

# Unified Education System Trend Grows

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(NC News Service)

The trend toward school consolidations gave no signs of waning as the 1968 school year came to a close, and Catholic officials across the land issued calls for "unified educational systems" in which all segments of the Church's educational apostolate would share the burden and benefits of its operation.

There were another 10 scattered school closings, most of them at the elementary level.

Father William F. Meyers, superintendent of general education in the diocese of Lansing, Mich., one of a group of educators assisting in the study of Catholic education in the Portland, Ore., archdiocese, said the present situation of Catholic schools is "not merely a school question."

"It's a question of identifying and meeting the needs of the Church's apostolate in education—in all its phases and being able to recognize that we are really in a time-of-change," he stated.

"We need to resolve into a school system—an educational system—rather than a system of schools."

A Milwaukee consulting firm released a report stating that the survival of the 16 Racine-area parish schools will depend on complete reorganizing into a community educational system.

The report was based on a survey completed last fall by the Catholic Education Committee, a group established two years ago to find ways of improving cooperation among Racine Catholic schools.

The study recommended that the 16 area parishes:

- Unite in a single governing educational body.
- Consolidate all schools to serve certain grade levels.
- Share equitable distribution of school costs.

The majority of persons contacted in the survey were said to have felt "the problems of Catholic education are too widespread to be solved satisfactorily by the individual parishes," and to favor a community-wide Catholic school system if this would help preserve our Catholic schools."

It was considered unlikely that the recommendations could be implemented within the 1969-70 school year.

Officials of the St. Paul and Minneapolis diocese announced the consolidation of six Minneapolis schools and the closing of two grade school buildings.

Students now attending six northeast Minneapolis Catholic elementary schools will find

## New Coalition Demands Reparations

San Jose, Calif. — (RNS) — A coalition of 30 local Mexican-American groups has demanded \$350,000 in "reparations" from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The organizations, through Jack Ybarra, a spokesman for the coalition, charged that the archdiocese, while owning large amounts of property, does little to help the rural and urban poor in the San Francisco Bay area.

Ybarra claimed that "studies" made by the Santa Clara County assessor's office show that the archdiocese owns "conservatively well over \$500 million" in real estate holdings.

A spokesman for the assessor's office, however, said that Ybarra's figure was "way off" and he doubted that it is as high as \$100 million.

Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken was not immediately available for comment on the demands. However, an archdiocesan spokesman said that "the Church's properties and monies come from all the people and you would have to canvass all the people to see if they wanted the demands which are coming from the various groups to be honored."

"The people might want the 'wealth' of the Church to continue to be distributed as it is now—in schools, worship, hospitals, social justice programs and the rest."

## Prexy Resigns At Seton Hall

South Orange, N.J. — (NC) — Bishop John J. Dougherty, 62, president of Seton Hall University, has resigned and will become pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills, N.J.

Msgr. Edward J. Fleming, executive vice president, will be acting president while a committee of the board of trustees seeks a successor.

Bishop Dougherty, president for 10 years, cited the pressure of his duties as auxiliary bishop of Newark as well as increasing responsibilities to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

themselves in only three of the schools next fall.

Almost 400 elementary students were enrolled in the three closing schools and all but 20 to 30 — who plan to attend public schools — will go to the three other Catholic schools, according to Father John Gilbert, archdiocesan superintendent of schools.

It was announced in the Grand Rapids diocese that St. Mary's and St. Joseph's schools in Muskegon will merge operations in the fall, and that St. Peter and Paul Academy in

tonia will close.

A shortage of teaching nuns and the inability to finance replacements were cited as reasons for closing the academy.

Sacred Heart elementary school in Emmett, Idaho, closed after only five years in operation—because the Sisters of St. Benedict of Cottonwood were no longer able to staff it.

Father John F. Donoghue, Boise diocesan director of Catholic education, met with Sacred Heart parishioners and their

pastor to discuss establishment of a parish school of religion. He pledged the help of the Catholic education office in this work.

Eighty-three-year-old St. Lucy's grammar school in Jersey City closed. Father Michael Hudack, St. Lucy's pastor, said reduction in the size of the parish due to industrial growth and highway construction made it economically impossible to keep this school open.

There were 94 students in the school this year and 85 due to return in the fall. Father Hu-

dadack said all but a dozen will attend other Catholic schools in the area.

Bishop George W. Ahr disclosed that tuition in all high schools of the Trenton diocese will be increased by \$100—to a total of \$300—exclusive of fees and books.

The bishop said "the steadily increasing financial burden of secondary education" led the diocesan board of consultants to set the \$300 figure, effective in the fall.

one child in a school may benefit from a tuition reduction, but their parishes will be expected to make up the difference.

Sister M. Caroleen, superintendent of schools in the diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth, announced the closing of St. Matthew school, Arlington, and the dropping of seventh and eighth grades in two other schools. St. Andrew school in Fort Worth will operate as an interparish school serving St. Andrew's and the newly created St. Bartholomew parishes.

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The action were announced Archbishop I. Tollic Delegate.

Bishop Marlingary, Co. Nov. 15, 1901 Munger Coll. land, and at Menlo Park... to the priest in Los Angeles a bishop on C.

When Pope Pius XII died on Oct. 9, 1963, Bishop Manni of Fresno. Bishop of Fresno on C.

Cardinal M. serve his 83rd has been arch for 21 years. adulator arch when he was bishop Cantu Angeles arch-ed-on-March.

Bishop-designated March 22, 1969.

## Graves In Memory

Washington Cardinal Coolidge died at a hospital following the death of Sen. Robert.

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