

# Pontiff Sets Guidelines On Liturgical Music

Vatican City —(RNS)—Pope Paul VI told teachers of liturgical music here that "love and fidelity" to Catholicism should be the "bases of liturgical singing in the Church."

The Pope, addressing a thousand nuns who were participating in a national convention on liturgical singing, said care should be exercised in the choice of music for liturgical singing "because not all music is valid for such a purpose."

He urged teachers to make "wise, prudent, and impartial choices of sacred hymns, so that, guided by the norms of the Church, by your own liturgical awareness, and by the study of the faith, you may arrive at the right choice of hymns that will eventually be on the lips and in the hearts of the faithful for decades to come."

The Pope's remarks on church singing coincided with a series of recommendations on liturgical music appearing in the latest issue of *Notitiae*, a bulletin of the Vatican Congregation

on Divine Worship. The recommendation contained some specifics that were implied, but not stipulated, in a 1967 document.

The recommendations, which are not binding, suggested that some traditional wedding music, including the popular recessional march from Wagner's "Loh-

engrin," be replaced by "more sacred" compositions. Also suggested for replacement were such selections as Mendelssohn's Wedding march, Handel's "Lar-

go," Gounod's and Schubert's "Ave Marie," and Stradella's "Aria di Chiesa."

The congregations said that such compositions were "unsuitable for ritual celebrations."

## Nixon Plan On School Aid Hit by NEA

Washington, D.C. —(RNS)—President Nixon's plan to extend "aid to students in non-public schools" through revenue sharing funds in education was attacked here by the National Education Association.

The organization of public school teachers which has always opposed parochial aid, claimed the President's proposal would allow racially segregated institutions to receive federal funds.

Mr. Nixon would distribute \$3 billion to state and local governments on the basis of population for a variety of uses. Without elaborating, he said the fund would considerably broaden "the authority for extending aid to students in non-public schools." Private and parochial institutions presumably would be included.

The NEA has long opposed public aid to parochial schools. In making its first move against the President's revenue sharing idea, NEA president Helen Bain listed two objections.

She said the \$3 billion would represent the limit of federal assistance to education and the plan would bypass state education agencies in distributing funds.

In response to the charge that revenue sharing would give support to racially segregated institutions, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare said "segregation academies" in the South would not qualify because of the provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

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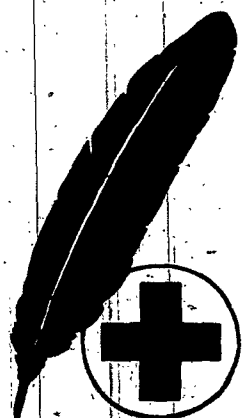
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