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Bishop Hogan Explains WHY PARENT AID IS A MUST

My Dear People:

I speak to you tonight on a matter which should be of grave concern to all who appreciate the freedom of the full expression of our religious convictions guaranteed by the Constitution of these United States.

Since the infant days of the Church in America, our Catholic people, following the leadership of their pioneer bishops, have expressed in a practical manner a realization that it would be a useless acceptance of our declared right to worship God freely unless their people were offered the basic

education which would train them in the knowledge and love of God.

"The school before the Church" became a rallying cry to which Catholic Americans have responded generously these many years at the cost of great personal sacrifice.

And even when, at the turn of the Century, the right clearly stated in the Constitution received official sanction through a famous decision of the Supreme Court, the exercise of the right was permitted only under heavy penalties. This nation has been saying in fact to

those who have opted to use a guaranteed right endorsed by our highest judicial power: "You do have an undeniable right to choose schools for your children in which religious and moral values can be openly proclaimed — but you must pay to exercise this right".

And pay for it dearly we have through a system of double taxation until we have reached a now which represents the limit of our tolerance. Our voices are beginning to be heard in our halls of government reaching a cry made in the days in which we strove for

our independency as a nation — "taxation without representation is tyranny".

I speak to all of you tonight in an appeal to you to add your voice to this cry and to encourage you to make yourself heard until justice in this country is a reality. And it is a matter of justice — we are not asking for concessions prompted by charity.

My recent pastoral letter encouraging our people to efforts of consolidation of schools and inter-parochial cooperation is only an emergency measure — and nothing more — aimed at

saving and revitalizing all we can of our Catholic education program for the moment.

The harsh reality which glares at us is this — we have reached such a level of financial and personnel crisis (inseparable factors) in our school system that our glorious past will be but a memory very soon unless we receive some form of public assistance.

I am calling upon all of you to participate in a truly apostolic work — a political action program which will benefit the

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New Board to Push For Parish Councils

Elmira — The extension of parish councils throughout the diocese will be the first step in the development of plans for the future Diocesan Pastoral Council, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty announced here this week.

us toward a step-by-step plan leading to the establishment of the diocesan council."

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Bishop McCafferty, named March 25 by Bishop Hogan to be director of planning for the diocesan council, said that only one third of 192 parishes in the diocese have functioning councils now.

"We hope to help parishes without councils to get them started," he said, "and also help frame guidelines for those already in existence."

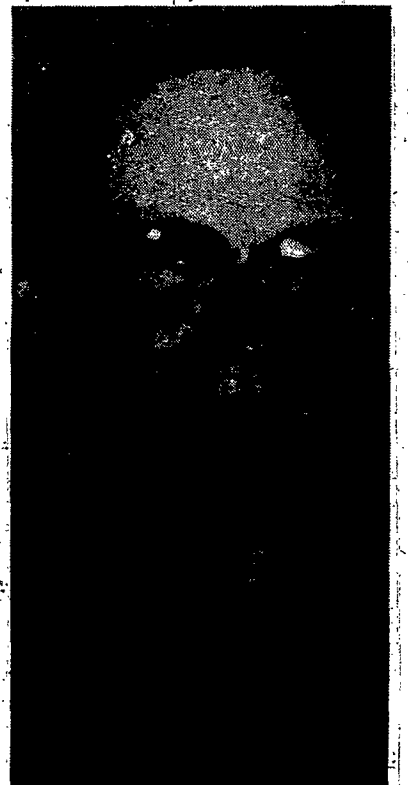
Msgr. Donald J. Muleahy has given up the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church in Victor, to be full-time executive secretary of the planning program leading toward the pastoral council.

He formerly served for seven years as director of the Diocesan Catholic Charities after 14 years as assistant director of Charities and head of Catholic Family Center.

"The Pastoral Council, ordered by Vatican II for all the dioceses of the world, has been one of Bishop Hogan's primary goals," Bishop McCafferty noted in discussing the origin of his new task. "The Bishop hopes to achieve a truly representative council, with a membership from all parts of the diocese and with all the laity, religious and priests having a voice."

The Vatican Council document, *The Apostolate of the Laity*, recommended diocesan councils to encourage broad collegiality in decision making on issues touching an entire diocese, Bishop McCafferty said.

"Our own Priests' Council, or Senate, after many discussions on the philosophy and make up of the pastoral body have urged the decision which now points



MSGR. E. BALL
... in 1958 photo

Msgr. E. Ball Dies in Florida

Msgr. Edward Ball, pastor emeritus of St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, and brother of Msgr. John Ball, died Monday, March 29, while vacationing in Florida. He would have celebrated his 50th jubilee in June.

He had retired last June, after 25 years in the Geneva pastorate. He was onetime dean of the Ontario-Seneca-Yates deanery, and served as principal of De Sales High School in Geneva from 1928 until 1939.

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Everything Is Beautiful

The second annual Beautiful Day at St. Agnes High School last week gave the students the opportunity to don their best fashions and thwart the winter blahs. Music in the cafeteria and library, art on the walls, flowers here and there all help to buoy spirits and greet Spring.

Lenten Thoughts

A Way of the Cross

By FR. JAMES COSGROVE

"Lenten Thoughts" should more correctly be phrased "Springboards for Thoughts for Lent."

The thoughts of others are others' thoughts — not ours. In Lent, as at no other time of the year, the object of our thoughts, or more correctly, the springboard of our thoughts, is "The Way of the Cross."



LENTE THOUGHTS

This is the fifth in a series of Lenten messages for Courier-Journal readers by pastors from throughout the Diocese. Father James Cosgrove is pastor of Holy Angels in Nunda.

The set of Stations that always seemed to be a wonderful "springboard" to further thought is at the Priest's Retreat House in Piffard. The Stations are only small wooden crosses with the number corresponding to the Stations, and underneath each one is a small

plaque with one word in Latin on it. That one word was the fruit of some Monk's or Monks' meditation and it was certainly a wonderful "springboard" for thoughts on the Way of the Cross for the many Priests who made these outdoor stations.

Here's how they read:

- I. Jesus is condemned to death.
Sileniter—silently.
- II. Jesus bears His Cross.
Libenter—willingly.
- III. Jesus falls the first time.
Humaniter—humanly
- IV. Jesus meets His Mother.
Concorditer—heart with heart
- V. Jesus is helped by Simon.
Uniter—together.
- VI. Veronica wipes His face.
Indulgentiter—kindly.
- VII. Jesus falls a second time.
Patienter—patiently.
- VIII. Jesus speaks

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