

'Now' Is Key Word to School Aid

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Program and is based on the pupil benefit theory.

The tuition aid plan was among a number of proposals made to meet the problem in a comprehensive review of the financing of nonpublic education by the New York State Education Department.

The immediacy of the problem — because of the gravity of the financial dilemma — was underscored by the committee's letter to the Senators which noted that there was no time to wait for repeal of the restrictive Blaine Amendment.

The committee said: "The proposals made for conformity of the State church-state standard (Blaine) to the Federal standard (First Amendment) will be helpful for long-term considerations but the time required to accomplish this desirable change is not available to meet this problem."

Enrollment in the State's parochial schools has declined by more than 90,000 in the last five years, with the rate of decline accelerating very rapidly in the last two years.

New Liturgy Aids Creativity

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by many of the laity," Father Champin said, "because the book will use a 3-year cycle for the assigned selections and will always have an Old Testament reading in addition to two New Testament texts each Sunday."

Asked whether the latest changes in the Mass-rite would cut off the "underground Mass" with its bizarre ceremonies employed by groups who were impatient with the Church's liturgical renewal, Father Champin estimated they were already waning.

"It seems best not to fight them," he said. "If it is of God it will thrive; if it is not it will die in time. We should not be afraid of these unauthorized experimental groups. It might cause harm to try to kill them."

Remarking that Rochester was the 32nd diocese he has visited to speak for the U.S. Bishops about the liturgical changes, he described the enthusiastic spirit he had observed around the country.

"There is a real Pentecost going on among the priests and laity about renewal of the liturgy. What the Vatican Council began six years ago is reaching its half-way point: this is the final stage of the reform. From here on all liturgy has an open-ended disposition."

In separate counsel to the priests, Father Champin gave rules for the "role of the celebrant" suggesting that the clergy should work out a "complete attitudinal change" to be most helpful for the success of parish liturgy. The suggestions:

- "Priests should have faith and commitment to the multi-presence of Christ."
- "You must believe deeply in the functions of priesthood and the function of worship."
- "Be relaxed and natural, fulfilling your role in the liturgy in a singular, personal way, respecting law but not making a fetish of rubrics."
- "The celebrant must be the leader and president of his worshipping community, but not a dictator nor an abdicator of his role."
- "The celebrant must be seen and heard clearly by a proclaiming with eyes and gesture as well as voice."
- "Every priest should conscientiously plan the liturgy, willing to use the flexible, varied material and striving to keep it fresh by changing and adapting it."

Bishops Pledge Help For Latin Problems

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"for radical change without resorting to violent means." Bishop Eduardo F. Pironio spoke also of the theological meaning of "liberation."

"It begins with liberation of many by Christ from sin and its consequences," he said. "But it goes on to envision man free to develop his own political, economic and social life."

Bishop Pironio's remarks led to a formal definition that would strip the word "liberation" of political, ideological connotations.

"Liberation is the process of freeing man from all that prevents him from developing his potentialities and his obligation as a person who is created in the image of God," the final statement declared.

Education was stressed as a primary need and a primary resource in the hands of the North American bishops. It was agreed that the "integrity of indigenous cultures must be respected" and that there must be no attempt to impose North American cultural values.

Father Louis Colomese, director of CICOOP and of the USCC division for Latin America, told the bishops that the Church in Latin America had "gained credibility among the emerging forces of its society because it is seen as a leader in the field of social action, not merely now a reluctant follower."

Citing the Church-state clashes in Paraguay and Brazil, Father Colon-



Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, is flanked by Bishop-designates Edward J. Head, left, and Patrick V. Ahern. (Religious News Service)

Three Priests Named To be Auxiliary Bishops

Washington — (NC) — The associate general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and of the United States Catholic Conference is one of three priests Pope Paul VI has just elevated to the hierarchy in the United States, Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate has announced.

Msgr. Francis T. Hurley has been named auxiliary to Archbishop Joseph T. Ryan, apostolic administrator of Juneau, Alaska. Archbishop Ryan is also archbishop of Anchorage, Alaska, but Msgr. Hurley will be his auxiliary only for the Juneau diocese.

Msgr. Patrick V. Ahern, pastor of Our Lady of the Angels Church, the

Bronx, has been named auxiliary to Terence Cardinal Cooke, archbishop of New York.

