

COURIER-JOURNAL

NEWSPAPER OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER



Search and Destroy

Vietnamese children stand with a U.S. Marine as they watch their house burn. An Allied patrol set the hut afire after finding Communist ammunition in it. The village is about 25 miles south of Danang. (RNS Photo).

Msgr. Randall Retires from Duties

Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier-Journal since 1942, resigned last week and retired from active duty in the diocese.

Ordained in 1931, Msgr. Randall's priestly service included 14 years as pastor, 18 years as director of the diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith and 28 years of association with the Courier-Journal. Several times in his career he held two or three responsible assignments at once.

In announcing the retirement Jan. 19 at a meeting of the Courier-Journal board of directors, Bishop Hogan declared:

"Msgr. Randall's zealous contribution to the life of our diocese as editor and pastor, leader of our diocesan mission work, fund raiser and civic leader, leaves us deeply in his debt."

As director of the mission apostolate, he was a familiar figure through his Sunday appeals in behalf of the missions in approximately 40 different churches each year from 1937 into the 50's.

Msgr. Randall played a key role in the financial planning and building of most of the major institutions erected in the diocese in the past three decades.

As coordinator of fund-raising efforts he directed major campaigns in behalf of Catholic University of America, Naz-



MSGR. JOHN S. RANDALL

areth College, St. John Fisher College, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Andrew's Seminary, and six high schools.

Msgr. Randall served as diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1938 to 1952, and was pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, from 1952 to 1966.

Anthony Costello, advertising manager of the Courier-Journal, was named general manager of the paper, the first layman to hold the top managerial post. Father Richard Tormey remains as executive editor, and Carmen Vigucci is editor.

During Msgr. Randall's 28-year tenure as managing editor of the Courier-Journal the newspaper's circulation was increased from 17,000 to 61,000.

In addition to his efforts for the newspaper, Msgr. Randall was widely known throughout the nation for his leadership in the Catholic Press Association.

He served two terms as president of the national Catholic Press Association from 1965 to 1968, and was active on many of the association's committees.

For 32 years Msgr. Randall had been chaplain to the Sisters in the Carmelite Monastery on Jefferson Road. He also had served as chaplain for the Rochester Police Bureau Holy Name Society and for the AFL-CIO Council.

Even during his tenure as pastor of Immaculate Conception parish, from '52 to '66, he remained chaplain of the Carmelites and served them regularly.

Also prominent in his multifaceted activity was his interest in drama. He organized and for many years directed the Blackfriars Guild drama group in the diocese. He was selected for the Commander's Award of the Order of St. Genesius, highest award of the National Catholic Theater Conference, in 1964.

During World War II he was director of the National Catholic Community Service Or-

(Continued on Page 2)

Action on Blaine Will Be Too Late, Bishops Tell Rocky

The New York State Conference of Catholic Bishops has told Gov. Rockefeller that the Bishops consider passage of the Blaine repealer as no adequate answer to the problems facing the Catholic schools in the state.

A three-page letter signed by Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York City on behalf of all the state's bishops was sent to the governor and presented to every legislator Monday, Jan. 25, by the Catholic Committee which represents the eight Catholic dioceses of the state.

The letter, written in response to the Governor's message in which he stated the Blaine repealer was his answer to the needs of nonpublic schools, clearly states that the bishops believe a constitutional change is fine, but that a pro-

gram of immediate aid is necessary, desirable and deserved from this year's legislature.

"The enactment of a Parent-Aid Bill to help . . . defray increased tuition payments" is what the bishops urge the governor to sponsor. They note that it is clearly constitutional and modeled on the governor's own 10-year student-assistance program on the college level. It is, the bishops say, a logical development of his program.

The bishops stated:

"We continue to favor the repeal of Blaine and are grateful to you and the many legislators who have striven to remove it from our Constitution."

However, they say, the problem is cost and Blaine repeal is a philosophical reply rather than a dollar and cents reply. "The repeal of Blaine by itself would not produce financial aid to nonpublic education. Repeal would not by itself provide a single dollar of aid for nonpublic elementary and secondary education."

What is needed, they say, is "enactment of legislation establishing a meaningful program of state aid structured in such a way as to comply with the limitations of the U.S. First Amendment."

This kind of aid, they add, can best be accomplished through a parent-aid bill which will help supporters of nonpublic schools, parents and others, to defray increased tuition payments.

Outlining the reason why Parent Aid is the desirable and necessary solution the bishops pointed out:

1. It is constitutional and modeled on the governor's own tuition aid program on the college level, now 10 years old and a real help to parents and students in meeting increased costs in whichever college they choose to attend.

2. It is based on need and full administrative safeguards are built in to guard against any abuse.

3. It can be passed this year and provide immediate help in the financial crisis which the bishops say "is already upon us."

The governor's message mentioned awaiting the report of the Fleischmann Education Aid Study Commission. The bishops make clear that the report (which the commission announced will not be ready until after the 1971 legislature ends) is eagerly awaited. But to take no action in the meantime, they say, would mean "tragic conse-

(Continued on Page 2)



ANTHONY J. COSTELLO

Costello Named Courier GM

Anthony J. Costello, 32, has been named the general manager of the Courier-Journal, official newspaper of the Rochester Diocese, it was announced last Wednesday by the Most Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, bishop of Rochester.

He will succeed Msgr. John S. Randall, 64, who retired from active work in the diocese. Msgr. Randall had been managing editor of the newspaper for 28 years. The job title is being changed to general manager to signify that it is the top managerial post at the Courier.

Costello, who has been ad-

(Continued on Page 2)

ON THE INSIDE

Features	Columnists
Editorial 18	Greeley 16
TV Movies 5	Costa 12
Letters 18-19	Cuddy 16
Music Bag 5	Kennedy 18
Entertainment 17	Shamon 18
Sports 10	Child 17

Courier-Journal

New Pledge?

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, and dedicate myself to the task of making it one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

What do you think of this addition? See Page 2.