

# Confrontation

## Money: CCD vs. Schools

By JOAN ZUMMO

As the new school year begins, we are bombarded with impassioned pleas, ominous statistics, and threatening prognostications regarding the financial plight of the parochial school phase of religious education. A shortage of money plagues us all, and the CCD religious education programs from parish to national level feel the pinch even more quickly and acutely than the parochial school system.

The problem was illustrated in a recent edition of the National Catholic Reporter. Msgr. Russell Neighbor, Director of the National CCD Center in Washington, D.C., stated that about five million children are presently enrolled in CCD classes, with another three million receiving no instruction at all. This number constitutes at least 55 per cent of all elementary school age children and 75-80 per cent of high school age Catholic students in the country.

Msgr. Neighbor called for a new attitude, one that would recognize the "church's total role in education—that is not for a limited few, who are in Catholic schools, but for a majority, for all of us, including adults."

An indication of the second rate role that CCD is assigned even at the national level, according to Msgr. Neighbor, is the fact that of the six offices in the United States Catholic Conference, Christian Formation division, only the National CCD Center receives no funds from the Bishops, but must rely on its own money raising capabilities—such as royalties from its publications.

These statements of Msgr. Neighbor are supported by the National CCD Survey submitted in 1968 by the Research Committee of the National Conference of Diocesan Directors and the CCD National Center.

One fact established is that there is a great difference from diocese to diocese in the proportion of funds allotted to CCD and people affected by its programs. The survey cited examples of a Diocese with 8,000 children in its programs having a budget of \$50,000 and one with 81,000 children having \$38,000. Programs and professional personnel must be assumed to vary greatly from one area to another, mainly because of this difference in financial priority.

Nearly half the directors polled in this survey (48 per cent) felt that their budgets would have to be increased at least by 100 per cent in order for them to maintain an effective program.

Written comments and interviews with a cross section of the directors indicated that many felt there was a decided imbalance between funds available for religious education outside the Catholic schools and expenditures for the schools.

CCD may not be at the top of the list when it comes to assigning money and people, but it does seem to have high priority in cut back programs. The National Catholic Reporter article of July 16, 1969, also cited the case of two dioceses, Kansas City and Chicago, that had begun to build substantial programs and staffs, only to have them cut drastically in economy moves. In Chicago, in particular this was considered to be necessitated by a lack of funds for parochial schools.

It seems so—dare we say un-Christian—to penalize the many for the benefit of the few.

### Adult Theology To Be Taught In Olympia High

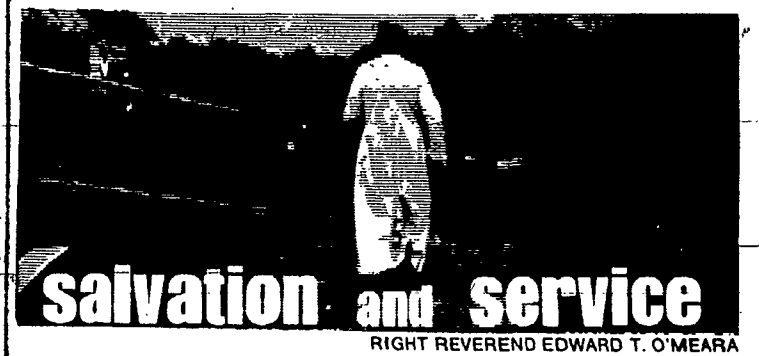
"Ethical Problems of Our Day—The New Morality" is the title of a course being introduced into the Greece Central School District Adult Education program this year. The 38-hour course will be conducted by a number of prominent educators and professional men on Thursday evenings starting Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Open to residents of the city as well as to all people residing in Greece, the lecture-discussion sessions will be held at Greece Olympia High School, 1159 Maiden Lane. The association of priests and ministers of the Town of Greece are sponsors of the series. Course credit will be awarded to graduates of the CCD course, according to Father Daniel Holland of the Confraternity.

The first session will be conducted by the Rev. Robert O'Halloran, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute and run for 5 weeks on the subject of general ethics. "The Morality of Sexual Behavior" is the title of the sessions on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 with the Rev. John Wynn, Ph.D. of Colgate Rochester Divinity school. Cost is \$9.50.

Medical-moral aspects will be considered by Dr. Gerard Guerino, obstetrician and gynecologist, on Nov. 13. Completing the first semester on Nov. 20 will be Thomas O'Brien, Prof. of Philosophy and English Literature at R.I.T. and Dennis Livadas, attorney, discussing the subject of Pornography and Censorship.

Second semester running from January through March will be conducted by a team consisting of Father Patrick Logan, S.T.L., J.C.L., St. Bernard Seminary and Rev. Prentiss Pemberton, Ph. D., Colgate Rochester Divinity School. General heading for their topic will be "Man In Society" dealing with war and peace, conscientious objection, riot and social changes, civil rights and civil disobedience.



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