Msgr. Edward D. Head, director of Catholic Charities of the archdiocese of New York, also has been named auxiliary to Cardinal Cooke.

Bishop-designate Francis Hurley, is a brother of Bishop Mark J. Hurley, recently installed as the Ordinary of Santa Rosa, Calif. His work in Washington for the bishops of the United States, first as assistant general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and, since 1968, as associate general secretary of both the NCCB and USCC, has made him one of the best known priests in the United States.

French Back Pope On Priestly Celibacy

Paris — (RNS) — The Catholic bishops of France declared their solidarity here in backing Pope Paul's stand on retaining mandatory priestly celibacy.

Citing the Pope's recent letter to the Vatican secretary of state, Jean Cardinal Villot, which was interpreted as a direct rebuff to the Dutch bishops' position of optional celibacy, Francois Cardinal Marty of Paris, noted in a statement:

"(The letter) gives us the occasion to affirm our fraternal communion with the successor of Peter."

In the statement, issued following a consultation of the members of the Permanent Council of the French Episcopate, Cardinal Marty added, "we are calling to the ministry only those men decided upon leading a consecrated celibate life."

"Mankind today needs priests so impassioned with their mission that they leave everything behind them to follow and announce Christ, the Saviour," he said.

Cardinal Marty, who is also president of the French Episcopal Conference, affirmed that "the bishops of France, like all the bishops of the Universal Church will always be ready to work with the pontiff who confirms his brothers in the Faith."

In the recent letter to Cardinal Villot, Pope Paul reaffirmed that the link between the priesthood and celibacy constitutes an "irreplaceable good" which could not be allowed to fall into disuse.

At the same time, the Pope emphasized "with great clarity" the norm of sacred celibacy, and said that he still hoped to search "with the pastors of the dioceses of Holland" for the means to resolve their problems.

The French bishops' stand comes at a time when liberal Catholic circles here have been somewhat surprised by the "hard line" approach taken by the Pope toward the recently-expressed "revolutionary" position of the Dutch bishops in favor of married priests.

The French Church, usually regarded by the Vatican as the "eldest daughter" of Catholicism, is well-known for throwing its full support behind the Pope on important occasions. This was the case last year following the publication of Pope Paul's controversial encyclical on birth control, *Humanae Vitae*.

Saturday Mass Bishop's Topic

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get congregations out and clear the parking lots before the next Mass crowd arrived, the difficulty of priests having to celebrate two and even three Masses in succession, the skimping on preaching.

He made specific mention that the Sunday Mass schedule often hurt people planning an outing or vacation because it required them to attend Mass hastily before departing or somewhere enroute.

The chance to anticipate the obligation on a Saturday, he said, "will enable many people to have time for other good works of religion on Sunday, and for legitimate recreation to renew body and soul, as the Sabbath has always intended."

Saturday Masses, he announced, may be celebrated between 5 and 8 p.m. There may be only one in each church and it must include homily and prayers of the faithful and full Sunday liturgy.

CARDINAL TO VISIT QUEEN

Paris — (RNS) — Francois Cardinal Marty, Archbishop of Paris, will be received at Buckingham palace by Queen Elizabeth on Feb. 17, it was announced here. The Queen is the titular head of the Church of England (Anglican). The royal reception will mark the beginning of a three-day visit by the French prelate to England. He will be returning a 1967 visit to France by Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Worldwide Communion.

UNIVERSITY VICE PRESIDENT

Jamaica, N.Y. — (NC) — Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., 52, has been appointed vice president for university relations at St. John's University here. His new duties involve coordinating existing departments of public relations, development, and alumni relations.

JIG TIME

Killarney, Ireland — (RNS) — Roman Catholics here will be doing the jig on Saturday nights again. A ban on dancing on the eve of the Sabbath, imposed by his predecessor, has been lifted by the new head of the Diocese of Kerry, Bishop Eamonn Casey.

Dutch on Pope's Statement: It Isn't No, but Maybe

Amsterdam, The Netherlands — (NC) — The bishops of the Netherlands have interpreted Pope Paul's latest pronouncement on priestly celibacy as an offer to discuss the matter, and not as a rejection of their support for a rule change.

