

Not Many Read Pope's Encyclical

Cincinnati — (NC) — Many cyclical Mater et Magistra's "what is placed beyond doubt or denial in an encyclical is a doctrine taken as a whole." Father Garvey told a Xavier University symposium on Mater et Magistra (Feb. 18) that papal guidance is even more necessary in problems of social ethics than in other fields.

The danger of injustice is much more acute and the

possibility of ignoring God's law is much more prevalent," he said. "Hence the greater need and positive necessity of papal teaching on social justice, if the Pope is to fulfill the responsibility laid upon him of teaching Christ's law."

"In spite of the authority of the papal pronouncements on social justice," Father Garvey said, "it sometimes seems that many Catholics refuse to take it seriously. They refuse to see good and evil, sin and virtue bound up with their social activities."

He said such people may practice "a very rigid personal morality, observing all the commands about purity and marriage and keeping the Sabbath day holy."

"But the obligations a worker has to his employer or an employer to his workers, the obligation of union members to vote according to justice, the obligation of our race to live in harmony with another—these relations, they seem to say, are governed by self-interest."



All Roads Lead To Rome

Vatican City — (RNS) — A large gathering of Catholic prelates from throughout the world, including 39 cardinals, attended the opening of the fourth session of the Central Preparatory Commission for the Second Vatican Council in the Vatican. Polish Primate Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński (left) takes his seat at the conference table near James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles. Pope John XXIII, speaking at the opening session, made special mention of the presence of Cardinal Wyszyński who was in Rome for the first time in more than three years.

Polish Cardinal Joins Pope In Blessing Rite

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope John accorded a special honor to Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, by asking the Cardinal to appear at his side when he gave his customary noonday blessing to crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square Sunday, Feb. 25.

An estimated 10,000 people gathered in St. Peter's square cheered when the Pope and the Cardinal appeared at the Pope's library window after the audience.

A similar gesture was made by Pope John only once before, when Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, was named to succeed the late Domenico Cardinal Tardini as Papal Secretary of State in 1961.

Educators Debate School Aid Issue

Atlantic City — (NC) — A Catholic educator and a former national Education Association official debated use of tax funds for parochial schools before an audience of public school administrators here.

Msgr. William E. McManus, superintendent of Chicago archdiocesan schools, expressed hope that the U.S. Supreme Court some day may issue a decision favoring the bringing of "tax-supported education's benefits to both public and parochial school pupils."

Howard A. Dawson, executive secretary emeritus of the NEA's Department of Rural Education, argued that "private education is a private privilege and those who want it are under obligation to pay for it."

THE TWO appeared (Feb. 20) at a session of the 94th annual meeting of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) in the Atlantic City Convention Hall.

Msgr. McManus, who heads the nation's biggest private school system — enrolling 235,000 pupils drew an analogy between the reasons for the Supreme Court's 1954 anti-segregation decision and one that would permit tax support of parochial schools.

The 1954 ruling, he said, advanced the cause of democracy in education because it strove to remove inequalities or exclusions.

Similarly, he argued, "if the courts were to rule that tax funds could be used for parochial schools' construction and operation, fraternally minded citizens could request legislation to bring tax-supported education's benefits to both public and parochial school pupils."

"No longer would a religious test, generally forbidden in government procedures, disqualify parochial schools from receiving a fair share of tax support because they include sectarian instruction in their curricula," he said.

Msgr. McManus said the basic question facing the court probably would be one of freedom of religion. The high court, he noted, has already upheld the right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their religious convictions.

"The court may be asked whether a religious-minded parent's free exercise of religion is prohibited when many like-minded parents and he are denied the equitable share of tax money needed for the construction and operation of parochial schools in which they want to educate their children in accordance with their religious convictions."

"The question's seriousness is accentuated by the fact that denial of such tax assistance does in effect compel these parents to send their children to public schools. Failure to do so would render them guilty of violating compulsory education laws," he said.

Msgr. McManus, calling parochial schools an indispensable part of American education, said that today it is "an indisputable fact that the patrons and benefactors of parochial education no longer can raise

Patron Saint For Young 'Rebels'

Vatican City — (NC) — A saint for rebellious young men has been proposed by Pope John in the figure of a seminarian who died 100 years ago at the age of 24.

