

# Catholic Press Faces 'Impasse'

**Catholic Press**  
Sydney — (NC) — Cardinal Norman Gilroy of Sydney said that there never has been a time when the encouragement of Catholic reading was more necessary, "particularly for our young people in their formative years."

New York—(RNS)—A priest-editor urged diocesan bishops and Catholic journalists to join in resolving "charitably and democratically" the "journalistic impasse" in the Catholic press today.

This dilemma, said Msgr. Salvatore J. Adamo, has been

caused by some bishops who wish to stem the "tide of open reporting and discussions dipped in disrespect" and those journalists who want "more freedom and cannot understand why the bishops don't understand this."

The diocesan press "can overcome the deficiencies that stunt its growth," he said, only if there is a breakthrough in this impasse, otherwise the press "will remain a pale adolescent, bewildered and bewildering on the threshold of manhood."

Msgr. Adamo, executive editor of the Catholic Star-Herald, official newspaper of the Camden, N.J., diocese, discussed the "dilemma in the Catholic Press" in an extensive article appearing in the Aug. 14 issue of America, national Catholic weekly. In doing so, he leveled criticisms at diocesan bishops, journalists and editors, and the weeklies themselves.

HE PROPOSED a Catholic press that is more free of episcopal controls, that would be a forum for cultivation of Catholic opinion; a community-oriented, even to the point of reporting local politics; and staffed by unionized journalists.

Asserting that "most bishops misunderstand the nature of journalism," Msgr. Adamo said they feel that weeklies "should

independent, publicize their activities and advertise church programs. In a word, they want house organs."

The priest said he found it hard to explain why a bishop "will not accept the idea that a newspaper deals chiefly in news, not propaganda—not even good propaganda."

If the exclusive function of a weekly is to carry out the Church's teaching role, the priest continued, "it is no longer in the newspaper business" and becomes a "rather awkward version of the catechism."

Meanwhile, he said, "opportunity is lost to illustrate how Catholics may view the ebb and flow of daily events in the light of their religious ideals."

Readership has become a crucial problem for many diocesan papers today, he said, because they have been told by bishops "to beat the drum on the front page week after week."

While "many bishops have been at fault through over-control" of the press, Msgr. Adamo said, some Catholic journalists have compounded the problem by their "under-re-

fact, every so often I have a nagging suspicion that many of the controls imposed on diocesan newspapers are self-inflicted; sometimes editors assume their bishops want this or don't want that."

Msgr. Adamo said that one way in which bishops can learn whether the "outspeak writers" of today are really expressing the feelings "fermenting in the masses of American Catholics" is to make diocesan papers "forums for the faithful."

The priest said he saw no reason why Catholic editors cannot attempt to produce "good community-oriented newspapers... in fact, a growing number are striving to do that." These papers, he said, are trying to really show—"report significant current events and examine them in the light of Catholic ideals."

The Catholic press, Msgr. Adamo continued, must be involved in the community—even the political scene—"without necessarily or officially committing the Church. Articles of doctrine, official statements by the hierarchy, should be so designated. The rest should represent fallible information and educated opinion."

## Council Stirs Mission Interest

New York—(RNS)—In commending the generosity of Protestant Churches to the missions, Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York noted here that Catholics are becoming more "mission-minded."

