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637 Catholic Schools Closed; 207 Opened in Last 3 Years; Student Rosters Down 14,886

through the end of this school year, 637. Catholic elementary and secondary schools will have closed, and during the same period, 207 new ones will have opened, the Research Office of the National Catholic Educational Association reports.

School closings as against school openings produced a net enrollment loss of 14,886 in the three-year period.

(Total U.S. Catholic elementary and secondary school enrollment in the 1967-68 school year was 5,254,776. In the 1967-68 school year there were 10,517 Catholic elementary schools and 2,322 secondary schools.)

The most significant finding of that body is that both very large and very small schools are disappearing fast, with a corresponding marked increase in numbers in the middle-sized group. The smallest group of all-schools enrolling 50 pupils or lesswhich numbered about 200 in 1962, total only 65 today.

The drop in number of large schools is accounted for mainly by the nationwide movement toward restrictions on class size. Another important factor has been the general shift of population out of the large cities into the suburbs.

Non-Public Pupils Decline in State

Albany - Record high -enrollments marked the opening of school this month in communities throughout New York State but non-public schools declined, according to

By ANNE COLLINS

Nashville - (RNS) - No mat-

est dent in meeting the over-the Gospel, either.

estimated figures released by the State Education Depart-

Total enrollment in public and non-public schools, kindergarten through grade 12, reached an estimated 4,274,-000 students for a 1.5 per cent increase.

Of this year's total, 3,396,-000 students are enrolled in public schools, up 71,000 from last year. Another 878,000 students are attending nonpublic schools, down 6,000 from last year.

Enrollment in secondary schools climbed somewhat faster than elementary enrollment. Grades 7-12, in both public and non-public schools, are estimated to have 1,820,-000 students his year, up 2.9 per cent from last year's fig-

Detroit Archdiocese Philadelphia Needs Show Increase Launches Study

Detroit - (RNS) - The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit has launched an in-depth study of its school system to decide whether it is practical to continue to maintain the 360 elementary and secondary institutions under its jurisdiction.

Father John B. Zwers, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, expects the survey to be completed by the end of the year and then "we are going to have a good, hard look at what that data tells

Noting that 68 inner-city schools operated by the archdiocese opend this fall, he said that "we can't possibly have that many when Sep-

won't be financially possible."

The archdiocese has already closed 15 schools and is now phasing out another nine. These closings and consolidations of schools, according to Father Zwers, have been almost entirely in inner-city areas, not only in Detroit, but in other cities in the eightcounty archdiocese.

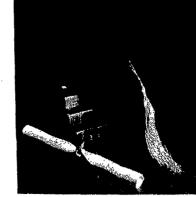
"This will be the first time that we have ever had a complete, data-supported picture of the entire archdiocese, not just the inner city," Father Zwers declared. "When we have the answers, we will involve parish school boards and community leaders to discuss possible closings, consolidations or even additions, where it was deemed practi-

\$2 Million-Plus

Philadelphia - (RNS) -More than \$2 million is needed to avoid curtailment of enrollment or programs in the Philadelphia Catholic school system, according to Msgr. Edward T. Hughes, superintendent of Catholic schools here, who is responsible for direction of the 30 diocesan and parochial high schools and 292 elementary schools. There are an additional 23 high and 23 elementary Catholic schools operated on a private basis.

"A single emergency (fund) drive," he said, "will not solve our monetary problems. What we need is a broad base of support that will generate money for future years."

whelming spiritual and physi-| "Where we are missing the Bill Warren, a missionary in



The money, he added, must come from Catholics and non-Catholics and especially from the business community -'because business has a stake in Catholic education."

"The entire business community," he said, "has a responsibility for what happens to these children. Business should be willing to help improve our school system. Otherwise we shall be forced to move in the direction we don't want to take."

The financial crisis, he noted, was most acute in inner-city areas. He said that about onethird of all Negroes in the Catholic schools are non-Catholics and explained that the policy is to accept non-Catholic students "on a first come, first served basis.'

Hebrew Schools

New York - (RNS) - The 165 Hebrew Day schools in the greater New York Metropolitan area expect a 49,000 student enrollment for the 1968-69 school year, an increase of 2 per cent over the previous year.

Three new high schools and two new elementary schools were established in the area during the past Summer.

There are now 57 Hebrew Day Schools on the secondary level and 108 on the elementary level in the metropolitan

Nearly 16,000 students attend Hebrew Day Schools in areas having a high concentration of low-income families, Dr. Kaminetsky noted.

New Testament Study Seen Step to Reunion

Boston - (RNS) - Deepened study of the various Church charist in non-episcopal Churchstructures in the New Testal es is a definite probability. ment may make it possible for Roman Catholics to accept the sacraments of other Churches, leading Catholic Scripture scholar said here. He added that such study may open the door for serious proposals of

Msgr. Myles M. Bourke, a New York pastor formerly on gathers to obey what it underthe faculty of St. Joseph's diocesan seminary, spoke at the Jesus, is the reality of the Eu-31st meeting of the Catholic charist so bound up with apos-Biblical Association.

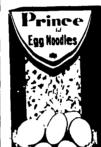
He said that until recently Catholic scholars had little to offer in the discussion of Church order because they assumed no diversity in Church structures in New Testament

The pattern is now changing, Msgr. Bourke noted, citing Fa ther Hans Kung's new book, "The Church," as an important contribution to this change. He agreed with two of Father Kung's positions:

• A Church order faithful to the New Testament need not be conditioned on ordination, the form of apostolic succession that eventually became normal.

Canadian Bishop Resigns

Ottawa, Ont. - (NC) - Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Philippe Lussier, 56, of St. Paul, Alberta. Bishop Lussier resigned because of poor health. He will become rector of a seminary here. He was named bishop in 1952.



