

# High Schools, Colleges Said Best Investment

Boston — (RNS) — A Catholic pastor, who is a columnist for The Pilot, Boston archdiocesan news weekly, has proposed that the parochial elementary school system be abandoned in favor of a more productive investment in secondary and higher education.

He is Msgr. George W. Casey, pastor of St. Brigid's church, Lexington, Mass., and author of The Pilot's Driftwood column. His writings frequently appear in the Paulist publication, Information and other periodicals.

Msgr. Casey based his proposal on the presumptions that Catholic schools "are not going to get financial aid from the federal government" and that population trends will cause acute monetary and personnel problems in the elementary system.

"The best and simplest reason why we should shift our money and personnel over into secondary and higher education if we have not enough for all grades," he said, "is that they should be put where the need and the return is greater."

Declaring that Catholics "are engaged in the battle for men's minds and souls on a wide front," the columnist stated: "Like good strategists who recognize that they cannot be strong on every front, we should move our resources to the front of greatest challenge. In education that is now the secondary and higher area."

Msgr. Casey stressed that "times have changed" and the parochial school system should be modified in accordance with a changing society. He stated: "If we share common schooling with our neighbors of all religions, in the grades where there is almost no danger of defection or of secularism and where the parents' minds are supreme, we will avoid most of the less pleasant by-products of separation and inbreeding. We will have a larger stake in the community, a deeper involvement in its affairs, and a wider charity for all."

"If we let the total community share in the expenses of teaching our children, teaching them the things that are the same for all, we will all be relieved of the financial strain that so distorts our devotions and parish programs. The clergy will be freed from the urgent necessity of going the best of their energies and efforts to raising money and they can turn them to spiritual account."

"The parishes will not have to erect the enormous bingo signs that disfigure all the church lawns in certain areas nor run a lot of novenas for palpably profit motives. Sunday Mass will not take on the quality of a fly trap designed to hold the people until three collections are taken up."

From the viewpoint of Christian apologetics, Msgr. Casey argued that Catholic education would be more effective on the secondary level than on the elementary in contemporary times.

"Let us face it, the chief reason for the Catholic school system is the preservation of the faith. And I, for one, have never seen a child lose its faith in the elementary grades, unless the parents lost it for him. But I have seen high school boys and girls lose it on their own. If we can only have Catholic influence around in some grades, let us have it around in the crucial years when the powers of reasoning are being strengthened, the inclination to challenge sharpened and vocations and career are being decided."

"Let us have the priest and the sisters around in the garden where boy meets girl, and where they both meet the Reformation, the Inquisition, communism, Darwinism, Freudianism, and all the other religions and philosophies. They are much more needed there than where the boys and girls meet spelling, times tables, and long division."

## Don't Close Our Schools

Boston — (RNS) — The superintendent of schools for the Boston Catholic archdiocese took issue here with a controversial proposal by a fellow priest to abandon the parochial elementary school system so the Church might concentrate its efforts more on secondary and higher education.

In reply to the thesis set forth by Msgr. George W. Casey, a prominent Boston area pastor and writer, Msgr. Timothy F. O'Leary declared: "We cannot afford to scrap elementary education (even though) we need more high schools, larger colleges and universities."

IN HIS RETORT, Msgr. O'Leary pointed out that despite the problems of financing and staffing Catholic elementary schools, a recent poll showed that in only two of the 112 dioceses which replied, had any grades been dropped. These were the first grade, he added.

The schools' superintendent challenged Msgr. Casey's contention that parochial schools would not receive federal aid and noted that despite similar financial and personnel worries in the public schools, there is no thought of closing them at any grade level.

Msgr. O'Leary went on to say he found no fault with Msgr. Casey's statement that "the chief reason for the Catholic school system is the preservation of the faith."

"But," the priest added, "I do not look so pessimistically on the number of those who have attended Catholic elementary schools, complete their education under other auspices, and then lose their faith. He has seen high school boys and girls who lost it on their own. He must have known thousands who have remained loyal to the Church . . ."

New Dean

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Irish Ambassador to the Holy See Leo T. McCauley is the new dean of the corps of diplomats accredited to the Vatican.



