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Diocesan School Study Scheduled

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schools is very possible. But the decision must involve study of all possible facts."

Concurrently with the Mercy Sis-ter's personal visitation to all schools, the Pastoral Office is conducting a financial study of all parish records examining "cost-per-pupil figures" and all diocesan teachers and principals are doing a self-evaluation on their classroom work.

Last September 5 Archbishop Sheen in a public statement on the future of parochial education declared that the diocese was seriously concerned about the pressures which might force the closing of some schools but promised that democratic consultation would be held between parishioners and pastors before closing decisions were made.

Bishop Hogan, who has made the schools one of the top priorities of his administration, has fully authorized the intensive fact-finding program about to begin.

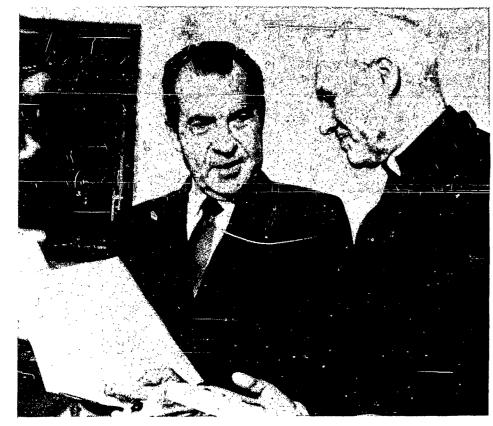
The survey will focus on guiding administrative decisions of the future and will not make judgments on individuals in the schools, Sister Patricia and Father Brent insisted.

They explained that vital to the decision to close a school will be such questions as: What impact will this have on parish life? What do the majority of the parishioners wish for their school? What will be the impact on the local public school district?

Speculation whether future parish schools will be "area as opposed to parochial", "free as opposed to tuition", "general as opposed to special", will be clarified when the diocese knows the exact situation of the schools' problems.

Questions to be asked of principals and pastors will concern; lay-teacher availability and salary-structure, services of parochial school beyond the daily academic work, transportation problems of the pupils, relations with the local school district, teacher qualifications and degrees, replacement and restoration plans for school buildings, faculty stability, significant attendance decline and parish acceptance of tuition fees.

Sister Patricia, a member of the Sisters of Mercy for 20 years, taught 12 years in high schools (Aquinas, Mercy and Notre Dame) before becoming principal of the Elmira school in 1964. She has a BA from Nazareth college, an MA from Niagara University and has done post-graduate work " at Cornell and the University of Massachusetts,



Cardinal and The President

Maximillian Cardinal de Furstenberg, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Rite Churches, presents two religious volumes to President Nixon. The cardinal is currently touring the U.S. to visit Eastern Rite prelates and parishes. A White House aide told newsmen that the meeting was in line with Mr. Nixon's desire "to maintain close relations with the Vatican." (RNS)

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Women Ushers Named By Minneapolis Parish

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Women are serving as ushers at St. Olaf Catholic Church, a downtown parish here.

Some women have been passing out parish bulletins for 18 months, and they were asked to take on ushering duties by Father Francis J. Fleming, pastor.

"The practice of having men only tation of the past. Your Church needs serve as ushers is one of long standyou. ing in the Church, but like other customs that have come to impede rath-God, and pass that bucket before er than promote worship, it is time them . . . slowly." for a change," Father Fleming wrote in the parish bulletin.

"There is a special problem at St. Olaf because so few unattached males come to church here and when operating out of a shortage, people are not properly seated. More importantly, the taking of the collection reaches into the time for the consecration of the Mass."

"The obvious solution," Father Fleming added, "is to ask the ladies for help. Women are now taking positions in church affairs which have been denied them all too long. They serve on parish councils, as parish trustees, choir directors, lectors, in strumentalists, leaders of song, etc. One has recently been elected presi-dent of the National Council of Churches. "Against this backdrop women

Family Movies:

New York — (NC) — The National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures said that a smaller number and percentage of movies suitable for general audiences were produced in 1969 than in any 12-month period of the Catholic film rating office's exist-

During the year, NCOMP reported, of 315 films reviewed, only 26, or

Collegiality to Be Main Objective, **Bp.** Hogan Says

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do I intend any display of power in answer to problems."

In a ringing plea for support of Pope Paul's third New Year's Day peace appeal, Bishop Hogan asked his listeners to make a three-fold effort to "build together a world of peace that is more just":

• "at the level of the individual; through a reconciliation of man with man, among all of us who come together in day to day life." Hatred, he said, which causes division among men is a sickness which "can be cured only by the personal effort of reconciliation of hearts."

• "at the level of structures, through an effort of participation in strengthening peace in family institutions, neighborhoods, and structures of national and international

• "at the level of the mental approach, that there may be a better understanding among generations, various cultures and national mentalities.'

