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By WILLIAM RYAN (NC News Service)

There were another 10 scatthem 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, present situation of said the 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 Racinearea parish schools will depend on complete reorganizing into a community educational sys-

The report was based on a survey commissioned 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 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 recommendado 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 clos-

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 archdiocese, while owning large amounts of properdoes 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 "conservatively well \$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

Archbishop Joseph T. Mc-Gucken was not immediately available for comment on the demands. However, an archdiocesan spokesman said that "the Church's properties and monies came 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 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 auxop or Newark well as increasing responsibilities to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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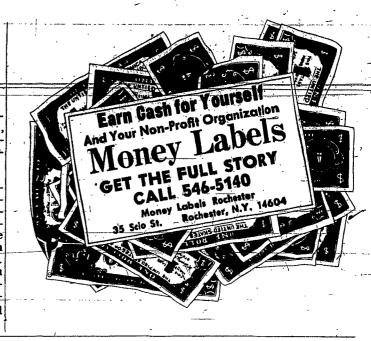
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