



An Award for a Layman

John Howard Griffin, controversial lecturer and author, shows his family the 1966 Christian Culture Award given him by Assumption University at Windsor, Ontario. Basilian Father Daniel Mulvihill presented the award to Griffin for being "an outstanding lay exponent of Christian ideals." Griffin dyed his skin and posed as a Negro and then wrote the still widely read book "Black Like Me."

Czech Prelate Visits U.S.

Washington — (NC) — Josef Cardinal Beran, exiled archbishop of Prague, Czechoslovakia, visited the nation's capital city for two days and had warm praise for America and Americans.

The 77-year-old prelate's tour of the United States was at the invitation of a number of Czech-American and Slovak-American organizations. On this, his first trip to the United States, he has visited New York City, Philadelphia, where Blessed John Neumann, a native of Bohemia is buried; and Baltimore, where he visited St. Wenceslaus parish before coming to Washington.

WHILE HERE, as guest of Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate in the U.S., he visited the Capitol building, the Lincoln Museum, the Byzantine Art Collection at Dunbar-Oaks Museum, the grave of President John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery and St. Matthew's Cathedral, from which Mr. Kennedy was buried. At the cemetery he met Mrs. Robert Kennedy. Cardinal Beran said that the late President Kennedy was responsible in a large measure for the amnesty which he and other interned bishops received.

Cardinal Beran celebrated a Mass April 16 in the National

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In his sermon he dwelt on the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and praised Washington's great shrine to Our Lady. He cited the many pilgrimage places in his own country devoted to Mary, and devotion of the Czechs to the Blessed Mother throughout the centuries.

"I beg you to bring up your children," he said, "in this spirit of love for Mary." The prelate recalled how grateful he was to America, for "it was American troops who freed us from Dachau" prison camp before Hitler's orders to wipe out all Christians got underway. He recalled that at 4 a.m., April 27, 1945, an unnamed U.S. Army officer came to liberate them, assembled them and said:

"I know you are not all believers—that you are of various denominations—but thank God, I was able to free you. I got orders, but came sooner than commanded to, when I found out about Hitler's order to exterminate all of you. We will now all say, 'Our Father.'"

Metropolitan Filaret, Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia; Franklin Clark Fry, president, Lutheran Church in America and others.

N.Y. Cardinal Joins Protest Against Turks

New York — (NC) — Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York has joined 16 prominent clergymen and others in a public protest of the Turkish government's mistreatment of Greek Orthodox in Turkey.

A statement in the Sunday New York Times spoke of "growing anxiety for the safety and future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Greek Orthodox Church in its historic setting in what is now Istanbul."

It charged the Turkish government is threatening the right of the patriarchate to function, to maintain its press and schools, and to minister to the Greek Orthodox minority.

It asked that Americans "protest by every lawful and reasonable means these violations of the sacred principles upon which our civilized society is founded."

Turkey, it said, is "openly and flagrantly" violating the provisions of the United Nations charter respecting religious freedom. It pointed to confiscation of the possessions of Greek Orthodox, expulsion of clergy and expropriation of churches.

In addition to Cardinal Spellman, signers included: Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donagan of New York; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; A. Dale Fiers, executive secretary of the International Convention of Christian Church-

Sunday, April 24

World Vocation Day

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese are asked to observe this Sunday, April 24, as a day of prayer for religious vocations.

Father Louis J. Hohman, diocesan vocation director, suggested that prayers be offered at Mass and Communion for this intention.

He said Pope Paul has designated the second Sunday after Easter as "World Day for vocations." The Sunday Gospel is appropriately that of the Good Shepherd.

In an NCWC News Service report from Rome, Father Godfrey Poage, a U.S. Passionist priest who heads the Vatican's

Office for Vocations, said this will be the third annual worldwide Vocation Day observance.

He expects close to fifty per cent of the world's Catholic parishes will mark the Day with prayers, sermons and other means of promoting interest in the priesthood and religious life.

Despite many new elements in the vocational picture, Father Poage said, there has not been, as some have predicted, a drop in the total number of vocations for diocesan priests and men and women in religious orders. "In fact, there has been a slow and gradual increase. Yet, of course, it's still far below the needs of the Church today and, even more of the Church of the future."

Statistics for the years 1963-64 give the total number of Catholics in 41 countries as 465,110,960, which is an increase of 26,264,935 over the figure for 1961.