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Father Bourke said that the non-episcopal Churches were not ideal and normative in the New Testament. "And the same can

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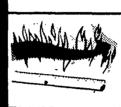
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Don't Judge Older Generation Too Harshly Students Told Ineed anything—they can buy happiness," he said. He said that the people would ask questions such as "If God is love, why does He let us be like this?" Because of tendencies to deal "just with the man's soul," the missionary said, "it's tempting to call upon the Peace Corps. for help." The Peace Corps isn't relationship to the missionary said, "The Peace Corps isn't relationship to the people would ask questions. The missionary said, "it's tempting to call upon the Peace Corps for help." Too Harshly, Students Told

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Rutgers University.

of Catholics; you are the new dent of Providence College in generation," said Bishop Dougherty in concluding his homily.

"Judge not our generation too harshly, lest yours be judged lost as being "like an invitation to speak on that subject as being "like an invitation to speak about silence One as harshly by that which comes after you. Our best gift to you is not a new world but an old affirms its truth when he stops faith, ever old and never new, because it is really the gift of the eternal Spirit Who reminds least to that extent, destroyed."

said, we must be judged as a tics who "bemoan the fact that religious people. "In every time they cannot understand the and in every place men pass younger generation . . . freshjudgment on religion, on the men who think that seniors are Temple, on the Church. There out of it . . . tenured faculty

New Brunswick, N.J.—(RNS) are standards and tests by who think of instructors as until the Kingdom of God grow in Christians too harshly for its service to the poor, the sick mere upstarts.

Baptists 'Missing Boat' in Latin America

At an earlier session, Father "I am of an older generation William Paul Haas, O.P., presi-

every generation of the words of Jesus: 'In the world you will have trouble, but be brave: I have conquered the world.'"

"The generation gap, Factor of the world will has swent on, "is real, all too real, in some contexts." He cited the faculty members, particle leaders and ecclesias-"As Christians, the bishop ents, civic leaders and ecclesias-

—A call to college students not which we are judged. Personal dergraduates . . . trustees who Colombia. to judge the older generation of moral behavior is one of them; think of some presidents as

voiced by Bishop John J.

Dougherty at a field Mass highlighing the National Newman

Congress here.

Another factor cited in the generation gap is a moral one, gious men by their social conference and involvements, by their dal, that is, the shocking disposture on civil rights, social parity between what one says Bishop Dougherty, an auxiliary to the Archbishop of Newark and president of Seton Hall University, spoke at the Mass on the same pure of Develope Callery for the authority of the Archbishop of Newark and president of Seton Hall University, spoke at the Mass on the same pure of Develope Callery for the authority of the same pure of Develope Callery for the authority of the same pure of Develope Callery for the authority of the same pure of Develope Callery for the same pure of the same pure of Develope Callery for the Sam the cam pus of Douglass College instinct for the authentic, an its most disgusting expression when ideals are used to enslave

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cal needs of the hard-core poor boat," said Jack Glaze, presing the Ball warren, a missionary in boat, said Jack Glaze, presing the Janeiro, told the South-in much of South America." Buenos Aires or Rio de Janeiro
—the situation was about the same, a Southern Baptist reporting team said here. "Baptists are not only unable porting team said here. "Baptists are not only unable to reach the extreme poor, they tists have made only the slightest dent in meeting the over-the Gospel either.

In some places, wrote Jim Buenos Aires, "is that we are not only unable in charge of the country in the middle and upper classes. Baptists are not only unable in charge of the country in "They are more aware of their years to come—editors, university professors students are not prospersions don't feel they they are more aware of their the graph of the country in the graph of the graph of the graph of the country in the graph of sity professors, students, etc." terial possessions don't feel they need anything—they can buy

"The Peace Corps isn't relating their work to the Gospel," he continued, "but they're doing work that ultimately will help



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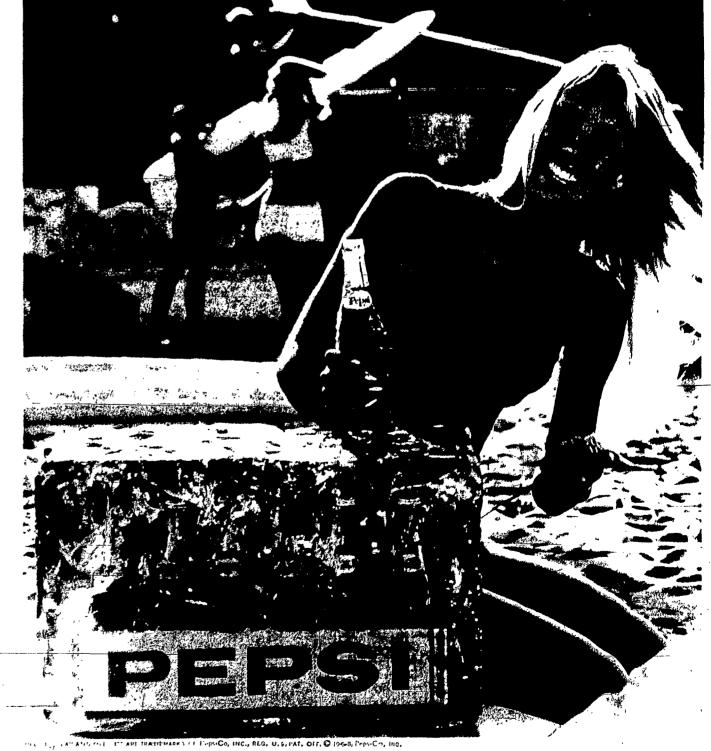
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