"The Dutch bishops appreciate the offer of the Holy Father to discuss with him the priest problem in the Netherlands. They hope that this consultation will have good results," said a communiqué (Feb. 5) from the secretariat of the Dutch bishops' conference.

The Pope had said in a letter to Jean Cardinal Villot, his secretary of state, that many other bishops and priests had implored him "not to make any changes in such a venerable tradition" as mandatory celibacy for the priesthood.

"For our part, we are more than ever desirous to see with the shepherds of the dioceses of Holland the means for the fitting solution of their problems in a similar way for the

good of the entire Church," Pope Paul said.

In the same letter, the Pope said the reasons given for a relaxation of the rule of obligatory priestly celibacy "do not seem to us convincing."

He went on to reaffirm his determination to maintain the present discipline, saying:

"The bond, established for centuries by the Latin Church between priesthood and celibacy, constitutes for her an extremely precious and irreplaceable good."

The Dutch bishops had said Jan. 19 that the Church in the Netherlands would be better off if there were optional celibacy, if married men could be ordained priests, and if priests who had married could return to the ministry in certain cases.

The bishops' statement supported the Dutch National Pastoral Council, which had earlier voted overwhelmingly in favor of optional celibacy.

Melkite Head Scores Curia

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A lingering controversy between the Melkite Rite Church and the Vatican's Congregation for Eastern Churches has been resolved, but not without an overt slap at some Latin Rite methods and traditions.

Patriarch Makimos V. Hakim, who heads the Melkite Church from his twin sees in Beirut, Lebanon, and Damascus, Syria, explained in a letter released here that the dispute surrounding the Latin Rite appointment of Archbishop Joseph Tavil as "apostolic exarch" for U.S. Melkites had been settled.

But, he noted, this developed with no thanks to the action of the Roman Curia and especially the Congregation for the Eastern Churches which he described as "scandalous" in its failure to implement Vatican II decrees.

He also said that "the Roman Curia has taken no steps at all — and has not encouraged us to take any steps — to implement the 1964 decree on the Eastern Churches."

Women No Of Diocese

Baton Rouge, La. — (RNS) — A woman of many "firsts," Mrs. Fauver, was elected chairman of the advisory council of the Baton Rouge diocese, making her the first to attain such a high post in Catholic Church.

Mrs. Fauver now heads the which is foremost among 27 tative organizations on the level, giving her the top office of the 180,000 Catholic laity county area.

Mrs. Fauver, a graduate of ana State University became the first full-time teacher at Catholic High Baton Rouge, and served on a steering committee of the san Lay Congress. She was of her delegation and reg her parish, Sacred Heart.



New York Mets manager Yogi Berra, who won the 1964 National League Championship Series with the Mets, is seen here with his wife, Edwina. (AP Wirephoto)

Missioner For Return Nigeria

Rome — (RNS) — Twelve expelled from Nigeria for being secessionist Biafrans, a Nigerian spokesman said — to go back to Nigeria as soon as possible.

"We bear no ill will toward anybody. We have worked only as missionaries. We have never been politically involved in the cruel in which we have had privilege of helping those who were suffering and on point of death," said Father John Daily, C.S.S.

Father Daily, who came here with 11 other priests to report to the superior general of the Holy Ghost Fathers, said they were deported instead of jailed what a Nigerian spokesman termed "an act of clemency."

"We accept this sign clemency," the priest said "as sincere and we expect the hope that when the immediate postwar period over we will be able to return to work in an atmosphere that peace of God of which we are heralds among Nigerian people, whom we love."

All 21 of those missionaries expelled—including priest from the United States and another from North Ireland—reported upon their arrival in Geneva that they "were well-treated and well fed" since their arrest month.

Upon their arrival in Geneva many of the missionaries wore only light trousers and shirts and Caritas Ir-

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Cleveland — The Division of World Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference last October 15 recommended "that each diocese initiate or cooperate in a visiting draft information counseling."

The Newman Campus Ministry here responded by sponsoring an all-day Select Service Pre-Counselor Training Workshop. Linda Stein, representative of Chicago office of the west Committee for Draft Counseling, conducted seminar-style program.

Pre-counselors face the same problems as counselors. She described pre-counselors as those who usually have first contact with a young man seeking advice about what to do about the draft. Frequently pre-counselors are college personnel and, in increasing numbers and in



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