Bishop Casey's 'Honor Roll'

Following is the text of Bishop Casey's talk at the Victory Rally of the Catholic High Schools Campaign.

Some moments stand out in our separate lives. This is one, the moment of victory after a long, hard struggle. For the past two months you workers, united by a common purpose, have pounded the pavements to make two badly needed high schools a reality. You have done it—and a salute to you!

It is fitting that our Chief Shepherd sum up the results of the campaign and what they mean to our Catholic youth. Before he tells you what is in his heart tonight, I think the Bishop would want me to say a word of thanks and heartfelt appreciation to those who made this great victory possible.

It would go first, to all the pastors and all the assistant pastors who have worked actively on this campaign. Each one of them has a very crowded schedule, more than enough to keep them occupied full-time on parish matters. This campaign has meant disrupting their busy routine, taking hundreds of hours to set up their parish organizations, attending meetings, keeping up with a mountain of paper work, inspiring their men to go out and surpass their parish goals.

I know what they have been through and their 100% cooperation with the program puts us all so deeply in their debt. Thank God, we have priests of such high calibre in this diocese. Their work is beyond all praise.

When this campaign was planned, those in charge knew that it was a project of such magnitude that it would require professional guidance to set up an organization of thousands of workers. I'd like to say for the record that we were most fortunate in securing the services of Community Counselling Service.

BISHOP CASEY
'a little piece of paper'

Your Executive Committee has worked closely with these gentlemen since February and our admiration for their devotion and competence has grown with each passing month.

With Jack Crabbe and his four associates this was no time-clock proposition, no impersonal business job to do. Our interests were theirs and when the situation required it, these men and other representatives of C.C.S. cheerfully worked around the clock and their know-how helped us over many rough spots. When one considers that the cost of running this campaign was less than two per cent of the total amount pledged, I'd say it is the best money the Diocese has paid out in the past year.

There would have been little purpose in building two schools if we could not get the religious communities to staff them.

The Diocese of Rochester was blessed when the Irish Christian Brothers and the School Sisters of Notre Dame agreed to staff the new Bishop Kearney High School, and the Holy Cross Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy agreed to send faculties to the Cardinal Mooney High School.

I would like to thank the Superiors of these communities for their patience and cooperation during the long months of negotiating contracts and for the many hours they spent with the architect on the actual plans for the two schools.

The architect, Robert Stickle, also deserves praise tonight for his competence and his willingness to give service. It is the measure of the resources of his firm that the working drawings for these two large schools will be completed by late December, only seven months after Mr. Stickle began working on the plans. We have every confidence that the completed schools will compare favorably with any local school in quality, economy of cost and utility of design—and our thanks to Mr. Stickle for this.

The lay leadership in this campaign has been superb, from the General Chairman, Harold Coleman, right through the entire organization. The Big Four were Mr. Coleman, Frank Wolfe, Special Gifts Chairman, Henry Kearse, Industrial Chairman, and Carl Hallauer, Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

They and their associates and their teams of workers made a vital contribution to the drive—in this way: Rochester is unique among the cities of the country for its fine community spirit. Any deserving community enterprise enlists the support of industry and the citizens of all faiths.

This wholehearted support meant so much to us. You heard Frank and Henry tell us what their committees accomplished. What they did not mention were the hundreds of hours they and their fellow workers put in to raise 5/00,000 dollars. $200,000 dollars over the goal assigned these committees at the beginning of the drive. You can see what a difference their contribution has made. So, a salute to Harold, Frank, Henry, Carl and all their associates.

I realize the tension is growing as you await the announcement of the final total but bear with me for a moment while I finish this honor roll.

On it are inscribed the names of the four Regional Moderators, Monsignor Naughton, Monsignor Whalen, Father Keleher and Father Feeney. They were responsible not only for meeting the campaign goals in their own parishes but also for supervising the campaign activities of fifteen or sixteen parishes in their districts, and a yeoman job they did—each region going over its goal.

You would want me to single out (I don't think they would) for special mention the members of the Executive Committee: Monsignor James McAniff, Vicar General, whose wise counsel and shrewd good judgment was a tower of strength in the conduct of the campaign; Monsignor John Maney, Chancellor, who gracefully accepted the financial responsibility for this drive and who has the onerous but important post of Treasurer of the High School Fund. You have lightened his load by giving him the funds with which to operate; then there is Father William Roche, Superintendent of Schools. He is young in years of ordination, only five, but he has an old head on his shoulders. He and Monsignor Randall travelled thousands of miles all over the country, inspecting other schools, and incorporating their best features into our new schools, working closely with the four religious communities on all arrangements. We all owe a lot to these three priests, myself especially.