The Pope, in a letter to Father Malcolm La Velle, C.P., Superior General of the Passionist Order, commemorated the first centenary of the death of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Gabriel was born at Assisi, Italy, on March 1, 1838, and was educated by Jesuits at Spoleto, Italy. He was a typical fun-loving youth until he was struck by serious illness.

After his recovery, he joined the Passionists and began studying for the priesthood, but he died of tuberculosis before attaining his goal of becoming a priest.

The Pope called specific attention in his letter (dated February 26) to Gabriel's chastity and his devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

He then said: "We admire young men to consider this great saint. During his short time on earth he experienced and overcame the same difficulties that they encounter. We exhort them the more because the minds of youth are by nature inclined to rebel against discipline, to seek pleasure, to neglect the matters of heaven and to wish too much for material things."

School Aid 'Dead' Issue

Cleveland — (NC) — The chairman of the House Education Committee said here that President Kennedy's bill to aid public schools is dead because this is an election year.

Saying Congressmen do not want to vote on the controversy, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., of New York told a questioner at the Women's City Club where he spoke Feb. 22.

"The religious issue associated with the bill has created such pressure that if the measure cleared all committees and came to a vote, at least 50 Congressmen would lose their seats in the November election no matter which way they voted."

More Newman Clubs Needed

Buffalo — (NC) — How much need is there for Newman Clubs at secular colleges? A survey taken here offers one answer.

It shows that 51 per cent of local Catholic high school seniors who planned to attend college plan to enroll in secular institutions.

The percentage was much higher among Catholic seniors in public high schools. A full 89 per cent of them planned to enter secular colleges.

The survey was made last year by the Newman Club Directorate of the Buffalo diocese and its results recently released. A total of 3,981 students responded to the questionnaire. Of this number, 2,815 were from Catholic schools and 1,166 from public schools.

Too Few Priests In Philippines

Manila — (NC) — The poignant shortage of priests for the more than 62 million Catholics of the Philippines appears again in the 1962 Catholic Directory published here.

The average is only one priest for every 6,104 Catholics and 1,380 Non-Catholics, according to the directory. That includes priests engaged in full-time teaching and administrative duties. In the U.S. the average is one priest for 770 Catholics and 2,510 Non-Catholics.)

For many Filipino Catholics, priests are not available at even the rate of one for 6,104.

MORE THAN 60 parishes listed in the directory have each a Catholic population exceeding 20,000 and only one priest. One parish has 35,439 Catholics, 1,855 persons outside the Church, and a solitary priest. Another has 36,200 Catholics, 3,800 "secularians," whose grandparents were surely Catholics, and just one priest.

When a parish has several priests, it is usually so large that the task for each is far more than one man can handle. Parishes with two or more priests are listed as having totals ranging from 10,000 to 100,000 Catholics. Many of these parishioners live in barrios (villages) miles away from the central church.

One consequence of all this is that the majority of Filipino Catholics die without the last sacraments.

The situation is indeed better than it was. Five years ago, according to the Catholic Directory for 1957, the average was one priest for 8,359 Filipino Catholics and 2,001 Non-Catholics.

Vocations have been increasing. The directory for this year shows 978 major seminarians and 1,939 minor seminarians preparing for the diocesan priesthood. The religious orders have about 1,200 candidates for the priesthood, of whom some 450 are in the major seminary stages.

Virtue From Basketball

Dodge City — (NC) — Basketball games can provide good exercises in the virtue of charity, Bishop Marion F. Forst of Dodge City said here.

"Good sportsmanship is one way of practicing the virtue of charity," he said.

The Bishop said most schools worked hard to teach their players, cheerleaders and cheering sections to conduct themselves as "ladies and gentlemen."

