

# Heed Trumpet Call!

## Cardinal Cooke's Advice To Catholic Educators

Atlantic City —(RNS) — Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York called upon thousands of Catholic educators meeting here to heed the "trumpet call" of re-dedication to the "total apostolate in education" and to fend off the dual attack on Catholic education both from within and without.

He urged "the continuance, improvement and strengthening" of Catholic education, despite the "economic pressures and the important forward thrust for continued quality education . . . which have placed a tremendous strain on the limited resources of a Church that has always counted as her own a great multitude of the poor."

Addressing the opening general session of the 67th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, Cardinal Cooke said clearly "we are not giving up. It is the mission of the Church to teach . . . to create a community of love, and the Catholic school is certainly one of the best means of achieving this . . ."

"These are no days to be fainthearted," he continued, "no days to be guided simply by voices of fear or discontent. When the Church ceases to ed-

ucate . . . she has become unfaithful to her founder and unfaithful to the world whose leaven and whose conscience she is appointed to be."

Cardinal Cooke spoke on the first day of the four-day meeting that drew some 18,000 Catholic educators from around the country. Under the convention theme, "Catholic Education: The Global Dimension," some 250 meetings of various kinds were designed to generate delegate reaction and participation.

A more philosophical look at education was presented by James Farmer, assistant secretary for administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Farmer addressed about 300 educators—predominantly delegates from colleges and universities — (March 31) on "Racism, Poverty and Education."

Demands for black studies and cultural centers, Farmer said, "are seeking to de-program and de-brainwash all of us."

He cited "racist conditioning" in cultural media and criticized misconceptions in some school textbooks.



Three sisters, still wearing "old-fashioned" habits stroll along the beach during NCEA annual meeting at Atlantic City, N.J. (RNS Photo)

### New Idea: One Child Per Adult

Atlantic City — (RNS) — A professor of government warned a huge gathering of Catholic educators here that mankind faces ultimate extinction unless a "one child per adult" population policy is adopted and men stop polluting the environment.

Speaking before delegates to the 67th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association at Convention Hall, Victor C. Ferkiss called it "nonsense" that family size is a matter for purely personal decisions by parents.

"There is no right to have as much as one desires of any scarce good at the expense of one's neighbor and the common good. This applies not only to food, clothing and housing but to children as well," said Prof. Ferkiss, who teaches government at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Calling one child per adult "the only reasonable goal of family planning" not only for the United States but worldwide, he spelled out three methods to achieve this goal. They were:

"Persuading people it is their duty, not only to other families but to the future of their own children as well, pressuring parents through changes in the tax structure which will discourage rather than encourage excessive childbearing, and, to the extent that these means prove inadequate, initiate coercive sanctions insofar as necessary and practicable."

### JEWISH STUDIES

New York—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith has announced the publication of instructional materials on Jews and Judaism prepared especially for parochial schools. The new materials are an outgrowth of a closed circuit television series on Jews and Judaism produced by the New York Archdiocese and the A.D.L. (NC)

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