If the Executive Committee were to take a vote on the one person who has worked the longest, the hardest, and who has done the most to make the two schools a reality, it would be unanimous—your Campaign Coordinator, Monsignor John Randall.

Total devotion to a cause is not a common quality. He has this quality. Ever since last February, with no breaks or vacations, he has given ten to sixteen hours a day to this project, supervising the thousand and one details, plans, meetings, phone calls, decisions. A couple of times he was in such bad shape physically that he should have gone to a hospital but he kept on going. Maybe I had better not keep on going or I'll hear later from him. Anyhow, he has reason to feel prouder of the result than anyone else and we should let him know what we think of him.

As we mentioned the various individuals who played a prominent part in the picture, we were conscious all the time that the two groups who contributed most to the success of the campaign were the parish workers and the Catholics of Monroe County who made great sacrifices to pledge what they did.

Another enthusiastic cheer goes up for a report of 'over the goal' at school drive's Victory Rally.

Bishop Kearney put it well at the Solemn Opening on October 26th, when he said, "God willing, when I have the honor to stand in the lobby of these two new high schools to bless and dedicate them, I shall do so by placing a crucifix there.

"Although it will be my arm that raises the crucifix to its place, you who work and you who give in this drive will have the very real satisfaction of knowing that you are the ones who make my action possible."

And so we come to the big moment. Some years ago a bishop from a neighboring diocese said to me, 'Your Auxiliaries have it relatively easy. You don't have to make the final decision on an important matter.' He was correct. In the final analysis, you and I are here tonight because one man saw the critical need for more high schools for our youngsters, and he acted. He alone had the authority to make the final decision. It was a decision which cost him much prayer and thought, but he made it with confidence.

Such is his hold on the hearts of his priests and his people that all he had to do was to say: "We need these two schools and I'd like you to help me build them." We all pitched in to do what he wanted.

So here, Bishop, is a little piece of paper. It represents so much that cannot be put into words. It says that the priests of this diocese, lical industry, and the Catholics of Monroe County have pledged for the building of two new High Schools, the magnificent total of $5,998,000.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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The saintly Cure of Ars once wrote the following to Pauline Jaricot who founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: "No one who supports the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will ever lose the Faith." John XXIII, when he was the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Italy, wrote: "St. Margaret Mary said: 'Blessed are they who die after a lifetime of devotion to the Sacred Heart'; but I say twice blessed are those who in that love of the Sacred Heart die after a lifetime of service to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith."

Two basic spiritual ideas are here united: 1) the preservation of our Faith; and 2) the salvation of our soul. As regards the first, how many today are losing or surrendering their Faith, principally through pride engendered by a secular education or through a second and invalid marriage! The best guarantee of keeping your Faith is to give it to others. The best way to give it to others is through our missionaries, and the best way to reach them is through the Holy Father who after collecting your alms for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, makes the distribution to all areas and all missions.

The words of the Holy Father imply that this sacrifice for the spreading of the Faith in Africa, Asia, and other areas of the world should not be sporadic but constant. Because the missions happen now to be in grave need, we are asking the Catholics of the United States to construct 1000 chapels in honor of the Sacred Heart in mission lands. There is only one condition: you must allow the Holy Father to decide where these chapels will be built. We know that it is more satisfying to one's ego to name the place, but it is more pleasing to Our Lord to humble oneself by allowing His Vicar on earth to name the place.

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1x, N.Y. or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Turks Find Saint's Grave

Izmir — (RNS) — A grave believed to be that of St. John the Apostle has been excavated near Ismir (formerly Smyrna), by a German archaeological expedition, the Turkish Radio said.

The grave was found deep beneath a sanctuary dedicated to the Apostle.

The discoveries were made in the vicinity of the Holy House of Panaghia Kapuli, the shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary and where, according to Catholic tradition, she lived for a time.

Census Finds 35,000 'Lost'

Vancouver — (NC) — They already have found 35,000 "lost" Catholics in the Vancouver archdiocese and the figure may go higher.

The discovery came through the Good Shepherd Crusade census, which was inaugurated last June

Birthday Wish

Pope Laments 'Muddy Deluge'

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, at an audience to 10,000 clergy and seminarians in Rome on the eve of his 75th birthday, spoke out strongly against the "improper use" of the printed word, radio and television.

