

# Youth Education Discussed

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theology departments of their schools.

Speakers cited the lack of communication between the high school religion faculties and the parish priests. But they insisted that many of the tales carried home about what the schools are teaching are "exaggerated and erroneous."

"Let us know when the students twist and change what we are trying to teach," Father Kline said.

"We do teach, in the spirit of Vatican II, that youth must weigh moral values and that there is a personal responsibility on all Christians to invoke freedom of conscience to think and to judge. But it is not true that the obligation of Sunday

Mass is not being taught or that we say attendance at Mass may be left to the whim or the mood of the youth."

Discussing values which youth holds today, the teachers admitted that the large proportion of teenagers missing Mass believe the obligation for Sunday worship does not bind "if I do not find value in it." A non-meaningful liturgy or an imposed morality is rejected because the method takes the value out of the content according to the teen-mind, they said.

Father Thomas Reddington described the successful projects of the Religious Formation Board in Holy Name parish in Greece where 200 parishioners share the educational program which is "not child-oriented but aimed at parish community development".

Father Lewis Brown of St. Alphonsus parish, Auburn, and Father David Simon of St. Patrick's, Victor, made a presentation of factors required for blending teachers, pupils and materials into a workable junior-senior high religious program.

Sacramental guidelines were discussed by Msgr. Leslie Whalen and Fathers William Frankhauser, S.J., Edward E. Steinkirchner, Bernard F. Dollen, Robert F. O'Neill, Eugene Weis, William Amann, Paul McCabe, Charles Latus and William Michatek.

Other speakers were Father Albert J. Shamon, Daniel Holland and Edmund Walker, O.F.M. Cap., of the diocesan Office of Education.



Father Daniel Holland, director of CCD programs in the Rochester diocese, discusses religious education at the priests' conference in Canandaigua.

## Teachers' Role Irreplaceable - Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, in an audience with delegates to the 8th Congress of the World Union of Catholic Teachers in training and education, underscored "the irreplaceable role" of Catholic in new generations.

Speaking in French, the Pope reminded the delegates that the Church placed great trust in her school teachers, constantly urging them to be alert to the ever-changing conditions of modern youth's life-style and

"to the profound needs of tomorrow's society."

Such needs must stimulate Catholic teachers to find better means of preparing not only their pupils but themselves to meet the challenge, he said.

Pope Paul continued: "This is an aim that should polarize all your debates and discussions. It is a serious problem. In the midst of so many different ideologies and of so many moral choices, (you must ask your-

selfes) how you can give young people the pleasure of searching for truth and goodness, how you can help them to learn to make right value judgments, how you can help to prepare them to commit themselves to the service of their brothers."

The World Union of Catholic Teachers was founded at Rome in 1951.

## Pope Paul Encyclicals To Be Printed

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Press will publish a special one-volume edition of the encyclicals of Pope Paul VI. It will constitute an addition to already published volumes under the general title, "The Teachings of Paul the Sixth."

Pope Paul's encyclicals:

- "Ecclesiam Suam" (His Church), on Vatican II themes, Aug. 6, 1964.
- "Mense Maio" (The month of May), prayer for the success of Vatican II and for peace, April 29, 1965.
- "Christi Matris Rosarii" (Rosary of the Mother of Christ), September 15, 1966.
- "Populorum Progressio" (The Development of Peoples), March 26, 1967.
- "Sacerdotalis Caelibatus" (Priestly Celibacy), June 24, 1967.
- "Humanae Vitae" (Of Human Life), a statement on marriage and sex, upholding the Church's official ban on artificial contraception, July 25, 1968.

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## Bishops' Session Seen 'Negative'

Chicago — (RNS) — The National Federation of Priests' Councils strongly criticized the "completely negative tone" of the U.S. Catholic bishops meeting in Detroit, keying particularly on the "failure" of the bishops to discuss the "crucial" issues of celibacy and the Vietnam war.

Holding that celibacy has also become a symbol of the bishops' "die-hard determination" to dominate priests' lives in the U.S., the statement charged that only the moves of other national hierarchies to force discussion of celibacy at the Synod "may save the Church in the U.S."

The NFPC predicted that without full and open discussion of the issue in Rome next Fall, with views presented from

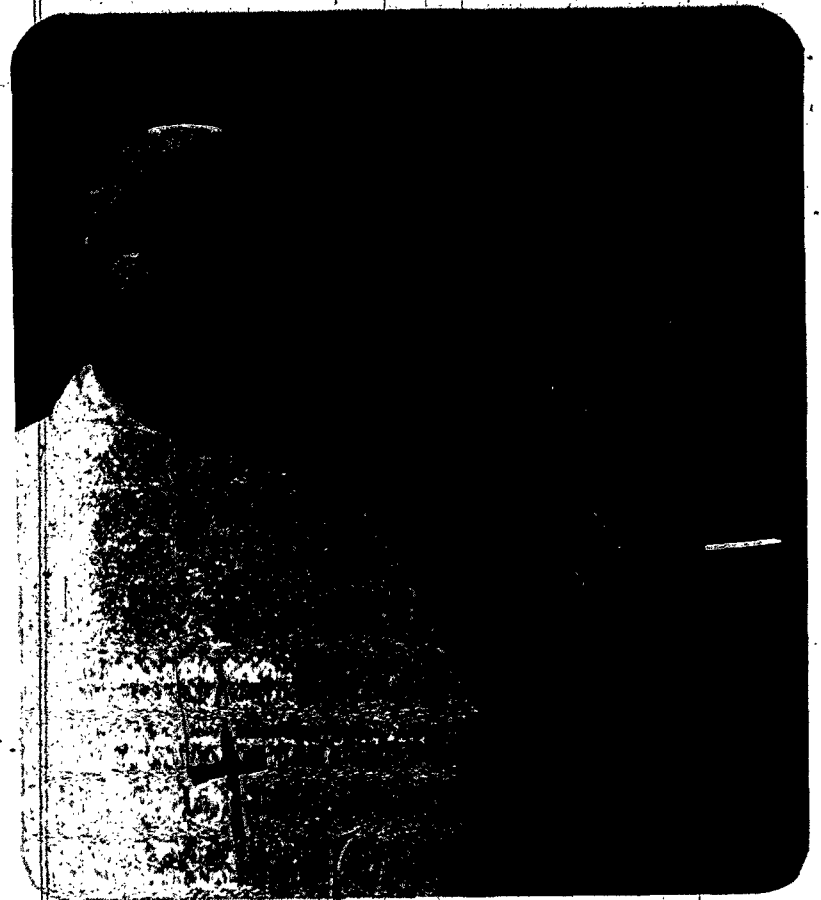
all sides, the crisis over celibacy in the U.S. may get out of control.

The national organization of 130 priests' councils, senates and associations, which claims to represent some 60 per cent of U.S. priests, chided the bishops for failing to recognize the danger and warned that further neglect "will only lend support to clandestine marriages among the clergy."

Conceding that the warning is "dire, but not unwarranted," the NFPC statement also lashed out at the NCCB's "negative response" to what it called "valuable studies on the priesthood" which the bishops had ordered undertaken.

## Durer's 500th Anniversary

New York — (RNS) — Current exhibitions in New York, Washington, and Nuremberg celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Albrecht Durer, whose sketch "Praying Hands," has become one of the best-known pieces of religious art in the world.



## Pope, Rogers Talk

Pope Paul VI and William P. Rogers, United States secretary of state, met at the Vatican as Rogers headed home from his visit to the Middle East. Among items the pair reportedly discussed was the plight of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

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