



Turning up Everywhere

The "Jesus — One Way" sign is turning up everywhere these days, even on the hard hat of an unidentified firefighter getting a little rest from battling a forest fire raging through thousands of acres of rugged mountain wilderness around Big Sur, Calif. (RNS)

School Man Sees Federal Flood Aid 'Half a Loaf'

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To the chairman of public relations for the Chemung County Catholic School Board, the recently passed \$1.7 billion flood aid bill which includes aid to private educational institutions means "a half a loaf of bread" for Catholic schools in Corning and Elmira.

"We will receive federal tax money to repair, replace and refurbish facilities, equipment and materials of a non-sectarian nature," Dr. Thomas Curran explained. "But it ignores the need of the individual, the parent, in private schools. The parent who has had substantial losses and is limited in what he can pay in tuition and collections."

The federal bill has ignored these needs and this is why we must turn to the state for additional aid, he continued.

As a result of the bill, Corning and Elmira will receive \$300,000. Curran, who is called the father of Corning's consolidated school system by superintendent of schools Father Daniel Brent, said the need was at least \$600,000.

The office of Emergency Preparedness had been in the flood hit area before the bill was signed last week to decide on the funds needed.

It was decided at that time that \$122,000 would be granted to

Elmira's consolidated schools for building and equipment, repairs and replacement. Notre Dame high school will receive \$60,000.

Corning will receive \$62,000 for St. Vincent's school and additional funds if former school buildings are put back into full time use.

Curran praised the bill for helping not only the flood stricken Southern Tier but also Pennsylvania, Maryland and all areas hit by tropical storm Agnes, and for helping disaster inflicted private schools of the future "who don't have the good fortune of being hit the last day of school."

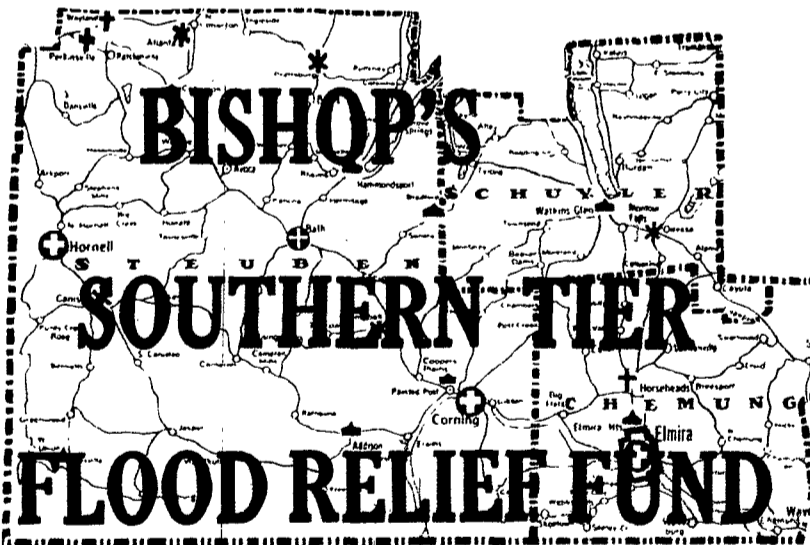
Another positive point cited by Curran is that the grants made possible by the bill will help between 35 to 40 schools, from elementary to college level private institutions.

But he stressed two points.

"The bill is creating a smoke screen, it is saying we are receiving the same things the public schools are receiving, and we are not," Curran stressed.

The public schools aid bill grants aid in two other segments: it creates a leasing arrangement for any facilities or equipment they need, and there is a tax income guarantee which makes it

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Pollution tester: this is only one of a multitude of instruments used by Delta Laboratory to find unhealthy contaminants. For story, see centerfold.

Back to School Time Again

Education in the diocese is the major topic throughout the Courier-Journal this week. Watch for our "School's Today" signature for stories on schools.

The Olympics start this week and both John Doser and George Beahon have some comments to make on how they're financed. Their thoughts are on Page 13.

Bishop Hogan continues his treatise on American devotion to Mary on Page 3.

Sara Child's family has just moved to a new

house; and the experience will provide, we're sure, grist for many funny stories. Sara's "Saga of the Fireplug" can be found on Page 18.

The Year of Renewal is shaping up. Plans and some of Father Daniel Holland's thoughts on the year can be found on Page 7.