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Textbook Law OK'd

Albany — Governor Rockefeller, in an historic action, Tuesday signed into law the "Fair Textbook Bill" which will make it possible for New York State school districts to loan textbooks to children in public and private schools from grades 7 to 12.

The bill, known as the Ferrall Textbook Bill, had been passed by overwhelming margins in the Assembly and the Senate.

Governor Rockefeller signed the measure into law without any comment.

Paul W. Brayer of Rochester, state president of Citizens for Educational Freedom, who actively supported the measure, said, "The signing of the Fair Textbook Bill by Governor Rockefeller is an historic step and is evidence of the Governor's respect of the freedom of individual choice in education and the recognition of the need to provide the best of educational tools and opportunity to all of our children."

"Governor Rockefeller's signing is the latest approval of measures which reflect his respect for freedom of choice in education. He has supported and encouraged the Scholar Incentive Program, expansion of the state scholarship program and the fair bus bill," Brayer said.

The Ferrall Textbook measure carried the name of Assemblyman William Ferrall who introduced it.

It becomes effective Sept. 1, 1966, and provides that the State will reimburse school districts up to \$10 per pupil for books purchased from a state-approved list for loan to children in public, private and parochial schools in grades 7-12.

Father William M. Roche, superintendent of Rochester diocesan schools, voiced his thanks for Governor Rockefeller's enactment of the law. He said he hoped the law would eventually be extended to include all pupils, not just those in the junior and senior high school grades.

"I think it's a measure that helps to rectify at long last the injustices that have been suffered by parents of children in the private schools," Father Roche stated.



Bishop Kearney, Sister Helen Daniel, Nazareth College president, and Dr. Arthur Larson, commencement speaker.



Nazareth College graduates Carol Cleveland and Bernadette Malone received their diplomas 'magna cum laude' in Memorial Day graduation rites.

'Hard Work, High Purpose' — Graduates' Goal

Nazareth College graduates received their diplomas Monday afternoon in traditional sunshine rites.

The 189 young women were the college's 35th graduating class and they left their alma mater with the recommendation to continue their "hard work and high purpose."

Bishop Kearney awarded the diplomas at the traditional sunrise rites and noted that the way was marked in Catholic churches as the feast of Mary the Queen. He

celebrated the baccalaureate Mass Sunday morning in the college chapel.

Commencement speaker Arthur Larson of Duke University, in brilliant red academic robes, told the graduates the "final solution of mankind's age-old problems is now within reach." He contrasted the "workable idealism" of free nations with the "totalitarianism" of the Communist bloc.

He listed "freedom, property, justice, individuality and religion" as the ingredients "to make a better world."

Fourteen of the Nazareth graduates received honors at the commencement ceremony.

Eight of the honors group also were elected to Kappa Gamma Pi, national honor society for Catholic women graduates.

Two graduates, Carol Cleveland and Bernadette Malone, received magna cum laude honors and also were elected to Kappa

Gamma Pi. Both seniors are from Elmira.

Of the 12 cum laude graduates, six are from Rochester. They are: Karen Callahan, Ann MacArthur, Sally Beecher, Edna Chryssides, Erma DiGirolamo and Maureen Bell. Miss Callahan also was elected to Kappa Gamma Pi.

Other cum laude graduates were: Margaret Parker, Patricia Moran, Kimmi Moran.

ger, Brightwaters; Maria Everill, Syracuse.

Of these, the following were elected to the national honor society for Catholic women graduates: Joy Murphy, Joan May, Kathleen Parker and Kathleen Moran.

Southern Bishops Pentecost Statement

Atlanta — (NC) — Catholic bishops in four southern states have joined in a statement calling on all men of good will to work for a "wiser, stronger, better society" in the South.

Urging justice and charity toward Negroes, the bishops declared: "Justice has been slow in coming. Now it is written in the law and surely must be preached in our pulpits and practiced in our lives."

"But beyond justice is the divine virtue of charity, the love of God and our fellow men. Charity is crying out for a trial in the tensions involving the white and the Negro."

