

The Week's News In Review

Layman Heads State Group

New York State's Catholic bishops have named a layman to be the first executive secretary of the new Council of Catholic Charities Directors.

John P. Szulgit of Delmar, for the past three years director of in-service training for the State Department of Social Services, has accepted the post, according to Bishop Edwin Broderick of Albany, chairman of the State Catholic Committee.

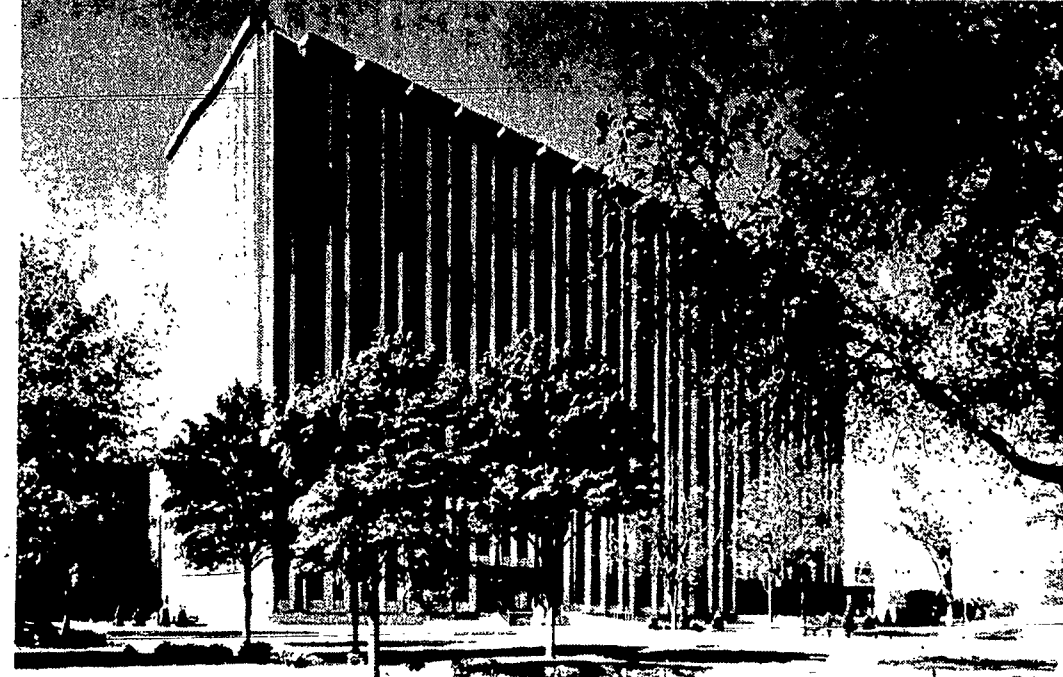


SZULGIT

The office is similar to one in education established by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents. Szulgit, according to Bishop Broderick, will work for closer cooperation in all social services areas, especially with respect to new legislation, between public and private agencies.

ND Reaps \$52 Million

Two years after it announced a "Summa" development



100 Years Young

Loyola University, Chicago, is celebrating its centennial year. One of the modern buildings added to the complex is the Arnold J. Damen Hall, a ten story science classroom on the University's Lake Shore campus. The building, dedicated in 1966, offers classroom, lecture room, laboratory and seminar accommodations for nearly 2,700 students. Msgr. James F. Maguire, S.J. (lower right) is the current and 20th president of Loyola University.



program, the University of Notre Dame has received pledges covering 87 per cent of its \$52 million goal.

The development program is seeking university expansion and upgrading of faculty (\$20 million), graduate education (\$13.9 million), special research (\$4.5 million) and general development (\$13.5 million).

The pledges of \$45,011,892 within two years was called "a major achievement" by Dr. O. C. Carmichael, a South Bend businessman who is national program chairman.

But Will It Help the Team?

A sort of "fifth quarter" for Catholics who attend the Sunday football games of the pro St. Louis Cardinals will be installed this season.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas, pastor of the basilica of St. Louis King of France, announced that 15 minutes after the end of home games there will be a Mass in the old cathedral for the convenience of the fans. He added fans also will have the opportunity of attending noon Mass at the basilica.

The convenience will be inaugurated Sept. 28 at the conclusion of the Chicago Bears-Cardinals game.

New Controversy Rising For Catholic University

Washington — (NC) — The Catholic University of America found itself on the threshold of a possible new controversy over "academic freedom" as the school year got underway. Once again the focal point of the difficulties was the university's troubled school of theology.

The key figure in the present case is Father Roland Murphy, O.Carm., who was overwhelmingly selected by his fellow faculty members in an advisory vote last spring to be the school's new dean.

