

## Bishop's Okay Needed to Drop School Grades

By ALEX MACDONALD

The Diocese moved to impede the arbitrary shut-down of grades in parish schools threatened by a shortage of teaching-Sisters by ruling this week that individual parishes could drop no grades without approval of the Bishop and the diocesan school office.

Monsignor William M. Roche, addressing a gathering of more than 225 pastors, principals and lay school board members at St. Anne's parish hall in Rochester last Friday, announced this policy statement, approved by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen:

"No pastor, principal, school board, or other local educational authority may discontinue grades in any established Catholic school in the Diocese of Rochester without the prior notification of the Bishop of Rochester through the Superintendent of Schools, and the reception of an appropriate response from the Bishop through the Office of the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools."

Implications of the announcement of the diocese, planning to eliminate one or more grades next fall or incorporate grades, because of lack of Sisters, must now take further counsel about hiring lay teachers, raising their school budgets or charging tuition to meet new expenses.

Reaction of the priests, principals and lay people at the school meeting was not "unfavorable," Msgr. Roche reported, even though the future plans for many parish schools are now thrown into deeper uncertainty.

The possibility of many parochial groups waiting upon the Bishop and the Superintendent for consultation "before the implementation of their school-programs is not a happy one for either side, the Superintendent admitted.

Hard facts about teacher-shortage came from the superiors of the two largest religious communities of the Diocese, Mother Mary Bride of the Sisters of Mercy and Mother Agnes Cecilia of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

In 1950, Sisters constituted 87 percent of the faculties of diocesan parochial schools; this year the communities have been able to supply only 61 percent of the teachers needed.

The growth of the school system in pupils and decline of the number of teaching-Sisters has required a cor-

responding growth in the employment of lay-teachers, Msgr. Roche said. "We have gone from 21 lay persons teaching in our whole school system in 1950, to a total of 635 lay people employed by the parishes this year."

The Sister-superiors supplied figures detailing their "special works," such as Confraternity of Christian Doctrine-for-public-schoolers, South American missions, inner city apostolate, Newman-apostolate-on-college campuses, and others, plus "departures from the community" and a decline of women entering the convent, all contributed to the shortage of elementary school teachers.

In Elmira, there is growing concern about the possibility of more

## Diocese Approves Pension Program

All full time lay employees of the parishes, schools and diocesan offices will be included in a broad pension program beginning July 1, according to an announcement made at the Pastoral Office this week.

Normal retirement age for church workers will be 65 from here on, according to the new Benefit Plan. The monthly retirement check will be based upon the retiree's final work salary and total years of service. This income is in addition to Social Security benefits and other personal insurance-dividends the worker may be entitled to.

The historic action to offer retirement benefits to all lay people in the employ of the church in the whole diocese was originally authorized by Bishop James E. Kearney two years ago. Committees working under professional insurance consultants, Hart and Keenan and Co. Inc. of Buffalo, presented the finished plan this week.

The Employee Benefit Plan has two parts: Pension, Benefits and Group Life Insurance.

All present fulltime employees serving any function of the diocese are immediately eligible to receive



BISHOP SHEEN

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King was an attack on leadership, says Bishop Sheen in an editorial on Page 6. The Bishop also draws a parallel between King and St. Simon of Cyrene.

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## Bishop's Easter Message

My Dear People of God:

Our Blessed Lord does not speak of sorrow being exchanged for joy, but of its being transmuted, so that the grief becomes a joy. Our present groanings are creating within us a larger capacity for joy hereafter. St. Paul said:

"This light and momentary affliction brings with it a reward multiplied every way, loading us with everlasting glory, if only we will fix our eyes on what is unseen, not on what we can see."

But how fearful is the contrast in the case of unbelievers, as Our Lord said:

"Wee wapon you who laugh now, you shall mourn and weep."

Our Blessed Lord in order to portray this changing of cross into glory, and suffering into joy, compares life to a mother bringing a child into the world. The very force of the figure used intimates the necessity of suffering, the severity of it, its brief duration, and the fact that it is antecedent and productive of joy. The labor pangs of mortification are the precursors of resurrection and joy. To those who have faith, all pangs are birth pangs.

Notice how sorrow springs from

the same root as gladness. The two do not clash against each other, but they blend into one another. Our purest and noblest joys are transmuted sorrows. The sorrow of a contrite heart becomes the gladness of pardoned children. Every stroke of the ploughshare, and every dark winter's day, are represented in the broad acres waving with golden wheat. In suffering, Christ takes you into His Hands, as a poor dull block of marble, but with His chisel He shapes His purpose in you.

*Fulton J. Sheen*

## 'Atrocious,' Says Pope of Slaying

(NC News Service)

Vatican City—In the full splendor of St. Peter's basilica on Palm Sunday, Pope Paul VI assailed the "cowardly and atrocious killing" of Dr. Martin Luther King and linked it to the "tragic story of the passion of Christ."

The Pope was visibly shaken as he ended his sermon on Palm Sunday by talking of Dr. King. His voice echoed a strong personal feeling for the Christian preacher who taught the human and civil promotion of his Negro people on American soil and prayed that his death might not be in vain.

The sorrow Pope Paul felt at the news of the assassination was not confined only to his sermon—in itself an unprecedented expression of anguish for a particular person during the formal ceremonies of Holy Week.

