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U.S. Bishops Back Pope On Celibacy

Washington — (NC) — The nation's Catholic bishops have cabled Pope Paul VI their total support in upholding priestly celibacy.

John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), informed the Pope that the American bishops are holding to the "unwavering position" they adopted before.

His telegram said the bishops of the United States "wholeheartedly join Your Holiness again in supporting the ideals and discipline of consecrated celibacy which have served the priesthood and the Church so well."

Pope Paul has been personally leading a vigorous defense against critics of the celibate rule in recent weeks, as pressure for a change from mandatory to optional celibacy in the Latin-rite priesthood has strengthened.

The pontiff told a pre-Lenten audience of Rome diocesan priests in the Sistine Chapel that celibacy enables a priest to devote himself to "the sole love of Jesus" and the service of the people. He said it makes the priesthood more attractive as a vocation.

It was the fourth time in nine days that he had spoken publicly about celibacy.

The NCCB semiannual meeting here in November 1969 had issued a statement of strong support for celibacy, warning that to expect a change in the rule was "not realistic." At the November 1967 meeting of the NCCB, the bishops had also voiced their continued endorsement of the celibacy rule.

The text of the NCCB cable sent by Cardinal Dearden:

"In November 1967 and November 1969, the Bishops of the United States reaffirmed the position of the Church regarding the law of celibacy. Within the context of this unwavering position the Bishops of this country wholeheartedly join Your Holiness again in supporting the ideal and discipline of consecrated celibacy which have served to the priesthood and the Church so well. In their name I express to Your Holiness sentiments of our loyalty, affection and esteem."

Assembly OKs Blaine Repeal

Albany—(RNS)—The State Assembly this week passed its own measure to repeal the Blaine amendment, which forbids state aid to parochial schools.

The Assembly bill contains a clause permitting taxpayers to challenge in court the expenditure of state funds to church-affiliated schools. The repeal bill passed last week in the Senate contained no such clause.

The bills must be reconciled or passed as separate measures.

Any change in the state constitution has to pass two separately elected legislatures and then be submitted to the voters for a referendum. So repeal of Blaine can't be effected until Fall of 1971.

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'They Storm Heaven' for 'Joseph of Rochester'

Last Sunday morning as I visited my beloved St. Margaret Mary Church, a parishioner stopped me to say: "I like what the Holy Spirit and you are doing for the Diocese of Rochester."

The words were most encouraging and yet served as a humble reminder that alone I could be accomplishing nothing.

Wherever I go in the Diocese, I beg my audience to "storm Heaven" whenever they hear my name mentioned in the Eucharistic prayer. At Mass I pray for myself as the Lord's "unworthy servant"; priests and people are asked to insert my first name, Joseph, in this prayer.

The petition is the same because I, Joseph, am the unworthy servant, desperately



The Bishop's Week

petitioning for prayers from those more worthy than their shepherd.

Last week I received the consoling assurance of prayers from two centers of spiritual power in the Diocese — the School of the Holy Childhood and the Infirmary for the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth Motherhouse.

At the children's school on Andrews Street there is a precious innocence — little lambs of God who take away the sins of the world; who are set in our midst as a gift of God, "special" in their educational needs yet filled with the wisdom which comes only to those who are so close to the Lord.

Two summers of special grace for me were spent with such children at the State School in Newark, where I served as temporary chaplain. I know a little of their needs and goodness.

The staff of Holy Childhood School senses the blessing of working among their children. What a consolation to learn from Sister Serafine that these children petition the Lord each noon to send His Spirit upon me to guide me in shepherding my flock.

At the Infirmary I received the same comforting assurance. These dear Sisters represent the

holocaust of burned-out offerings in the service of the Lord — their physical energies well spent in a life of selfless dedication. Their spiritual energies are alive with the joy which comes from the vitality of the Spirit Who dwells within them.

They all have pledged the consecration of their Cross of Confinement to my needs and the needs of the Diocese.

With support like this, I am able to face the challenge of each day without fear. My world is filled with joy and hope amidst the loud cries of the prophets of despair and doom.

+ Bishop Joseph L. Hogan



Ashes for the Pontiff

Pope Paul VI receives ashes from Paolo Cardinal Marella during Ash Wednesday ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica. (Religious News Service)

Knights Give \$10,000 to Help Kids

By JOHN DASH

The State Council of the Knights of Columbus presented Bishop Joseph L. Hogan with a check for \$10,000, Thursday, Feb. 12, to aid his apostolate to exceptional children with special needs (the mentally retarded).

Making the presentation at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner, sponsored by the Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, was State Deputy Wallace J. Stevenson.

According to George W. Scheide-man, executive secretary for the New York Knights, each of the eight bishops in the state recently received \$10,000 as part of a continuing commitment made by the Knights in May 1968 to provide for exceptional children. The original commitment was to divide \$500,000 among the bishops over a period of 10 years.

However, according to a letter sent Bishop Hogan from Stevenson, the campaign to raise funds for the program has been so successful that the Knights may reach their \$500,000 goal in 1973.

As he received the check, Bishop Hogan noted the "wonderful apostolic work of the Knights, from the time of their foundation to today." He also spoke of the growth of the organization from a band of four men in New Haven, Conn., to a national organization of 1,250,000 today.



Bishop Hogan presents Sister Serafine a check for \$10,000 given by the Knights of Columbus for the education of exceptional children.

Concerning the Knights' attention to the exceptional child, the Bishop said "this is a particularly close apostolate" to him. He cited his experience as a seminarian working with

the children of Craig State School, and commented, "What a grace these children have. They have a wisdom that far exceeds our own."

