

Puzzled Teenagers

Newton, Mass. —(RNS)— A Jesuit psychologist urged educators here to help parents achieve a clearer understanding of the "rebellious" adolescent's "capacity for change."

Father John R. McCall, S.J., spoke at the Boston College Conference for Junior High Schools. He is a professor of psychology at Boston and Weston Colleges, Jesuit institutions.

Reviewing some current research on early adolescence, Father McCall said junior high school teachers and administrators are dealing with "youngsters at the most crucial and difficult point in their lives."

The Jesuit noted that the areas of anxiety for an adolescent included his self-concern, growth and maturation, a need for recognition, a capacity for change and a spirit of independence. "Adolescence is the time when parents and youngsters are upset with the changing relationships they experience with each other."

Father McCall warned that overprotective and over-possessive parents tend to make the adolescent rebellious and at times "hinder him from achieving self-confidence."

He said the adolescent's anxieties are further increased

by some contradictory factors of the adult environment and cited some examples:

"We belabor the concept of togetherness while we work ceaselessly toward the goal of a house large enough to allow each member of the family a room of his own.

"We talk about building close family relationships and send the children to nursery schools at three and to summer schools, recreational programs, and summer camps for the remainder of their childhood years.

"We tell him to respect authority while we disparage our public officials.

"We deny him an advance on next week's allowance while we use our Diner's Club cards and apply for ready credit."

"We insist that he obtain the best possible education and cooperate by voting down school budgets.

"We stress the importance of scientific and academic achievement and then make millionaires of our entertainers and paupers of our professors, and arrange things so that many teachers need outside employment in order to support their families."

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Paul, Frank and Rene Marshall, three of nine children who were baptized last Saturday at St. Bridget's Church, blow out the candles of their "spiritual birthday cake."

Forty Converts

Loreto House, Door to Faith

With the baptism of seventeen children at St. Bridget's Church last Saturday, July 10, the number of Negro converts who have entered the Church through their contact with Hand Street's Loreto House reached 40 — and the little neighborhood center is only two years old.

"Our program is open to children without any qualification as to religion," explained Miss Isabelle Dolan, director of Loreto House, "but to say that we are indifferent to their religious welfare would be untrue."

"These converts were all un-churched people. They have been attracted to the Catholic faith by their association with Loreto House. We are deeply touched when they say — 'I would like to be a Catholic too.'"

Nobody is baptized, of course, unless they have been through a careful course of instruction, and show a definite likelihood of living up to their spiritual responsibilities. The judgment for this is left to the pastor of St. Bridget's parish, Father Francis Vogt. Loreto House is located in his parish.

Patricia Green, 5, of 27 Gordon Park, the 40th Negro convert, connected with Loreto House, is a good example of the "family approach" taken by the center.

Her father Samuel Green, is the vice-president of Loreto House Family Association, made up of parents of children enrolled in some phase of the multifaceted program.

"We hope to unify and strengthen family ties through art, with emphasis on the Christian life and the social graces," stated Miss Dolan in explaining the unique apostolate of Loreto House.

The Family Association offers programs to the parents of the children involved, similar in nature, but on an adult level, to those given the children. In this way, a continuity of similar interest is made available to the family as a whole.



Patricia Green on her First Communion day.

Located at present at 132 Hand Street, Loreto House will move to 499 Clinton Ave. North, as soon as the larger quarters can be remodeled. The new location was made possible through the cooperation of Charles W. Marshall, of the Central Trust Company, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sibley, Jr. (Sibley is Commissioner of Public Safety in Rochester.) Marshall and the Sibleys loaned Loreto House the money needed to purchase the building.

deducted in two groups nine in the morning, eight in the afternoon. Father Vogt conducted the ceremonies, which were preceded by an explanatory bible vigil led by Father Theodore Metzger, assistant pastor of St. Ann's parish.

Baptismal parties for the children were hosted by members of the Loreto Interracial Guild. Two of the Guild captains, Mrs. Donald Arganbright and Mrs. Daniel Metzger were co-chairmen.

—Father Robert Kaska



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Ecumenism Unit Formed in Diocese

A diocesan ecumenical commission was established by Bishop Kearney this week to work with other church groups in prayers and projects for religious unity.

Heading the commission is Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. McCafferty, officialis of the Diocese, —that is the presiding judge of the diocesan Tribunal, a court for settling cases involving church laws.

Other members of the commission named by the Bishop are:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt St., Rochester.

Very Rev. Msgr. J. Emmett Murphy, pastor of Holy Apostles Church.

Rev. Joseph P. Brennan, Scripture professor at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Rev. E. Edward Zenkel, as-

stant pastor of Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta.

