

Time to Close Guidance Gap

Washington—(NC)—The time has come for Catholic school superintendents and administrators to close the "guidance gap" separating Catholic and public schools.

The assertion is made by Oblate Father George H. Moreau, O.M.I., guidance authority, who claims the growth and expansion of counseling and guidance services in Catholic schools has been "extremely slow and erratic" for the past 15 years.

Expressing his views in an article in the current issue of the Catholic High School Quarterly Bulletin, he says little has been done to help fashion or define the counselors' role in Catholic high schools.

Father Moreau, consultant for guidance services at the National Catholic Educational Association and former president of the National Catholic Guidance Conference, was guidance specialist in the Buffalo diocese for 14 years. Since his appointment to the NCEA last September, he has worked to establish guidance and counseling programs in both individual schools and on a diocesan-wide basis.

Father Moreau argues that excellent guidance programs in Catholic schools have been the exception rather than the rule.

"Interest was on the local level and not due, primarily, to leadership on a national scale wherein policies and guidelines were developed," he says.

Josephites Plan Urban Apostolate

Washington—(RNS)—Taking cognizance of the large-scale migration of Negroes to America's larger cities, the Josephite Fathers have mounted a program which will change the historic pattern of their widely-known ministry among Negroes.

This was the major outcome of a two-week planning retreat of the Society of St. Joseph, a Baltimore-based organization. Meeting at St. Joseph Seminary here, the 24 participants spent a major portion of their time considering the impact of the Negro becoming increasingly an urban citizen rather than the rural, agrarian type of little more than a decade ago.

Except for city ministries in Washington, Baltimore and New Orleans, the Josephite Fathers have concentrated their efforts on the Southern Negro, most often a share cropper or a small town resident.

But the Very Rev. George F. O'Dea, re-elected superior general of the society said: "Our society recognizes that the nature of our apostolate is constantly changing. Therefore, we shall direct special efforts in these areas.

"We will develop a Josephite Fathers' Social Action Department which will serve to coordinate our social activities to help meet the needs of the poor in education, housing and family life.

He credits some foresighted administrators who envisioned guidance as an integral part of their program with training counselors, despite the shortage of personnel and finances. Whatever progress was made, however, was due to the endeavors of such progressive administrators. "It was not due to an already existing policy," Father Moreau asserts.

There is reason for optimism, however, he notes, pointing out that the National Catholic Guidance Conference has helped to establish the 35 diocesan guidance councils currently in operation. He says an increasing number of administrators and superintendents are expressing interest in first-rate guidance programs, even for the elementary school level.

A Lutheran Prediction

Problems Ahead For Catholics

Minneapolis—(RNS)—The "new energy and independence" stirred up by the Second Vatican Council will create discipline problems for the Roman Catholic hierarchy "for some years," according to a Lutheran observer at the Council.

Dr. Warren A. Quanbeck, professor at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, made the prediction in an article in "Dialogue," an independent Lutheran theological journal published here which devoted its entire Summer issue to evaluating Vatican II.

He stated the discipline problems are "a compound of the restlessness of the spirit of renewal and of the accumulated resentments against the rigidity and legalism of the past.

Wadhams Hall A College

Ogdensburg—(NC)—Bishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Ogdensburg, president of the board of trustees, announced that Wadhams Hall, diocesan seminary, has been raised to the status of a senior college.

Founded in 1924 as a preparatory seminary, Wadhams Hall has been operating since 1962 as a junior college of liberal arts. The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York at a meeting in Albany, voted to amend the charter of Wadhams Hall authorizing the corporation to conduct a four-year liberal arts program leading to a bachelor of arts degree.

Congo Missions Again Active

Valteian City—(RNS)—Valteian Radio reported "with pleasure" that most Congolese mission posts abandoned in 1964 because of rebel activities are back in operation.



On the Road to Victory!

Phu Loi, Vietnam—(RNS)—An Army medic wraps the arm of a wounded G.I. behind a rice paddy dike near Phu Loi, Vietnam, as another soldier holds the injured man's head out of the mud and water.

As evidences of the "new spirit" created by the Vatican Council, Dr. Quanbeck cited:

- "The willingness of the laity to accept radical changes in the liturgy.
- "The eagerness of nuns to work out the Council's program for education and ecumenism.
- "The enthusiasm of seminarians for the new biblical and systematic theology and the impatience with which many await a newly structured moral theology.
- "The readiness of many priests trained in a traditional approach to open themselves to new ideas and practices.
- "The graciousness and humor shown by many canonists

as they accept their new role as the whipping boys of the Council and seek to adapt canon law to the needs of the people of God.

Dr. Quanbeck said "many of the bishops show a new openness and confidence, are more accessible to their priests and laymen, more sensitive to the contribution of modern sociology and psychology, more ready to experiment and more eager to enter into discussion with representatives of other traditions."

Referring to those who practice discrimination, he said: "They are no credit to the Knights of Columbus and will be only slightly noticed in their passing." Mr. Barger, a resident of San Antonio, is the Knights' state fraternal activities chairman.

He urged the order to seek out Negro Catholics and offer them membership. "Our past wrongs," he added, "demand that we pursue this recruitment program with great vigor."

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He urged Lutheran Churches and others in the WCC to "be ready to take the initiative together with Rome" and to "prepare themselves in the interim by raising the question with the Roman Catholic Church and with themselves as to what platform they would be willing to accept for common life in expectation of an ecumenical council."

The churchman, research professor at the LWF-Founded Institute for Ecumenical Research at Strasbourg, France, admitted the difficulty of convening a council even among Reformation churches. Such a meeting will not be possible, he said, until they recover the ability to "think together" on doctrinal matters.

Dr. Vatja's suggestion expanded on proposals voiced earlier this year, including a call by Dr. Wolfgang Suckert of Darmstadt, Germany, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau in 1964, for a "Protestant Council" in Germany.

Elmira Area School Report On Registration

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Students OK Protests On Vietnam

Cincinnati, (RNS)—Roman Catholic college students, meeting here, supported "responsible civil protests concerning warfare in Vietnam, even if they tend to 'hinder the effectiveness' of U.S. policy in that country.

"We are unalterably opposed to any legislative action to restrict this right," said a resolution approved by the National Federation of Catholic College Students at its 23rd congress.

The congress, attended by 400 student government officials and other campus leaders, also adopted a resolution opposing the "silencing" of priests because of their activities concerning social matter issues.

Any "silencing" of priests, the students said, is "neither consonant with the principles of Christian charity and justice nor in accord with the dictates of prudence."

In its resolution on "responsible civil protest," the NFCCS said that the "majority of Americans favor the present military policy of the administration toward Vietnam."

However, the resolution said: "If a person is convinced that there is no valid commitment to a war, that a valid war is being carried on with unjust means, or that hastening of a just peace is not the only intention of the just combatant, he is bound in conscience as a citizen of the participating nation to at least voice his conviction. It must be remembered that in the United States he is at liberty under the law to do so."

K of C Seeks Negro Members

Austin—(RNS)—Knights of Columbus who oppose acceptance of Negroes as members should resign from the Catholic fraternal order, James Barger, a Texas K.C. officer, declared here.

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