The Bishop then announced that the entire check would be given to

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Remembering

Last Friday was the first anniversary of the death of little Paula Magliocco. Paula was a student at the School of the Holy Childhood.

According to Sister Serafine, SSJ, the principal of the school, the other children there keep Paula's memory alive to an unusual degree. "She is very much present to them," Sister said as she described how the children write songs or draw pictures of Paula and leave them on her desk.

Friday was Paula's memorial day. At morning Mass the children prayed to Paula — "that she would send something special their way," Sister Serafine said.

After Mass, Father Michael Conboy, the Bishop's secretary, called the school to say that there was a check for \$10,000, from the charity of the Knights of Columbus, waiting for them on the Bishop's desk. —Dash.

Salary Increase For Lay Teachers Planned in Diocese

The diocese announced this week a sweeping salary increase effective next Fall for lay teachers in all elementary parochial schools.

The Diocesan School Office informed pastors, principals and parish education boards that a standard salary schedule must be used by all parishes in making faculty agreements for the next school year to remove "inequities in salary arrangements."

Some 706 lay teachers in the entire parochial school system will benefit by the new salary structure, according to Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools. There are 93 parishes with elementary schools in the diocese.

Starting salary for teachers with a bachelor's degree will be \$6,000 in parish schools of Monroe County and \$5,500 in schools outside the county. The \$500 differential is related to the higher cost of living in the metropolitan area.

Teachers with a masters degree will start at \$6,400 and may rise to \$10,000 in the school system.

Increases of \$100 to \$200 per year are promised.

To bring all salaries up to the standard scale this Fall the first pay adjustment will be limited to \$700. Teachers who would be eligible for increases in excess of \$700 because of their years of service would receive an increase of \$700 this Fall or 50 per cent of the raise indicated by the schedule. In cases where the salary raise would be more than \$1,000 agreement will be individually negotiated with the teachers.

Father Brent said: "We have been aware of salary inequities in our system, from school to school and even within a single school. Some standardization in salaries, assuring fair compensation to all teachers, was urgently needed."

Regretfully admitting that the salary increases will bring new burdens on parish treasuries, Father Brent said the salary schedule was needed for "teacher morale and stability."

Mrs. Grace Conway, coordinator of lay teachers for the School Office, explained that the salary schedule's promise of increases offers incentive to continue post-graduate work.

"Salary will be determined in the future by using the basic salary schedule plus length of service and the advancing educational qualifications of the teacher," she said.

For example a teacher with a Bachelor's degree and 4 years of service in the diocesan schools in Monroe County should start getting \$6,800 next Fall. As the years of teaching go on and the teacher in summer

studies earns credits toward a master's degree, the annual salary will grow by \$200 to \$400 yearly.

Father Brent said: "It has been awkward in the annual recruiting process to tell prospective teachers that 'we don't know what your parish salary might be when you select the parish opening you like,' or that subsequent increments will depend on their skill in negotiating individually."

Father Brent revealed that the new salary schedule was worked out by a committee of business men meeting with him in four sessions from last July to December.

When their recommendations covering future salary plans were submitted to Bishop Hogan just after Christmas, he discussed the figures with his Diocesan Consultors and the elected Priests' Council before approving and ordering them to be announced.

The lay committee included: John Ritzenthaler, diocesan controller; Norman Driscoll, Lincoln-Rochester Bank; William Finch, Xerox Corp.; Ronald Proud, assistant dean, St. John Fisher College; J. K. Purcell, Rochester Telephone Corp.; Robert Smith, Smith Rubber Co.; Frank Wolfe, retired executive of Timely Clothes.

Bishop Hogan declared that the scale is necessary at this time: "We

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Philadelphia Gets Two Auxiliaries

Washington — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has appointed two auxiliary bishops to John Cardinal Krol, archbishop of Philadelphia. Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States, announced here. They are:

Msr. Martin Lohmuller, vicar for Religious of the diocese of Harrisburg, who is named titular bishop of Ramsbury (Ramsbiria).

Msr. Thomas J. Welsh, rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Pa., who is named titular bishop of Scatterly Island (Inis Cathaig).

Cardinal Mooney Survey

We Like Catholic Education

By SISTER KATHLEEN MILLIKEN, RSM.

Of the parents who responded to a survey recently conducted at Cardinal Mooney High School, 80 per cent expressed a strong belief in the value and future of Catholic education. These figures have been made public by the Brothers of Holy Cross, who are conducting similar surveys in all of their schools in the Eastern Province.

Cardinal Mooney, with an enrollment of 1,488 students, chiefly from the Greece and Rochester areas, was opened in 1962 and is staffed by a faculty of 75, including 19 Brothers

of Holy Cross, 25 Sisters of Mercy and 31 lay men and women.

In the parents' survey, 540 questionnaires were returned, representing 42% of the families who have students at Mooney (since some families have more than one student in school, 1,290 questionnaires were sent out).

Of those responding, 85% felt that the school exerts significant influence on the child's spiritual life; while about 90% agreed that their child's emotional life, intellectual development and life as a citizen are favorably affected as a result of their attendance at Mooney.

In reply to the question "at what tuition increase would you have to consider withdrawing your child?" 42% said a \$50 increase would be the limit; 37% listed a \$100 increase; the remainder varied from an increase of \$150 to \$350. (Present tuition at Cardinal Mooney is \$350).

An overwhelming majority (92%) agreed that Catholic schools have a unique and desirable quality not found in public schools, and 94% believe that Cardinal Mooney has this quality. Sixty-five per cent would like to have local business and industry

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