

Bernstein's "Labor of Love"

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) Composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein gestures as he tells a news conference that the work he is preparing for the Sept. 8 opening of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is a "labor of love." The work, Mass, was composed in part because of a request of the late President's widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis.

In outline, Bernstein's Mass looks like the traditional Roman Catholic liturgy. But it is not traditional in music or in staging. Entitled "A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and

Dancers," the work uses popular, rock and blues motifs. It is built around the five musical parts of the Mass: Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei. Introit, confession, Epistle, Gospel, Sermon, offertory and Lord's Prayer sequences are

Educators Praise Move

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Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of Catholic schools, praised the disclosure, saying it was "what we would consider to be the most promising avenue open to us.'

The tax credit system, he said, "seems to meet all the objections of the Supreme Court."

Father Brent indicated that the tax credit would "preserve parent's rights," in the educa-tion of their children.

"This makes good the Presidents statement last week. We are very encouraged by this approach," he said.

On the other hand, "we still opt for the tuition grants to parents on a voucher system,' Father Shamon said.

Archdiocese To Move Its Offices

New York - (RNS) - The Catholic Archdiocese of New York has announced plans to consolidate its principal offices in a new \$21.5 million, 20-story building now under construc-tion. The building is being constructed on the former site of St. John the Evangelist Church, which will have facilities in the

The Cathedral Girls' High School, whose present building has been sold for \$8.5 million to a company that will build an office building on the site, will move into the new archdiocesan building, occupying the first five floors.

Transfer of the archdiocesan offices will vacate the Villard Houses, where the chancery and numerous other offices are now located, and the 15-story Catholic Charities building.

The lease, together with the sale of the old Charities building, made the move financially possible, he said. Calling attention to the real estate taxes involved, the archdiocesan announcement included a statement by Richard Lewisohn, city finance administrator.

"By vacating three valuable Manhattan properties and thus putting them on the city's tax rolls," Lewisohn said, "the archdiocese is increasing our income substantially and help-ing the city in this time of painful revenue shortages."

"The nice feature of such a system," he said, "is that it will put control of schools in the hands of parents; it will demand performance from the schools; and industry (private enterprise) will get into the school business."

A spokesman for the presidential commission said that under the tax credit system, parents could deduct school expenses from their taxable income up to a specified level. If school costs were higher, par-

ents would receive direct rebates.

Parochial schools educate 5.4 million children in the United States. Catholic children account for 4.9 million of them.

The commission is also studying a voucher proposal which was recently adopted by Minnesota.

Under the proposal the government would issue vouchers to parents to pay for either public or private educational

Diocesan **Appointments**



SEPTEMBER

- 2 Family Retreat Celebration of the Eucharist -Camp Stella Maris - 4 p.m.
- 3 Celebration of the Eucharist for Religious Coordinators - Mt. Vernon Avenue Prayer House - 11:30
- 4 Radio Message WSAY and Affiliates 7 p.m.
- Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy WHEC - 10 a.m.
- 7 Priest's Council St. Bernard's Seminary 10:30
- 12 Celebration of Eucharist Fortieth Anniversary of Rev. John Healy, St. Anne's, Palmyra - 12 p.m.
- Dedication of Bosco House Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Buffalo Road, 4 p.m.
- Interdepartmental Staff Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- Fall Clergy Conferences, Notre Dame Retreat House
- 18 WSAY and Affiliates 7 p.m.
- 19 Centennial Celebration of Nazareth Academy Celebration of the Eucharist, Sacred Heart Cathedral .
- 20 New York State Meeting of Bishops New York City - 11 a.m.
- Quinquennial Meeting of Society of Propagation of the Faith - New York City
- 26 Adult Confirmation Sacred Heart Cathedral 3
- 27 Concelebration of the Eucharist with Classes of 1950 and 1951 - 5 p.m.
- Luncheon Meeting with Legion of Mary Directors

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Good Is Not Dead, Pontiff Declares

Pope Paul VI reaffirmed his faith in the supremacy of goodness over "the evil that man creates for himself."

Speaking to throngs gathered here recently the Pope declared: "Goodness is not beaten. It is not dead. As a matter of fact, it is growing and becoming stronger compared with the evil it confronts."

The pontiff observed that if one looked at "the world scene," one saw a situation that could well beget pessimism and despair. "Armed conflicts, revolutions, tensions, violence. financial crises . . . tragic acci-

dents, crimes . . . the ignoble and fearful diffusion of drugs provocative public displays . "

These are some of the evils that "man creates for himself," he said.

"But," he said, "if we look closer . . . we can also see a

great deal of good grain among the chaff. It is found in the innumerable honest and modest, silent and orderly hardworking and faithful lives which still form the texture of society.

"The humble and sacrificial nature of these lives expresses a vocation, a donation, a mission of faith and love that gives rise to a golden harvest of goodness," the pontiff said.

"It is up to each one of us to generate more and more of this goodness," the Pope con-

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"moral, spiritual and religious values" necessary in our times were stressed in private schools, the President said the closing trend must be reversed, and You can count on my help."

The President's speech close-ly followed an address by Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, who spoke of the recent Supreme Court decision against public aid to Catholic schools as "unreasonable and discriminatory."

"There is undoubtedly a very serious problem in the court's decision," Tobin commented this week, "for any religious body which seriously considers its responsibility to society.

"The language of the decision is frightening. More and more religious groups are beginning to notice this.

"I hope the President, who had the opportunity to hear this made very clear in Cardi-

nal Cooke's talk, will turn his attention not only to the schools but to the problems of the public debate as well."

Tobin had just returned from Osage, Mo., where the semi-annual meeting of State Catholic Conference directors was The Conferences are unanimously behind an immediate program of federal aid." he reported.

"That and the language of the Justice Burger Supreme Court decision, which attacked the right of religious bodies to enter the public debate to support views which they consider essential to society, were among the major topics discussed." he

ADDRESS CORRECTION

The address of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality is 402 South Avenue. The address was given incorrectly in last weeks' Courier.



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