

Loans Asked For Parochial Schools

President Kennedy is not "in conflict with his own faith" in ruling out federal aid for parochial school pupils.

His aid-to-education program, however, has run into a brick wall of opposition from the nation's Catholic bishops.

Monsignor Frederick Hochwalt, head of the education department of the American bishops' coordinating agency, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, told a nationwide radio and TV audience U.S. Catholics ask long-term, low-cost federal loans to spur parochial school expansion.

He admitted, as the President has stated repeatedly, direct federal grants to private schools are "unconstitutional" according to numerous court decisions.

Following is the text of the interview with Monsignor Hochwalt.

Question—Monsignor Hochwalt, President Kennedy has said that there isn't any room for debate on this subject,

that the Constitution clearly prohibits Federal aid to parochial schools. Now, you disagree; will you state your case?

Monsignor Hochwalt—I don't disagree, necessarily. My case hinges around the question of loans to school children, and I'm not suggesting, nor is anyone else, that something unconstitutional be done as far as Federal aid is concerned.

The courts have never ruled against the constitutionality of loans to institutions. As you well know, there is a college housing loan program in effect at the moment.

What we are suggesting is a parallel program for elementary and secondary schools, which to my mind is not unconstitutional. Now, it's not in Mr. Kennedy's bill. We're suggesting it be amended to be in Mr. Kennedy's bill.

Question—Monsignor, does the statement that was issued here at the National Catholic Welfare Conference reflect the opinions of all the Catholic Bishops in the country?

Monsignor Hochwalt—It's presumed to. That's the reason the National Catholic Welfare Conference is organized. The Administrative Board of the N.C.W.C. is deemed to speak for the Bishops of the United States.

Question—Are you planning an organized campaign to propagate your view on this question through church sermons and articles in church publications?

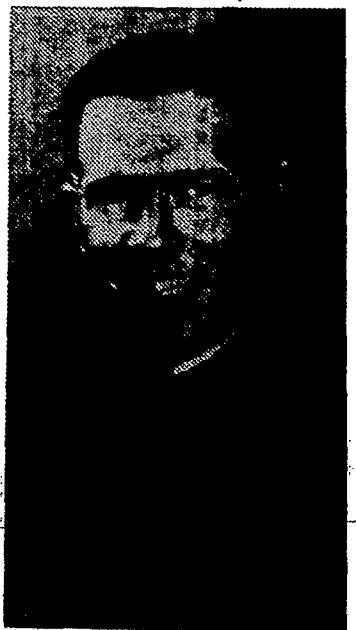
Monsignor Hochwalt—I guess I'd have to question the use of the word "organized." Naturally, we will use our educational resources to educate our people on a point of view. May I make one thing clear? What the Bishops did in their statement yesterday was to respond to a felt need and a set of urgent requests from our Catholic people who have said to us in this organization: "Gentlemen, where do you stand on this important issue which the President has put before the country?" And the Bishops naturally are going to answer that. And where do they stand? They told you in four good points in the summary by Archbishop Alter.

Question—Have you had any reaction to that stand?

Monsignor Hochwalt—Yes, indeed! My phone has been ringing; letters begin to pour in. It shows that once again the schools, all kinds and types—private and public—are near and dear to the hearts of the American people; that education—private and public—is important to the American people. They are all interested in it. And, my mail is always large, and I expect it to be larger.

Question—Monsignor, President Kennedy, as the first Catholic President, has taken a position opposed to that of his Church. Now, some Catholics have already said that his position was based on political reasons. How do you feel about that?

Monsignor Hochwalt—Well, he's a citizen as well as a President. He's entitled to his point of view. He has to make moral judgments and so do we. His moral judgments are (Continued on Page 2)



FATHER SCHIFFERLI

FATHER NORRIS

Priests Named To New Duties

Two priests of the Rochester Diocese were assigned new duties this week by Bishop Kearney.

Rev. William J. Schifferli, chaplain since 1955 at Industry, is named pastor of Christ the King Church, Irondequoit.

Rev. John Norris, assistant pastor at St. Boniface Church, Rochester, is named chaplain at Industry.

