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How Human Can Christians Be?

Is bread better bread if it's baked by monks? Is cough medicine better for coughs if it's labeled with a priest's name?

Is a veteran's organization better for veterans if it's under Catholic auspices?

Does a Catholic swim better if he swims in a Catholic pool?

These are some of the possible questions that come to mind after reading about a new theological outlook reported by Jesuit Father Thomas E. Clarke in this week's America magazine.

The new outlook can have a massive impact on the relationships between the Church and "the world."

The Woodstock College faculty member admits "a few more decades" of development may be needed to clarify the new viewpoint.

His article appears at a time when speculation is increasing about the Vatican Council's expected "Schema 13" statement on the Church and the modern world.

Father Clarke says previous Church Councils have survived in popular history by a phrase or word which puts in capsule form the Council's chief contribution "to the ongoing life of the Church."

Examples are Nicea and its Greek word homoousios; Florence, reconciliation; Trent, justification; and Vatican I in 1870, papal infallibility.

How will the second Vatican Council, scheduled to begin its fourth and final session in September, survive in history?

Will it be the Council of aggiornamento—or ecumenism—or collegiality? or "the people of God"?

Father Clarke ventures the guess it will live in history as the Council which inaugurated the age of "Christian secularity."

Catholics are getting used to new ideas and new words these days.

So here's another one. What does it mean? Here's an excerpt from Father Clarke's article:

The very suggestion may be startling to some. Apart from communism, has not secularism been the chief target of Popes and bishops during the past several decades? Are we not confronted today, particularly in the United States, with a progressive and almost systematic effort to exclude religion from significant influence on

our national life, specifically in the area of education?

Yet pure error without at least a dash of profound truth is rare, and it has frequently happened in the Church that a period of rejection of heresy is quickly followed by the gradual assimilation of the truth embodied in the error. May we not interpret the warnings against secularism of earlier years as a necessary prepara-

tion for the eventual endorsement of Christian secularity?

For an initial image of Christian secularity and its opposite, I would propose the following rather oversimplified example. Over a decade ago, like countless visitors in Rome, I was startled by the sign "Banco di Spirito Santo." My first reaction was one of amusement.

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New Church to be Blessed at Retsof

The new St. Lucy's Church in Retsof will be blessed by Bishop Casey Sunday, May 30, at 4:30 p.m. The \$81,544 structure will seat 400 people. The new church replaces an old structure which was formerly a school. Designed by Ribson and Roberts architectural firm of Rochester and built by Raymond Brock, contractor of Piffard, the new St. Lucy's will serve the 186 Catholic families of the parish estab-

lished in 1911. The church is built on a 3.4 acre site donated by the International Salt Co. of Retsof. A parish hall has also been designed to be built to be connected to the church. Father Charles R. Reynolds, Retsof pastor, is also pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Leicester, and St. Raphael's Church, Piffard. A marble altar will be installed later.



Census Nearly Completed

Widespread cooperation from Catholics throughout the Diocese, as well as from persons of other denominations, was revealed this week in early reports from parishes participating in the diocesan-wide Catholic census.

Parishes reporting had covered between 80 and 95 per cent of their total census visits through Sunday afternoon. These included parishes which inaugurated their programs Sunday as well as others which had started their visits earlier.

An army of nearly 20,000 postholer volunteers, mostly women, had participated to date in the huge undertaking.

During the last three weeks these enumerators began visits

to every dwelling within the boundaries of 138 parishes.

An additional 1,200 committee members in the remaining 18 parishes of the Diocese will begin visits within the next 12 days.

Since return visits will be necessary at dwellings where no one was found at home, and since data on the census forms will be processed through a computer, complete results are not expected for several weeks.

Bishop Kearney has noted that the information obtained will be of great value in determining immediate and future

diocesan policy and building plans. Parish priests also will be aided through an updating of statistics.

Parish committees have been asked to endeavor to see that all questions on the census forms are completed, and to separate into two bundles the forms marked for their own parish and those naming a parish other than their own. All forms will be channeled through the Diocesan Census Office, 140 East Ave., Rochester, before going to the computer. The forms then will be returned to the parishes.

Thursdays For Atheists

New York (NC)—"Atheist Thursdays" are among the devices hit on by communists in the Lithuanian city of Siauliai in an effort to bolster a raging anti-religious campaign.

The Eta Information Service of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania, which has headquarters here, reported on the program as described in communist sources.

It said the communists of Siauliai have sought to enlist teachers, professional people, intellectuals in the drive to promote "scientific atheism."

U.S. Nuns Totals Drop 61 in Year

Statistics released recently in the P. J. Kennedy Catholic Directory reveal there are fewer nuns in the United States now than a year ago.

The total dropped 61, from 180,811 to 179,750.

Priests total are up 1,394. Overall Catholic population is estimated as up 764,248.

Catholics Sign Housing Plea

Phoenix—(RNS)—According to James Penikow, a representative of the Council of Catholic Men in Maricopa County, 10,000 persons at 18 Roman Catholic churches in Phoenix signed petitions May 16 in support of public hearings on establishment of a municipal housing code.

The last municipal housing code was repealed in public referendum in 1963.

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At Good Counsel College

Sports Building Honors Bishop's Brother

(Special to the Courier)

Its two newest buildings were dedicated Sunday by Good Counsel College in White Plains, and the ceremonial occasion was one of nostalgia and surprise.

Cardinal Spellman of New York provided the surprise with the announcement of a \$10,000 gift from the Archdiocese for books for the new Madonna Library, one of the two new buildings dedicated.