The statement is scheduled to be read on Pentecost Sunday in churches throughout the diocese of the signatory bishops, bore the names of the following prelates of the Province of Atlanta:

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan, of Atlanta, Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N.C., Bishop Thomas J. McDonough of Savannah, Ga., Bishop Coleman Carroll of Miami, Fla., Bishop

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Duty 'Beyond Justice'

Ernest L. Unteroefler of Charleston, S.C., and Auxiliary Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin of Raleigh.

The document declared that the Catholic Church is "at home in the South." Despite the "past tragedies and the present trials," it said, "our environment is fundamentally religious."

"The majority of persons of other faiths share with us a genuine sense of God, a love for the Bible, a tradition of church membership, and a courteous and gentle approach to others," the bishops stated.

However, they continued, "two great tensions exist today the spiritual heritage of American life—religious disunity and racial strife."

While conditions in the past hampered the movement toward Christian unity, the statement said, today "times are changing. The rich missionary history of Catholicism in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas is a hardy base on which Catholic laymen, side by side with those of other faiths, are raising a wiser, stronger, better society."

"This South," the bishops added, "will not be woven of dreams and desperate hopes."

It cited the tradition of such men as John England and James Gibbons, the first Catholic bishops of the Carolinas, Methodist leader John Wesley and "scores of other Protestant pioneers," Robert E. Lee, George Washington Carver and poet Sidney Lanier.

The document emphasized, however, that progress in the religious sphere cannot be separated from social, civic and economic concerns. If a man "believes that all men are created in the image of God," it said, "he must live in spiritual equality with others regardless of their race, nation or color."

Largest Class to Graduate At John Fisher College

St. John Fisher College will graduate its eleventh and largest class of students at commencement rites Sunday, June 6, at 3 p.m.

The 138 graduates will hear Xerox president Joseph C. Wilson as commencement speaker. He will be given an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Bishop Kearney will confer the degrees on the graduates in a hand-clasp rite used in medieval universities.

The baccalaureate Mass will be held Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Former Basilian Fathers superior, Rev. E. J. McCorkell will be speaker. Father Charles J. Lavery, college president, will celebrate the Mass.

Names of graduates are on page two.

New Church for Lourdes Parish in Brighton



Parishioners filled new Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, for its first Mass Memorial Day morning. Bishop Kearney carried the Blessed Sacrament from the "church in the basement" to the tabernacle in the new church before the Mass. Workmen rushed the church into an "almost finished" condition only hours before

the Bishop's Mass. A permanent altar, other sanctuary decorations, landscaping and a bell tower remain to be completed. Bishop Kearney commented "what a change" marks the beauty of this edifice compared to the cave of Bethlehem where Mary's Son was born to be the world's Redeemer.

New Name for Elmira Parish

St. Mary's Church, Horseheads, has added "another jewel for the crown of our Queen" by changing its name to the Church of St. Mary our Mother.

In a letter to the parish read at Mass last Sunday, Bishop Kearney said, "Your plan to add the words 'Our Mother' to the title of St. Mary for your church is very timely, in view of the words of Pope Paul at the closing of the last Council meeting. It has, of course, my hearty approval."

Pope Paul, at the Council's closing rite of its third session, proclaimed the Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church." Bishop Kearney then dedicated the year 1965 in the Rochester Diocese to our Lady under this new title.

St. Mary our Mother Church in Horseheads will mark its parish feast annually on October 11, the feast of the Motherhood of Mary.

CFM to Meet In Chicago

Chicago — (NC) — "God created the World . . . Come and See It," will be the theme of the Christian Family Movement's 14th biennial convention Aug. 25 to 29 at the University of Notre Dame. Some 3,000 persons are expected to attend.

Speakers will include: Sister Jacqueline, president, Webster College, Webster Groves, Mo., who will give the keynote address; Father Francois Houtart, Belgian sociologist, and Father Bernard Haering, CSS.R., German theologian.

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