The appointments are effective Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

Father Schifferli succeeds the late Monsignor Charles J. Mahoney, founder and first pastor of the Irondequoit parish, who died Feb. 22, 1961.

Father Schifferli, ordained in 1940, was curate at Holy Redeemer Church for 15 years prior to his appointment to the State Argiculture and Industrial School at Industry, N.Y.

He was also chaplain of the Rochester Knights of Columbus Council 178, Monroe County chaplain of the Catholic War Veterans, director of the Newman Club at the Eastman Dental Dispensary and moderator

of the Knights of Columbus First Friday Luncheon Club.

In his six years as chaplain at Industry, he estimates he has given spiritual direction to more than 1,000 boys in need of special guidance. Last year he was elected vice president of the National Association of Training School Chaplains.

Father Norris has served as assistant pastor in four parishes since he was ordained in 1946.

He was assigned first to St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and in 1951, transferred to St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, and in 1956, to Holy Family Church, Auburn. He has been in his St. Boniface assignment since 1958.

Father Norris has organized young people's groups in the parishes to which he was appointed and prior to his ordination was a counselor at the diocesan Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, factors which helped qualify him for his work at the Industrial School.

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Bishop Asks 'Equal Rights' For Catholic School Pupils

A more than five million dollar building project got underway Sunday when Bishop Kearney dug into sandy soil with a gleaming gold shovel.

His brief ceremony at the two sites where new, double high schools soon will rise, was the background for the Bishop to demand "equal rights" for all pupils—without "discrimination" against children in parochial schools—in any federal aid-to-education legislation.

HIS WORDS echoed a statement of the nation's Catholic bishops' organization, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, issued by its chairman Archbishop Karl J. Alter following President Kennedy's announcement of his plan to pour \$2,288,000,000 into the public elementary and secondary schools of the nation.

The President told Congress a clear prohibition of the Constitution prevents government aid for parochial schools.

The President is entitled to his opinion that such aid would be unconstitutional? Bishop Kearney said, "But we, the Catholic bishops of America, are of the equally strong opinion, that it would not be unconstitutional."

He quoted both the NCWC statement and the 1950 Supreme Court decision in the Zorach case.

Both statements agree that the American tradition of separation of Church and State permits wide areas of cooperation.

The NCWC statement lists a four-point program of federal aid to benefit all the nation's school children:

"1) The question of whether or not there ought to be federal aid is a judgment to be based on objective, economic facts connected with the schools of the country, and consequently Catholics are free to take a position in accordance with the facts.

"2) In the event that there is federal aid to education we are deeply convinced that in justice Catholic school children should be given the right to participate.

"3) Respecting the form of participation, we hold it to be strictly within the framework of the Constitution that long-term, low-interest loans to private institutions could be part of the federal aid program. It is proposed, therefore, that an effort be made to have an

He also established the Charles House now on Jay St., Rochester, as a social and religious center, and the Clyde Legion of Mary, first unit of the organization now established in scores of diocesan parishes. He also formed the first unit of the Catholic Student Mission Crusade at St. Andrew's Seminary, now active in most high schools and colleges of the Diocese.

Town supervisors Vincent Tofany of Greece and Harold Knaf of Irondequoit welcomed the Bishop at each site.

The ceremonies were held at the Maiden Lane site near Mt. Read Blvd. where the Cardinal Mooney High School will rise and at the Kings Highway location of the new Bishop Kearney High School.

Construction, scheduled to move into high gear Monday, was stalled by a cement strike. The two schools are expected to be ready by September, 1962.

Justice Douglas further stated in his decision, "We are a religious people... we find no constitutional requirement which makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against efforts to widen the effective scope of religious influence."

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Twenty-six million people will live or die this year depending on your generosity this Sunday.

That's the number of needy persons aided in their battle against starvation by food, clothes and medicine sent them by Catholic Relief Services.

Catholics across America are asked to keep this crusade of mercy in operation for its 19th consecutive year. Collections will be taken in all parish churches of the country this Sunday to finance the program called the Catholic Bishops' Relief Fund.

