

# Catholic Pupils By-Passed In Newest School Aid Plan

## Treasury Dept. Rejects Senator Keating Proposal

President Kennedy headed into the stormy seas of federal aid to education again this week—and he repeated his claim that "across-the-board" aid for parochial schools is unconstitutional.

In a 4000 word message to Congress, the President asked for a program estimated to cost the federal government nearly six billion dollars.

His plan is a virtual copy of last year's proposal which was bottled up by the House Rules Committee.

## 'We Can't Compete With Government'

New York (NC)—Cardinal Spellman told a Catholic Teachers' Institute in New York City Wednesday that the President's proposals to aid public schools only would create "a dagger threatening our existence."

He told 1500 parochial school teachers, "If the administration's bill and the administration's desire should become actual that means the end of our schools because while we pay our municipal taxes, taxes for education, and while our parents bear the voluntary taxation of building and supporting our schools, nevertheless if the federal government should favor public schools and put an additional tax on us, from which we shall receive no benefit, then, my dear friends, it is the eventual end of our parochial schools."

What happened to Senator Keating's idea of last year to give tax relief for parents whose children attend parochial or other private schools?

This is what he told the Courier Journal this week:

"The Treasury Department has made an adverse report on my bill to the Senate Finance Committee and indicated opposition toward any sort of tax deduction plan on the grounds that it would help people in higher income brackets most. Of course, that is true of any deduction plan. I pledge, however, that my bill on any such plan will have no effect on the middle class."

"I am somewhat amazed by the fact that the Treasury has also expressed opposition to tax relief on the ground that the proposed deduction would result in significant loss of revenue." Surely, if the same amount were directly expended on federal aid to education, the Treasury funds would be depleted by the same amount. As a matter of fact, the loss of revenue would be far less than the cost of the proposed federal aid to education bill.

"I cannot believe that a grant program administered in Washington is really more efficient in the long run than a tax deduction or credit system under which the revenue would never come to Washington in the first place. However, I recognize the difficulties faced by my bill in the light of the expressed opposition of the Administration."

## What About 'Free Exercise' Of Religion?

Cleveland (RNS)—A leading Catholic expert on constitutional law has come up with arguments that federal aid to public schools only might well be unconstitutional.

William B. Ball, a Harrisburg, Pa., attorney who was the principal author of a recent study by the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Legal Department on the question of federal aid to parochial schools, told a forum here that the First Amendment has a "forgotten clause."

Those who would deny federal assistance to church-related schools, Mr. Ball pointed out, often say such aid would violate the First Amendment's "no establishment" clause.

"One prong of the amendment says that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion," said Mr. Ball. "But most people forget about the second prong that says the Congress shall make no law 'prohibiting the free exercise of religion.'"

This second prong could make federal aid only to public schools unconstitutional, he said, commenting that he believes sooner or later a case could be made along these lines.

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## Time for Heart to Speak

St. Valentine's Day is the time for gentlemen to let their hearts speak. First grade pupil Robert Wisniewski of Holy Rosary school delivers his message to Sister M. Peter. Historians are still puzzled about the custom because St. Valentine quite likely never held a fair lady's hand—he was a priest of Rome, beheaded in the year 269.



## Deliver You . . . from All Evil

Bishop Kearney blessed throats of patients and staff at St. Mary's Hospital Monday, Feb. 5, to mark the feast of St. Blaise. Here John Maginn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Maginn, 524 Malden Lane, Greece, receives the blessing.

## Lincoln, Greatest American

By REV. FREDERICK WALZ  
minute, and colder, too, because Father Walz, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, King Ferry, and All Saints Church, Ludlowville, is a scholar of Lincoln lore. He wrote this article for the Courier Journal for Lincoln's Day which occurs Monday.

The day was one typical of March in the capital, a cold, rainy day, one calculated to keep people indoors and off the streets. From early morning light drips, raindrops, and snow on the streets of the city, creating a sea of mud and soiling everyone who ventured outside. People slithered thru it all, getting wetter and muddier by the

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At noon the vice-president, Andrew Johnson, arose to speak, and made matters worse with a long, rambling, incoherent speech which told more truth than any which was heard on the streets of the city. The president arose slowly, almost as if he were in pain, and each movement were to be his last. He adjusted his spectacles and began to read his speech. It was a hard one, spare and lean like himself, and not to the liking of all the people. And it took just five minutes to read. Odd, how his greatest speeches were all short ones; Gettysburg was just four minutes in length; this one five minutes; the "house divided" speech just a bit longer.