Twenty-five novices took first vows as Sisters of Mercy this week. Shown signing their vows with Mother General Mary Bride, seated second from left, are from left, seated, Sister Mary Tarcisius, Sister Mary Cleophas, Sister Miriam; and standing, Sister Mary Bernardine, Sister Mary Eric and Sister Mary Kristin.

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Sisters making their final vows, their parents and home parishes were:

Sister Mary Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Crowley, Our Lady of Lourdes, Brighton.

Sister Mary Kristin, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Grzymkowski, St. James.

Sister Miriam, Mrs. John Nugent and the late Mr. Nugent, St. Patrick's, Elmira.

Sister Mary Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Y. Tannous, St. Augustine.

Sister Mary Cleophas, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Becker, Corpus Christi.

Sister Mary Thomasetta, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Slyck, Holy Apostles.

Sister Mary Helen Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lorey, St. James.

Sister Mary Tarcisius, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Prinzang, Corpus Christi.

Sister Marie Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Brydges, St. Salome's.

Sister Mary Emil, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony B. Kosakoski, St. Vincent's, Corning.

Sister Mary Cyril, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril G. Hamilton, Corpus Christi.

Sister Elizabeth Mary, the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross, St. Salome's.

Sister Mary Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gormley, Holy Family, Auburn.

Sister Mary Sean, Mrs. Kathleen Lynch, St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester.

Sister Mary Petra, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Wintish, St. Augustine.

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# Curate Here Now Bishop Of Stamford

Bishop Joseph M. Schmondiuk, former assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Ukrainian Church in Rochester, was named this week to be Bishop of the Stamford eparchy (diocese) for Ukrainians in New York and New England.

He has been Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia since 1956.

Other hierarchy changes for U.S. Ukrainian rite Catholics include naming Bishop Ambrose Semshyn of Stamford to be Archbishop of Philadelphia to succeed the late Archbishop Constantine Bohachewsky and Monsignor Jaroslav Gabro of Perth Amboy to head the newly formed eparchy of Chicago.

Pennsylvania born Bishop Schmondiuk was orphaned at the age of seven when his parents died in the 1917 influenza epidemic. He studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained in 1936. He served in Rochester for one year, 1943.

# New Bishop, Diocese In Louisiana

Washington — (NC) — Bishop John P. Cody of Kansas City, Mo., has been named Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans with the right of succession to Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel.

At the same time it was announced that a Diocese of Baton Rouge, La., has been established out of territory formerly belonging to the New Orleans archdiocese. Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Tracy of Lafayette, La., has been named first Bishop of the new diocese.

Bishop Cody's appointment brings him, at the age of 53, to the second oldest See in the United States and one rich in Catholic history and tradition.

It also brings him to an area where violence has flared in the past over school integration and where some Catholics have defied the efforts of Church authorities to bring about peaceful desegregation of Catholic schools.



MRS. ABEL

MISS MOTT

# New Instructors Named At Fisher

Two new instructors have been added to the faculty of St. John Fisher College, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, president.

MRS. ADELINE TIFFT ABEL, a former University of Rochester student, was named an instructor of modern languages and Miss Anne Louise Mott will join the St. John Fisher English department as an instructor. Mrs. Abel has been a teaching assistant in the Department of Foreign Languages, Louisiana State University, enrolled in a course leading to a Ph. D. in Romance Languages. Literature and Linguistics Miss Mott recently received her masters of art's degree from St. Louis University where she had a teaching fellowship.

## Silent Fire Alarm

Vatican City — (NC) — For the first time in two years the Vatican City fire department had a fire alarm and extinguished the blaze with hand pumps.

The fire, caused by a short circuit, broke out in the building of the governor of Vatican City Aug. 5. An employee in the building noticed the fire and dialed 444, the fire brigade's little-used telephone number.

Firemen on duty mounted their new fire truck and drove out of the Belvedere Courtyard to 1931. Both her bachelor's and master's degrees were obtained at Louisiana State University.

Mrs. Abel's husband, Paul, an assistant professor of music at Louisiana State University, is presently studying for his doctorate at the Eastman School of Music. They have four sons.

Miss Mott was born in Providence, Rhode Island. She graduated summa cum laude in 1949 from Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island on general duty assignment in with a bachelor of art's degree in English.

## NO PRIEST?

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