In 1960, \$121,032,999 worth of emergency supplies were sent to 53 nations to aid 26,394,135 victims of war, floods and poverty.

See page four of this paper for Bishop Kearney's appeal and a feature story about the Church's world-wide "peace corps" of mercy to millions.



Bishop Kearney, with help of 3 year old Joseph LaVigne, turns sod at site of new high school which will bear his name. Other pictures, page 3.

School Aid Program Stalls

President Kennedy's bid for two billion dollars for public schools ran aground on Congressional shoals this week.

His own field marshal in the House of Representatives, majority leader John W. McCormack, said he could see nothing unconstitutional in the proposal made by the nation's Catholic bishops to get federal funds on a loan basis to build, repair and expand parochial schools.

The President has repeatedly stated such aid is unconstitutional. He admitted at his Wednesday news conference, however, that the loan idea was open to debate.

Representative McCormack, like the President, is a Catholic. He expressed his views on the school question in a radio-television interview by Rochester's Senator Kenneth B. Keating.

The bishops' loan proposal also has dim chances of success. Head of the House Education and Labor Committee which plays a deciding role in setting up the legislation is Harlem minister Adam Clayton Powell.

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Nun Makes Chalice

Malden — (RNS) — Sister Marie Adelaide, a fifth grade teacher at Cheverus School of Sacred Hearts parish here, displays a chalice she designed and hammered out of sterling silver. The Sister of Providence adorned the chalice with a figure of the Madonna and Child. A gold lining for the sacred vessel was inlaid by a special-mechanical process.

Clyde Pastor

Monsignor Curtin Dies

A veteran priest of the Diocese was taken in death this week from the parish he has served for over 30 years.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph V. Curtin, 76, pastor emeritus of St. John's Church, Clyde, died Sunday, March 5, 1961.

Bishop Kearney offered the Funeral Mass in the Clyde Church Wednesday and Auxiliary Bishop Casey attended the Mass and gave the absolution at the grave in the parish cemetery.

Father Paul Cuddy, pastor of the Clyde church, gave the funeral sermon.

He cited Monsignor Curtin's extensive charities, his constant interest in the mission work of the Church and his kindness to all. Text of sermon, page 5.

Monsignor Curtin, long and widely noted for his interest in the Church's worldwide mission program, leaves a library of mission books and shelves of curios and trinkets sent him by grateful missionaries.

As a seminary professor he kindled an interest in his students for the missions to make the Rochester Diocese one of the foremost areas in the nation in contributions to the Church's quest for souls.

Monsignor Curtin, born in Moravia, N.Y., May 3, 1884, was the child of Bartholomew and Elizabeth Brennan Curtin. The youngest of 14 children. One of his sisters was the late Sister Hilary who gave 49 years of service in classrooms of the Diocese.

MONSIGNOR CURTIN

He studied at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained in 1912. He was assigned as assistant pastor of St. Augustine Church, Rochester, and in 1913 appointed professor at St. Andrew's Seminary where he taught history, Latin and English for 18 years.

He was named to the Clyde pastorate in 1929 with its mission of St. Patrick's Church in nearby Savannah. Villagers still

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relate stories of his generous help to them during the years of the depression. He is credited with bringing new industry to the village and for the success of numerous civic projects.

He was named a Monsignor in January, 1956, and dean of the Wayne County Deaneary in April of that same year.

He also established the Charles House now on Jay St., Rochester, as a social and religious center, and the Clyde Legion of Mary, first unit of the organization now established in scores of diocesan parishes. He also formed the first unit of the Catholic Student Mission Crusade at St. Andrew's Seminary, now active in most high schools and colleges of the Diocese.

Monsignor Curtin retired from active duty due to failing health in June 1957 and was succeeded by his seminary pupil and later assistant pastor, Father Paul Cuddy.

He is survived by a brother Frank Curtin of Rochester and a sister Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Duggan of Moravia, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Priests of the Diocese chanted Vespers of the Dead for the repose of his soul Tuesday evening.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney in the funeral Mass were Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor, as assistant priest, and Monsignor Edward McAniff, master of ceremonies.

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