

Notre Dame Goes Up to \$3,100

Notre Dame, Ind.—(RNS)—Increases of \$200 a year in tuition and \$50 in room, board and laundry charges have been announced by the University of Notre Dame. Costs now are \$2,100 for tuition and an average of \$1,000 for room, board and laundry.

Noting that the university's annual deficit over the last two years was \$900,000, lower than the losses sustained by many other institutions, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., said the trustees decided that "it would be irresponsible, to say the least, to permit such deficits to recur indefinitely." He said "our expectation is that for the foreseeable future, tuition and fees will increase an average of \$150 annually."

Financial Statement Sought

Chicago—(RNS)—Chicago's Catholic school board has called for public disclosure of archdiocesan income and expenditures, but it rejected a bid for a full financial statement of assets and liabilities.

Board members, reporting on hearings held throughout the archdiocese, said that a report on financial conditions is being demanded by parishioners.

The board declared it would do everything possible to keep the schools open in the coming year and would not close them as a protest against the Illinois legislature's failure to provide state aid to private education.

Father Robert H. Clark, superintendent of schools, said he will continue efforts to bring about a cooperative, part-time enrollment program with Chicago and suburban public schools. The Catholic office also will proceed with Operation Friendship, which involves assistance to poorer parishes by more affluent congregations.

N.Y. Abortion Law Termed 'Evil' by Greek Church Unit

New York—(RNS)—Abortion and laws making termination of pregnancy easier were condemned as "evil" and "immoral" by the 20th biennial clergy-laity congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Singled out for condemnation was a New York State law, which went into effect during the meeting, that gives a woman the right, in consultation with her physician, to decide an abortion up to the 24th week of pregnancy. There is no residence requirement.

"We . . . must give a clarion call to all the people of our nation warning them of this serious violation of the reverence for life by the indiscriminate exercise of abortion," said one approved document on social and moral issues.

The 1,000 delegates represented a Greek Orthodox constituency of 1.8 millions in the Western Hemisphere.

The leader of the Greek Orthodox Church said he was "terribly against" legalized abortion, calling it destructive of "the very structure of our society."

Archbishop Iakovos said he could find "no justification whatsoever" for intervention by the state in this area of human life.

Greek Church OK's Vernacular

New York—(RNS)—In the most dramatic move of its 50-year history, the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas has approved the use of vernacular languages in its services.

No repudiation of Greek was involved in the action of the biennial clergy-laity congress here. The resolution, which had the support of Archbishop Iakovos, the American primate, gave local parish priests, in consultation with bishops, the right to decide on the language question.

Debate was lengthy and emotional, but the affirmative vote of the 1,000 delegates was overwhelming. The use of vernacular in the weekly liturgy and measures toward non-Greek languages in sacramental rites was introduced at the congress by Archbishop Iakovos in a "State of the Church Message."

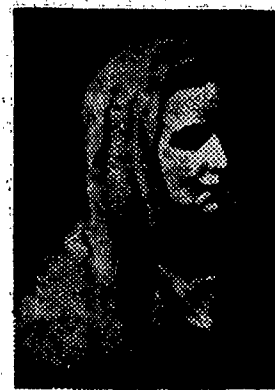
Archdiocese Gives Assist To Needy

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — Parishes and organizations in the area's low-income communities may have an easier time getting their projects off the ground after a financial assist from a new non-profit corporation.

The corporation, called the Christian Sharing Fund (CSF), was established by the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese to collect up to \$100,000 to fund pilot projects or initiate neighborhood programs awaiting major funding.

In announcing CSF, Coadjutor Archbishop Leo C. Byrne said that the archdiocese's Urban Affairs Commission plans to match any donations up to \$50,000. The funds will be used in programs involving parish volunteer services and others such as legal aid, day care, health and welfare or adult and youth education.

CSF is designed to increase the "dignity, self-respect and self-determination among those who should be the church's first citizens, the poor," the archbishop's statement said.



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