

## Catholic Schools Must Move Out Into the World

By FATHER CLARENCE W. FRIEDMAN

Associate Secretary University Department College and National Catholic Educational Association

In the fall of 1962 as the Second Vatican Council opened in Rome, the editor of New Yorker magazine decided—with remarkable foresight—to publish "Letters from Vatican City" by Xavier Byrne. Suddenly the Catholic Church was news—it belonged to the public to the whole of creation. No longer was it the other way around, as not a few Churchmen had claimed in the past.

If the Vatican Council is the Event of the 20th century, as many pundits have stated, the import is that the 20th century claims the Church for its own.

With each day it becomes clearer that the Church does not belong to any small group, no matter where this group may be. Public discussion and actions give a singular interpretation to the Council declaration that the Church is the People of God. There is a public restoration of the universal character of Christianity. The Church has been democratized.

What this means is that neither the Church nor any of its activities is any longer the private estate of Catholics or even Christians: the "no trespassing" signs have been taken down, and not always voluntarily. Men are entering the Holy of Holies claiming and taking into their own hands what they regard as their human patrimony. It doesn't make much difference whether this is the liturgy, Catholic education, the question of birth control, or Pope John's encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*. The latter, of course, has already become the subject of international conferences sponsored by the Fund for the Advancement of Democratic Institutions, which is another way of saying that the document belongs to all men, to whom, indeed, it was addressed.

But some Catholics—in high middle, and low ranks—do not seem to understand that the bushel basket has been removed from the light and that the candle has been placed on a hill. To weep or fear as did the imperial Romans when they saw the Germanic barbarians in the Forum is to repeat history, and rather boringly at that. That Rome has made its contributions, has spent its energy and ideas. The destruction of a few treasured objects would not be noticed nor mourned for long.

It must be clearly understood that Catholic education reflects the changes in the Church. It has moved from private territory into the public arena where, like the Church, it should always have been. Catholic education was not organized nor given legal status for private purposes or for a restricted few. I grant that many who were responsible for its operation and management did not see it in that light, but in all fairness it should be noted that they were merely reflecting a widespread attitude in the American climate. Many persons now admit that what we in the United States call public schools have largely been Protestant parochial schools for white children. Catholics, Jewish and Negro students have been made painfully cognizant of the fact that the textbooks, curriculum

and general educational philosophy of the public school system have tended to favor the majority culture of white, anglo-saxon, Protestant America.

**Everybody's Business**  
But that attitude is disappearing rapidly as various forces—including both ecumenical and civil rights movements—promote a growing awareness that all education, private as well as public, is everybody's concern. Perhaps no event dramatizes the new spirit more dramatically than the passage of the Education Act of 1965, which provides for equal Federal assistance to all youngsters no matter what school they attend or what religion they confess.

There are those in Catholic education who feel bitter and embarrassed about what they consider a public intrusion on their formerly private preserve. They like the "good old days" as did the Patrician Romans. Others object to what they term "education by journalism," since hardly a month passes without leading magazines and newspapers devoting feature articles to Catholic education, good, bad and indifferent. There is another group which feels its prerogatives—whatever they might be—are being usurped.

I do not wish to appear insensitive to these and similar positions, but it is my judgment that the change will prove an inestimable blessing for all education and for us as a people. It will improve the quality and support of education—which

can never have too many friends.

### The Public Aspect

While it is hardly news to anyone that the Catholic laity is now involved to an unprecedented degree in all levels of Catholic education, it is not generally recognized that this involvement points up both the public character of the educational enterprise and its pluralistic aspects. When the State grants a charter to a college or university, it does so for a public purpose. It does so for a public good, and it does so for a public benefit. It does so for a public interest. It does so for a public good. It does so for a public benefit. It does so for a public interest. There was a perfectly legitimate reason for this, incidentally: nobody else wanted the heavy burden.

