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## New Goals for Schools

Chicago — (RNS) — Parochial schools reinforce Roman Catholic teachings on such subjects as sexual morality, attendance at Mass and acceptance of authority, but not on such issues as racial justice, according to preliminary findings of a national survey.

It showed that parochial school Catholics perform better than public school Catholics on the aspects of Catholicism that were most important to the Church of the Immigrant and his children and grandchildren.

But the era of the "ghetto" Church is over, and Catholic schools need new goals, concludes Father Andrew M. Greeley, director of the continuing survey of social effects of Catholic education.

"While taking for granted the goals of past decades, it may be possible for the schools to emphasize new values, such as the struggle for interracial justice," he said.

FATHER GREELEY, a priest, sociologist and assistant pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle church here, directs the staff of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, which is conducting the survey.

It seeks to compare Catholics who attended public schools with those going to parochial schools to learn what differences exist between them with respect to religious practices, occupational achievement and attitudes on major non-religious public issues.

Just released, the progress report was concerned primarily with the "possibility of inculcating into an educational system values that will influence behavior in adult life." The final report is due in about one year.

Included in the survey were 4,000 Catholic men and women who, from 10 to 40 years ago, received all, part or none of their education in Catholic elementary and high schools. Almost half turned out to be immigrants or the children of immigrants.

The survey showed that "those who attended Catholic schools exclusively do even better than those who attended Catholic schools in part."

These include "Sunday Mass, monthly communion, confession several times a year, Catholic education of children, financial contribution to the Church, acceptance of the Church as an authoritative teacher, acknowledgment of papal and hierarchical authority, informality with the clergy, strict sexual morality, and more detailed knowledge about one's religion."

Father Greeley's conclusion was that Catholic schools tended to reinforce "precisely those norms already reasonably well accepted among American Catholics."

He suggested that in this age of ecumenism and "aggiornamento" (renewal) in the worldwide Catholic Church, new or expanded goals for American Catholic schools might include religious cooperation and unity, intellectual and civic competence and excellence, love of a meaningful liturgy, and interracial and international justice.

## Faith Rite in India

Vatican City — (RNS) — The forthcoming 25th International Eucharistic Congress in Bombay, India, promises to be "a wonderful manifestation of faith and piety" at a time when the protection of moral and spiritual values is "a prime need in every part of the world."

This was stressed by Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, host to the congress, who is attending the Vatican Council's third session.

In a talk broadcast by Vatican Radio, he said that "through the very program we shall present — liturgical services, penitential pilgrimages, the celebration of Masses, the consecration of five bishops from different parts of the world, and the ordination of hundreds of priests — we shall offer a wonderful spiritual spectacle."

"We are certainly looking forward to great spiritual results from this Eucharistic congress," the cardinal said, adding:

"It is my personal belief that the success of this congress will open a new way for the 'recreation of religion' in a land that has a population of over 450 million, a land that has always been noted for its spiritual vein of its civilization and culture, a land, again, where the Catholic Church is certainly on the map."

The Church has made an impact not only on the life of Catholics, which is obvious, but also on the national life through its churches, through its network of schools and colleges and its social welfare institutions.

Cardinal Gracias said that in addition to spiritual exercises, the congress will feature study sessions for school groups that will be conducted by members of international teams.



## Birthday Greetings to Bishop

Bishop Kearney's 80th birthday yesterday stretched to a several days celebration as every parish and group he attended greeted him with the traditional song, "Happy Birthday to you," with the added wish "Ad multos annos" — the Church's ritual salute and hope for many happy years still to come. Photo above shows a double cause for celebration — the Bishop's birthday and the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner of the Nazareth College Alumnae Auburn Chapter. Bishop Kearney celebrated the jubilee Mass at Mercy Hospital Chapel in Auburn last Saturday prior to the dinner. With him in photo are Father William Shannon, College chaplain, Mrs. John K. Hoffman, Mrs. Thomas J. Vall and Mrs. Michael Frosel.

## Thanksgiving Clothing Drive

Nearly 150 parishes of the twelve-county Rochester Diocese will participate in the sixteenth annual Catholic Bishop's Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the needy abroad, to be held during the week of November 15.

