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'Progressive' Forces Dominant at Council

Votes Assure

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The Vatican Council spent its first week listening to "conservative" prelates but voted overwhelmingly in favor of pushing through a "progressive" program of church reform.

Council votes this week piled up more than 2000 bishops in favor of increasing their role in the worldwide government of the Church. Despite extensive warnings last year that such "collegiality" would undermine papal power, the conservative forces could muster hardly 300 votes.

Other votes revealing the massive strength of progressive forces at the Council approved proposed statements on ecumenism (the Catholic Church's peaceful view of other churches) and that the Jews are "the chosen people most dear to God."

These votes also ran more than 2000 "against" or affirmative and less than 300 opposed.

Reports from Rome indicate both sides were "in a state of their minds" when they voted at the first vote of the council which was held on Sept. 21.

In discussing the plan of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Catholic devotion, the council approved a statement by Cardinal Ruffini, who said the proposed statement was "too timid" — he wanted a forthright affirmation of devotion to our Lady.

Debate centered on calling the Blessed Virgin "mediatrix" and "Mother of the Church."

Cardinal Ernesto Ruffini, outspoken conservative prelate, said the "mediatrix" title should be explained clearly so Christians of other denominations would know Catholics believe there is but one mediator between God and mankind — Christ — and that the mediatrix title simply honors Mary for her close association with the Saviour in His work of redemption.

Another prelate of the conservative side, Polish Archbishop Joseph Gawlinski, who died suddenly four days after making a speech at the Council, said Catholic doctrine on our Lady, when properly understood, is not an insuperable divisive factor between Catholics.

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Great Tradition in Our Hands

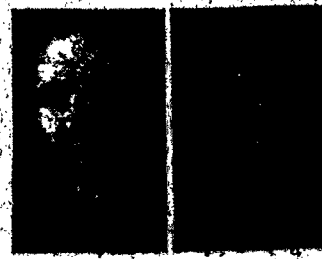
Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will contribute this Sunday to "the Holy work" of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's seminaries.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter read in parish churches last Sunday, said the "great tradition" of maintaining the seminaries "is in our hands today."

Both seminaries will hold open houses to welcome visitors — St. Bernard's, 2600 Lake Avenue, this Sunday, Sept. 27, 3 to 5 p.m., and St. Andrew's, 1150 Buffalo Road, next Sunday, Oct. 4, also from 3 to 5 p.m.

The public is invited to view the chapels, classrooms, faculty and student residences at both schools.

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"It has been the magnificent work of these time-honored

schools that has created the story of the priesthood in this Diocese," said the Bishop.

Full text of his letter is on page four.

Bishop Kearney recently announced that students for the priesthood in this Diocese will make their college studies at St. John Fisher College beginning next year, first major change in seminary education since Bishop McQuaid established the two seminaries nearly 100 years ago.

The seminarians-at-college program will enable the Diocese to bolster the high school courses at St. Andrew's and the theological courses at St. Bernard's without the need to add new facilities or personnel.

Catholic Schools Still Needed

Hastings, Ind. — (RNS)—Catholic parochial schools are as necessary today as they were in the 19th Century, but for different reasons, a leading Catholic educator declared in an interview scheduled for the Sept. 27 issue of Our Sunday Visitor, published here.

Parochial schools were begun by the Church because of Protestant domination of public education, the threat to a Catholic child's faith today is secularism, said Msgr. William McManus, superintendent

of schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"Fifty years ago today's public schools' secularism is more of a danger to a Catholic child's faith than was those dominantly Protestant influences in years past," the educator said.

Because of today's pluralistic society, public schools must be "religiously neutral," Msgr. McManus observed, adding:

"In practice that generally means they are secular, with

the result that many public school pupils to a large extent learn how to think and decide and behave without any explicit reference to religious truths and values."

In contrast, Msgr. McManus pointed out that "in most (Catholic) high schools the social disciplines are required reading. Our students are being taught the obligations of racial justice and love, international relations are interpreted from a Christian point of view, thousands of grade schools have civic clubs which involve their pupils in neighborhood projects with public and other private school students."

Msgr. McManus was interviewed by Donald J. Thomson, author of "The Emerging Layman" and a consultant to several Catholic papers.

Asked to comment on Mary Perkins Ryan's controversial book, "Are Parochial Schools the Answer?" Msgr. McManus said it will have "served a good purpose" if it stimulates thought and research into "the theological, sociological and pedagogical reasons for investing millions of dollars in a vast system of Catholic schools."

Nazareth College's Birthday

Little lady with a big job — petite Sister Helen Daniel, president of Nazareth College, views her academic world where registration passed the thousand mark at the college which this week will mark its fortieth anniversary. For further details and historical review, see page six.

Vietnamese Sour on U. S.

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR, Society of St. Columban

Hanoi — (NC) — Some Vietnamese Catholics have become bitterly critical of U.S. attitudes in this country. Others are perplexed and dismayed. This change of

sentiment — it is a change from last year. Most Vietnamese Catholics believe that "the Americans" supported the political, Buddhist forces in their 1963 campaign for power, and afterwards, "The Americans" mean American officials here and in Washington and most of the American press.

THE MILITARY coup d'état of Nov. 1, 1963, that overthrew the Ngo Dinh Diem government was regarded by the campaigning Buddhists as their victory, crowning their six months of agitation and opening a new avenue to power.

It is common knowledge how

that the U.S. embassy promoted that coup. Vietnamese Catholics and others ask: "Why did the Americans not see where it would lead?"

Catholics here see in the Buddhist movement an ambitious political force that will endanger religious freedom. Furthermore, they and many non-Christian Vietnamese, Buddhists among them, suspect communism in several leading Buddhist bodies and their tactics.