No one can venture to say what the emergence of the Church and its school system to the status of "community enterprises" will mean to Catholics themselves. But I think I know what it could mean.

It could mean that future graduates of Catholic colleges will, along with faculty and administration, take responsibility for their alma mater. It could mean that educated Catholic laity will henceforth determine the shape and style of American Catholicism and American Catholic schools. And it could mean that we Catholics will no longer tolerate having someone else—in or out of the Church—make up our minds for us.



**Pondering New Math**

NEW MATH — The new math is as much a problem for John as the old math was for his father. (NC Photos)

## Parents Briefed On School Costs

Cincinnati — (NC) — Rising costs of quality education, major topic of discussion at the meetings of the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Board of Education in the past year, will be faced by parishes throughout the archdiocese in the coming school year. Chief factor in the rising costs is an increase in salaries recently granted to lay and religious teachers.

To make information about school needs and costs available to everyone, a communications program has been adopted by the archdiocese, and a program handbook has been

provided to pastors and leaders of parish councils and parish boards of education.

Theme of the program is, "For the Future of Catholic Schools, the Time of Decision Is Now."

It will include posters, special bulletins, letters to parents, and an "open house" event in each parochial school.

Msgr. Earl L. Whalen, director of the Archdiocesan Bureau of Information, emphasized that the program is "not a drive" and that "no cash gifts or pledges are being solicited."

Instead, the program is designed to provide full information about the parochial schools — the services they provide, the operating budget, the role of Catholic education in American life, the need for cooperation among pastors, principals, and parishioners, and the involvement of all members of the parish — not just parents — in the work of Catholic education.

The first special bulletin is scheduled to be distributed at Masses in all churches on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Materials for the program were developed by Geo. A. Pfalum, Inc., of Dayton at the request of Archbishop Karl J. Alter and in cooperation with archdiocesan school officials, pastors, school principals, and members of the laity.

In the communications program handbook, four "assumptions" are listed as the basis of the program:

1) The laity must assume a key role in the continuation and improvement of Catholic schools.

2) The layman is unaware of the fiscal facts of running a modern elementary school.

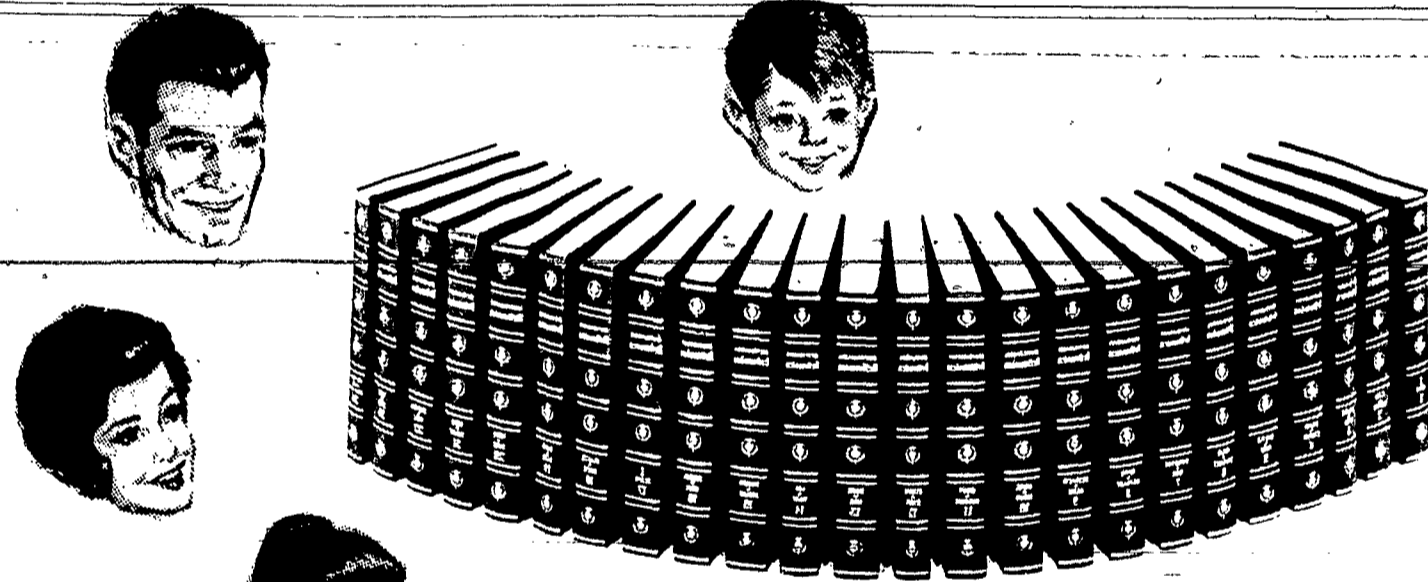
3) The layman, provided with accurate and precise information about school operating costs and addressed as a responsible and feeling member of the parish community, will respond by increasing his weekly Offertory-donation.

