

# Kodak's Quarter Million Launches Schools' Drive

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### Jesuits Deny Church-State Bond Wanted

New York — (RNS) — Charges that American Catholics are opposed to separation of Church and State were denied by America's national Catholic weekly, in an issue devoted mainly to discussion of religious issues injected into the 1960 Presidential campaign.

The magazine, published by Jesuit priests of the United States and Canada, said these charges came only from those who refuse to be convinced by repeated clear and unequivocal declarations to the contrary made by the American hierarchy since the founding of the Republic.

"It is unlikely, even in the most favorable circumstances, that the Church would seek to restore the type of union between Church and State that characterized certain periods of history," it said. "Such a marriage of the spiritual and secular, it may be argued, is of doubtful benefit to the cause of Christ."

Citing practical reasons why American Catholics oppose Church-State union, America said:

"It has been observed long before this that when such a union exists, the Church has been upon it the odium of responsibility for the evils of the civil order. Moreover, too close a union encourages tepidity and hypocrisy among the laity. What need is there for zeal when the political apparatus of the state becomes the main instrument for securing all doctrine and morality?"

"What sincerity is there in the hearts of the faithful when the spirit of religion is so nationalized as to confound religious and political loyalties? Finally, as has happened all too often in history, domination of the state by the forces of religion tends to evoke a rivalry between Church and State that ends in the bitterest anti-clericalism and the ultimate enslavement of religion itself."

AMERICA recalled that on January 25, 1949, the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Catholic body, issued a statement "absolutely and without any qualification" that the Catholic bishops of the U.S. were working a union of Church and State "by any endeavor whatsoever, either proximate or remote."

This statement, the magazine said, also declared that even if Catholics constituted a majority in the country they would not seek Church-State union, and went on to assert: "In complete accord with the Catholic doctrine, we hold firmly that our own constitutional provisions are the best for our country. Even had we the authority to do so, we would not change one iota of them."

In another editorial, America said it had predicted that 1960 would not be 1929 all over again, but the Presidential campaign had hardly got off the ground when "the entire field of rational discussion of the really crucial problems and issues of our time" had become mired in "the noxious mire of bigotry."



Thomas J. Hargrave, chairman of the board of Eastman Kodak Company, presents Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey his company's pledge for \$250,000 for two new Catholic high schools in Monroe County.

### Clergy Urge Citizens Vote

New York — (RNS) — Leaders of the nation's four major religious bodies have appealed to American citizens to vote on Election Day, November 8, as a moral obligation.

Statements by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York; Dr. Elton T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches; Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America; and Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, were released here simultaneously by the American Heritage Foundation and Religion in American Life.

The two organizations, co-sponsors of American Heritage Sabbath on November 4 and American Heritage Sunday on November 6, are backing a get-out-the-vote drive in churches and synagogues throughout the country.

Dr. Dahlberg, in his statement, declared that "the free and secret ballot is the very heart in which our freedom flourishes and grows." It is one of our "unalienable rights," he said. "To vote means to keep this right alive, for ourselves and our children. To vote responsibly and carefully means to safeguard America against any threat to our cherished freedoms."

CARDINAL SPELLMAN said: "We must never forget that democracy is government not only for the people, but also of the people and by the people. For the continuation of

of democracy are freedom of worship and the right to vote. Both are sacred trusts, personal and private, exercised in accordance with the dictates of each individual's conscience and beliefs."

"Whichever other virtue he may possess," the archbishop said, "no adult citizen of the United States has fulfilled his duty to our democratic heritage unless he casts his vote, thoughtfully and prayerfully, in every election that concerns the public and civic welfare."

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### Parochial Schools Greatest Miracle

Ogdensburg — (NC) — Cardinal Spellman dedicated the new Sisters of St. Joseph Novitiate and Mater Dei College here in ceremonies witnessed by hundreds of visiting priests, religious and laity.

Mater Dei College is the 252nd Catholic college to be established in the United States.

The Archbishop of New York spoke informally after the Mass of dedication, offered by Bishop James J. Navagh of Ogdensburg.