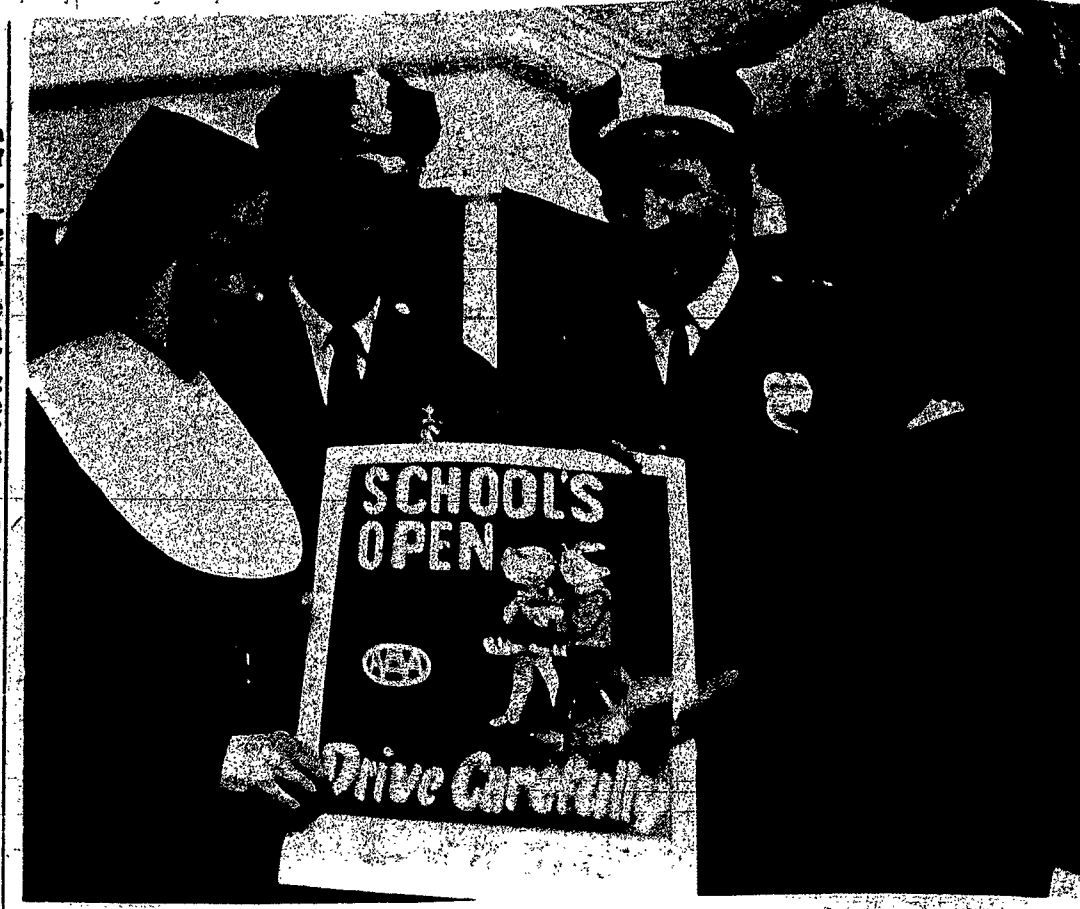
Writing in his weekly column, God Love You, which appears in many U.S. Catholic newspapers, the famed "television priest" stressed that Vatican II has stirred great mission interest and greater giving by the American laity.

"The laity perhaps are doing more than anyone, and for a reason which did not exist in the past," Bishop Sheen said. "They are becoming critical of excessive expenditures for local churches, schools and social centers which remind them that they are neglecting the rest of the world."

"The laity used to be proud of ornate, two-toned church schools with a gymnasium costing half a million dollars. Now they are ashamed of it."

"How many letters come to our desk expressing alarm at the concentration of wealth on the local, diocesan level. The Holy Spirit is awakening the Church from two sides."

The priest said that Catholic editors "would do better to use what freedoms they have—to achieve as much as they can. Freedom grows with use. In



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## Automobile Club Opens Fall Safety Campaign

With schools open again, the Automobile Club of Rochester has begun its annual drive to alert motorists to be particularly careful in school areas and around school buses today.

The new, colorful School's Open—Drive Carefully posters are displayed throughout the community. This local School's Open program is part of a national effort by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and its affiliated Clubs to curb traffic accidents involving

school age youngsters. In the city of Rochester and five county areas 1,000 School's Open signs are being posted.

E. Robert Anderson, President of the Automobile Club of Rochester, reminds drivers that many kindergarten and primary school children are on their own in traffic for the first time—many of whom have not had previous traffic safety education.

Not all school pedestrians have access to streets that are protected by traffic aids—signals, police, patrols, crossing guards, pedestrian crosswalks. In addition, many of them will have to walk in or along a roadway—particularly in rural and new suburban areas which quite often, have no sidewalks. These youngsters must be taught to walk on the Left Facing Traffic.

AAA, along with law enforcement agents, urges parents to prepare their children to be safe pedestrians by making certain they know and use a safe route to and from school.

"Warn your children to be extra careful when crossing unprotected corners," advises AAA. "Point out that a green light does not guarantee a safe crossing. A pedestrian must still look all ways to be safe."

"However," Anderson cautioned motorists, "you as drivers have a major responsibility in the safety of all our school children."

## 'Pretty Art' On Way Out In Modern Churches

Albuquerque — (RNS) — Catholics can expect substantial changes in church art to match the changes in liturgy, according to a priest who is also an ecclesiastical artist of note.

Father Walter E. Cassidy of Our Lady of Guadalupe church here discussed Catholic Church art and architecture in an interview. He described current efforts within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe to upgrade the level of church, stately and other art.