The commission will be the Bishop's official channel of communication with other religious groups.

The five priests will meet soon to determine specific directives for local ecumenical activities.

Monsignor McCafferty said, "We hope that through this commission we can take our part in the Church's present intensified efforts to heal the long-standing wounds of divi-

sion which separate Christians and to pave the way for ultimate unity as our divine Lord desired."

The U.S. Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical Affairs last month "highly recommended" establishing such commissions.

The Vatican Council in a decree enacted last autumn and Pope Paul in an encyclical issued last summer urged Catholics to intensify their interest and action in the ecumenical movement.

In its decree on ecumenism,

the Vatican Council said "the restoration of unity among all Christians" was one of its "principal concerns."

It said "the Lord of Ages... has been rousing divided Christians to remove over their divisions and to a longing for unity." The Council also stated that it didn't intend to limit ecumenical action just to theologians or clergymen. "The attainment of union is the concern of the whole Church, faithful and shepherds alike," it said in its decree.

Jesuit 'Aggiornamento' Next

for its Superior General.

One of the new initiatives covers the special task of tackling the problem of atheism with all the weapons at the order's command. The project was assigned to the Jesuits

Rome—(RNS)—The Society of Jesus (Jesuits)—the largest religious order in the Roman Catholic Church—closed the first session of its 31st general congregation here after approving "new directives" in its social apostolate and life tenure

for its Superior General.

by Pope Paul VI at an audience last May.

Other outstanding results of the congregation's first session —it comprised 49 plenary assemblies in all— were the approval of considerable changes in the Jesuit order's central government; the adoption of a decree calling for an "aggiornamento" in the methods of training young Jesuits in the course of their studies; and endorsement of a decree on the spirit and practice of poverty within the society which was hailed as of great importance to its internal life.

It was announced that the general congregation, which opened on May 7, would inaugurate its second session in mid-September, 1966. The comparatively remote date was chosen so that the final decisions affecting future policies and actions of the 36,000-member order would be in full harmony with the decisions and directives of the Second Vatican Council.

Attended by more than 200 delegates from around the world, the general congregation was asked to decide whether the new General elected on May 22—57-year-old, Spanish-born Father Pedro Arrupe—would, like his predecessors, hold office for life, or, whether, for the first time in its history, the "Black Pope," as the Romans call the head of the Jesuit order, would be designated to serve for a limited period of six or seven years.

In agreeing that Father Arrupe should serve for life, the congregation upheld the lifetime tenure which St. Ignatius Loyola, who founded the order in 1534, had established as a "substantial point" of its rules. This constitutes an exception to Canon 505 of the Church's Code of Canon Law which states that "the superiors of orders must be temporary, unless the

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Bishops to Decide On Liturgy Experiments

Vatican City — (NC) — The Church body charged with coordinating the Vatican Council's liturgical reforms has warned against experimentation by persons claiming a general permission.

The Consilium (commission) for the implementation of the

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Liturgy Constitution, in the June number of its publication, *Notitiae*, which was published early in July, declared that the Council's liturgy constitution provides that authority for such experimental changes will be granted to territorial bodies of bishops by the Holy See. They are to be performed only by determined groups suited for such experiments and for a determined length of time.

The Consilium said it was publishing its declaration because "sometimes rumors are spread here and there of certain innovations which go beyond either the rubrics in force or the constitution or the instruction concerning the sacred liturgy. Authors of these innovations, as is very often the case, claim they have obtained a faculty or indulgent from the Consilium to conduct experiments."

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Nuns Visit TV Entertainer

St. Louis — (RNS) — Adroitly upstaging his boss, Marlin Perkins, director of the St. Louis Zoo, a sad-eyed monkey entertains nuns taking a cook's tour of St. Louis during convention week. Nuns were guests of Mr. Perkins, whose television shows of animal life have enjoyed high ratings from juveniles and adults for some 15 years.

Skiping Church High on U.S. Worry List

New York — (RNS)—Americans today are beset by a wide range of worries, with non-churchgoing high on the list.

This was indicated in a new copyrighted Harris Survey which sampled opinion to determine the causes of concern among individuals.

High majorities of the public were shown to be worried about their lack of regular church attendance, about wasting too much time, about not reading enough and about not taking an active enough part in community affairs.

Fourth highest on an "intensity of concern" scale was church absenteeism. Of those questioned, 43 per cent said they "often felt bad" about not worshipping regularly; 35 per cent said they "sometimes or hardly ever felt bad" and 22 per cent answered that they "never felt bad."

Among chief causes of concern, not attending church was topped on the scale only by over-eating, being out of shape physically and doing too little reading.

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