The Bishop's strongest spiritual note was struck in this paragraph: "May all of us in 1970 grow to a greater awareness that time's greatest value is the opportunity it presents to us to abandon 'ungodliness and world desires' and to live every moment that the goodness of the Lord holds for us in the presence of Him in whom alone there is no change nor shadow of alteration."

Fading Slowly In the West?

825%, received an A-I (general audience rating), while 40, or 12.70%, were given a C (condemned) rating. "If NCOMP had applied the same

rigorous policy (concerning the employment of even insignificant nudity in film treatment) which had been in effect until October of 1968, the number of C movies during the current year would have been at least double the present total," the report stated

The appraisal was contained in the year end (Dec. 30) report of the Catholic agency's Catholic Film News-

In addition to the A-1 and C classi-fied films, the office reported 47, or 14.92%, were rated A-II (morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents; 126, or 40%, A-III (morally unobjectionable for adults); 28, or

8.89%, A-IV (morally unobjectionable for adults with reservations), and 48, or 15.24%, B (morally objectionable in part for all).

The NCOMP said lack of moral and artistic qualities in 1969 movie making hurt the industry. It stated: "The family and over-30 audience is staying home, not only because television is still free, but also because they consider it idiotic to pay to be bored or offended."

"As a new decade begins NCOMP can only wish the best of success to the motion picture industry, for in its hands is the medium that can create a new era of human enrichment, cultural and spiritual, for us all. There are, however, no short-cuts, computerized or other, to artistic achievement; its basic ingredients must include a respect for man," the Catholic agency statement asserted.

their collegiality, a communion, a

fusion of their spirits that has al-ready started and is realized and

which ought to continue to exist even

when (you) priests are spread over

Returning to the papal apartment

for the Angelus and the blessing of

the crowd, which more than half

filled the square, Pope Paul spoke of

the feast of the Epiphany, a national

holiday in Italy. He said that Epiph-

any offered Christ on display to the

"How and to whom is Christ made

manifest?" he asked. In answer, the

Pope said that a "religious darkness, as a spiritual night," has invaded the

modern world and makes man say

are closed and see no more the di-

vine aurora and they are dazzled by

the light of scientific knowledge

Christ as a star appears in this dark-

ness. He who knows how to discover

Him, to come to know Him and to be-

lieve in Him, enters a new area of

"No, God is not dead . . . Our eyes

the four corners of the globe."

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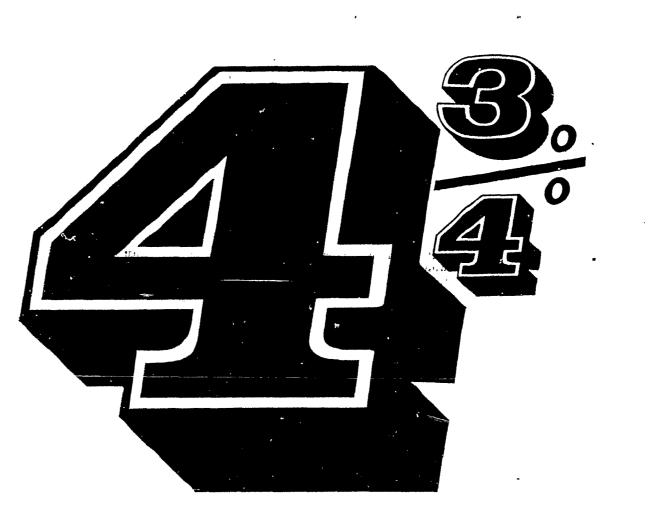
Pontiff Greets Epiphany Crowd, Affirms God's Presence in World

Vatican City — (NC) — Holiday crowds in St. Peter's Square were treated to an extra bonus on the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) as Pope Paul VI drove around the square in a small motorcade prior to his Angelus talk at noon.

In spring-like weather and under blue skies, Pope Paul stood in his "slide-top" black limousine to acknowledge the cheers of a noisy crowd. He was on his way to visit a new addition to the College of St. Peter the Apostle, founded in 1947 primarily to house missionary students from Africa, Oceania, Asia and Latin America.

Speaking to the residents of the college, who come from 105 dioceses in 35 different countries, Pope Paul emphasized the parallel of so many students of diverse backgrounds displaying their oneness, just as the composition of the new building demonstrated variety in unity.

He reminded the priests that theirs is not "a hotel or simply a 'pension,' but a college which must bring forth





This is the poster for the begin next Sunday. The we cil of Churches, the World Ecumenical Instit

Bishop's P Hailed in 1

> Jackson, Miss. - (RNS) - A liminary meeting of statewide ligious leaders was held here a favorable reaction to a Catholic 1 ops plea for action to curb wider racial polarization in Mississippi.