Diocesan priests in 1963-64 numbered 233,556, an increase of 3,354 from 1961. Religious priests totaled 113,442, an increase of 3,988 over 1961.

In 1963-64 a total of 5,657 priests were ordained, an increase of 395 over 1961, while 4,414 died, 82 more than in 1961.

IT IS OBVIOUS that the growing Catholic population is outstripping its available priests. For instance, for the 1963-64 period there was in Europe one diocesan priest for

every 1,127 Catholics as against one for every 1,101 in 1961.

In America, both North and South, the average was one diocesan priest for every 4,004 Catholics, while in 1961 there was one for every 3,884. Africa has one for every 10,573, but no 1961 figures are given because Algeria at that time was counted as part of France.

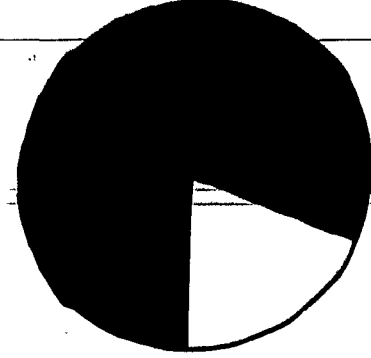
Father Poage said that World Vocation Day is one of the first and most powerful means of meeting the demand for vocations, since it joins the people of the Church in praying for an increase in vocations throughout the world. Beyond this, however, he warned that vocational directors have to keep up with the times and understand that boys and girls

today may have different concepts of what they want to do for God. He said:

"Times have changed, but the majority of us have not changed our vocation appeal. It is no wonder that there is little or no response. We cannot excuse the situation by saying that vocations are lacking or that youths are less generous or less virtuous than in our day.

"Vocations will always be given by God in sufficient numbers and of adequate quality for the needs of the Church. Our responsibility is to present a better image of our life and work. We must show our relevance to modern life, arouse the interest of youths in what we are doing and inspire in them a desire to imitate us."

Where the father is Catholic 98.8 per cent of the children



have received their First Communion, 98 per cent attend Mass regularly and 95.6 per cent are confirmed. Where the mother is Catholic, 94.8 per cent have received First Communion, 98.2 per cent attend Mass regularly and 95.6 per cent are confirmed.

Other statistics include a breakdown on the numbers who have graduated from grade school, high school or college or are currently enrolled in school, numbers of those who are widowed, divorced (1.3 per cent of women and .8 per cent of the men), employed full or part time, etc.

Midwest Unit For Migrants

South Bend — (RNS) — A committee to establish "greater communications" among Catholic organizations assisting Spanish-speaking residents and migrant agricultural workers in four states was formed at the first Midwest Catholic Conference on Migrants here.

Fifty priests, nuns and laymen, directors of migrant programs in 14 Catholic dioceses in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, attended the two-day conference. They prepared the groundwork for what is hoped will eventually become a Midwest Division of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee for the Spanish-Speaking.

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Census Tabulation

449,198 Catholics Counted in Diocese

Statistics of last year's diocesan census have been tallied and reported this past week to pastors.

Each pastor received a computer's tabulation of 44 questions providing information ranging from the total number of Catholics in his parish to the number who attend Mass regularly and the number of youngsters who receive religious instruction.

A master report combines parish totals for statistics of the whole Diocese.

And the picture is a remarkably bright one.

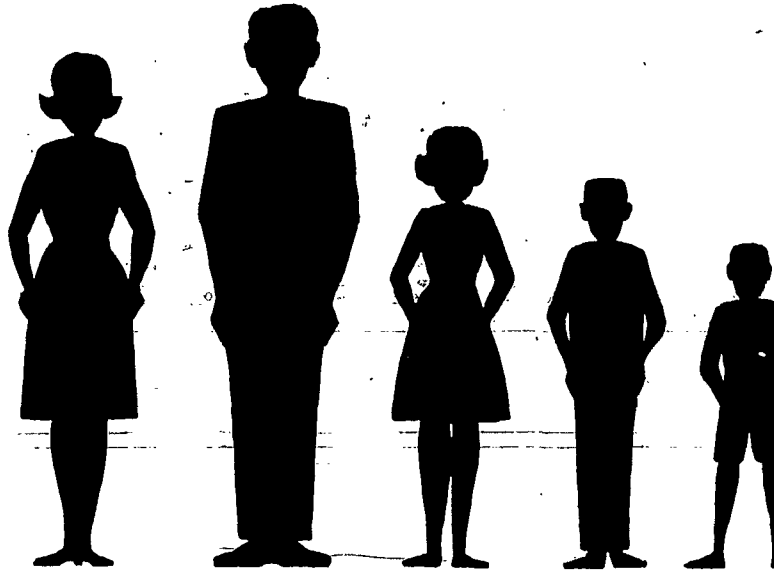
Chief fact to emerge from the census is the number of Catholics in the twelve-county Diocese—449,198.

