

Cardinal Mooney Survey

We Like Catholic Education

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give financial help to Catholic schools; 63% believe that they themselves have an obligation to contribute time and resources beyond tuition.

More than half of those responding don't want to have the Brothers and Sisters conduct relevant Christian formation in the parishes as an alternative to Catholic high school education.

Qualified lay teachers in the Catholic schools should receive the same salaries and fringe benefits as public school teachers, say 89% of the parents responding.

About half would be willing to participate in an active adult program to become updated on the new developments in the Church and in their children's education; about 90% feel that they as Catholics should like the needs of children in Catholic schools are made known to the local city council and to the state legislature.

Only 40% are of the opinion that Catholics who went to public schools

turned out as "good Catholics" as those who attended parochial schools.

Seventy per cent would prefer that part of the diocesan educational funds be used to provide scholarships for needy students (black or white) who wish to attend Cardinal Mooney.

A small percentage (16%) would prefer an arrangement whereby students could attend a nearby public high school while electing religious education courses at the Catholic school during a regular school day.

That the greater part of the tuition dollar be invested in the academic area of school life rather than in extra-curricular aspects is the view of 73%; 80% believe that the school is best able to establish education priorities for their children.

About one fourth indicated that qualifying for college admission is a factor in sending their children to Mooney; 86% give Christian values and character development as prime reasons for their sons or daughters attending the school.

Regarding teacher-student relationships at Mooney, 71% of the parents expressed greater concern for

the teachers' academic contribution to their children than with teacher involvement outside the classroom, though 73% believe that such involvement can be helpful for the student and should be encouraged.

Seventy per cent have no objection to the proportion of religious to lay faculty members, and 73% are satisfied with the teacher-student ratio as it now exists at Cardinal Mooney.

In commenting on the survey, Brother James DeTemple, C.S.C., acting principal of Cardinal Mooney High School, observed: "We were pleased with the excellent response (42%) of the parents of our students, which in itself indicates their interest and enthusiasm as 30% returns would be considered good in any survey.

"We feel that the results show significant local parental support for Catholic secondary school education, and this is encouraging in the face of the negative comment and criticism being publicized nationally.

"It looks as though Mooney, and other Catholic high schools really do have promising prospects."



Helping War Victims

Physical therapist Bill Cooper teaches an injured Vietnamese youngster how to walk with crutches at a Quaker-run rehabilitation center and physical therapy clinic for Vietnamese amputees in Quang Ngai. The 11-member Quaker team has been maintaining the clinic in a province that is described as the "oldest center of Vietnamese communism" for eight years. The center turns out artificial limbs and teaches amputees how to use them, as well as maintaining an "island of pacifism" in the midst of the war. (RNS)

SCHOOL GETS ANGEL

Dubuque, Iowa — (RNS) — A trust fund has been set up for Wahlert Catholic High School by a Dubuque layman, Harry W. Wahlert. During the next three years, the income is expected to be approximately \$90,000 a year.

ANCIENT GREEK

Athens — (RNS) — According to press accounts here, an Orthodox priest, Father Demetrius Liontas, has served the village parish of Verniki, Epirus, for 90 years, and marked his 123rd birthday on Jan. 28.

Pay Raise Due Lay Teachers

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must be consistent with the Church's own social teachings. I believe it is essential to assure our teachers of a basic salary standard and of legitimate increments which they may anticipate as the years pass and as their qualifications improve with further studies and experience."

The Bishop and Superintendent said that pastors have asked the School Office for guidance on salaries. Lay teachers "shopping around among parishes for the best offer," often had pastors bidding against each other for their services, they said.

Besides the school collections and the regular Sunday offerings, 52 parishes have tuitions ranging from \$10 to more than \$100 per year per pupil or per family.

The increased teacher salaries coupled with expected rise in all costs within the next year seem to forecast the imposition of tuition where it is not now asked for as well as increased fees, the School Office said.

Knights Give \$10,000 To Help Children

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the School of the Holy Childhood in Rochester.

According to Sister Serafine, SSJ, principal, Holy Childhood is a school for exceptional children of all races and creeds. She also said the school draws from communities as far away as Canadaigua.

Presenting Sister Serafine with the check on Friday morning, Bishop Hogan remarked that "we learn more from them we ever can teach to these children."