The official American reaction has usually been to say:

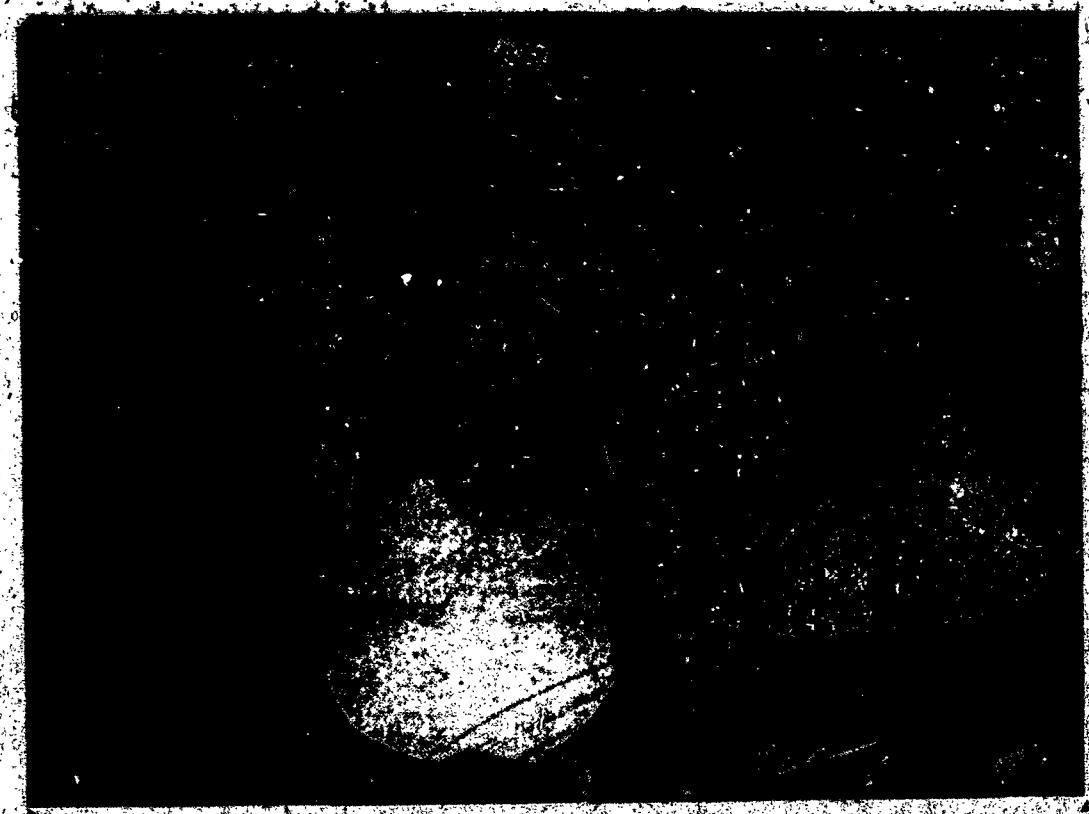
"Can it be proved?" The answer given is that it cannot, in the sense of judge-and-jury proof, but that "the evidence does prove a need for strict caution. Anticomunists feel that where there is so serious a doubt, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the country's security."

All Americans did not swallow the Buddhist line last year.

Ambassador Frederick E. Nolting, who left Vietnam in August, 1963, told the press that in two and a half years he had "never seen any evidence of religious persecution" here. For this he was denounced by Buddhist partisans. Some Americans, too, criticized him for "interfering in Vietnamese affairs" by making that statement.

His successor, Ambassador (Continued on Page 2)

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Mother Agnes Cecilia, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is shown at right as she welcomes noted author, Father George Hagmaier, C.S.P., who speaks at a two-day workshop sponsored by the St. Joseph nuns, Mother Mary Bride, R.S.M., and Sisters of Mercy were guests at the sessions.

St. Joseph Nuns Workshop

A two-day workshop for Sisters who hold positions as administrators and supervisors was sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Rochester Diocese on Sept. 19 and 20 in Nazareth Academy at the invitation of Mother Agnes Cecilia, Mother General.

The Rev. George Hagmaier, C.S.P., author of the best-seller, "Counseling the Catholic," presented a program dealing with "Family Life in the Religious Community." Among the topics he covered in lectures and discussions were: "Development of the Religious Personality," "Family Life in the Convent," "The Role of the Superior," and "Specific Counseling Challenges."

FATHER HAGMAIER, who also serves as Professor of Religious Education at the Catholic University of America and a consultant to the Chaplains Corps of the U.S. Army, is now

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at work on a new book, "The Lapsed Catholic."

A former parish priest and Newman Club chaplain, Father Hagmaier was the first priest awarded a doctorate degree by the Department of Marriage and Family Life at Teachers College, Columbia University. He is a frequent contributor to magazines and journals and is a popular radio and television spokesman.

Some Bible In January

London — (NC) — Catholics in Britain will be able to use the New Testament adapted from the American Protestant Standard Version next January.

Complimentary copies will be sent to English-speaking bishops all over the world and to any interested bishop at the Second Vatican Council.

The RSV has now been approved by the Holy See and carries the imprimatur of Archbishop Gordon Gray of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scotland, where the Nelson firm has its headquarters.

In speaking of the religious life to the assembled Sisters, Father Hagmaier stressed the great importance of mental health to spiritual well-being. "Grace builds on nature," he stated.

A family atmosphere is a "must" to community living, Father Hagmaier said. It requires the ability to be yourself—to accept and be accepted by others, despite differences.

Eighty-four Sisters of St. Joseph attended the workshop sessions. Mother Mary Bride, R.S.M., and 23 Sisters of Mercy were guests of the St. Joseph community.

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