The meeting, aimed at setting a statewide conference with a plete representation of church 1 ership, came as a result of a Ch mas message issued by Bishop seph B. Brunini of Natchez-Jack

Knight John W. McDevitt at the K. of C. headquarters here, expressed gratitude for a resolution of loyalty adopted last August by delegates to the 87th annual meeting of the K. of C. supreme council here.

ushers should certainly not be out of

halls and as hostesses in many of our

restaurants. In point of fact, their not

serving as ushers in Church is some-

"So ladies, enough of the encrus-

"Step right up, seat the People of

Pope Thanks K. of C.

For 'Staunch Loyalty"

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has found "warm con-solation" in the knowledge that he

can count on the "staunch loyalty and

active support" of many Catholics,

Archbishop Giovanni Benelli, substi-

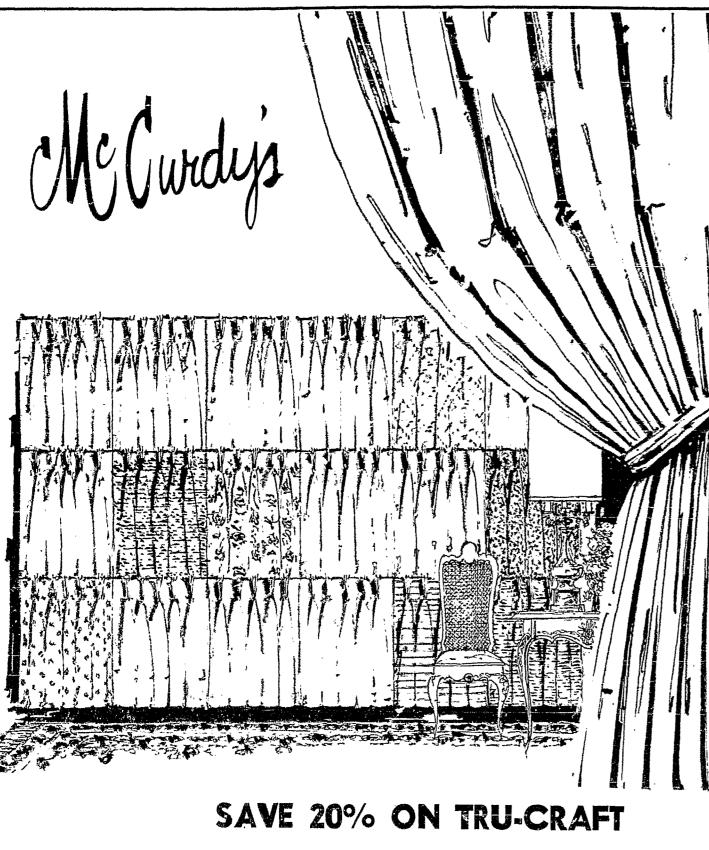
tute papal secretary of state, said in

a message to the Knights of Colum-

The message, sent to Supreme

thing of an anomaly.

"They serve in theatres, concert



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In that message, the bishop that Christmas 1969 offers Christ and their leaders "an opportunit make a tremendous leap forwa He said that from his contacts Protestant and Jewish leaders he lieved the "time is ripe" for a ur voice to be heard throughout Mi sippi "to help lead our people or bondage."

Primate Hails B **On Death Penalt**

London — (RNS) — The pe nent abolition of capital punishi for murder in Britain will honor nation, according to Dr. Michael Sey, Archbishop of Canterbury spiritual leader of the world's A cans.

In a formal statement issued s ly after both houses of Parlia agreed to abolish the death per he said:

"Abolition of capital punishi once and for all, will help crea more civilized society in whic continue the search for the c of crime, and to continue experir in penal reform. I sympathize those who are worried about P ment's decision, but I am certa will redound in very many wa the advantage and honor of th tion.³

There has been no official R Catholic statement on the issu least recently, but it would a there is division in their ranks as there is in the population at This was admitted in a comme the mass circulating Catholic paper, the Universe, just befor House of Lords' decision.

This newspaper said, "The C has always in the past uphel state's right to execute crim though there is some difficulty covering what precisely is its p attitude to capital punishment reason for this is that Catholics not been prominent in debates of subject that have been going over the world, particularly sine war."

2 Million Urge Dr. King Holida

New York - (RNS) - More 2 million signatures asking the birthday of the late Dr. Martin er King, Jr., be made a nationa day have been turned over to gress, a committee making the posed observance said here.

The Citizens Committee for : tin Luther King Holiday aske U.S. and New York State declar 15 a day to mark the life and of the civil rights leader mu in April, 1968.

At least two bills advocatir holiday were in the House of sentative's Committee of the ary when Congress adjourned December. Congress is not due convene until Jan. 19.

The birthday of Dr. King v marked in New York City by th