Estimates prior to the census were usually put at about 360,000.

Total population of the diocesan area is 1,242,586 making Catholics 36 per cent of that figure.

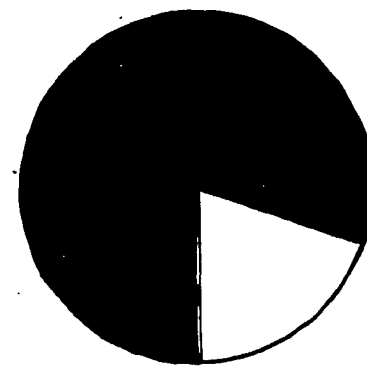
The spiritual life of this near half a million people is, as far as figures can reveal, also in a healthy condition.

In the 7 to 17 age group, 86 per cent are reported as attending Mass regularly and the over 18 age group, 73 per cent attend regularly. Such percent-



Average family in Rochester Diocese has 2.7 children

ages are considered by analysts as very good.



81% attend Mass regularly
19% do not

The 27 per cent of adults who do not attend Mass regularly includes an 11 per cent of the total number in that age group who are over 65 years of age, many of whom are confined by failing health or bad weather from regular church-going.

The prevalent image that Catholics have "large families" is not borne out by the census.

The average married couple in the Rochester Diocese has 2.7 children, only a fraction more than the national average. The married couples range the age spectrum from recently wed to advanced in years.

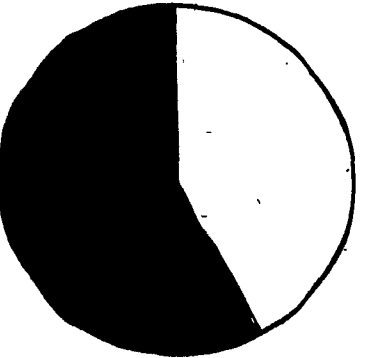
The 48,686 couples have a

total of 174,700 youngsters under 18 years of age.

And 79.7 per cent of these children either attend Catholic schools or catechetical instructions.

Of all the people who indicated to census takers that they were Catholics, 98.1 per cent under 18 were reported as baptized and 98.3 per cent over 18 had received the sacrament.

Catholics of the Diocese also indicated they have dutifully observed their Church's requirements about marriage. 91.5 per cent of the married couple were



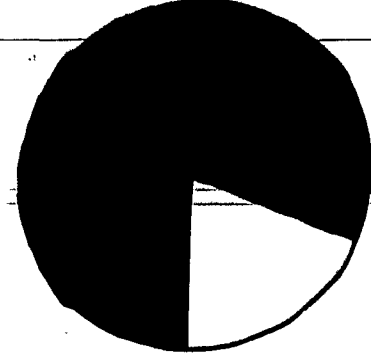
42.3% attend Catholic schools
57.6% do not

wed by a priest, only 8.5 per cent not by a priest.

More than 95 per cent of all Catholics also said they had received the sacraments of Confirmation.

Another widespread notion that the mother is the major religious factor in the home is not verified by the census statistics. In mixed marriages, where there is only a slight difference depending on whether the father or mother is the Catholic partner.

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Two New Schools For Paterson

Paterson — (NC) — Ground will be broken April 24 for two new regional diocesan high schools for the Paterson diocese by Msgr. Joseph R. Brestel, administrator of the diocese. The educational schools in Paterson and Clifton will accommodate 1,000 students. (Bishop Casey will be installed as Bishop of Paterson May 12.)

Special Section On Charities

Turn to page six and you'll find a sixteen page tabloid on the Catholic Charities program of the Rochester Diocese. Slip the tabloid section out for separate reading.

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Blessing for A Church

Diane and Denise White, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David White and pupils at St. Mary's school, Auburn, presented a bouquet of roses to Bishop Casey Sunday afternoon after he blessed their recently redecorated church. Simplicity in design and color characterizes the historic mother church of Auburn's Catholics.

(Tarby photos)



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