



Sister Mary Thomasita, a music teacher from Gary, Ind., plays along with members of a drum and bugle corps she trained in St. Louis as a part of a summer enrichment program for children in housing developments. After rehearsals, most of the youngsters take a dip in the pool in the background. (Religious News Service)



FATHER HAROLD SALMON

Negro Priest To Be Pastor In Harlem

New York — (RNS) — The first Negro Catholic pastor in Harlem appointed by Archbishop Terence Cooke has also been named. Vicar of the Archbishop, to coordinate activities of the Negro Catholic parishes in the Negro ghetto.

Father Harold Salmon, the new pastor of St. Charles Formoso parish, said that "intensified leadership training" should be part of the Church's role in Harlem.

Explaining his appointment as vicar, Father Salmon pointed out that "the Church is taking this opportunity to bring about the union of the Harlem parishes for a common goal, the best possible service of all men."

The 38-year-old pastor was ordained in 1963. Before his appointment to St. Charles he had been on the faculty of Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx.

Non-Catholic Negro to Head Parish School

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Holy Rosary grade school in a black ghetto here is replacing its nun principal with a black non-Catholic. The first layman to head a parochial school in the diocese.

John Mosley, 33, will succeed Sister Bridget as principal in September at the school, whose 225 enrollment is about 80 per cent black children.

The nuns will continue to administer the religion program.

Notice of the change was carried in the parish Sunday bulletin in which the pastor, Msgr. Charles Owen Rice, veteran labor priest also active in peace and civil rights activities, commented:

"It is very important in a volatile neighborhood such as ours that the boys, particularly, have a strong male symbol of authority. It is even more important for black children than for white."

Many Poor Attend Consecration of 'Bishop of Bowery'

(NC News Service)

Worcester, Mass. — The poor and disadvantaged were well represented among the 1,000 people who filled St. Paul's cathedral here for the consecration of Auxiliary Bishop Timothy J. Harrington of Worcester.

Bishop Harrington has been dubbed "the Bishop of the Bowery" because of his work since 1960 as director of Worcester Catholic Charities and his residence in the House of Our Lady of the Way, Worcester's hospice for men.

Principal consecrator was Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Worcester. Co-consecrators were Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, first Ordinary of Worcester, and Bishop Christopher J. Waldora of Springfield, for which diocese the new bishop was ordained a priest in 1946.

Negro 'Guest' Pupils To Enter Catholic Suburban Schools

Chicago — (NC) — Nearly 350 guest pupils from Negro neighborhoods of Chicago will be enrolled in September by 19 Catholic elementary schools in outlying neighborhoods and suburbs, according to Bishop William E. McManus, archdiocesan superintendent of schools.

The 19 schools which have responded to date as host schools in "Operation Hospitality" — a Chicago archdiocesan program to reduce the racial isolation of school children — include 13 which had no Negro pupils last school year and six with only a few Negro children. Host schools will receive from 10 to 30 guest pupils each. Children participating will be enrolled in fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

Youngsters engaging in the daily travel venture will be welcomed by a host family of the parish—usually a family with its own children at the same grade level. Host school principal is assured he may complete eighth grade in the school which is receiving him.

The cost of transporting the children from their home school and

back each day will be paid from a special fund. The host schools will make the same tuition charge they make to their own parishioners.

Under the plan, nearly 10,000 children who have been enrolled in schools with no Negro pupils will experience some racial diversity at school this fall, through involvement in "Operation Hospitality." Another 3,800 children will see the small fraction of non-white children in their schools increase with the arrival of children from inner city parishes.

When this program was publicly announced in March, school officials noted that 90% of the 266,000 elementary school pupils in archdiocesan schools are isolated during the school day — and presumably around the clock — with children of their own race.

The host family feature of the plan, Bishop McManus explained, "that visiting children are not faceless, nameless individuals... merely to be tolerated, but real children to be welcomed and loved in a generous spirit of Christian hospitality."

Economic Weight Thrown Against Discrimination

New York — (NC) — A project described as the nation's largest interfaith fair employment program was launched here by Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York in conjunction with other religious leaders.

Fourteen religious bodies based in the New York area announced this week that they had committed their combined multi-million dollar purchasing power to support equal opportunity in all aspects of employment by establishing Metropolitan New York Project Equality.

The participating bodies issued a joint statement which said: "In Project Equality we are going beyond resolutions to solutions, from proclamation to practice, from talk to action."

"We pledge ourselves to the removal of discrimination by rewarding with our patronage those companies and firms that operate on the basis of fair play and equality."

Project Equality is a nationwide, interreligious effort to increase fair employment practices through the hiring and purchasing policies of religious institutions and use of religious economic power.

Named to head the New York project is Eugene P. Heller, for nearly five years a federal official in the

field of equal employment compliance and a former Anti-Defamation League official.

The 14 local bodies initiating the Metropolitan New York project are: American Jewish Committee and Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

National Council of Churches, Episcopal Diocese of New York and Diocese of Long Island; Woman's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions and New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Metropolitan New York Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, Presbytery of New York City, Presbytery of Long Island and the Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ.

Archdiocese of New York, Diocese of Brooklyn and Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Farm Unionist Cites Violence Stops Picketing

Coachella, Calif. — (NC) — Cesar Chavez, director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, has withdrawn pickets from grape ranches in the Coachella Valley because of increasing violence connected with his farm workers' strike against the grape growers.

The farm workers' strike against the 12 major grape ranches in the valley some 125 miles east of Los Angeles began June 19 at the peak of the harvest season. The strikers are demanding union recognition.

Announcing withdrawal of the pickets, Chavez said that the action was taken with full knowledge that it might look like a defeat for the union. He said that the union's "commitment to non-violence left it no other choice."

Chavez charged that there have been many incidents of violence by non-strikers against the union pickets and that the local law enforcement office has been unable to provide protection.

He said that William Richardson, a seminarian at Notre Dame University and a summer volunteer with the union, was severely beaten (July 2) and underwent surgery at Bakersfield Hospital for a broken nose.

The union leader said that the withdrawn pickets may be sent East to promote the California boycott of grapes produced by non-union growers.

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