



Frank Gilotte, center, president of the Holy Cross Men's Club; and Ms. Mary Vail, right, chairman of the Country and Western Festival, announce the amount of their gift check before presenting it to Mrs. Elsie Bullis, executive secretary of STEP.

Holy Cross Men's Club Gives \$1,015 to STEP

The Holy Cross Men's Club of the Holy Cross Church, has donated \$1,015.27 to the local council of STEP, Society for Total Emergency Programs, Inc. The money is to be used to help provide mobile coronary care units in Monroe County.

The club raised the funds with a Country and Western Festival held recently at the school. All proceeds from the festival were contributed to STEP.

Mobile Coronary Care Units are specialized ambulances which contain equipment for cardiac therapy and telemetry of electrocardiograms. STEP plans to initiate two such vehicles in the immediate future. One will be based at the Perinton Volunteer Ambulance Corps to serve the town of Perinton and the other will serve the city of Rochester from a base at National Ambulance Service.

School Leader 'Encouraged' By Legislature, Court Actions

"A year after the infamous decisions of the Supreme Court relative to governmental assistance for nonpublic school children, Catholic Schools in New York State are very much alive and are continuing their significant contribution to the well-being both of individuals and society."

Dr. Thomas R. Curran, of Elmira, president of the New York State Federation of Catholic School Parents, made that statement on the first anniversary of the decisions of the Supreme Court on June 25, 1973 in which the Court struck down five aid bills (three from New York State) to nonpublic school children.

"Last year, we as Catholic School parents, were dismayed and discouraged by these decisions," said Dr. Curran. "But the actions of the governor, the New York State Legislature and the United States Supreme Court during the past school year, have been very encouraging to us."

The governor and the legislature were responsible for several new laws helpful to Catholic school children, including a new "mandated services" law, a selective dual enrollment law, a health and welfare law, and several others. Dr. Curran expressed special praise for legislators who readily accepted their function regarding mandated services legislation pointed out in the Supreme Court's decision. In the majority decision, Justice Burger, referring to the payments for mandated services, has written, "Neither this Court nor the District Court can properly reduce that allotment to an amount corresponding to the actual costs incurred in performing reimbursable secular services. That is a legislative, not a judicial function."

Dr. Curran referred to the quotation from Justice Burger as one reason, among many, why he is most optimistic about the constitutionality of the new "mandated services" law.

In a recent decision (Wheeler vs. Barrera) the United States Supreme Court ruled that parochial school students must share in federal funds for educationally deprived students on a comparable basis with public school children.

Dr. Curran said, "While disappointed that the Supreme Court did not specify how comparable services should be offered to private school children under Title I of ESEA, we interpret the decision in the Barrera case as a recognition by the Supreme Court that equal educational opportunities must be afforded all children. This decision by the Supreme Court should spur state and federal governmental leaders to continue to search for con-

stitutional means to aid students of private schools.

THE OPEN WINDOW

Father David Johnson

Q. Many of the changes in the Church today do border on the doctrinal; but so far they have not gotten into hard-core doctrine, i.e. the items listed in the Apostles' or Nicene Creeds. Church laws have changed drastically, but do you honestly not know that millions of persons do not distinguish between Church law and God's law? In their minds and hearts, God and his Son and his successors, the popes, are so intimately intertwined; that saying "But we only changed a Church law" does not alleviate their sense of shock, although the shock has become mostly confusion by now; our senses are dulled.

Your sentiments, I am sure, are shared by millions of people. I recall an adult education program we had at St. Vincent's when I first came back to parish life. The program had to do with changes in the Church. I asked the people to list the changes they knew. It turned out that every one was kind of an incidental change having to do with strictly ecclesiastical law. However, this did not change their minds about the business of change itself. They still regard all changes as equal. What I believe now is that we need a new starting point for our thinking. Vatican Council II was an ecumenical council and, therefore, of the highest authority. What that council did was to replace many emphases

One of those was to replace the emphasis on church law as being somehow a part of divine revelation with an emphasis on the core of Christian doctrine. Many of the laws had become obsolete. They were, after all, merely means to an end. When they ceased to reach the end intended, they were no longer valid. The process of re-educating our people in this kind of thinking will take some time; but it must be done. And if there is pain in the process, it is necessary pain. You give the impression that once we have taken the first step to eliminate certain Church laws, the next step will be a change in the basic doctrine. I do not buy that idea. The basic doctrines of Christianity are guaranteed by the Savior and by his promise of being present with us all days even to the end of the world.

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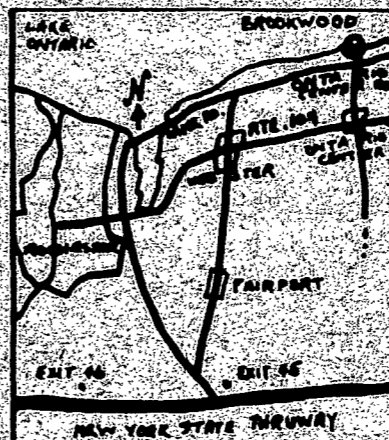
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