"Father Cassidy, whose hand-carved crucifixes and statues (statues) can be found in many New Mexico churches, said that the current liturgical reform within the Church implies a whole new attitude toward church art.

For example, he said, the new liturgy places emphasis on the laity who no longer sit in their pews detached from the worship at the altar. Churches now should be designed for a community movement conducive to a simultaneous response. "If there are too many columns in a church, for example, they divide the people and make it difficult for a union of response," he explained.

Just as architecture must be changed, representational art

in the churches also must be changed, the priest said, with much "superfluous and merely pretty art" removed.

Many church statues now are only "imitations made of plaster," he said, including statues of Christ which show a senseless femininity and which are among statues now being removed from churches.

Even modern abstract art may be considered for ecclesiastical purposes, Father Cassidy said. He criticized "decorated, mediocre, or even pretentious examples" in all forms of art, singling out "elaborately rich gold-leafed things" as really pretensions.

"The use of representative art such as statues and paintings must be kept in its proper place. It must not dominate the scene," he said. "The central thing in our churches now is the liturgy... Where art is too indiscriminately used, it becomes distracting and it defeats our purpose."

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What?  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Rochester, Faculty will be held in the Parish Center on Sunday, Sept. 12, to 9 p.m. Coordinating for the tea are Charles chairman of the School League, Sister Margaret principal and Mrs. Georgeau, Rosary Society past All parents are invited to attend.  
CORPUS CHRISTI, Society meeting in schoolorium, Monday evening, 13. New officers to present Mrs. Geraldine Servas president, Miss Mary Jane Schroeder, secretary, Marie O'Belrne, treasurer, the Michaela Daly, Newman Chaplain, E. Rockport Teachers' College, guest speaker. Plans for Annual Party in October to be held. Officers invite all of the parish.  
HOLY LADY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Holy Name Society will have year's activities with Communion on Sunday, 12, at 8:30 a.m. Mass, following day, Monday, business meeting of the zation will be conducted p.m. Some facts and figures on the operation of the school system will be ed. Subject to be discussed the membership. Refuse will be served.  
ST. JOSEPH, Penitential Treen Supper sponsored by Rosary Guild, Tuesday, 14. Program opens with in the Church at 6:30 p.m. per in school hall to be immediately. Mrs. Richard, chairman, Mrs. Madison, co-chairman, I woman of parish.  
ST. THOMAS THE MARY, Rosary-Altar Society dinner meeting in hall, Wednesday, Sept. 15, immediately after 5:30 p.m. Mrs. T. F. Kerwick, appointed Mrs. Norman, general chairman, Mrs. Joanne, principal of St. School and Alexander who were co-chairman of ation Headquarters. They port on the success of gram of education in schools and related ones.  
ST. PIUS X, Rosary "Friendship Night," Sept. 14, 8 p.m. All w the parish are invited to and meet the faculty Plus X School. Program planned by Mrs. Cl Young, chairman. Mentions by Mrs. Earl D her committee.  
ST. CHARLES BORO, Rosary Society to meet day, Sept. 14 with Ben and installation of officers 8 p.m. in the Church officers are: Mrs. Ho Carthy, president; Margaret Pinkney, vice pr Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, urer; Mrs. Edna Bring retary; Mrs. John Lee band, hostesses. A ques answer period covering ter-racial issue to be co by guest speaker, Mrs Greene, past president Catholic Interracial Co  
ST. HELEN, Rosary Society thirteen supper in hall, Wednesday, Sept. 15. Members will dona All reservations must b Sunday, Sept. 12. Mrs Barry, chairman. Me from Lansing Circle at lyn Parkway will serve mittee. A demonstrat O-Nei-Da Wine Compan low dinner. Mrs. John G president to conduct meeting.  
ST. AUGUSTINE, Club meeting, Monday, school hall, 8 p.m. M Farren, program chair scheduled Monsignor Duffy, Sister Mary Gr Mrs. Anthony Sears t on "Parish, School and Mrs. Philip Powers. chairman said this will opportunity for paren faculty to plan for com Mrs. Kay Barnes and M Lou Lockmeyer are ask ents to bring used t for sale. Hostesses will Marjorie Marling and Jeanne Loewenguth.  
ST. JOSEPH, Rush, E of parish to be aware Altar and Rosary Socie ship is James Galbra Rush-Scotenville Road, I will attend. McQuinn High School. The Soc been awarding the sch for the past seven ye Rosary and Altar Socie ing will be Sept. 23 8 the church basement.  
ST. BRIDGET, East field Court, Isabella I olic Daughters of Ame postponed first meeti