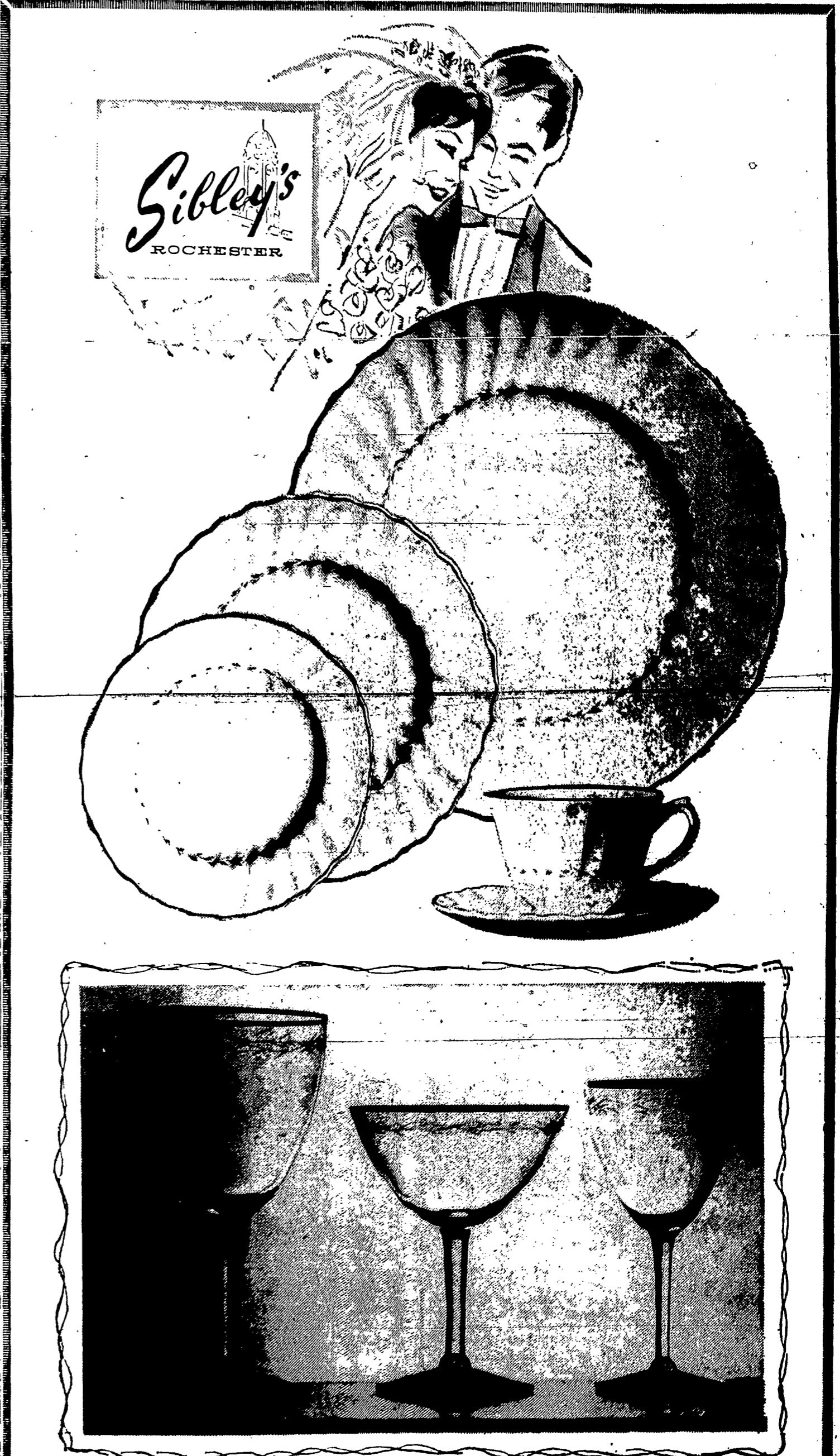
"Invariably it seems to me, the fan giving the referee some nasty advice, or handing a coach some free counsel, or booing one of the players, or getting argumentative with some fellow fan, is not a student. It is someone like you or me who should know better," he said.

Expiles To Open School Quebec — (NC) — Three Brothers of Charity who were forced to flee from Cuba have left here for Peru to open an industrial school at Pampas de Comas, seven miles from Lima.



Church Changes Formosa's Skyline

Tung Kang — (RNS) — St. Michael's Catholic church (in the background) — now a landmark in the village of Tung Kang, Southern Taiwan, shows the transformation taking place in the Formosan skyline because of the large number of converts to Christianity in recent years. Photographed by a lake which mirrors the church is the parish pastor—Father Franz Spaeth, O.P., of Rottenburg, Germany, a member of the Dominican order. On Sundays, St. Michael's is usually filled with fisherfolk. In 1949 there were six Catholic families in the area. Today there are more than 1,500.



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