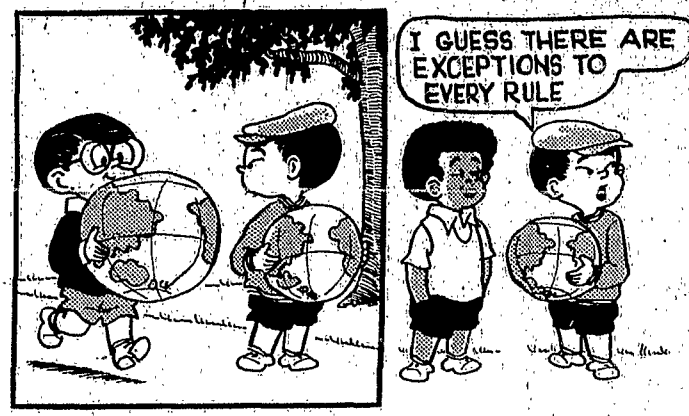


## by Morrie Turner



## Buffalo Catholic Schools Borrowing in Millions

(Special to the Courier-Journal) Albany — The financial crisis is real enough for Catholic schools in Buffalo — with only 12 per cent of the enrollment in the state's parochial schools — to borrow money at the rate of \$1 million for each four months of the school year, the Republican State Platform Committee has been told.

"It may be that no help will come," Kevin Kennedy, attorney for the Buffalo Catholic Diocese, said in testimony before the committee, "and these students will turn, by necessity to the public schools. It's a matter of arithmetic how much this would cost the state."

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## TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

By FATHER MARTIN  
Dear Father,  
I am 18 and I will graduate this June. My brother, who is 16, and I live with our cousin and her three teenagers. We have been here nearly two years.

I know the religious life, or any walk of life, is hard and demanding of strength and I am prepared to give all I have toward this vocation.  
Dear Marie,  
I think you should do your utmost to keep your desire to be a nun alive. After you finish high school, you can review your vocation situation with your spiritual director once again. If your desire is still as strong as it is now, I feel pretty sure that he will counsel you to try the religious life at that point.

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Memo to Father Daniel O'Neill, Joint Office of Urban Ministry: The meeting with the faculty advisers and student representatives from Aquinas Bishop Kearney Nazareth Academy and McQuaid Jesuit last week could be the beginning of a coalition for social action on the high school level. The meeting indicated the great need to inform these people of the issues within our own diocese, but probably even more, the necessity of listening to the concerns of our young people.  
Memo to Rochester Area Committee for Open Housing:  
Students Alerted To Mail Fraud  
The Rochester Better Business Bureau warns area high school students against a California company that may congratulate them for being at the head of their class.  
The company has been served a warrant for fraud and its activities are under investigation by the Post Office Department, BBB manager Robert C. Hildreth reported.  
Hildreth said the company's letter congratulates the student upon being accepted for inclusion in the National Register of High School Scholarships Winners. Accompanying the letter is an order blank for the register, which sells for \$11.95. The bureau is issuing all such letters be given to their office for forwarding to the postal inspector's office in California.  
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