In making this announcement, Bishop Kearney also appointed Rev. E. Leo McManus of St. Bernard's Seminary to head the diocesan campaign for usable clothing.

THE LOCAL collection will

be a part of a nationwide drive during the Thanksgiving season which is directed by Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief agency of the American Catholic bishops. Previous national drives have amassed 187 million pounds of clothing, bedding, and shoes.

Since the first collection in 1949 the Rochester Diocese has contributed a total of four and a half million pounds of usable clothing.

Last year 144 parishes and

two diocesan institutions donated a record total of 564,698 pounds. The clothing was subsequently distributed among the needy in 56 countries of Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America, without regard to race, color, or creed.

Individual parishes will establish their own collection centers to receive the clothing, and will then ship directly to the Brooklyn warehouse of Catholic Relief Services, the largest private, voluntary organization of its type in the world.

## Chaplain To African Students

New York — (RNS) — Father William T. Anderson, S.M., chaplain to African Catholic college students since 1963, has a "campus" which covers most of the continent below the Sahara. In his ministry he travels extensively, visiting 27 colleges and universities and working with 49 other priest-chaplains. Of the 27 schools of higher learning, 14 are in South Africa, and only one of them is Catholic — the Lovanium in Leopoldville, the Congo. Father Anderson's post is that of chaplain of the African Secretariat of Pax Romana, an international Catholic student movement.

## Fewer Converts, Reasons Sought

New York — (RNS) — On the basis of current data, it takes 361 U.S. Roman Catholics to win one convert in a year — but only five of them work at it. And any claim that ecumenism is largely responsible for a succession of annual losses in conversions cannot currently be proved.

These statements are made in reports concurrently made public by a theologian of the University of Notre Dame and a Princeton University sociologist in religious research.

Catholics trail Protestants badly in attempts to bring other Christians into their Church, according to Father John A. O'Brien, a research professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame.

American Catholics lack missionary zeal, he said in commenting on a nationwide survey that showed Protestants generally are more than twice as active as Catholics in seeking to win converts.

The "negative" figures show that 72 per cent of Catholics never attempt to win a convert, as against a figure of 41 per cent for Protestants.

Meanwhile, in a special article for Our Sunday Visitor, the national Catholic ecumenical weekly, Father John J. Keating, C.S.P., noted the theory of some that gains in the ecumenical movement were accompanied by losses in the number of converts.

"... the rise in ecumenical activity and the decline in the number of converts, tempt one to postulate a causal connection," he writes. "There have been, however, no detailed studies to support this. On the contrary, preliminary investigations of the Paulist Institute for Religious Research provide some grounds for maintaining an alternate theory of coincidence."

The quick estimate that ecumenism might give rise to the idea that new converts should leave everyone to follow his own conscience, the cardinal said. "Christ did not say this. He said to bring the Gospel to every creature — but with kindness. The priority of evangelism must be stressed, since this is what Christ wishes, impatiently since love is impatient to communicate itself."

Cardinal Beaune, one of the four Council moderators, said: "We discussed ecumenism at length. But the ecumenical approach is not an attempt to know each other better without the intention of conversion. We cannot, however, say conversion is no longer the duty of the Church. On the contrary, we must bring Christ to the whole world and this duty cannot be destroyed by ecumenical dialogue."

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## Reds in Saffron Robes in Vietnam

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

Saigon — (NC) — Buddhist officials here have admitted, for the first time, that the communist Viet Cong have been operating under Buddhist colors.

The admission appears in a statement accusing the "Liberation Front for South Vietnam," that is, the communist organization fighting the government forces of having exploited the Buddhist name and insignia in Phu Yen province. The statement, signed by a bonze (monk), Thich Huyen Quang, secretary of the principal department of the "Unified Buddhist Church," is dated Oct. 15.

According to this statement, communist Viet Cong dressed as saffron-robed Buddhist bonzes, have occupied pagodas. The Viet Cong have forced people to obstruct government troops during military operations and to oppose local authority in the name of Buddhism.

