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U.S. Catholics
Said No Threat
To Protestants

New York—(RNS)—Protestants should recognize that American Roman Catholics "are no threat to them, nor do they wish to be," the Rev. Gustave Weigel, S.J., professor of theology at Woodstock College, Md., says in an article in the current issue of Christianity and Crisis.

The publication is a bi-weekly journal of opinion edited by Dr. John C. Bennett and Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, dean of the faculty and vice-president respectively of Union Theological Seminary here.

In one of three articles by Catholics in the Protestant journal on Protestant-Catholic relations, Father Weigel said that Protestants are "nervous" over the lessening of Protestant power in the U.S. but that there was "no ground in Catholicism for their nervousness."

"American Catholics do not consider Protestantism as their greatest preoccupation nor do they pay much attention to it," the theologian said. "They arrange their own affairs and conversations with little or no concern for the Protestant dimension of our country."

Disadvantage of this situation is that American Catholics know little about Protestantism "and show no great desire to know more," Father Weigel said. "It would almost be true to say," he added, "that American Catholics ... ignore Protestantism."

Catholics, he said, "are not anxious to find out the doctrines of Protestantism nor its way of worship and structure. It is not clear in their minds what distinguishes an Episcopalian from a Methodist"

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'Time To
Call Halt'

Cincinnati—(CNC)—Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati said here that it is "time to call a halt" to the discussion of religion as an issue in the 1960 presidential elections.

"There has been too much talk already" about the subject, Archbishop Alter declared. "More of it is decidedly unwelcome."

He added: "The president-as against all others in evaluating the eligibility of a candidate for office, is in itself an incitement to make an issue of the fact."

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Worldview, journal-of-religion and-international-affairs said he did not believe that Catholics generally "have anything that approaches in adequate understanding of what Protestantism actually is."

"If the religious situation in America is to improve," he said, "Catholics must understand . . . that Protestantism has its own unique genius, that it witnesses to some of the central truths of Christianity."

Theological and historical disagreements which separate Protestants and Catholics "will probably never be completely healed," Mr. Clancy said. "There will never be a combined Protestant-Catholic Church," he said.

Bus Riders
Pay Cash

New Canaan, Conn.—(CNC)—The New Canaan Board of Education has ruled that children attending St. Alphonsus parochial school here may ride public school buses if their parents pay the additional costs involved.

Two years ago the board rejected a request for free transportation submitted by a group of mothers of children attending St. Alphonsus School. The parochial school is located across the street from a public school served by the buses.

'No Lack Of
Affection'

New York—(CNC)—Father Avery Dulles, S.J., son of former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, was left \$5,000 in his father's will.

The will left \$10,000 each to Mr. Lillian Hinshaw, a daughter, and John Watson Foster Dulles, a son. The bulk of the estate, valued at more than \$200,000, went to Secretory Dulles' wife, Janet.

Upon her death, income from the estate is to be divided between Mrs. Hinshaw and Mr. Dulles.

The late Secretary's will emphasized, however, that the relatively small amount left to Father Dulles was "not because of any lack of affection for him, but because special circumstances in his case make further provision seem inappropriate and unnecessary."

Father Dulles, a convert to Catholicism, has taken a vow of poverty as a Jesuit priest. The \$5,000 will be turned over to the Society of Jesus in his name.

Father Dulles' will also stipulates, however, that the American constitution . . . Anyone who once or political shrewdness knows that the Catholic Church as a religious group would have far less influence upon a Catholic president than upon almost any other conceivable administration."

Any Catholic president would lean over backwards to avoid even the suggestion of influence," he continued.

Prof. O'Dea said for more Protestant-Catholic conversation which is now carried on in theological discussions and biblical studies.

William Clancy, editor of

Sacred Heart
Radio Rosary

Pilgrimage of Sacred Heart Cathedral, led by their pastor, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, will say the Rosary on tonight's Family Rosary for Peace program broadcast from radio station WSYW at 7 p.m. to mark their parish feast day.

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Thirteen Silver Jubilarians



REV. ALPHONSE CRIMMINS REV. JOSEPH CIRINCIONE REV. EARL M. TOBIN REV. RAYMOND P. NOLAN MONSIGNOR MCNAMARA



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Priests Mark Twenty Five Years

Thirteen priests of the Rochester Diocese will complete 25 years of service to God in Jubilee year this month.

Twelve are members of the 1934 ordination class of St. Bernard's Seminary, one is a graduate of the pontifical Josephinum seminary, Columbus, Ohio.

Two of the twelve, St. Bernard's group completed their theological studies in Rome and were ordained in the Eternal City.

An anniversary observance and a brief biography of each silver jubilarian follow:



Rev. William Lammers, pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, Jubilee Mass., Sunday, June 24, in the parish church, 11 a.m.; serving as assistant pastor, the past 2½ years as pastor, day and Sunday afternoon.

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Prior to his assignment to Rochester in 1955, he served as assistant at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sacred Heart High School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained by Cardinal Mooney and pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 1934.

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