But all three were destined to go down in history as superlative expressions of the true spirit of man. This one was that good.

The concluding paragraph was pure inspiration: "with malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves and with all nations."

Forty days later, the president was dead.

No other man in the United States, not excepting even the Father of his country, has ever been the subject of so much writing. His life, his humble beginnings, his deeds and his words have been reported in such depths as never visualized by his contemporaries.

Every year a veritable flood of books and periodicals appears on the scene, and the end of it all is not in sight. And with each book his stature grows. All other great men have had their days of adulation but inevitably the debunking processes have dimmed the luster of their renown.

Only Lincoln seems to have survived this process unscathed. It's ironic, when you think about it: the most unpopular man of his day, the most bitterly hated one, has become, by some strange alchemy of affection, the most beloved of all Americans.

There is a growing tendency among historians and devotees alike to canonize Lincoln, to make of him not only a man for all the ages, but a man for all humanity. He becomes a giant in such handling, a superman, a man unique in the annals of political life in America. How does Lincoln measure up to all this praise? Was he all they say he was? Was he such a man that he could well serve as a patron saint of Americans?

I believe he was. I firmly believe Abraham Lincoln was, after Washington, the greatest man the political life of America ever produced. I believe his

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## Catholic Press Sermon Topic

You'll hear a sermon about us this Sunday — at least we'll be mentioned.

Sunday is Catholic Press Sunday, highlight of Catholic Press Month (February), a time to call Catholic attention to the importance of reading religious press. Even heaven's gates are open to those who read.

A letter from Bishop Kearney will ask parishioners to renew subscriptions to the Courier Journal — "the price you pay is very small in comparison with the rich benefits you will derive from reading it," the letter states.

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## World's Bishops To Meet Oct. 11

Vatican City (RNS)—Pope John XXIII announced in a motu proprio that the Second Vatican Council would open here on Oct. 11, the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the same time he again urged the Catholic faithful to pray for the success of the Council.

Issuance of the motu proprio—term for a document drawn up and personally signed by a Pope—came a little more than three years after Pope John had announced his intention of convoking an Ecumenical, or General, Council, one of the chief purposes of which would be to study ways of bringing about unity between the Catholic Church and other Christian communities.

The motu proprio was dated Feb. 2, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the oldest of the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also known as Candlemas Day because of the traditional blessing of candles, for use in churches, with which it is linked.

POPE JOHN said he had chosen the Marian feast in October as the opening date of the Second Vatican Council because of its association with the third General Council at Ephesus in 431 at which the doctrine of Mary's Divine maternity was upheld. He said this Council had been of "outstanding importance in the history of the Church."

The Council of Ephesus began in June, 431, and ended in the early part of October in the same year.

It condemned the Nestorian heresy which denied the reality of the divine and human natures in the Divine Person of Christ.

## Why Send Daughter to College

BY JEREMY RYAN

Many parents are sincerely troubled by the question: "Why Send My Daughter to College?"

In an attempt to provide some answers to this question, the Courier-Journal asked five Nazareth College graduates to answer the question as they would if approached by a parent, seeking their views of the problem.

This week we present the answer of Kathryn A. Curran, 433 Rocket St., a 1953 Nazareth graduate.

Among other achievements in college, Kathryn was president of the Undergraduate Association and the junior class and was elected to Kappa Gamma Phi. She received an M.A. from Middlebury College in 1957 and was awarded a John Hay Fellowship for further study in the humanities in 1960.

Now a teacher of English at East High School, she is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English and the New York State and Rochester Teachers Associations.

Here is her answer to the question:

Should girls go to college?

Apparently many parents think that they should. The freshman enrollment of women



Kathryn Curran, East High Teacher

for 1961 was 55% higher than in 1956.

There are, however, many who advocate keeping women out of college. They claim that a girl is more interested in attaining a Mrs. degree than a B.A.

Their objection is valid only if the sole purpose of a college education is to enable a graduate to earn a living.

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## Serrans Plan Mass. Dinner

A Mass to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life will be offered by Bishop Kearney at St. John Fisher College chapel Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m.

Serra Club members and their wives will attend the Mass and a dinner following at Oak Hill Country Club. Speaker at the dinner will be Very Rev. Charles Lavery, C.S.B., president of the college.

Program chairmen are William T. Echter and John W. Maloney. The recently organized Rochester Serra Club now counts 35 members. Purpose of the organization is to promote religious vocations.

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