Ordinary procedure is for the trustees to accept the recommendations of the schools involved as to who will be their dean.

But the trustees held up confirmation of Father Murphy, and the university president, Dr. Clarence C. Walton, has appointed a search committee to make a new recommendation.

A few faculty members — including Father Murphy himself — have charged the priest was "bypassed" because some members of the board of trustees objected when he signed a statement of dissent from Pope Paul's birth control encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, last year.

Dr. Walton, the university's new president and the first layman in history to hold the post, told NC News Service: "As far as I am concerned the issue is clearly not one of academic freedom or of dissent."

Dr. Walton continued, "Administrators are one of our scarcest resources. In searching for academic administrators, therefore, it is important to seek possibilities from every part of the country — and not exclusively from within our own university structure. Our search committee does represent leadership from within the school itself, within the student body, and from positions outside the university."

Actual classroom scenes taken on location at some of Minnesota's best religious education centers will form the core of the series.

Each broadcast will be followed by a discussion where small groups of parents and teachers will be able to analyze the program. A handbook will be used to facilitate the discussions.

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VIGIL FOR PEACE

New York (NC)—The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, with headquarters in Washington, N.J., will hold an all-night vigil in Paris, France, on Oct. 3 to pray for a successful conclusion of the Vietnam peace talks there.

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Many Abortions Seen Argument for Birth Control

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Two University of Notre Dame researchers who made a study in the Philippines concluded that high abortion rates may be the greatest inducement for setting up nationwide birth control programs.

Dr. William Liu and Dr. Arthur J. Rubel said high abortion rates mean high demand for scarce resources — hospital beds and hospital staff services

to care for post-abortion complications.

Dr. Liu, professor of sociology and director of the Social Science Training Laboratory, and Dr. Rubel, professor of anthropology, completed a 78-page interim report on a study done on Cebu island in the Philippines.

They found that although abortions — whether spontane-

ous or induced — occur in one out of every five pregnancies, the lack of efforts by governments to curb the birth rate is still the greatest single barrier to success in family-planning programs.

"In effect," the study said, "the lack of government programs is in itself a policy — a policy for high fertility."

The report said several factors combine to produce the over-all population growth in the Philippines. Some of these are:

- A culture which values large families in both the upper and lower classes.
- A culture that encourages segregation between the sexes. This segregation leads to marriages in which the partners cannot communicate effectively.
- The Catholic Church, which opposes birth control by methods other than rhythm and abstinence. The study asserts: "Even though the teachings of the Church may have little or

no effect on the practice of birth control insofar as individual couples are concerned in the islands, institutional sanction does have effects on collective policy."

The interim study offered several recommendations for future family planning programs to consider.

AFRICA EXPANDS ECUMENISM ON CONTINENT

Abidjan, Ivory Coast — (RNS) Protestant-Roman Catholic relations in Africa were advanced during the Second Assembly of the All-Africa Conference of Christian Churches (AACC), a Protestant and Orthodox Organization.

Archbishop J. K. Amisah of Cape Coast, one of four Catholic Observers, electrified the 550 delegates when he said the AACC and Catholics in Africa have "a greater opportunity and, hence, a more pressing obligation to investigate and, if it be God's will, to give the head-in-inter-communion."

The comment came from Sister Vivian Votruba, a Maryknoll nun who, after serving the people of Peru and Bolivia for more than 20 years, has accepted a position in medical services to the people of Biafra.

NUN DESCRIBES SUFFERING IN BIAFRA

Maryknoll, N.Y. — (RNS) — "As I look around the wards, I feel that I'm in one of those Biafra propaganda pictures. Some of the children are exactly like the ones everyone has seen pictures of — skeleton chests, swollen legs, bloated stomachs."

Pope, Nigerian Have Long Talk

Castel Gandolfo (RNS) — Pope Paul VI held a 90-minute private conversation at his Summer residence here with Chief Anthony Enahoro, Nigeria's Minister of Information.

Informed sources said the conversation included the possibility of peace in the Nigeria-Biafra war and the means of sending relief supplies.

With Pope Paul at the audience was Archbishop Agostino Casaroli of the Vatican Secretariat of State, one of the Vatican's top negotiators. On the Auxiliary Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, director of Catholic Relief Services and the President of Joint Church Aid,

U.S.A. — two of the agencies most active in the relief airlifts to Biafra.

Observers noted that at a public address on the subject of peace, the day after his talks with Chief Enahoro, the Pope's outlook had not seemed optimistic.

"The establishment of harmony and solidarity in the world community still in itself so divided, seems to become more difficult and almost appears utopian," the Pope said.

At a press conference following his talk with the Pope, Chief Enahoro said that Nigeria would insist on Biafra's renouncing all claims to independence as a prerequisite for peace talks.

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