

Next week, Part VII: Catholics and Confession.

# Time of Renewal

education in the development of moral character and strength in Catholic children.

In general, Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester feel that parochial education is better than public education. But, the survey questionnaires, group discussions and personal interviews indicate that Catholics no longer strongly support the idea of separate parochial schools because they feel they cannot afford what is needed to compete with the public schools today.

religious education provided in the CCD, or released time classes, assumes added importance. The adequacy of the books and other materials for religious education is seen as uneven by many Catholics, and many others could not express an opinion about them at all.

51% of the Catholics surveyed either did not know or gave no opinion about the training and competence of the CCD teachers. Of those who did, most (38%) thought they were excellent or adequate. But there was concern that, because of limited time and

Family participating in Family Life Sunday (Courier-Journal photo)

Primary and high school religion texts

Grammar School graduating class, 1964 (Lynn Dunham Studio photo)