"I remember once talking about Mother Seton to the Holy Father," Cardinal Spellman said. "We were talking about the miracles which were being prayed for so that she could have the honors of the Altar. I told the Holy Father that no matter what miracles there are or will be, none is greater than the parochial school system in the United States of America. And Mother Seton had a great deal to do with the start of our parochial school system."

### Success Assured

Eastman Kodak Company boosted the Catholic High Schools Campaign into a spectacular orbit this week.

The world famed camera and film empire announced a gift of \$250,000 for the proposed two new high schools to be built in Monroe County.

The quarter million dollar grant is the largest single amount ever given a diocesan building project from a Rochester industry.

Thomas J. Hargrave, chairman of the board of the Eastman Company, on Wednesday presented a \$100,000 check to Bishop Casey as this year's payment on its pledge.

Diocesan officials acclaimed the Kodak gift as evidence the fund drive is assured of success.

The campaign goal is \$4,100,000.

Bishop Casey, acting for Bishop Kearney who is on retreat this week at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, Aureville, in presenting the Kodak pledge for the Bishop Kearney and Cardinal Mooney high schools made this statement:

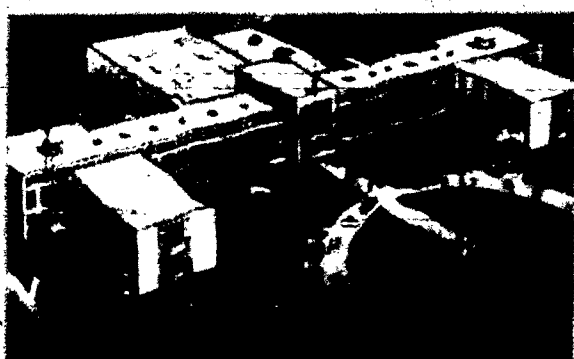
"Bishop Kearney joins me in thanking Eastman Kodak Company for its very generous pledge of \$250,000 toward the construction of our two new Catholic double high schools. Because we believe that our Catholic program of education is of transcendent value to our youth and to the community at large, the Diocese of Rochester is extremely grateful to Eastman Kodak Company for assuming its traditional role of civic leadership in projects affecting the welfare of the citizens of Rochester and its suburban areas."

"Eastman Kodak's public-spirited action has done much to assure the success of the current campaign to raise funds for the two new schools. I am confident that their example will spur local industry and our Catholic people to give with generosity to a project which will aid immeasurably many thousands of our young people today and in the generations to come."

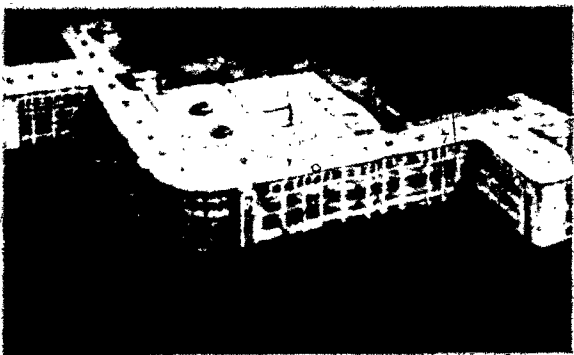
The fund drive program this week calls for training of 1,500 workers who will start next week the "Memorial" phase of the campaign.

Donors who wish to arrange a memorial in either of the two new high schools may obtain details from these workers or from their parish priests. Next week's edition of the Courier Journal will also explain this phase of the drive.

## Priests Pledge \$256,074 Gift



Bishop Kearney High School, Irondequoit



Cardinal Mooney High School, Greece

### Tribute To Bishop

Priests of the Diocese, on the eve of a \$4,100,000 campaign for two new Catholic high schools in Monroe County, pledged this week a total of \$256,074 to the building program.

Their near third of a million dollar total will build the auditorium in the Bishop Kearney High School to be erected on Kings Highway in Irondequoit.

The diocesan clergy chose the auditorium to be their permanent tribute to Bishop Kearney, 25 years shepherd of the twelve county Diocese.

Making individual pledges this week were pastors, curates, chaplains, special workers and retired priests.

They decided on the auditorium as their gift to the Bishop when he first announced the building program in March.