According to Thomas Grosdonia, grand knight of St. Pius X Council, Irondequoil, the Knights' program to aid exceptional children is one of three educational programs they sponsor. College scholarships are annually given on the basis of academic achievement and financial need to high school seniors, and an annual oratorical competition is held across the state with scholarships given the winners.

PAPAL AUDIENCE

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI received in audience (Feb. 14) the secretary general of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

Catholic U Ties with

Washington — (NC) — Catholic University here has announced major changes in by-laws which reduce Vatican ties and establish what Dr. Clarence C. Walton, university president, calls "a most unique and adaptive arrangement."

Catholic University of America was established in 1863 as a "pontifical university," accredited by the Holy See. The change, however, provides for only three "pontifical schools" — Philosophy, Theology and Canon Law — with the stipulation that "those courses, programs, and degrees having canonical effects shall be conducted according to norms and regulations promulgated by the Holy See."

In the past, the Vatican also had to approve the university president but under the revised statutes, he selected by the Board of Trustees after hearing the report of a committee which includes faculty representatives.

All cardinals who are heads

84 Theology Dialogue on

Bonn — (RNS) — Eighty-four Roman Catholic professors of theology — including Father Hans Kueng — issued a manifesto urging the bishops of Austria, West Germany and Switzerland to undertake a "business dialogue" with the Vatican on a question of priestly celibacy.

Pointing out that the Church is not only in Holland but also in many, Austria and Switzerland, really difficult situation which could lead to schism, the theologians cleared. "We cannot and will not such a development, without action."

The manifesto, drafted by 11 theologians at Tübingen University in West Germany, insisted Church unity was "much more important" than the "disciplinary of celibacy, and appealed to bishops to express solidarity with Dutch bishops who have been asked for a dialogue with Rome on the baby issue.

"We call on our bishops," the document said, "not to leave the Church, as well as the bishops themselves in the entire world face similar difficulties, along their own lines. The situation is also more threatening in its sharpness beyond Holland than be imagined at first glance."

P. R. Bishops Give Qualified Support To Government Birth Control Plan

San Juan, P.R. — (NC) — The Catholic Bishops' conference of Puerto Rico has issued a statement giving qualified support to an island-wide birth control plan by the government approved by Gov. Luis A. Ferre.

But the endorsement was not unanimous; two bishops issued statements in opposition to the program.

Archbishop Luis Aponte of San Juan, chairman of the Puerto Rico Bishops' Conference, issued the statement which said the bishops are willing to cooperate with the government in any attempt to solve the population explosion problem "which is not against the doctrines of the Church."

Bishop Fermiot Torres of Ponce, in a personal statement, disapproved any population explosion program "which includes recourse to artificial means of birth control."

He criticized the government plan as "a triple threat against public morality" — referring to the government's "neo-Malthusian program" plus two bills pending in the legislature which would liberalize the commonwealth's divorce and abortion laws.

Bishop Torres said the Church's "doctrine is clear and, despite that, even practicing Catholics like some of those who sponsor the birth control plan for Puerto Rico, yield to the temptation of seeking an apparent easy remedy to an utmost complex problem."

He appealed to "every citizen to resist a short-sighted vision of the moral and social problems which leads to more immediate problems, opening the door to one like the complete dissolution of the family."

The other objection was voiced by Bishop Antulio Bonilla Parrilla, S.J., who has no diocesan duties. He said he recalled that the Puerto Rican bishops last year stated "a state cannot make 'positive propaganda of contraceptives' and impose them in certain cases, even if they are used to avoid great demographic or economic problems because they have no possible justification or ethic."

Bishop Parrilla, a university teacher, anti-war crusader and advocate of statehood for the island, characterized as "the utmost in hatred" the government's claim that the plan proposed by Gov. Ferre, a Catholic,

respects individual consciences and freedom of married couples. He claimed the big problem of the island was not "the so-called population explosion" but the "explosion of avarice."

The bishops' statement recognized the seriousness of the population explosion, noting if it continues at the present rate the current 2.7 million population would reach 6 million at the beginning of the 21st century.

The bishops acknowledged there are certain dangers connected with the government plan, such as laxity in carrying out the program and a

dissemination of information by "unscrupulous persons."

"As pastors, sensitive to the problems of the whole Puerto Rican people, making ours their pains and sufferings, we want to give proof that we are willing to help them, in the measure of our possibilities, to alleviate the magnitude of this serious problem," the statement said.

