



Let the Children Come . . .

Rome — (RNS) — A radiant smile illumines the face of Pope Paul VI as he greets a group of children, all in Easter finery, outside the parish church in the Village of St. Francis some 12 miles from Rome. The Pope chatted with the youngsters after celebrating an outdoor Mass in Italian on the steps of the church.

Census Next Week In 14 Parishes

Fourteen parishes in six counties of the Diocese will begin house-to-house visits next week to inaugurate the diocesan-wide Catholic census.

The parishes are in the counties of Livingston, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tioga and Steuben.

Parishes in Monroe County, as well as those in Auburn, Elmira, Elmira Heights and Horseheads, have scheduled their census visits on Sunday afternoon, May 23.

In a preliminary effort in the City of Rochester, more than 200 students of St. Bernard's Seminary will make census calls from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in an area bounded on the west by the Genesee River, on the north by Hart and Oakman Streets, Buchan Park and Herman Street, on the east by Hudson Avenue and on the south by the New York Central Railroad.

Census committees are now being organized in the 156 par-

ishes of the 12-county Diocese. Training meetings for all census workers will be held prior to the scheduling of street-by-street visits.

Reports received this week at the Diocesan Census Office, 140 East Ave., Rochester, indicate that most parishes have called more than the required number of workers. Participating in the diocesan-wide effort will be more than 15,000 enumerators.

Parish census programs throughout the Diocese are on a staggered schedule from next week through June 9. Training meetings for parishes which will inaugurate their programs next week include:

Monday, May 3, at 8 p.m. — St. Mary's, Genesee, at the American Legion Hall; St. Patrick's, Owego, St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin, St. John the Evangelist, Newark Valley, and St. Francis, Catawug, at St. Patrick's Hall, Owego; St. Ann's and St. Ignatius Loyola, Hornell, St. Mary's, Rexville, and St. Joachim's, Canisteo, at the K. of C. Hall, Hornell.

Tuesday, May 4, at 8 p.m. — St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, at St. Patrick's Hall; St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's, Geneva, at DeSales High School Auditorium; St. Mary's, Dansville, at St. Mary's School Hall.

Wednesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. — St. Mary's, Waterloo, at St. Mary's Hall; St. Mary's, Canandaigua, St. Theresa's, Stanley, and St. Mary's, Rushville, at St. Mary's School Hall, Canandaigua.

U.S. Clergy Set Pattern For World, Says Belgian

Cahir, Ireland — (NC) — A priest-sociologist from Belgium told a gathering of Irish diocesan priests that the part played by the American clergy in the civil rights struggle is a good example of the way Church members should take part in movements of public opinion.

Father Francois Houtart, of Brussels, secretary general of the International Federation of Catholic Institutes for Social Research, said the action of American clergymen of different faiths regarding civil rights can serve as an example for clergy in Europe. But he said such activity must be extended to movements for world peace and for developing nations.

The Belgian priest spoke at the 24th annual conference of Ireland's Christus Rex Society. The conference was devoted to problems of the Church in the modern world and was attended for the first time by observers from other Christian churches.

Regarding the peace movement, Father Houtart said it is becoming clear that all kinds of war, even when using conventional arms, amount to a sin against the human race. He suggested that military services could be replaced by a service to the developing countries in the form of some national force instituted to insure peace.

Info Unit For Fund Drive

Selection of a public information committee for the \$9 million fund-raising drive for St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges was announced this week by Robert B. Wegman, general chairman.

Heading the information committee for the joint college campaign, scheduled in the summer and fall, will be David J. Curtin, assistant vice-president in charge of corporate communications for Xerox Corporation, Rochester.

Serving with him will be: Neil A. Gallagher, senior vice-president and account supervisor, The Rumrill Co. Inc.; Vincent Spezzano, director of public service and research, Rochester Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle; F. James Carr, manager, community relations, Xerox; Tom Decker, news director, WROC-TV; Martin Q. Moll, president, Christopher Press Inc.; Thomas D. Anglin, manager, technical information, Xerox.

Curtin is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the Rochester Press-Radio Club, the Rochester Ad Club, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and Oak Hill Country Club. He is an officer and director of the Rochester Community Theater and a director of the Better Business Bureau.