Specifying places and dates, secretary Thich Huyen Quang says that on Aug. 20 and 26 the "Liberation Front" forced people of four villages in Phu Yen to carry Buddhist flags and block the passage of M-113 armed personnel carriers of the Vietnamese army. The front compelled people in another district to stage a demonstration, carrying Buddhist flags, when communist agents were arrested. The front put pressure on Buddhists to demand their release.

In some villages, occupied by the front, communists "offered" men and supplies to the pagodas. If the bonzes refused to accept the offer, the communists took them away and put their own men in their place.

The statement alleges also that the Viet Cong themselves

burned a historic pagoda, recently renovated, and then made local Buddhists call on the provincial Buddhist association to complain about the "outrage" against Buddhists.

The statement offers no explanation why it comes nearly two months after some of the events against which it protests. As far back as 11 months ago, Catholics in central Vietnam were being attacked by bands calling themselves Buddhists, who burned houses, inflicted physical injury and spread wild defamatory stories. Buddhist authorities closed their eyes to these happenings, in which Viet Cong agents were believed to take part with Buddhist youths. Communist suspects have been freed after arrest because they claimed to be persecuted Buddhists and some local bonze or Buddhist association championed them.

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**Priest's Evening Of Recollection**  
at St. Patrick's Vicar  
Sunday, Nov. 1  
6:15 to 9 p.m.  
Conducted by Rev. William Trott

## 'Do Something' is no Idle Wish for These Two

Taking children from Rochester's congested inner-city for a day's outing on a farm or at the beach was a once-a-week project for two women Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mrs. Jack Williams who wanted to "do something" about the ill of present-day society.

Now they are at work on a winter program and trying to enlist others to aid in their project.

In the summer program, the children swim in Lake Ontario and Mendon Ponds. They raced up the ski hills of Powder Mill Park and caught crayfish in Allen's Creek. They rode bicycles, pumped swings and picnicked in backyards.

HOW DID it work out? "Wonderfully well," said Mrs. Williams.

"The children were easy to care for, well behaved and anxious to please in every way. Their big disappointment was that school ended the weekly visits."

Mrs. Taylor said some of the children didn't know what sympathy flowers were. Being renewed appreciation of these children — most people love flowers. God made us that way. Call RA 3-844. ELEANOR CRAND FLOWER — 8 Lake Ave.

They are co-chairmen of the Personal Formation Committee of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Dr. Elinor Barnes, president of the Council, outlines this committee as one which should stimulate individuals and groups to increase spiritually so that it becomes "outgoing" and forms a Christian example in the community.

Mrs. Taylor said she took the job because she was anxious to help in the work of the Council. As a united body of American Catholic women, it

can be a strong and influential voice.

She felt all too often "women sit back and only talk and criticize" rather than "to get out and do something."

This is no idle talk on her part as she leads a busy life with her husband, Robert, a manufacturer's representative and their four children, Greg, Mimi, Peter and Michael. She gives religious instruction to children of grades 1, 2 and 3 who attend public school. She also bowls in her church league

and enjoys family sports outings of bowling, swimming, skating and tobogganing. She has been an active member of the New Rochelle alumnae and credits her alma mater in stressing the need of women to give back in the form of service some of the many benefits they have received.

Mrs. Williams, a graduate of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, also thinks her college stressed the need of Catholic women to do Catholic Action, such as teaching religion, or scouting or work in a settlement house.

"After all," Mrs. Williams said, "we make the time for something we want to do. The least we should do is make some time available for service."

"It's also a very good way to get out of the housework doldrums," she says. "One meets new people all the time and finds all sorts of challenging ideas, which in turn benefit the family."

In the Williams family is Jack, a research chemist at Kodak and four children Lee, Mark, Julie and Janet. They are avid sports-minded and enjoy fishing, swimming, skiing and skating. They are also travel fans. Last summer with their son, Lee, the Williams spent a month driving through France. This probably explains both Helen and Jack's attendance at night school French class each week.

For large and small groups they have material available on bible study, liturgical renewal, community dialogue, and ecumenism. They may be contacted through the deaconry personnel formation chairman or calling them personally — Mrs. Williams at CH 4-4894 or Mrs. Taylor at CH 4-7622.

