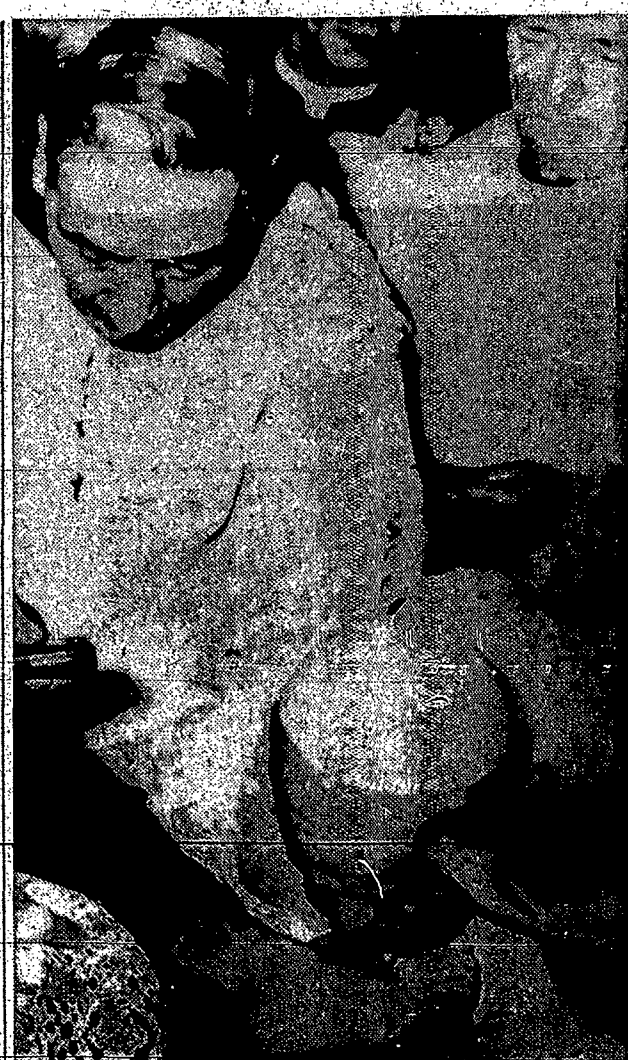
Bishop William Bouler of Nellore said after a study of communist progress in India that "Red drives to 'take over' the Church" have resulted in widespread defections of Catholics to communism.

At the same time, he said, communist activity has made it difficult to gain new converts, and in many areas, communism is the chief obstacle to successful missionary work.

Dutch-born Bishop Bouler made his study on communist prospects in his capacity as head of the section on Church extension of the Indian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

In his report, the prelate said the communists see the Catholic Church as their greatest opponent and thus will continue using every means at their disposal to attack her.

But for Catholics to adopt a negative approach to dealing with the Red threat is no solution, Bishop Bouler said. While the clergy must study communism and know it well so that the faithful can be made to understand its evils, he said, positive social action is also vital.



## Pope Imitates Christ's Ritual

Rome — (RNS) — In a ceremony without precedent during the past 80 years, Pope John XXIII kneels to kiss the foot of an unidentified priest during a Maundy Thursday ceremony in the Basilica of St. John Lateran here. By washing the feet of 13 newly-ordained priests, the Pope commemorated the action of Jesus Christ who washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. The last Pontiff to perform the rite was Pius IX, who died in 1878.

## NATO Mass

### In London

London — (NC) — A special Mass to mark the 10th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty is being offered in Westminster Cathedral here April 3, with Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, presiding.

## Germans Hold Vigil At Dawn

Cologne — (NC) — A decree celebrated early between 4 and 6 a.m. on Easter morning, by the Sacred Congregation of Rites announced here permitted the German Bishops which applied for the Easter liturgy to be for this permission.

## Common Therapy

# Jesuit Upholds 'Right To Die'

Minneapolis — (NC) — "There is such a thing as a God-given right to be allowed to die in peace," a moral theologian declared here.

Father John J. Lynch, S.J., moral-theology professor at the Jesuit's Weston (Mass.) College, addressed some 150 priests, nuns, physicians and nurses from Minnesota, Iowa, Montana, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Canada, at a three-day medico-moral institute here.

Discussing prolongation of life, Father Lynch said hospital patients, morally speaking, "must use ordinary means to prolong their lives, but they usually are not required to submit to extraordinary treatment unless they so choose."

He explained that ordinary means is "of a kind that can be provided without excessive pain, expense and inconvenience and which, in addition, offers reasonable hope of substantial benefit to a patient."

For a patient with pneumonia, the use of oxygen is a "common therapy" which is relatively inexpensive and which generally means restoration of normal good health, he explained. Oxygen in such a case represents

ordinary means of preserving life and must be employed," he said.

"The same treatment for a 60-year-old woman of 80 years with terminal cancer would be considered 'extraordinary' but would offer no reasonable hope of substantial benefit," Father Lynch said.

The Jesuit, who is a consultant in medico-moral matters to the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, declared "Some families literally impoverish themselves keeping barely alive a relative who in all honesty is beyond medical hope, and in so doing they are going beyond the strict requirements of duty when they put themselves to that terrible expense and anguish. There is such a thing as a God-given right to be allowed to die in peace."

## Vocations Grow In Adoration Parish

Milwaukee — (NC) — St. Nicholas parish here, the first church in Wisconsin with perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, marked the tenth anniversary of the practice on Maundy Thursday.

A new parish in the sparsely settled northside of the city, it was one of the smallest in the Milwaukee area in 1949. The average total Sunday collection was about \$4,632 the way one parishioner expressed it.

One aim of the adoration was to strengthen the religious life of the parish. One measure of success is the number of vocations. In a decade, the parish has sent nine boys to the seminary and five girls have entered the convent. Two other boys will enter the seminary this fall.

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