

Paul Schmidt Heads CYO

Richard C. Scott, President of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Youth Organization, announced today that Paul B. Schmidt has been elected the new executive secretary of the C.Y.O. He will take over the position vacated by Howard Meath this past month.

Mr. Schmidt is a native of Rochester, a graduate of Aquinas Institute, 1954 and St. John Fisher College, 1958. He did graduate studies at the University of Buffalo School of Social Welfare. At present, he is on



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the faculty of the State University of New York at Buffalo as a field instructor in the training of social work graduate students. He is a member of the Rochester Chapter National Association of Social Workers and a member of the my life this Certified Socialist intend to

His work eight years attitudes. I think realistic, at least a practical ignorance of the nature of an organism. Living beings, and especially intelligent living beings are in a state of becoming, of reaching toward a higher state of being. When they cease becoming they begin the long slide toward death and corruption, like a ripe peach.

That we must accept the Church as in a constant state of becoming I think is self-evident from its nature as the Mystical Christ. It is not a mere moral body, an organization, but rather a living organism of which Christ is the Head and we are the members. Just as he advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men, so must the Church. It can never feel that it has reached the peak of its potential and maturity until its mission is finalized in the total Redemption of the world. Nor can it cling to the past as some kind of ultimate achievement.

The past with all its tradition and wisdom is immensely valuable, but only as the solid foundation upon which to build the future. The radical liberals of our time make a fatal mistake in forgetting that a living organism has continuity, and to try to scrap the past entirely is foolishness.

The same thing is true of human individuals. As soon as a human being stops growing he has begun to "grow old"; he is on that fatal downward slide. People must not be afraid of the new as long as they approach it reasonably and with one hand on the thread of the past.

All this is by way of introduction to our defense of change in the seminary system. We see it as only another step in the growth process — not as a repudiation of the past or as an uncontrolled love for the novel. The Church, and that means its members, has grown in wisdom, which means that its training systems must grow

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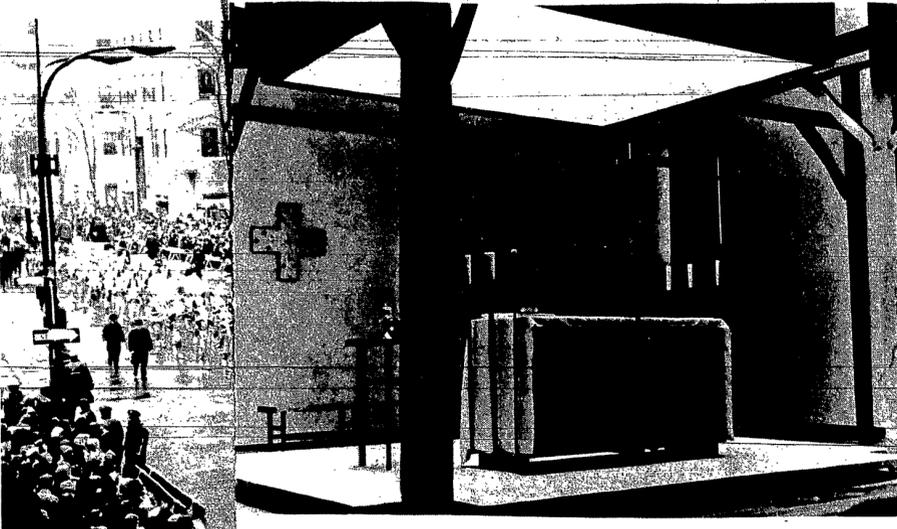
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Vocation Lag Said Disturbing

Vatican City — (RNS) — Statistics on the shortage of vocations in the Roman Catholic Church are "disturbing, sometimes heart-breaking," Pope Paul VI told Catholics in a letter to the faithful issued here.

"This is the dramatic situation that Jesus Himself referred to when He said: 'The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few,'" Pope Paul said.

The letter was issued in preparation for Vocation Sunday, April 9. In it the Pope stressed the exceptional value of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and exhorted the clergy and "faithfully to pray for vocations."

He also asked families, parish priests and spiritual directors to "be vigilant" in their search for a divine call among those entrusted to their care.

"Our spirits are not completely free from a great anxiety," Pope Paul said.

"Looking at all that the Church must do, there are too many vacant places. The number of vocations is too small for everything that has to be done. There are still communities of the faithful who are unaware of the problem of recruitment and training of the clergy."

He praised the vocation to the priesthood or religious life as a direct call from God, "just like a ray of dazzling light that shines in the innermost recesses of a person's conscience."

"The Church does not send professional mercenaries," he said. "It does not organize a network of propaganda experts. The Church sends volunteers."

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Welfare Not Substitute For Private Charity

New York — (RNS) — Despite the increase in governmental welfare aid, the need for private charity has not diminished, said Msgr. Edward D. Head, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

Msgr. Head also voiced his agreement with President Johnson's recent special message to Congress on children and youth stressing the urgent need to strengthen families at the community level.

The Catholic Charities official made his comments in a special statement announcing the annual fund appeal. It will be conducted in the 416 parishes of the archdiocese from April 23 to May 3. This year's goal is \$3.7 million.

"Within recent years," Msgr. Head said, "there has risen, understandably, a feeling that because of increased governmental assumption of responsi-

bility for the unfortunate and afflicted, the need for the voluntary welfare agency has diminished.

"On the contrary, the historical role of private charity must be strengthened lest the 'quality of mercy' be taken out of the means and hearts of people."

and it becomes only a cold function of bureaucracy," he said.

"The massive social problems of our time call for a personal responsibility that can never be delegated to government. Only by the pooling of all available resources — individual, public and private — can we hope fully to achieve the aims of modern society."

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