He resides with his wife, Margaret, and five children at 106 Overbrook Rd., Pittsford.

Born in 1921 in Rochester, he is an alumnus of Nazareth Hall Academy and Aquinas Institute, Rochester, and of the University of Notre Dame. During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He then became a news and sportscaster for several Rochester radio stations, notably as a play-by-play announcer for the Rochester Red Wings and the Rochester Royals, professional baseball and basketball teams.

In 1952 Curtin joined the Rogers and Porter advertising agency, Rochester, as radio-TV director for the Genesee Brewing Company. He became associated with Xerox in 1957 as assistant to the president, and was named director of public relations in 1963 and to his current post in 1964.

Families Join Catholic Church

Nirnam, India — (NC) — About 140 Syrian Orthodox Christians, members of 39 families, were received into the Catholic Church in the largest single conversion reported here in three years. They became members of the Syro-Malankara rite diocese of Tiruvalla.

The Syro-Malankara rite was established in 1932 for Syrian Orthodox Christians who wished to be reunited with Rome. It now has 150,000 members and 250 priests. Last year, Syrian Orthodox spokesmen said Catholics of the Syro-Malankara rite should be required to return to the Syrian Orthodox Church as a condition for Christian unity.

'Mother' Title For Allentown

Allentown, Pa. — (NC) — Bishop Joseph McShea formally will place the Allentown diocese under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Church, during a solemn Mass May 2 in St. Catherine of Siena cathedral here.

After conferring with the diocesan consultors Bishop McShea in January petitioned Pope Paul VI for permission to place the diocese under the patronage of the Blessed Mother under the new title, Mother of the Church, given her last Nov. 21 by the Pope.

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'No Time to Lose Our Nerve'

New Hurdles Face U. S. Catholic Schools

U.S. Catholic schools — with less than half of the nation's Catholic youngsters enrolled in them — face massive hurdles but this is no time "to lose our nerve."

A flood of nuns, school officials and poll takers converged on New York City this past week to decide "where do we go from here" after they took a long, hard look at their twelve thousand schools and five million pupils.

And the conclusion they reached, quite as expected, is that U.S. Catholics like their schools, want to keep them, and to keep pace with challenges facing all Americans—population expansion, shifts in urbanization and changing patterns in race relations.

Elected to head the National Catholic Educational Association, which drew the army of educators to New York for the organization's annual convention, was Bishop Ernest J. Primeau of Manchester, New Hampshire.

HE IS THE prelate who wrote the foreword to the controversial book published a year ago, "Are Parochial Schools the Answer?" by Mary Perkins Ryan. The book claims the Catholic school system—as it is now operated—is obsolete.

Bishop Primeau in his forward posed the question, "For the formation of God's people, given the modern religious climate of the United States, is the Catholic educational system, as we know it, necessary or even desirable?"

At last week's convention, Sister Mary Emil, president of Detroit's Marygrove College, said critics of Catholic schools are a by-product of Pope John's call for freedom and open discussion in the Church.

But instead of a greater maturity, Sister Mary Emil commented, many of the critics display "a second adolescence."

She told the educators not to back down on the schools. "For us to lose our nerve when we have already done the hardest part of the job would be disastrous," she said.

ANOTHER NUN, Sister Margaret, president of Trinity College in Washington, asked for an end to "quibbling" over whether Catholic schools are needed and get on with the job of "remodeling" the schools to cope with the world's overburdening problems—war, hunger, nationalism.

"Our responsibility as educators," she said, "is to train a new man—a citizen not only of the U.S.A., but of a world body of nations."

In such revolutionary times, she added, "we must act like the cat—ready for anything, and no matter how sudden or how far the leap, land on our feet—even if the leap is into the unknown."

Dr. Paul Mundy, chairman of the Sociology Department at Loyola University, Chicago, also stressed the need to shift emphasis in the schools. He warned against the increasing "suburban-style" Catholicism with "its attendant trivialization and juvenilization" of the Church.