At that time he pointed out that his own tastes were simple and that he had never asked his priests for a personal donation. He also turned down a suggestion of the priests that they give him a testimonial purse on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as a bishop and his 50th jubilee as a priest.

His record in the Rochester Diocese has been one of providing for his people, college and seminary facilities, a new hospital, home for the aged, churches, parish schools and, in 1952, four new high schools.

The Bishops plea to the priests to raise and pay for the success of the present fund drive prompted them to make their own pledges evidence of their devotion and gratitude to him.

THE AUDITORIUM in the Bishop Kearney High School will seat 800 people and contain complete stage and theatrical equipment. It will not be a combined gymnasium but used only as an auditorium.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, chairman of the High Schools Campaign executive committee, made the following statement in commenting on the pledges made by priests of the Diocese:

"When the first meeting of the Pastors of Monroe County was held last March 19th to organize the campaign for new high schools, Monsignor George Exil, Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, came to me and asked that the proposed school on Kings Highway, Irondequoit, be called the Bishop Kearney High School. I approached the Bishop and told him of Monsignor Exil's request. He consented reluctantly but he was pleased that one of the major units of our Catholic educational system would bear his name."

"Later, it was the thought of the High School Executive Committee that the priests of the Diocese would wish to donate a memorial to the new Bishop Kearney High School as a tribute of devotion and gratitude to their beloved Ordinary for his twenty-three years of outstanding service to the priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester."

"The memorial chosen was the Auditorium of the new high school, listed at \$256,074. The priests of the diocese have pledged toward this memorial the magnificent total of \$256,074."

"The Bishop is presently making his annual retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House, Aureville. When he is informed this weekend of the memorial gift, he will be deeply moved by this action of his priests, realizing that the sacrifices involved in pledging this total represent the devotion of his priests toward him personally, and their devotion to the cause of Catholic Education. May I add that it could not happen to a more gracious Ordinary."

### What's Going Up?

Newspapers tell their readers what's going on.

We'll tell you what's going up.

Two new Catholic high schools in Monroe County.

One will be built on Kings Highway near Ridge Road East in Irondequoit. This will be called the Bishop Kearney High School.

The second school will be built on Maiden Lane near Mt. Read Blvd. in the Town of Greece. This will be the Cardinal Mooney High School.

Both will be "double" schools. That means boys and girls will be taught in separate classrooms by separate staffs.

Cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium and library facilities will be used in shifts by the two groups.

The "double" school arrangement also cuts in half the need to build separate heating and other mechanical facilities if different units were built for a boys school and a girls school.

The two "double" schools practically amount to four new high schools.

The pictures above show how each school will have two wings with the shared facilities at the center.

Each school will be built for 800 boys, 800 girls — an overall total of 3,200 pupils in the two schools.

### Right To Choose

## Equal Benefits Asked For Pupils

Melbourne — (RNS) — A plan whereby the Australian government could aid denominational schools by payment of "benefits" in a manner similar to grants to Australian hospitals was outlined here by a prominent Roman Catholic layman.

B. A. Santamaria, secretary of the Catholic National Civic Council, told delegates to the fifth Christian Social Week sponsored by the Institute of the Church schools, he stressed that under the proposed system "the same benefit would be paid to every parent in a registered hospital, irrespective of whether it is conducted by Roman Catholics or Protestants."

HE SUGGESTED that an "educational endowment" of national funds be set up and the parents who "have a child to be collected on his behalf by the State Department of Education, or by the controlling body of the independent school."

Mr. Santamaria went on to say that he believed "the political facts" in Australia were beginning to favor "a solution of the school's problem on just terms," but that in the meantime there was "need for an interim policy to safeguard the existence of the independent school system."

He said the Catholic school system in Australia was "in a very difficult position" and that the government was "beginning to realize the need for a solution of the school's problem on just terms."

### LAST WEEK'S

PAID CIRCULATION

65,995

### GIVE THEM COURAGE

and share with them the joy of their own success. The Catholic school system in Australia is in a very difficult position and the government is beginning to realize the need for a solution of the school's problem on just terms.

Artist's sketch shows position of proposed new Bishop Kearney High School to be built in Irondequoit. Priests of Monroe this week pledged \$256,074 to the building program.