Among the Prayers of the People read a bit later in the Mass in St. Peter's a special appeal to God was read:

"That the sacrifice of Martin Luther King may not remain hidden but that through it the souls of all may be more widely opened to forgiveness and reconciliation; and that a deeper, common commitment to peace may overcome the present conflicts and unjust discrimination."

After the Pope concluded Mass in St. Peter's he went to his window overlooking St. Peter's Square at noon for his traditional blessing on blessing Sunday, which began the immediate story of the sufferings and death of Christ.

To the thousands in the square Pope Paul said: "Today we should think of Christ with the olive branch because of His glory and for our own peace. The symbol of the humble olive branch today speaks of our faith in Christ, our Savior, and it speaks of our hope in Him the true and supreme principal of peace among men."

"But our gesture, which was first a gesture of sympathy, makes us aware of the sorrow of peace still so bloodied in the world; in Vietnam, in the Middle East, in Africa, especially."

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## Immaculate Provides Inner City Hope

The Plymouth Avenue Circle area of the 3rd Ward has witnessed a gradual slide downhill over the years. But a voice of positive protest to this degeneration has been raised by Immaculate Conception Church. The Courier-Journal's Monica Reeves takes an in-depth look at an inner-city success story, Page 7.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING 1929-1968

Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends. John 15, 13

Some months ago, Dr. King, speaking of his own funeral eulogy said:

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others.

I'd like somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody.

I want you to say that day that I tried to be right and walk with them. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

Yes, if you want to, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness.

And all the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have any money to leave behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind.

## Nation Grieves for Dr. King

Atlanta—(NC)—The coffin of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was carried to his grave Tuesday on a crude farm wagon pulled by two Georgia mules. It was followed by some 50,000 walking mourners, black and white, the famous and the unknown, mingling in silent tribute to the murdered Negro civil rights leader.

Governors and country preachers, Bishops and Black Muslims, nuns and theater personalities, presidential hopefuls and weeping slum-dwellers were all there for services which extended nearly seven hours. Dr. King was honored as only Presidents have been honored. Yet he was buried like the people he worked for—in a black Baptist ceremony, his body carried on a rough wood wagon to a grave next to that of his grand parents.

While they waited the organ inside and the bells outside intoned the song of the civil rights movement which Dr. King had led for so long: "We Shall Overcome."

Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, read from Scripture: "Men die, yet he shall live."

Dr. King, he added, "was a 20th century prophet imbued with the spirit of non-violence—sent forth into the wilderness of this sick nation of ours." He was buried from the church in which he was blessed and baptized.

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## Tempest Grows in Brazil Slaying Stirs Anti-Government Ire

By OTTO ENGLER (NC News Service)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—Masses were offered in Brazil's principal cities following the death of a 15-year-old youth killed March 28 when police tried to disperse student demonstrators here.

The student, Edson Lima Souto, was killed during a demonstration urging an improvement of university dining facilities. Policemen fired a volley of shots and the student was struck in the head.

A crowd estimated at 50,000 was at his funeral. Some of the mourners bore signs saying: "Down with dictatorship!" "Down with imperialism!" "The people to power!" "Che Guevara and Lima Souto were killed by the same hand!" Intellectuals, theater and film stars, and union representatives joined in the songs and cries of revolt.

After the incident students across the country began demonstrations against the police and the government.

The main demonstrations were in Rio de Janeiro, where the army finally restored order April 2 with the use of tanks. The army called the disturbances "clearly Communist-oriented."

Agnelo Cardinal Rossi of Sao Paulo told the press that the priestly of his archdiocese are prohibited from making declarations on radio and television without having written authorization from the archdiocese. "Even with this authorization, priests' declarations are not to be considered as being a manifestation of the Church's position," Cardinal Rossi's note to the press said.

In Rio de Janeiro, the publication of the Brazilian-Bishop Conference, Boletim Telegrafico, lamented the existing divisions between Christians in Brazil and said that these divisions exist not only in relation to political and social affairs, but also in relation to pastoral methods.

Cardinal Rossi refused to permit a memorial Mass to be celebrated in

## 'More Books, Less Arms,' Urged by Thirty Priests

A public square in Sao Paulo, although many such Masses were offered in churches throughout that city.

In Brasilia just before Archbishop Jose Newton de Almeida Batista was to start a memorial Mass in the cathedral, police invaded the church in an attempt to arrest student leaders who had taken refuge there. The intervention of the archbishop, however, prevented their arrest.

Throughout the country priests and other Church leaders have been declaring their solidarity with the students lamenting the death of Lima Souto and have been urging radical reforms in Brazil's political and social structures.

Priests in Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte accused the government of being the growing since the Castelo Branco government took over in April 1964.

This year the government suppressed the Catholic University—Youth organization as well as the National Students' Union. Despite this, the student groups held a convention in Benedictine, Franciscan and Dominican institutions and issued a manifesto calling on Brazilians to oppose the government's tightening restrictions.

Police arrested many students and the government press criticized the Church's part in the meetings.

The bishops of poverty-stricken northeast Brazil, headed by Archbishop Helder Camara of Olinda and Recife, have continually criticized the government, accusing it of having submitted the people to misery and injustice.

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