



Father Albert Shamon views an early copy of his just published "The Only Life" — an excellent book for reading during Lent.

Devotions For Lent

Whether people realize it or not their living habits reflect their reading habits. What they read about they think about and they usually end up doing what they think about.

Reading, thinking and acting are as closely related as grandmother, mother and daughter.

St. Benedict, fifth century founder of the religious order that bears his name today, in that era when books were scarce, required each of his monks to "choose one book" from the monastery library for Lenten reading.

Today there are spiritual books to suit the time and talents of everyone — and one book just published is ideal Lenten reading material.

Father Albert Shamon, faculty member of St. Andrew's Seminary, has written "The Only Life" as a layman's guide for a richer spiritual life.

Basic reading for every Christian are, of course, the Bible, especially the Gospels, and the Imitation of Christ.

Funeral Monday

Educator, Pastor Dies

Solemn funeral rites will be held for Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney at Christ the King Church, Irondequoit, Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop Kearney will offer the Requiem Mass.

Monsignor Mahoney, 55, twenty years a diocesan schools' office, associate superintendent and founder of the Irondequoit parish, died at Pompano Beach, Florida, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1961. He suffered a heart attack while visiting his sister's home in Florida.

During his long years first as associate superintendent and later as superintendent, he piloted schools through the depression years and then charted a vast expansion program in the post-war era.

During his tenure in the schools' office, the four new high schools — McQuaid and St. Agnes in Rochester, Notre Dame in Elmira and Mt. Carmel in Auburn — were built and scores of parish schools built and enlarged.

As founder and first pastor of Christ the King Church he organized the parish and supervised construction of the church and school.

Monsignor Mahoney is a native of Corning where he attended St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy. He prepared for the priesthood at St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries and was ordained June 6, 1931. Following ordination he was named as-

Top Court OK's Bus Ride Law

Washington — (NC) — Tax-paid bus rides for private and parochial school students are permitted under the Federal Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a decision given Monday, Feb. 20.

The high court dismissed "for want of a Federal question" an appeal seeking reversal of a lower court's ruling which upheld the practice in Connecticut.

Associate Justices Felix Frankfurter and William O. Douglas were in favor of hearing the appeal.

At least some private school children ride public school buses in 17 states at present. Supreme courts in six states — California, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut — have ruled that the practice is permitted under their state constitutions.

In five other states — Delaware, Missouri, Oklahoma, New York and Washington — courts have held that the practice is not permitted. But immediately after the New York decision, an amendment to the state constitution was enacted authorizing the practice.

The Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors held in June, 1960, that a state law there violates neither the state nor Federal Constitution. It said the measure "primarily serves the public health, safety and welfare, and fosters education."



Contracts were signed this Wednesday to launch construction programs for two new Catholic high schools in Monroe County. Next to Bishop Kearney at the contract signing is Raymond LeChase and, standing, are Anthony Cashette, Walter Ennis and Louis Gullfoff.

Schools Contracts Signed

Contracts totalling \$4,258,799 were signed Wednesday for construction of two new Catholic high schools in Monroe County.

Bishop Kearney and four Rochester firms formalized the pacts which will turn plans into realities by September 1962.

First steps in the multi-million dollar project will be taken tomorrow when equipment will begin rolling onto the site of the Bishop Kearney High School on Kings Highway in Irondequoit.

Total construction cost of this school will be \$2,132,246.

Cardinal Mooney High School on Malden Lane, the Town High School, will cost \$2,126,553.

The heating and ventilating contracts went to Wilt Ennis Heating Inc. The amount was \$309,120 — \$182,320 for the Irondequoit school and \$156,800 for the Greece school.

Cashette Electric, Inc. won the electrical contract after neck-and-neck bids with another firm resulted in a postponement of contract signing, originally set for Monday.

Under the contract, electrical costs will total \$316,795, of which \$152,970 is for the Kearney school and \$163,825 for the Mooney school.

Housing Justice Leadership Asked

Chicago — (RNS) — The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice has called for urban Catholic leadership as an indispensable factor in overcoming racial discrimination in large city housing.

In a statement prepared here by the Housing Commission of the NCCLJ, it was stressed that "the injustice of racial discrimination in housing is more and more seen as the number one social problem facing our big cities."

Commission chairman John McDermott declared that housing is a "problem which poses a special challenge for Catholics because we are America's single largest urban group." He urged that Catholics come to the fore in the struggle for racial justice in housing.

McDERMOTT, WHO also is head of Chicago's Catholic Interracial Council, said his NCCLJ group has "as one of its prime purposes to help the Catholic community and Catholic leaders seize the opportunity which is uniquely theirs."

The statement asserted that racial discrimination in housing has become a problem of national proportions "affecting the housing market generally, and threatening 'the stability, peace and unity of American civic life.'"

Citing the "moral challenge" of housing segregation, it went on further to state that lack of adequate housing for minority groups, and restrictive market practices harm the strength of family life in America.

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Famed Doctor Gives Eyes

Washington — (RNS) — Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, the famed "Jungle doctor" who died of cancer at the age of 34 last January, donated his own eyes to the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration in New York.

