



### And Here They Come!

WEEKLY, America's youngsters are heading for the school door in a few days. In the Diocese of Rochester, more than 54,000 elementary and secondary school pupils will be back in action come September. (Photo by Caspar Paprocki)

### Foreign Student Increase Shown

New York — (NC) — There are more foreign students than ever in the United States, and more American students studying in foreign lands than ever before.

But according to statistics just released by the Institute of International Education, U.S. Catholic colleges and universities lag behind others in attracting foreign students.

The only one reporting more than 100 foreigners in its student body was Georgetown University in Washington, with 107.

Curiously, one of the world's smallest states — Vatican City — (with its extra-territorial institutions) stood 13th in attracting American students, most of them American priests. The Vatican City leader was the Pontifical Gregorian University. It accounted for 321 of the 497 Americans studying in "Vatican City."

The leader among Catholic institutions attracting Americans, however, was the Jesuits' Sophia University in Tokyo, with 518.

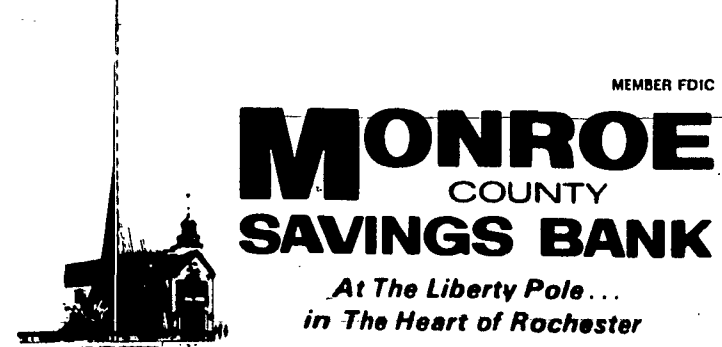
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### Mexico Slates Hemisphere School Meet

Buenos Aires — (NC) — The Interamerican Confederation of Catholic Education will hold its 1970 convention in Mexico City. It will discuss the school and the community in the light of the Second Vatican Council's pronouncements on education. Father Jorge Chacon of Ecuador told the daily La Nacion here during his visit to Argentina. He is secretary general of the confederation.

Father Chacon said that efforts in the past decade have been directed at securing true freedom of education, including free exercise of parents' right to choose schools for their children "without religious or economic impediments."

The new trend is to seek basic improvements in the approach and methods of Catholic schools at elementary and secondary levels, in view of present-day needs. "The school should be understood as a community tool for development," he added.

The confederation represents 26 national organizations throughout North, Central and South America. It sponsors an inter-American meeting every three years.

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### A Little Personal Attention

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION is still an indispensable factor in drawing out the hidden talents of each student. (Photo by Caspar Paprocki)

### Inner-City Needs Good Catholic Schools

By RICHARD M. M. McCONNELL  
(NC News Service)

Kansas City — A Chicago priest active in interracial work told the delegates to the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice convention (Aug. 18) that the Church's most important inter-city work may be the maintenance of top-notch schools.

Mgr. Daniel Cantwell, pastor of St. Clotilde's congregation, pointed out that education is the foundation for progress among the poor. He added that in his own ghetto parish, the people wanted nothing as much as they wanted a good school.

As a result, the priest said, the parishioners were working toward an educational system good enough to draw back into the ghetto some of the whites who had left.

Describing his words as the "reflections of a single, rather bewildered priest," Mgr. Cantwell urged a sense of community in the world. To achieve this, he added, we must make allowances for change and growth within the Church.

#### Fiftieth Anniversary

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI sent a personal letter to Luigi Cardinal Traglia, his vicar for the administration of the Rome diocese, congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.



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### Rare Bible, Other Books Available to Scholars

Louisville — (NC) — An original Douay Bible (1609-10) is included in a collection of about 10,000 books soon to be made available to scholars here.

The collection, containing editions of literary classics printed in Europe 200 or 300 years ago, is owned by the Louisville archdiocese. It was "inherited" by Archbishop John A. Finesher, now retired, who headed the Louisville archdiocese from 1924 to 1967, from his predecessors, all of whom preserved the materials.

The collection is reported to have been begun by Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget, S.S.

the first bishop of Bardonia, now part of the Louisville archdiocese, from 1810 to 1850.

Dr. Wayne S. Yenawine, librarian of the University of Louisville, said "it is a great tribute to Catholic officials of the Louisville archdiocese that they recognized the value of these materials, from a scholar's point of view, through the years, and saw to it that nothing happened to them."

"The collection," he continued, "is a scholar's library; not just a Roman Catholic one, in that it contains pros and cons on all issues relative to the Church. All sides are represented."

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