



A Pulpit For Speno-Lerner

David Hayes, one of several students who spoke throughout the diocese Sunday, addresses the congregation of St. Michael's on the Speno-Lerner Bill for aid to nonpublic schools.

If parochial schools fail financially, "their students would have to attend public school," and this "would increase the burden on the taxpayer," he pointed out. He asked for the congregation's support of the efforts to get the bill through the legislature.

Forget Differences, Pope Tells Faithful

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope Paul has called on Catholics to learn to love one another and feel close to each other "despite social and political differences."

Addressing participants in a symposium of the Vatican Council of the Laity on "Dialogue Within the Church," the Pope stressed that dialogue means "learning to know one another as members of the Church" and becoming aware of one's closeness to Christ.

The pontiff singled out what he considered to be obstacles to genuine dialogue within the Church — "inertia, individualistic isolation, and formation of groups closed in on themselves."

He also scolded those Catholics "who claim to be self-sufficient" and would like to create a Church adapted to their own self-sufficient image.

He deplored what he called "harsh and often disloyal criticism within the Church," and expressed dismay at "noisy violence" which derives its methods from outside the Christian spirit.

The following day, in an address to Romans and pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, Pope Paul referred to the symposium of the Laity as organized by "Catholics faithful to the Church" and as "a most authentic, Catholic and Apostolic expression" of their fidelity.

The participants, he said, were dedicated to exploring the mystery of unity and grace within the Church, and promoting a communion of charity and activity.

Pope Paul said the meeting was an event of the "utmost importance, since participants came from all over the world to discuss "the position and function of laymen in the Church."

The Council of the Laity was established by Pope Paul in 1967. Its general purpose is to promote the development of the lay apostolate.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Father Richard Torney will speak on communications in the church at the First Friday-Mass League luncheon at noon April 2 in the Top of the Plaza restaurant.

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Rabbi Favors Public Aid For Religious Schools

New York—America has "a crucial stake" in the education offered in religious schools, a prominent rabbi has declared.

In a radio talk, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, said that liberals who have evinced concern for public education should display the same solicitude for the pressing problems of religious education.

"The entire American people," Rabbi Tanenbaum said, "and certainly this advanced technological society, have a

crucial stake in the quality of education of the several million people who attend Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant religious schools. This deep, valid human concern for excellence in education has led many liberal lead-

ers to respond to the educational needs of minority children with impressive flexibility and innovative imagination.

"Cannot some of the same flexibility, compassionate care, and creative imagination be exercised in relation to this equally pressing educational problem which has reached crisis proportions?" Rabbi Tanenbaum asked.

Deaths

Fr. Seraphin, Former Capuchin Provincial

The Very Rev. Seraphin Winterroth, OFM., a Rochesterian who formerly was minister provincial of the New York and New England Capuchin province, died March 16, 1971, in Garrison. He was 72 years old.



Father Winterroth had been superior at St. Fidelis Friary, Interlaken, from 1967 until last summer. Later, he had been registrar and assistant librarian at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Garrison.

He was the first elected provincial in his area, serving from 1955 until 1961. He was born here and brought up in St. Michael's parish. He entered the order in 1918 at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit and was ordained in 1925 at St. Anthony's Seminary, Marathon, Wisconsin. His assignments included several parishes in New York City. In the early fifties, he was superior of the Capuchin Indian mission in Ashland, Montana.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Stella Hesselink and Mrs. Rufus Maier, and a brother, Adolph, all of Rochester. Another brother was the late Father Theodore Winterroth, a diocesan priest who died in 1957.

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