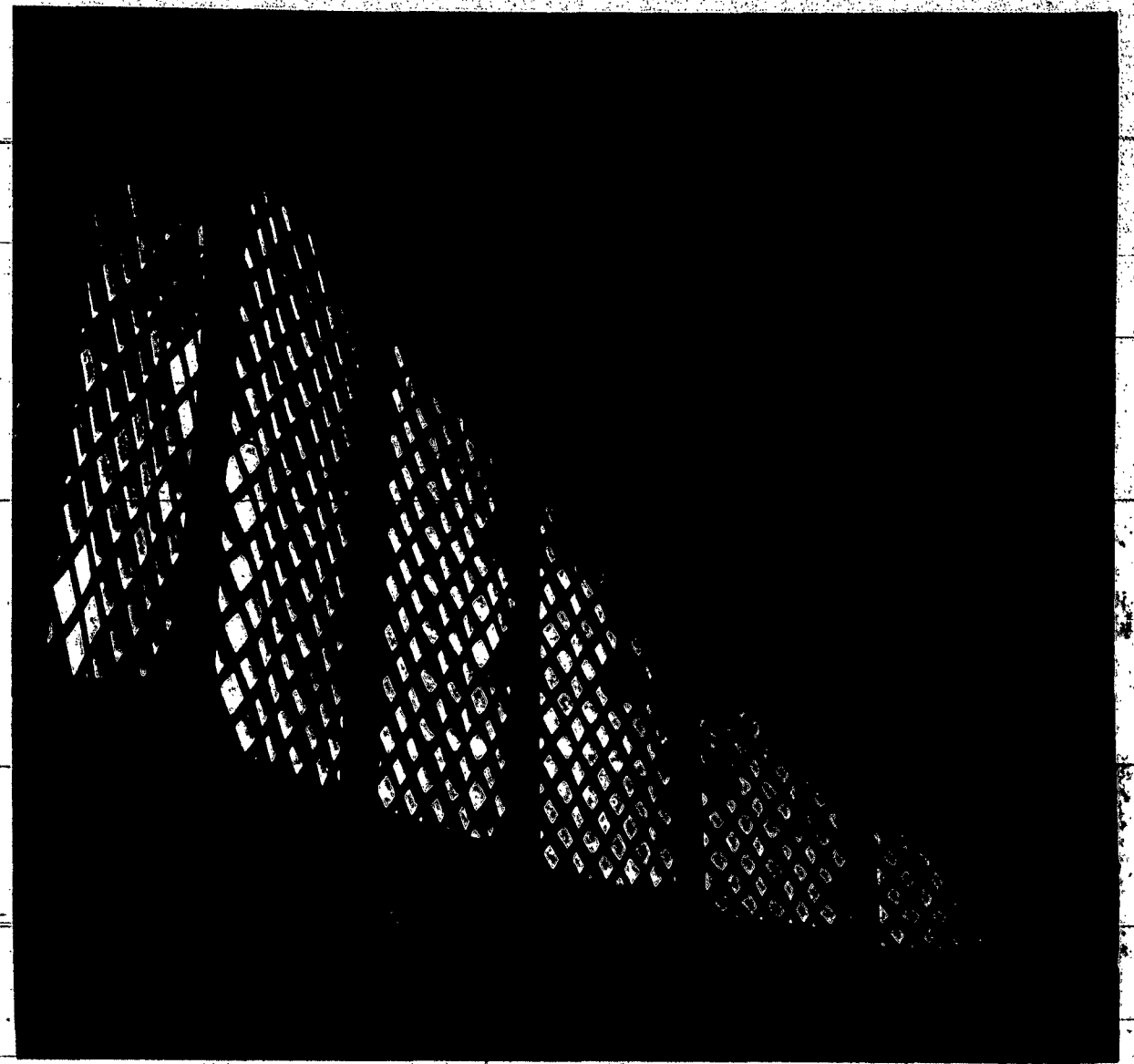
He said recent polls indicated Catholic school students are more interested in a comfortable life for themselves than in responsible involvement in projects to aid their fellowmen. Dr. Mundy said, "All one can say is that if the parochial schools are turning out people who are more diligent in the practice of love of their neighbors, the fact is not confirmed by the evidence available to us."

