

Catholic Schools OK'd For Section 5 Play

The five Catholic high schools in Section 5 will be allowed to compete for the first time in sectional athletic tournaments next year, it has been learned by John Doser, Courier-Journal sports columnist.

Sectional schools approved the entry of the Catholic schools by a 56-38 vote last week. The principal, superintendent and athletic director from each school in the section participated in the vote.

The Catholic schools affected are Aquinas Institute, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney and McQuaid Jesuit in the Rochester area and DeSales of Geneva.

Notre Dame in Elmira is in another section.

The decision was made on a two-year experimental basis, includes all sectional sports, and also will admit other private schools such as Harley, Allendale-Columbia and Houghton. A difficulty exists in their cases since schools must belong to a league to participate in the sectionals and these particular schools do not.

Instrumental in the affirmative decision, after years of negotiations, were Father Eugene Zimpfer of McQuaid and Herbert Bettinger, superintendent of Pittsford High, according to Doser.

The 'Charismatics' . . . a Close Look

The charismatic renewal has been growing not only in numbers but also as a topic of conversation among Catholics. A special Religious News Service report on PAGE 5 points up the popularity of the movement exemplified by the recent national conference which drew 22,000 adherents. The article, however, also tells of criticism of the movement which claims that it is too spiritual and not enough involved in social action.

"Liturgy, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" will be the theme of a special workshop on worship to take place Aug. 17-18 at St. John Fisher College. Father Robert Hovda will be the main speaker. PAGE 2.

The Clinical Pastoral Education program at Strong Memorial Hospital is designed to provide those in the religious ministry with first-hand experience in dealing with human suffering. Staff writer Pat Petraske this week describes the work of two seminarians in the program. PAGE 3.

And still speaking about hospitals, but in a lighter vein, Charles Randisi tells about a letter to the editor using greeting cards to be used for gifts for patients that got results, above and beyond the writer's expectations. PAGE 16.

When present-day parents in criticizing modern youth use the phrase "when we were their age" they are making an error, says Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. Today's parents "never were their age," the Bishop points out, explaining that today's youth have had much more experience in their short lives because of increased technology. Read the second part of the Bishop's series, Youth in the Church, on PAGE 3 today.

Dr. J. Kenneth O'Loane has been long involved in the fight for governmental aid to nonpublic schools. Presently he is research chairman for the Citizens for Educational Freedom. In the wake of the recent Supreme Court decisions adversely affecting nonpublic school aid, Dr. O'Loane consented to analyze the court's rulings for the Courier-Journal. His analysis is on PAGE 2.



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Unusual Classroom

With the sunny weather of summer, any plot of grass can be a classroom, as Bible school teacher Mary Jo De Angelo found when she took her students into the old graveyard of Our Mother of Sorrows church.

Vatican Defends Doctrine Against 'Errors of Day'

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Vatican City — The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Church issued a "declaration" July 5 "in defense of the Catholic doctrine on the Church against certain errors of the present day."

The document, dated June 24, and "ratified and confirmed by Pope Paul VI, represents no new doctrinal stand, but is intended "to gather together and explain a number of truths concerning the mystery of the Church which at the present time are being either denied or endangered."

Major issues dealt with in the declaration concern the unity of Christ's Church, the infallibility of the universal Church and of the Catholic Church's magisterium or teaching authority, the validity of dogmatic formulas employed by ancient Church councils, and the priesthood of Christ.

No names are mentioned in the document, but theologians

familiar with the background said that the question of infallibility concerns certain views of the Swiss theologian, Father Hans Kueng, while the statements on the validity of dogmatic formulas refer, among others, to the position taken by the Dutch Jesuit theologian, Piet Schoonenberg.

The Vatican's statement on Church Unity repeats the stand of Vatican Council II, that the unity of Christ's Church exists and is to be found in the Catholic Church.

In an evident allusion to the theory of Hans Kueng, the statement declares: "The faithful are in no way permitted to see in the Church merely a fundamental permanence in truth which, as some assert, could be reconciled with errors contained here and there in the propositions that the Church's Magisterium teaches to be held irrevocably, as also in the unhesitating assent of the People of God concerning matters of faith and morals."

The concluding statement on the priesthood of Christ repeats the conclusions of the 1971 Bishops' Synod, but adds that those who have not received priestly ordination may not "preside over and perform" the Eucharist and any such abuses of this kind should be eliminated by the bishops.

In the official resume issued to the press it was pointed out that two years ago the bishops of Germany, Italy, and France, had taken stands in regard to the ideas of Father Kueng. The document, however, took obvious pains to disavow the possible charge of wishing to suppress legitimate theological speculation.

The resume, taking off from brief allusions in the document to theological research, said that the declaration "far from repressing theological research, is, on the contrary, a stimulus for it and an act of trust."