



BISHOP KEARNEY greets students of Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn, following Mass of the Holy Spirit opening the school year.

## Preparation For Judgment Subject Of Bishop's Talk

Bishop Kearney offered the Mass of the Holy Spirit, Friday, Oct. 16 at Mount Carmel High School, Auburn. Following the Mass, the Bishop gave a talk on preparation for judgment which everyone faces after death. He stressed the fact that although students are in the early part of their life, they must never fail to be prepared to meet God and be judged. "God has before this come into high schools and sent the angel of Death to tap someone on the shoulder and that person faced a much more serious examination than any he had ever faced in his lifetime—the personal particular judgment before the throne of God."

As students in this advanced modern age, he stated, one never knows at the opening of the year whether he will be

claimed that the courts of today refuse to interfere with the so-called "industry."

Just as transfusions of human blood can save our bodies, transfusions of the Blood of Christ can save our souls, he stated.

In closing, the Bishop said, "Your school is under the leadership of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and this should be shown in your life. . . . Love for Mary can be the greatest blessing you can possess on your graduation."

Also present were a number of local pastors and their wives, and a breakfast after the Mass.

present at the commencement, and should therefore always be ready to face examination at the gates of heaven; he also stated, "We have to think of the particular judgment it happened yesterday, it can happen today, and it can happen tomorrow. Frequent participation in Holy Communion is one of the best ways to preserve the soul."

Attacking the current trend in literature as "dirtying the minds of young people," he

## Cremation OK Possible

Madison, Wis. (NC)—The interpretation of Christian burial rules may be stricter among American Catholics than the common law of the Church demands, 200 members of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference were told.

Father John Dede, S.S., discussing the canon law of Christian burial and cremation, said that according to reports from Vatican Radio persons choosing cremation might not be refused Christian burial, provided there was no hatred for the Church or denial of Christian teaching in such a choice.

Father Dede, who is dean of studies and registrar at St. John Seminary, Plymouth, Mich., questioned the grounds on which Christian burial is sometimes denied. Noting that such deprivation is a penalty for a "violation of law" and that doubt favors the accused person, the speaker took issue with the ruling of one diocese where victims of reckless driving were denied Christian burial.

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He mentioned the matter of persecution, stating it has always been "a question of isolated cases."

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## New Tolerance Seen in Spain

By MANUEL MIRA  
Madrid (NC)—The pastor of a small Baptist church has declared here that one can already find in Spain a breath of that spirit of "tolerance or religious liberty" promised to non-Catholic religious by pending legislation.

"We are respected now," the Rev. Jose Nunez Moreno told me.

Rev. Nunez is pastor of the Baptist Church of the Good Shepherd in the Madrid suburb of Prosperidad. To find his church I used a tourist pamphlet, issued by an American airline company, which lists addresses of non-Catholic churches in Madrid.

Going over the pamphlet with Rev. Nunez, the list turned out to be an old one. Some of the addresses are missing, others do not exist and still others have been changed. Rev. Nunez said there are now 15 Protestant churches and chapels in Madrid, although his own church is the only one listed in the telephone directory. There is also a Jewish synagogue, a Russian Orthodox church and a Moslem mosque.

REV. NUNEZ is a young man, friendly and devoted to his ministry. He is married and has six children. I asked him about the pending Spanish law which would open the door to greater freedom for non-Catholic bodies. Like most Spaniards, he knew little more about it than the little that has been printed in the Spanish press.

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He mastered several Italian dialects, served heroically during the epidemic of yellow fever, and, according to a biographer, "successfully lessened hostility" to the Catholic Church in the U.S.

## Experts Suggest Law Changes

San Francisco (RNS)—Two hundred members of the Canon Law Society met here for their annual convention to consider recommendations on revision of the Roman Catholic Church's legal system which has been in effect since 1918.

Controversial issues such as the Church's laws on marriage were debated in closed sessions and voted upon. Results of the balloting and recommendations will be sent to the administrative board of the U.S. Bishops and to the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of Canon Law in Rome.

Results of the balloting will not be made public, according to Msgr. Paul Harrington of Boston, the outgoing president of the society.

Msgr. Harrington said this procedure was adopted by the society's executive board with the intention of "offering responsible suggestions on changes."

"We saw several possibilities but our final judgment was to orient our suggestions this year and in the next year to discussions on topics which are the live issues, topics about which there has been the most controversy," he said.

THESE "LIVE ISSUES" on the agenda included Catholic participation in Non-Catholic re-

ligious services, signed promises by the Non-Catholic in a mixed marriage regarding religious practices and upbringing of the children, present canonical requirements for a valid marriage, ordination, episcopal knowledge needed for confessions of religious women, changes in the law for religious orders, improving relations between Ordinaries (bishops) and religious order men, marriage tribunal procedures, and matrimonial impediments.

Members discussed each topic after listening to two experts present the pro and cons and then voted on both the legal and pastoral aspects.

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## 'Moral Strength' From Churches

Detroit (NC)—Religious organizations provide the nation with a vital "moral strength" in its effort toward a "fuller and more productive life," delegates to the 115th assembly here of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) were told in a message from the denomination's most famous lay member—President Lyndon B. Johnson.

A telegram from the Chief Executive was read to the gathering of about 7,000 by Dr. Franklin H. Mink of Akron, Ohio, first vice-president of the Convention.

President Johnson extended greetings to the assembly and praised "your active membership for your devotion to the cause of human brotherhood."

## Family Service Elects Officers

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