The nostalgia came in the presence of two members of the Kearney family, who have played such a significant part in the establishment and growth of the Catholic liberal arts college for women, now 42 years old.

Dr. Leo I. Kearney, professor emeritus, was on hand to participate in the ceremonies formally opening the second new building—the Leo I. Kearney Sports Building.

And the dedication address was given by Bishop Kearney, a former faculty member at the college.

As part of the ceremony, Dr. Kearney also was the recipient of a surprise presentation—the Major Bowditch Medal Mother Mary Dolores, R.D.C., president of the College, announced the award, which was then conferred on Dr. Kearney by the Cardinal.

Master of ceremonies for the function was Monsignor John J. Hartigan, honorary president of the college and pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in White Plains.

Dr. Kearney, brother of the Bishop, joined the Good Counsel faculty 40 years ago and started

its program of preparing students for roles as teachers. He became professor emeritus in 1961.

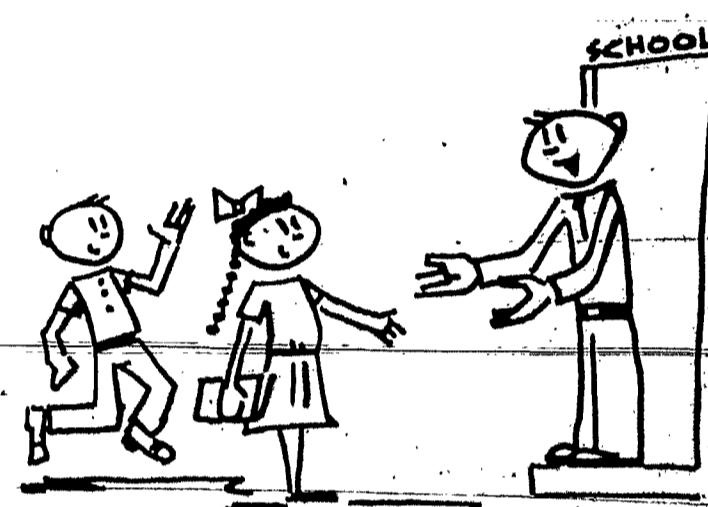
His service was extolled by the Cardinal, Mother M. Dolores, and the Bishop, who in thanking the college for the

honor on his brother, Dr. Leo I. Kearney, said: "He came to Good Counsel College in his infancy and helped its growth for



Participants in rites dedicating two new buildings at Good Counsel College, White Plains, N.Y., are Cardinal Spellman and Bishop Kearney with the Bishop's brother, Dr. Leo I. Kearney and Mrs. Kearney. Both the Bishop and his brother have been identified with the 22-year old College almost since its founding.

Monuments and Markers for Holy Sepulchre. The better way to choose a monument is to see our indoor display. You will appreciate our no-argument plan. THOMAS BROS., 1150 Mt. Hope. CR 4-5911. — Adv.



Immaculate to be 'Lighted' School

Immaculate Conception School in the heart of Rochester's Third Ward will be one of the city's five Lighted Schoolhouses — one of the first "beach-heads" in the nation's war on poverty.

Two other sites have also been selected by local Action

for a Better Community officials—the educational building at St. Simon's Episcopal Church on Oregon St. and in the Brookside Parish House of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Averill Ave. and Ashland St.

The Immaculate Conception parish continues its tradition as a pioneer in opening its doors to the youngsters in its area in need of special educational opportunities.

The parish, founded in 1846, first served the Irish immigrants who came to Rochester in the early years of the last century. The changing patterns of city life have given the parish its present task of welcoming increasing numbers of Negro people to the Catholic faith.

Immaculate Conception school was begun in 1871 and has a current enrollment of 213 pupils.

Under the Lighted Schoolhouse plan, its classrooms will be opened to all area youngsters.

Announcement of selection of the Immaculate Conception school as one of the first locations in the war on poverty was made by the local co-directors of the program, Nicholas Milella and Sister Jamesetta.

Programs in art, music, speech, drama, as well as remedial work in subject matter areas will be offered.

For the most part, the summer program will be given in the morning hours for the young children. Afternoon and evening sessions will also be held for teenage groups.

Directors of each Lighted Schoolhouse are now contacting principals and guidance personnel in the schools to be found in the areas which their particular Lighted Schoolhouses will serve. Their main purpose will be to secure help of these contributing schools in selecting students who demonstrate the greatest need for the kind of help Lighted Schoolhouses can offer.

The summer program of the Lighted Schoolhouses will run five days a week with after-school evening and Saturday morning programs planned for the Fall and Winter.

In his dedication address, the Bishop noted that the library "has a unique character—His Eminence has hung the crucified Saviour in the entrance hall and has named it as 'Madonna Library,' a dedication to the Mother of God. As a result, the teachings of Jesus Christ, His gospel and his precepts will dominate all the learning encouraged within its walls.

"Another unique feature of this library," he said, "will be the responsibility for censorship."

CONDEMNING courts of law which "have again and again nullified campaigns for the elimination of indecent magazines," the Bishop of Rochester also noted that "indecent pictures, condemned by competent educational bodies, have been given clean slates" and referred to the recent court suit where the University of Notre Dame "had to stand by and see its name dragged through the mire of a sexy motion picture because of the almost superstitious fear of censorship."

And, the Bishop said, "Let it be clear from the beginning that parents who send their girls to this library can be confident that those in charge will never fail of courage in duty. No, you may not and should not read that book, when there is a violation of God's moral law involved."

But, he added that there will be no restriction of study or reading in any field of learning, no matter how much we

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