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**OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR  
1961 - 1962**

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**First Semester**

Sept. Saturday	2	Elementary School Principals' Meeting
Tuesday	5	Elementary Lay Teachers' Conference
Wednesday	6	Opening of Schools
Monday	18	Diocesan Teachers' Conference
Tuesday	19	Diocesan Teachers' Conference
Oct. 2-6		Group Intelligence Tests, Grades 2, 5, and 7
Thursday	12	Columbus Day—Holiday
Friday	13	Community Teachers' Conference
22-27		Open House Week
Wednesday	25	Consecration of Cathedral—Holiday
Nov. Wednesday	1	All Saints' Day—Holiday
Wednesday	22	Thanksgiving Recess Begins at Noon
Monday	27	Schools Reopen
Dec. Friday	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Holiday
Friday	22	Christmas Recess Begins at 3 P.M.
Jan. Tuesday	2	Schools Reopen
Thursday	18	Diocesan Examinations Begin
Friday	26	Inter-Semester Holiday

**Second Semester**

Jan. Monday	29	Second Semester Begins
Feb. Monday	12	Lincoln's Birthday—Holiday
Mar. Saturday	17	High School and Seminary Entrance Examinations
April Tuesday	10	Diocesan-Wide Registration
Wednesday	11	Diocesan-Wide Registration
Wednesday	18	Easter Recess Begins at Noon
Monday	30	Schools Reopen
May 6-11		Open House Week
Wednesday	30	Memorial Day—Holiday
Thursday	31	Ascension Thursday—Holiday
June Wednesday	13	Diocesan Examinations Begin
Friday	22	School Year Closes

**School Days Get Longer**

Boston — (RNS)—One hundred and fifty thousand children in the parochial schools of the Boston Roman Catholic archdiocese will find their school day lengthened when the fall term begins, the archdiocesan superintendent announced here.

Msgr. Timothy F. O'Leary, addressing 7,800 religious and lay teachers at the 52nd Annual Teachers Institute, also said that a study is being made of possible revisions in the curriculum with the view of putting more changes into effect in September, 1962.

Msgr. O'Leary said the school day in the elementary grades will be extended 30 minutes to 5 1/2 hours of study and in the upper grades from 45 minutes to 5 1/2 hours.

**Teacher's Viewpoint of Mothers**

Webster Groves, Mo. — (NC) — What do mothers look like to teachers?

A mother of four, who has had experience "on both sides" of the teacher's desk, says that mothers often seem just as unreasonable to teachers as teachers sometimes do to mothers.

Mrs. Rose C. Huth, a former newspaper reporter, said she used to wonder "why Johnny can't read, spell or add, and, as mothers often do, I blamed his problems on his teacher."

Then, she was asked to teach in the primary grades at Holy Redeemer parish school here. The nine-month experience proved a revelation, she smiles.

"Formerly, when people asked how many children did I have, I answered 'four,'" she grinned.

"When I began to teach I said, in reply to the same inquiry, 'Four at home and 45 in school,' and hurriedly added: 'The 45 in school are less trouble than the four at home.'"

Among Mrs. Huth's tips to mothers, after a year's experience "on the other side of the desk":

• **Discussing problems.** It is impossible for a teacher to have all the visits she would like with parents. There aren't enough hours in the day. So telephone for an appointment. "Nothing is more disturbing to a well-organized classroom than a parent with a problem standing in the doorway discussing his child, while the class, with-

care for her child than the teacher. The child will do better at home than at school. "In today's crowded schools, what can be done with a child who is not supposed to go outside with the group at recess?" she asks.

• **Helping the child:** "Encourage reading — don't let them waste time on comics. Fill their bookshelves with the wonderful books on the market today."

• **Homework:** Have him complete his homework at a reasonable hour. "Playing out of

doors until late, and then trying to finish a sheet of arithmetic problems adds up to one cranky child, two crabby parents."

• **Passing the buck.** "I remember saying as a mother, 'He didn't learn that word at home. He probably picked it up at school.' As a teacher I remember saying, 'when a child uses dirty words, chances are he has heard them at home.' This is known as passing the buck. For teacher and mother it would be better to carry a bar of soap."

**New Yorker in Boston**

**'We Can't Scuttle Schools'**

Boston — (RNS) — A leading New York Catholic educator said here the proposal made by a Boston prelate that the parochial elementary school system be scrapped was based on "the erroneous assumption that the Catholic laity won't rise to our aid financially."

In an address to the annual Boston Archdiocesan Teacher's Institute here, Msgr. John J. Voight, secretary for education in the New York Catholic archdiocese, took issue with the suggestion by Msgr. George W. Casey in his "Driftwood" column appearing in The Pilot, official newspaper of the Boston archdiocese.

Msgr. Casey, pastor of a suburban Boston church, based his proposal partially on the lack of federal funds to aid church-related schools. He said Catholics should concentrate

their educational efforts more intensively at the high school and university level.

**Charge Made Secularists Take Over**

Brooklyn — (RNS) — The Tablet, Brooklyn Catholic diocesan weekly, charged here that control of New York City public schools has been handed to the Coordinating Committee of the Public Education Association, "an ultra-liberal group espousing a materialistic, secularistic philosophy of education."

In an editorial in its Aug. 26 issue, the paper declared that a new state law, which creates an advisory panel to nominate city Board of Education members, was a "railroaded" through a special half-day session of the legislature, "without hearings or time for consideration or study."

As a result, The Tablet said, six of the 11 panel members chosen under the new law are members of the P.E.A. and its coordinating committee. A seventh member, the paper added, was selected from an organization recommended by the group: The Bar Association of the City of New York.

The Public Education Association labeled The Tablet's charges as "completely ridiculous" in a statement by its director, Dr. Frederick C. McLaughlin.

**Exiled For Defense Of Catholic Schools**

Conakry, Guinea — (RNS) — Archbishop Gerard de Milleville of Conakry was expelled from Guinea by President Sekou Toure for publicly opposing the government's confiscation of all church schools.

The prelate was escorted by police to a plane bound for Dakar, Senegal, in Africa.

Confirming the expulsion, the Vatican Radio attacked President Toure's action as an "example of religious intolerance not expected in new African states."

President Toure had threatened to oust the archbishop unless he retracted a pastoral letter in which he had strongly opposed demands for the closing of all schools operated by missionaries. The prelate, however, refused to withdraw his statement defending the Church's right to run its own schools and to teach religion.

Forty-nine years old, Bishop de Milleville had lived in Guinea for 20 years. Guinea has about 28,000 Catholics in a total population of around 2,550,000.



**Another Hat For The Cardinal**

Santa Cruz, Bolivia — (RNS) — Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, received a warm welcome and a warm costume from the Indians of Bolivia. Here, the cardinal is shown wearing a cap known as a "lluchu" and a complete native outfit as he visits with a delegation of Indians. Cardinal Cushing, who served as papal legate at Bolivia's Fourth National Eucharistic Congress, also received from President Victor Paz Estenssoro the nation's Order of the Condor, highest honor ever given to a Roman Catholic prelate.

**India Honors Memory Of 'Red Lotus' Nun**

Bombay — (RNS) — Though she died 26 years ago, the memory of Sister Alphonsa, a Red Lotus nun whose death was commemorated on the 15th anniversary of her death, is being honored in many cities throughout India.

Her mother succumbed soon after her birth and the girl was still very young when an Indian nun whose beautiful face she had inherited, was placed in her custody. Sister Alphonsa, who was born in Kerala in 1910, was a member of the Poor Clares at Bharananthapuram. She was reported to have had a premonition of her death three days before, being quoted as saying, "Give me a good habit and let me go."

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