Nineteen cardinals were among the churchmen who heard the Pope declare that "We are compelled to call attention to the enormous muddy deluge of printed matter, sound and visual material in the whole world which corrupt and poison good sentiments and spread the fatal germs of dissolution and ruin."

Pope John said "these powerful means of influencing men's minds should be used to lift up the souls of men to the knowledge, love and worship of God, truth, goodness, beauty, justice, brotherhood and peace, but often they are not."

THE PONTIFF, who greeted the churchmen in the Vatican's Hall of Benedictions in his capacity of Bishop of Rome, called for greater reading of the Bible, declaring that "ignorance of the Bible is inexcusable for any self-respecting Catholic."

Pope John, who seemed to be in excellent health, celebrated his birthday carrying on his normal work. Meanwhile, Osservatore Romano extended its best wishes to the Pontiff in an editorial which stressed his modesty and confidence.

As a verbal self-portrait of the Pope, the paper recalled the following words spoken by him several years ago when he was Patriarch of Venice:

"I have had the gift of good physical health, a bit of good sense which allows me to see things rapidly and clearly, a disposition to love souls which keeps me faithful to the law of the Gospel, respectful of my own right and that of others, and which prevents me from doing harm to anyone and encourages me to do good to everyone."

Priest Teaches Baby Sitting

Montreal — (NC)—A parish priest in Montreal has organized a 10-session course here — on baby-sitting.

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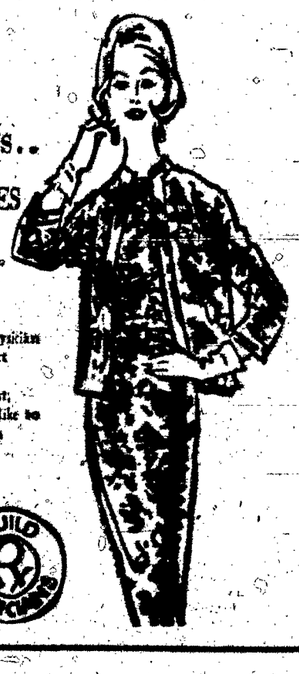

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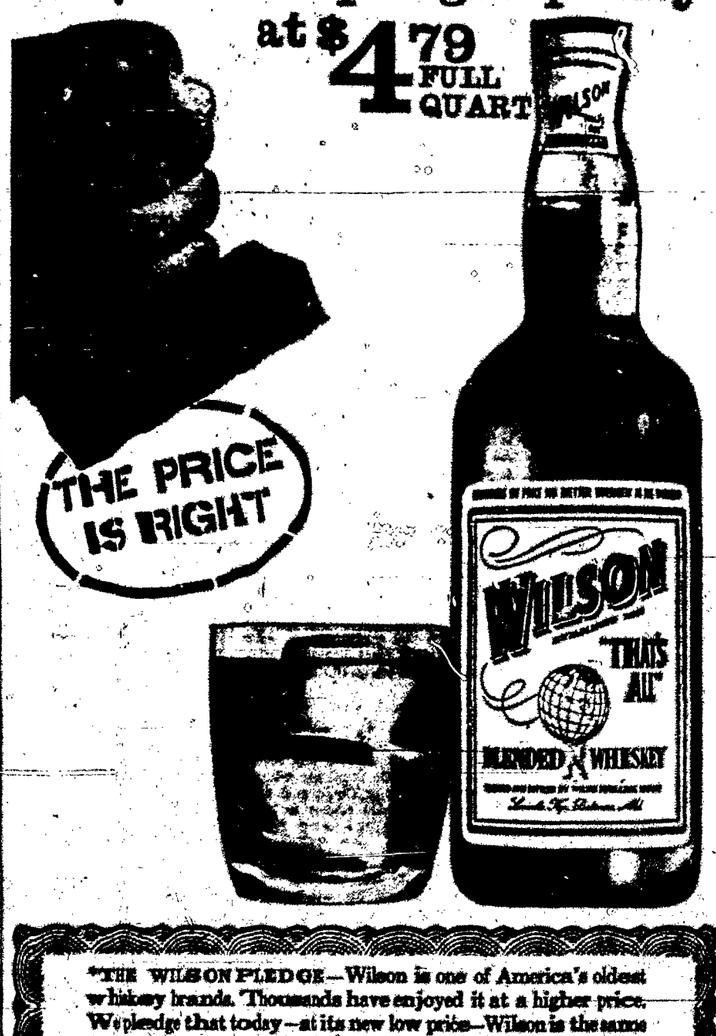

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