

## Courier Survey Report

# Readership Strong, Paper Seen Necessary

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The most exhaustive readership survey ever undertaken by the Courier-Journal has revealed two principal facts — readership of the newspaper is strong and readers see a diocesan newspaper as a necessity.

Ninety-three per cent of those interviewed via a random mail survey said they read the newspaper regularly, with 79 per cent reading it every week.

And 87 per cent of the random total said that they think it is important to the Church for

people to read a diocesan newspaper.

The survey was conducted by the Diocese of Rockville Centre's Office of Pastoral Research and Planning. Every 14th name from the computer mailing list of the Courier was surveyed, along with all priests, religious, parish council presidents and 7 per cent of direct subscribers, for a total of 6,538. Of these 2,042 responded.

Sister Helen Butler, OP, who supervised the survey, said the numbers "truly represented your total readership."

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### Communion Rites

Father Michael Mahler lights candles symbolizing the belonging to God's family for Christine Ralston, right, and Lisa Iacovangelo who represent the children who attended the Mass with their parents at Holy Apostles Church in preparation for first Communion.

# Legalized Betting Loses In Task Force Report

New York [RNS] — An independent task force here has found that legalized gambling cannot effectively raise public revenues or combat organized crime.

Sponsored jointly by the Fund for the City of New York and the Twentieth Century Fund, the task force studied the social aspects of gambling, the revenue potentials of legalized gambling, and its effects on organized crime.

Legalized gambling, now being promoted as a major source of funds for financially hard-pressed state and city governments "will produce relatively small amounts of revenue, and will raise it from the wrong people in the wrong way," the Task Force Report said.

The report, entitled "Easy Money," was published here after a year's study by members of the task force, which included authorities in economics, politics, religion and the law.

Members of the task force are Paul Ylvisaker, dean of the graduate school of education, Harvard University, who served as chairman; G. Robert Blakey, professor of law at Cornell University and former chief counsel for the McClellan Senate subcommittee on criminal law and procedures, and Jerome Cavanaugh, former mayor of Detroit.

Also, Msgr. John J. Egan of the Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry at Notre Dame University; Millicent H. Fenwick, former director of Consumer Affairs, State of New Jersey; Julius Margolis, director, Fels Center of Government, Philadelphia; Henry Rowen, graduate school of business, Stanford University; and Percy Sutton, president of the Borough of Manhattan, New York.

The Task Force Report is critical of New York City's Off-Track Betting Corporation (OTB) and cites it as an example of how legalized gambling fails to achieve the goals promised by its promoters.

OTB not only has failed to make much of an impact on illegal betting but has also cut into race track attendance and on-track betting, while apparently attracting previous non-bettors to the local outlets, the report said.

In analyzing specific forms of legal gambling, the Task Force found that none produced the revenues or had the effect on organized crime that had been promised by proponents.

Tracing the recent history of state-operated lotteries, the Task Force noted a pattern of early popularity followed by declining revenues that require increased advertising and the introduction of promotional betting. The result: a declining proportion of the "take" is available for city and state governments.

Money raised as a tax on legal gambling constitutes a small percentage of total public revenues, and may, in many cases, represent a regressive form of tax on lower-income bettors, the Task Force said.

The study also discounted another primary argument for legalized gambling — that it will help root out illegal gambling.

"Legalization is not an effective weapon against organized crime," the report said. "While legalization of gambling may be useful in combatting illegal gambling in some circumstances, it is no substitute for a broad and sustained assault on all aspects of organized crime."

The Task Force raised questions about current moves to legalize casino betting. Promoters argue that casinos can revitalize economically

depressed resort areas by attracting tourists to gambling tables.

"But there is substantial evidence that this kind of economic development is purchased at high cost," the Task Force warned. It said public operation of casinos is beyond the capacity of local governments, and private operation has historically attracted criminal elements and created problems in regulation.



The former Grace Episcopal Church is now St. Michael's.

### St. Michael's

## Union Springs Parish Goes to New Church

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Union Springs — St. Michael's Church on Scobey Street which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1951, will find a new home in the former Grace Episcopal Church at Seminary and Cayuga streets in Union Springs, according to an announcement by Father John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Michael's and St. Patrick's in Aurora. St. Michael's purchased the church from the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York in October.

The gracious looking, stone church which has served Episcopalians since its first service was held Easter Sunday in 1870, has been vacant for two years since parishioners became members of the parish worship of the United Ministry. The cornerstone for the edifice was laid May 2, 1869.

In a letter to Episcopal Bishop Ned Cole of the Diocese of Central New York, Father Hayes emphasized that in the period of transition the memorials in the Grace Episcopal Church would be respected and revered by the new congregants out of deference to

the founders of this house of worship. He expressed pleasure that the original intent of the structure, dedicated as a house of worship, would be continued.

"The move to a new church in Union Springs characterizes the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the people in the United Ministry and the Episcopal Congregation in particular," said Father Hayes.

Negotiations with the Episcopal Diocese were chaired by Edward Mulcahey and members of St. Michael's Church, including Carlton West, former trustee; Mary Osborne, present trustee; and Johan Lehtonen and Shirley West, with continued approval of the parish council.

"This is the ideal expression in the church today of laymen and women assuming responsibility that rightfully rests with them," Father Hayes pointed out.

Father Hayes expressed his personal gratitude and that of St. Michael's congregation to Rev. Charles Hess, former minister in Union Springs, the Episcopal

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