"Specifically we refer to, and commit to, an intensive campaign of education and instruction of couples, so that they freely know how to exercise their right to a responsible parenthood," the statement asserted.

U.S. Catholicism Seen As Lacking Christianity

Vincennes, Ind. — (RNS) — One of America's most militant black Catholic priests, Father George Clements of Chicago, denounced his Church as a "church without Christianity" and demanded that blacks have control over "our black church."

Father Clements, who last June was appointed pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Chicago said he believes that the only way the black man will gain power in America is to take it "just like every other ethnic group has done . . ."

"We don't want Sidney Poitiers," he said. "We want MGMs and United Artists. We don't want black bank executives. We want black banks."

The priest, who was instrumental two years ago in getting the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus to declare the Catholic Church a "white racist organization," spoke during Vincennes University's "Black Culture Week" program.

Earlier, he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Selma, Ala., and joined the March on Washington in 1963. He also participated in open housing demonstrations in Chicago.

Father Clements, who refers to himself as a black man who "had it made" in white society, said he had

"not only lost contact" with the ghetto he left when he was 13 but had even "forgotten I was black." But living around poverty conditions after ordination drove him into the civil rights movement, he added.

The shift to added violence in the racial struggle was a turning point for him, Father Clements said, noting that white liberals were now telling him he had a responsibility to help curb violence first and "worry about changing conditions" later.

Now a priest with a biting, but articulate, approach to the failures of American society and the Catholic Church, Father Clements used the opportunity at Vincennes University to assert that at present the Catholic Church "is a Church that wallows in self-righteousness, without regard for black America."

Black people should prepare for the future, he said, observing "the black thing is not always going to be 'in' like it is today. Pretty soon the white man is going to get tired of this new black man — then we'd better be ready."

Father Clements sees himself in the role of critic, trying to keep the nation on edge. He said that this is how the Black Panthers operate — not by what they do, but through statements "that scare white people."

AOH Planning Irish Relief

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the Rochester Diocese will join in a national AOH campaign for funds for relief of 20,000 homeless and hungry victims of recent disorders in Northern Ireland.

Francis M. McDonough, president of the AOH Monroe County Board, announced the drive this week.

He said that Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of the Newark Archdiocese will be honorary chairman of the campaign, with James A. Farley of New York City, former U.S. postmaster general, as national chairman.

Archbishop Boland stated that William Cardinal Conway, Primate of Ireland, will act as distributor of the funds, and that "they will be allocated on the basis of need regardless of creed."

McDonough said contributions, which are tax deductible, may be mailed to the AOH Northern Ireland Relief Fund, 48 Alexander St., Rochester 14620.

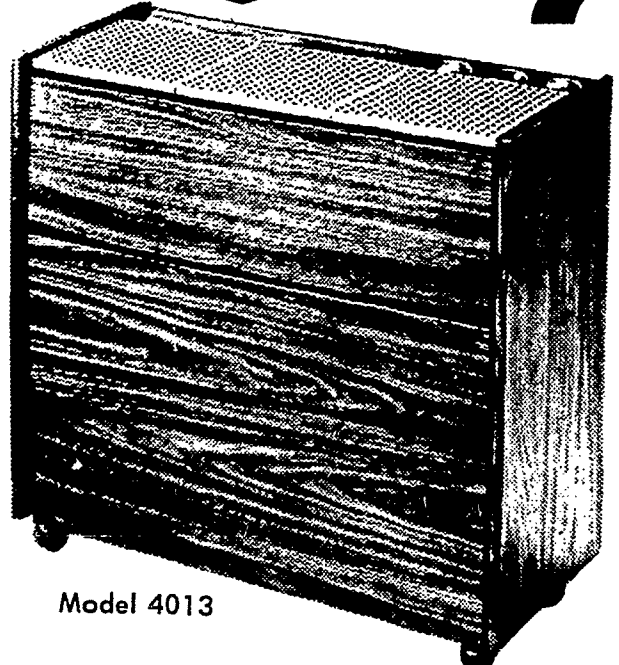
NEW OFFICE

Steubenville, Ohio — (NC) — The Steubenville diocese has opened an Office for Community Social and Economic Services under the direction of Father Anthony Giannamore. Bishop John King Mussio said the office will serve to implement the social program of the Church as outlined by Vatican Council II. The bishop named Father Francis F. Brown to direct the civil rights section of the office.

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