

CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS

The Second Annual Conference of The Catholic Educational Congress will be held at Nazareth College of Rochester on May 21st 1966. It will begin at 9:15 a.m. and last until 4:15 p.m.

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\$5.00 per person. This includes attendance at Panels, a Luncheon, and a Published Proceedings.

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GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen

How often during the day do we say, or hear someone else say "I can't help you, I am too busy"? Busy? Yes! But busy doing what? Being busy takes on a different meaning in the Missions. The following are a few of the stories a Belgian priest who recently visited this office brought back from the Missions. One lay missionary, a woman in Africa, teaches 2,100 children a day. The school has only one classroom. She teaches 200 pupils an hour, then clears the room and another 200 come in until all have had their lessons every day... We priests in the United States are busy. Many are overworked. But one priest in Africa has 230 missions, each of which is as large as some of our big parishes. Why must we have 20 or 30 priests in some of our large city parishes and churches — priests working on insurance, investments and real estate when the Missions need priests so badly?

Another priest, in one mission country recently under persecution, received 18 machete wounds from Communist-inspired rebels. After a year of recuperation, he returned again to his people who constantly surround their "saint" with guards, so dearly do they love him. Is not the Christ with wounds loved for the same reason? Thomas was right: No adoration except for a wounded Savior. The Christ with scars is the Christ we love... In a boarding school of 1,300 children, the poverty is so great that each prepares his one poor meal in the crudest possible bowl with no fires. Their dormitory is the kitchen. Could not our borders in colleges give up something for the poor by sacrificing at least \$1 a month for the Holy Father to aid such need?... One village of 30,000 people promised to become Christian if a priest would come to teach them catechism. He asked each to carry a stone to the place where he taught all day long. They will use them to build a church and school.

One nun had served the lepers for 17 years. Her mother superior thought that at 90 she should be brought back to our "civilization" where she could die in comfort. She did not carry a placard about the leper camp saying, "Down with superiors," but her heart was broken just the same. She obeyed and packed her bags to go into retirement. The next day when the car came to take her "back home" they found her dead beside her packed bags. She was buried with her lepers.

Missionaries in their discomforts are happier than we are in our comforts. Missionaries with their superhuman schedules are accomplishing more than we with all our frantic "busyness." Priests in the Missions have more work, yet there are over 100 conversions a year per priest in many mission lands. Priests here average only a little over two a year. We spend too much money on our motherhouses, churches, rectories and seminaries in the United States and too little on the Missions where there are souls and bodies in real need. We are religious, but do we have faith? Being religious is doing a certain act now and then but faith penetrates the core of our being. Think about it and write to me. God Love You!

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001, or to your Diocesan Director, Rev. John F. Duffy, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.



SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Monsignor William M. Roche answers some pertinent questions of parents in the accompanying article.

School Head Answers Some Key Questions

(In this article, fifth in series arranged by the Catholic Educational Congress, Monsignor William M. Roche, Superintendent of Schools in the Rochester-Diocese, gives some candid answers to questions that parents are asking him most frequently these days.)

Q. Monsignor Roche, are you satisfied with Catholic education?

A. I don't think that's the right question. Since you are the parents, are you satisfied? That's more like it. If you are not satisfied, then I suggest that parents are asking him most frequently these days.)

Q. Doesn't this mean that we will have to assert ourselves in a rather positive way?

A. It certainly does! But we're talking about involvement aren't we? You should be deeply involved in improving your child's education.

All of us have a lot to learn, and reorientation must take place. Years ago, it was often only the priest who had sufficient background to take the initiative in education, as well as many other areas. But this is not true today.

Q. Are you saying, then, that parishes can no longer support the elementary schools?

A. Yes I am saying precisely that. Unfortunately, there are schools right now which have already surpassed the capabilities of the parish, in terms of operating costs. But very few Catholics are aware of this.

I think the basic reason is a lack of communications. On the other hand, the pastors are struggling to operate the school with its increased costs mostly from ordinary parish revenues. You can see what kind of pressure that puts on him. Also, because of it, the parishioners remain largely unaware of the financial burden that the schools is. So we need better communications.

Q. Why isn't childhood as simple and uncluttered as it was when we were children?

A. Well maybe it is. Maybe the complexities are in our minds, the adults. There's a lot of materialism around today. We can avail ourselves of many, many conveniences in the good society. And I think we give the child too many of these. We also have two great American fallacies, I believe.

(1) Every parent wants to start his children out in life in about the same position where he left off. This doesn't do the child any good. Instead of being able to use his own intellect, he tends to get lazy. He needs challenge, problems to be solved.

Q. What do you mean by involvement?

A. Let's answer in terms of the needs of your parish and your school. Aside from whatever limits might be set upon the financial capabilities of your neighborhood, there are vast reservoirs of support not even tapped yet. I'm sure that you represent a rather good cross-section of most communities. You represent a good cross-section of skills and specialties. But how many of these varieties of contributions — of your college training or your skill or specialty have been made available for the good of the parish and its school? I think that you possess talents,

Q. What about shared time?

A. Again, it solves the problems by eliminating a part of Catholic education. Many feel that when we begin to send our children to a Catholic school half time, it won't be long until we begin to send them to a public school full time.

Besides, you talk here about two schools and this means divided loyalties. It also means administrative problems. Are you going to bus the children back and forth? In those isolated instances where a public school and a Catholic school are built back to back it can be a wonderful advantage. But in most of the cases it isn't.

Q. What do you think of the future of Catholic schools in the light of Federal aid?

A. Well, it's a question of survival. If we don't have substantial aid within the next 10 years, I think that we won't have much to worry about regarding Catholic education. We will have either schools only for those prosperous enough to be able to afford high tuitions, or Catholic schools will largely disappear from the scene.

Furthermore, education is changing so rapidly that teaching techniques, textbooks, even schools will be radically changed within the next few years. This poses great problems not only in terms of the furnishings and the hardware of education, but also teacher training. If we're going to have schools, they must be productive institutions.

Q. Why don't we concentrate on high schools and forget elementary schools?

A. There we go again, jumping to conclusions! I don't think we're ready to answer that question yet. It is fact, the easiest way to solve the problem is to get rid of it. So we could solve the problems of the elementary schools by closing them.

Q. How do we go about getting this kind of a parish organization going?

A. Well you can go to the Catholic Educational Congress which is held in May every year at Nazareth College. Quite a lot of these problems and the answers to these problems are discussed there. You can also make contact with Citizens for Educational Freedom. They are the organization that won the free textbooks for your children in grades 7-12, beginning next September.

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Msgr. Rigney NYC School Head To Speak Here

Monsignor Raymond P. Rigney, Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of New York will be the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Conference of the Catholic Educational Congress on Saturday, May 21. The theme of this year's conference, to be held at Nazareth College, is "Innovation and Change in Catholic Education."

Monsignor Rigney was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese of New York in 1945 and was named Superintendent of Schools in 1964. He holds a doctoral degree in education from New York University.

His professional memberships include the following: Superintendents' Department, National Catholic Educational Association; New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents; Executive Board, National Catholic Music Educators Association; and the Academy of Public Education, New York City.

Monsignor Rigney is author of the Administrative Manual for Elementary Schools, for the Archdiocese of New York; is supervising editor for "Publications for Catholic Youth"



MONSIGNOR RIGNEY

and serves on the editorial advisory boards of several other publications.

Those wishing to attend the conference may do so by sending the registration fee of \$5.00 which covers the day-long conference to:

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