All Christians, including nuns, need to manifest their commitment to social justice, racial equality and other community needs in "tangible ways," said Sister Mark Luke, who heads a nationwide agency of nuns of scores of religious orders.

She is the only U.S. woman named to be an auditor at the Vatican Council.

She said she believes children will be "most responsive" to the Council's work—its quest for unity, its revised liturgy and a world-family of nations.

Several school officials from the Rochester Diocese, including Rev. Daniel Brent, associate superintendent of schools, attended the convention.



Dedication for New Church

New St. John the Evangelist Church in the Town of Greece will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 4:30 p.m. Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey will preside at the rite for the strikingly designed structure, as is evident from photo which shows sweep of window and lighting fixtures.

In Time for May Devotions

Rosary Network in Diocese

The 15 year old Family Rosary for Peace radio program is now a daily diocesan-wide devotion.

Father Joseph Cirrincione, director of the program and pastor of St. Francis of Assisi

Church in Rochester where broadcasts originate, announced this week that a network of five stations now airs the program nightly at 7 p.m.

The radio program is broadcast in the southern tier areas

of the Rochester Diocese for television sets.

Residents of Elmira, Corning and Hornell areas can hear the radio Rosary on their TV sets—no picture, however, just the audio.

Father Cirrincione explained that Elmira Video Co. will carry the program on Channel 10, Corning Community Television Co. at 88.75 megacycles on TV dials and Hornell Television Corp. on Channel 5.

These three outlets will carry the Rosary broadcast from Auburn's WMBO-FM station. In Rochester, radio station WSAX, original member of the network, has broadcast the nightly devotion since 1950.

Father Cirrincione also reported that beginning Monday, May 3, the Rosary broadcast will be followed by Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church during the month dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is regularly celebrated as part of the broadcast every Saturday evening for the intentions of those listening.

First Communion Classes For Exceptional Children

A series of once-a-week classes for exceptional children for First Holy Communion will begin Saturday, May 8.

Classes will be held at Blessed Sacrament church hall, Oxford St.

Twenty-five youngsters are enrolled for the classes. Registration is still open. Youngsters may be enrolled by mail or at the time of the first class on May 8.

Members of the Third Order of St. Dominic will conduct the classes. Information is available by contacting First Communion Class, 35 Scio St., Rochester, phone 454-7050.

Catholics 'Out of Focus' On Community Needs

New York — (RNS) — An "out of focus" view of Christian faith had led the "vast majority" of Catholics to "stand aloof" in the face of obvious and serious violations of justice and charity," Father Louis J. Twomey S.J., said here.

Father Twomey, director of the Institute of Human Relations at New Orleans' Loyola University, addressed his remarks to participants in the 62nd annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, attended by some 25,000 educators.

"The typical graduate of a Catholic school," he stated, "has the false notion that being a good individual and a good family man or woman is all that makes up being a good Catholic."

"The greatest challenge facing the Catholic educational system on all levels," he said, "is to correct this situation by making the message of Christ meaningful to modern man as he confronts the horrendous confusion of today's world."

"We have been far more successful," he commented, "in teaching our people the fundamentals of the faith than we have in teaching them the complete doctrine of the Church, the larger mandate of Christ that we be the salt of the earth."

Part of the problem, Father Twomey speculated, is in facing the somewhat unpleasant realities of our time, realities which he said were given birth to nearly 20 years ago.

"On August 6, 1945, a new kind of world came into being," he said. "On that day, in the flash of one of history's most fateful moments, mankind was hurled into the thermo-nuclear age on the wings of the first atomic bomb—the bomb that devastated Hiroshima."

At the same time, he pointed out, an age of great promise emerged: "Technology and all its fabulous by-products give us a vision of material prosperity undreamed of even two decades ago."

Times Report On Jews Denied

Vatican City — (NC) — A spokesman for the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity has denied that the Secretariat has submitted the Vatican Council's statement on the Jews to any other Church body.

This was in reply to a report (in the April 25 Sunday New York Times) which said the statement, which had been conditionally approved by the Council last year, had been submitted to a special commission of four ultraconservative council Fathers. One of the rumored members was Bishop Luigi Carli of Segni, Italy, who earlier this year declared bluntly that the Jews must bear the blame for the crucifixion.

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