4) An informed and concerned laity is the only effective way to prepare for the next "crisis" and the one after that, which Catholic schools are bound to face in the future.

## The Catholic COURIER proudly presents . . .

# Encyclopaedia Britannica

## For BACK TO SCHOOL . . .



and a **LIFETIME!**

NOW YOU CAN OBTAIN THE LATEST HEIRLOOM EDITION AT A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN PRICE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLAN RETURN THE REPLY CARD FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER YOU RECEIVED OR RETURN COUPON BELOW.

ACT TODAY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE  
The Catholic  
**COURIER**  
Journal

Fill out and mail coupon today for your  
**FREE FULL-COLOR BOOKLET**  
and full information on the  
Book A Month Payment Plan

CATHOLIC COURIER JOURNAL  
35-37 SCIO STREET, ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14604

Gentlemen: Please send me, free and without obligation, your colorful Preview Booklet which pictures and describes the latest edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica in full detail—and complete information on how I may obtain this magnificent set, direct from the publisher, through your exciting Group Cooperative Offer.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

CITY ..... STATE .....

COUNTY ..... ZIP .....

L The Catholic Courier Journal BP 699 8-B

**PICK YOUR FUTURE**

**E. W. VEIGEL BUSINESS INSTITUTE**

- EXECUTIVE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTANCY COURSE
- ADVANCED SECRETARIAL SCIENCE
- STANDARD SECRETARIAL SCIENCE
- LEGAL SECRETARIAL SCIENCE
- MEDICAL SECRETARIAL SCIENCE

AN APPROVED BUSINESS SCHOOL  
CLASSES: 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. WEDNESDAYS  
BEGIN: Sept. 5—GRADUATE—JUNE 30th

163 East Union St. Newark, N.Y. 14513

**HOUSE OF GUITARS**

Special Clearance 1000 GUITARS

Folk Guitars 10.00 up  
Electric Guitar 19.00 up  
Amplifiers 19.00 up  
Harmony Folk 26.00  
Fuzztone 19.95  
Drum Set 120.00  
Auto Harp 46.00  
Fender Amp. 59.00  
Vox Column 160.00

Guitar and Drum Lessons Daily  
696 TITUS AVE.  
544-35004  
Kack Klick Assoc.

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**FREE SILVER SHOE, surprise-packed, given with each pair of POLL-PARROT SHOES**

**5\$ 99 TO 8\$ 99**  
ACCORDING TO SIZE

Little girls know that snappy straps are really great for school. Mothers know Poll-Parrots are equally great for styling, fit, and durability.

Advertised on CAPTAIN KANGAROO CBS-TV

**MARINE MIDLAND SHOPPER CREDIT SAVINO'S SHOE STORES**  
THE HOME OF POLL-PARROT SHOES

RE 2-9384 516 N. MAIN OPEN MON. & FRI. NITES RE 4-9132 206 S. MAIN

"Where The Best Costs Less"