As a result of his battle against disease in remote Southeast Asian villages, Dr. Dooley wrote three national best sellers. They were: Deliver Us From Evil; The Edge of Tomorrow; and The Night They Burned the Mountain. The proceeds of the books went to Medico, the international medical aid organization founded by the physician-author.

POAU Joins Fight Against Aid Plan

Portland, Ore. — (RNS) — Dr. Glenn Archer of Washington, D.C., said here Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State will go "all-out" in its opposition to a New York State plan to provide \$200 million annual grants for students at sectarian and other private colleges.

POAU is well known for its anti-Catholic attitude.

"This is nothing but a back-door subsidy to church institutions," the POAU executive director declared at a public rally closing the 13th National Conference on Church and State, sponsored by the organization.

He said he hoped that President Kennedy "will continue to stand by his magnificent pledges to protect Church-State separation."

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, recently retired as executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, told the rally "one of the great dangers to religious liberty is indifference, indecision and inconsistency" found "within the ranks of the friends of freedom."

Opposition Softens Against Governor

Two massive aid to education programs went before lawmakers this week — one proposed by President Kennedy and the other by Governor Rockefeller.

Both contain striking similarities. Both admit the right of students to go to the college of their choice.

The Kennedy proposal would pour \$5,700,000,000 in federal funds into the nation's school system to create "a new standard of excellence in education."

The Rockefeller plan would earmark \$26,000,000,000 annually to help students in both public and private colleges meet increasing costs of higher education.

Other points in President Kennedy's aid plan, however, drew prompt criticism for ruling out any share in the benefits for the more than five million pupils in parochial grade and high schools.

President Kennedy told Congress, "In accordance with the clear prohibition of the Constitution, no elementary or secondary school funds are allocated for constructing church schools or paying church school teachers' salaries; and thus non-public school children are rightfully not counted in determining the funds each state will receive for its public schools."

This phase of the President's program was termed a "keenly felt" issue by many non-public school children and their parents, according to Bishop Lawrence J. Sheehan, head of the American bishops' department of education.

He admitted there are "certain constitutional problems in working out a formula for aiding all children" but asked, "Is there not ingenuity enough in the federal government to devise an acceptable course that would safeguard the Constitution and meet, at least to some extent, the needs of all children?"

The bishop said the Kennedy plan by-passed parochial school pupils in brutal fashion:

"One out of seven children attend nonpublic schools. Their parents spend approximately five billion dollars a year for education — this in addition to their willing support of public schools through the payment of taxes. Yet, not one word of commendation, no recognition of the contribution of private elementary and secondary schools to the critical needs of the country, nothing but a pointed exclusion."

NO DISTINCTION is made in the President's plan between public and private colleges, however, for construction loans and student scholarships.

"These scholarships," President Kennedy told Congress, "which would range according to need up to a maximum stipend of \$1000, would be open to all young persons, without regard to sex, race, creed or color, solely on the basis of their ability — as determined on a competitive basis — and their financial need."

"They would be permitted to attend the college of their choice and free to select their own program of study," he said.

GOVERNOR Rockefeller followed the President's Monday message to Congress with his own revised plan sent the same day to the Legislature at Albany.

Officials there predicted the plan was virtually certain of winning approval of the state lawmakers.

Under his new plan, students would receive state funds for college education depending on their parents' income and their own scholastic ability. He firmly held to his intention, announced Jan. 31, to aid students even in church-linked colleges.

The Governor's recommendations were widely endorsed by college officials, press editors, parents and students groups and Catholic churchmen.

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Whisper To The President

Washington — (NC) — A little lady of about 10, wearing a red hat and coat, occupied a pew in front of President and Mrs. Kennedy during Mass Sunday at Holy Trinity Church here, Midway in the Mass, she turned and whispered in the President's ear.

The child, a young girl, walked out but was back in a few minutes.

After Mass, she was surrounded by reporters. She refused to give her name, but she didn't mind telling what she whispered to the President.

She confided: "I just asked him to save my place."

Including New York's Cardinal Spellman.

Chief critic of Governor Rockefeller's original plan was the State Council of (Protestant) Churches and some Jewish groups. Other Jewish spokesmen, however, supported the Governor.

Opposition to the Rockefeller program appeared on the desktop this week following release of letters from Catholics in favor of the aid plan also trend among legislators to approve the proposed legislation.

President Kennedy's federal program faced a hazardous future, opposed by divergent forces — Republican Congressmen who said it was too expensive, southern Democrats who feared it threatened local control of schools, members of both parties who are against any federal funds for schools and many Catholic school officials who consider the plan discriminatory.

Also pending in Congress is a bill written by Rochester's Senator Kenneth Keating which would authorize income tax deduction for tuitions and other school costs.

Speak Up For Rights

Cleveland — (NC) — Parents of parochial school children should learn to speak up for their rights if they expect justice in the present American educational scene, said Msgr. Clarence E. Elwell, superintendent of Cleveland diocesan schools.

Speaking at a meeting of St. Wenceslas Parish Parent-Teacher League, he said Catholics should stand for their rights as Negroes are doing — "intelligently, courageously, patiently, temperately."

"Justice will prevail," he added, "but she needs a little help."

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