

# New Buckley Bill: Tax Deduction for School Tuitions

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Bills introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives would allow taxpayers a deduction of up to \$1,000 a year on tuition paid for their children at any private parochial or public school, from first grade through graduate school.

The measures were submitted by Sen. James L. Buckley (C.R.-N.Y.) and Rep. James Delaney (D-N.Y.).

Sen. Buckley speaking before Senate Finance Committee hearings on tax reform held that the "right of parents to supervise their children's education" is rendered meaningless when they must pay twice to exercise it: once through taxes to support public schools and again through private tuition to a "school of their choice."

"If current trends continue," he said, "private schooling in America, on all levels from elementary grades to graduate school, will become a costly luxury reserved for

the very rich or, in the case of college, for the very poor who qualify for full public assistance."

The Senator told the committee that his bill is "obviously constitutional" because the U.S. Supreme Court had "never found fault with tax deductions, as opposed to tax credits."

Besides restoring parental control over the education of their offspring, Sen. Buckley said his bill would "safeguard the consumer rights of individual students, and guarantee to America's schools the benefits of vigorous competition in an open marketplace."

"We hear much talk in the Congress about the need to protect consumers," he added. "And yet there are no more dissatisfied and frustrated consumers than those who must pay for public education and who find it is often faulty and occasionally shoddy."



Extraordinary Minister Robert Doyle helps give communion at St. Paul's outdoor Easter service.

## 'Son Rise' Draws 600

More than 600 parishioners and guests attended a "Son Rise" service in Webster Park conducted by St. Paul's, Webster, at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday. The turnout was double the parish's Liturgy Committee's expectations.

The celebration of the four parts of the Easter Vigil took advantage of the surroundings. The Service of Light concentrated on the sun. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, a trumpet heralded the proclamation of the Gospel. For the

liturgy of Initiation, the people moved to the bluff overlooking the waters of Lake Ontario as they renewed their baptismal vows. Each family accepted a daffodil as a sign of new life in Baptism, and all moved in procession to gather around the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Father John Walsh, and Father Ronald Harley concelebrated. Music was led by St. Paul's Folk Choir, directed by Phil Hildreth. The "Ekultet" was sung by Alceouise DeVaughn of the Eastman School.

## Deaths

### Sr. Laurentia

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Laurentia Prinz, SSJ, was held in the Motherhouse Chapel on Easter Monday, April 19, 1976. Sister Laurentia died at St. Joseph Convent, April 16, after a short illness. She was 91.

Father John Hempel concelebrated the Mass with Fathers Elmer Schmidt, Walter Cushing and Joseph Reinhart. Also present were Msgr. William Naughton and Father Frederic Walz.

Sister Laurentia entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Germany in 1907. She served on the convent staffs at St. Francis Xavier and Holy Rosary and was on the staff at St. Ann's Home for 51 years.

She is survived by one sister, Sister Norberta of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and by nieces in Germany.



### Commencement

Robert S. Fitzgerald, internationally renowned classicist, will deliver the commencement address at Nazareth College, Sunday noon, May 16. Fitzgerald also will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at the rites in which a record number of students, 675, will graduate.



### Foreign Language Week

Photo by Ben Susso

Members of the seventh grade French Class from Blessed Sacrament Junior High School performed a scene from "Cendrillon", a French version of Cinderella, at Middtown Plaza, as part of Foreign Language Week. Bottom row: Donna Aleksandrowicz, Linda Bordonaro, Nancy Caswell, Maureen Dooher, Meg Knapp, Patty Ann Kowal; second row; teacher Nancy Forward, Karen Lamark, Patty Malley, Patty Mongeau, Christine Rogers, Anne Marie Rued, Shari Stappenbeck and Donna Webb.

### Cogley Dies; Was Editor

Santa Barbara, Calif. [RNS] — John Cogley, former religion editor of The New York Times and since 1967 editor of the magazine of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions here, died March 28 at his home in Santa Barbara after a lengthy illness. He was 60.

A founding member of the Santa Barbara center, and for many years a leading Roman Catholic journalist and author, he joined the Episcopal Church in 1973, subsequently became a deacon in that Church, and was reportedly considering the Episcopal priesthood.

In addition to serving with The New York Times from May 1965 through November of 1966, Mr. Cogley was feature editor of Commonweal, lay-edited Catholic weekly magazine in New York, from 1949 to 1952 and served as executive editor of that publication from 1952 to 1954. He wrote a column for Commonweal from 1954 to 1964.

Mr. Cogley dropped his syndicated column for Catholic diocesan newspapers in 1968 after he expressed disagreement with Pope Paul's encyclical on birth control.

Besides many articles and reviews over the years, Mr. Cogley was the author of three books, Religion in America (1958), Religion in a Secular Age (1968), and Catholic America (1973).

When he announced in 1973 he had joined the Episcopal Church, he said it was done without any hostility towards the bishops or priests of the Roman, Catholic Church. "I am not among those who believe that the leaders of the Church have hopelessly set back renewal. I never believed that the aggiornamento would be a swift, painless process."

### CAMP SIGNUP

Camp Silver Birch, on the Mercy High School campus, 1437 Blossom Road, is accepting registrations for its summer program. The camp, for boys and girls ages 5-11, will open July 5 and will cost \$25 per week plus \$5 registration. For further information call Mercy Motherhouse (492-5442) or Sisters Mary Ann Kosakoski and Jean Marie Kearse (244-2175).

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### St. Boniface Folk Fill Rice Bowl for Liberia

The parishioners of St. Boniface Church in Rochester and the students in the school expressed their concern for the problem of world hunger by contributing more than \$2,000 during Lent. Sister Ronald, SSND, a former principal at St. Boniface, will use the money at a mission in Liberia in Africa.

The Human Development Committee of the Parish Council had learned first hand, through correspondence with Sister Ronald of the real need of the simple farming community the sisters are serving. Family farms are their total support, but are too small to yield sufficient food. Every year their food supply gives out before the

harvest. The children especially suffer from malnutrition.

St. Boniface parishioners volunteered to help through Operation Rice Bowl. By fasting and praying, and by donating the money saved from fasting, they hoped to help the missionary sisters feed the Liberians with rice purchased from their donations, and in this way help the sisters spread the good news of God's love for them.

The empty rice bowl, placed in front of the altar, was a symbol of their need and was filled each week at the end of the weekend Masses. The money will be placed in a bank in Liberia from which the sisters can draw as the need arises.

### Make Today Count Unit To Hear Sister Gratia

The importance of "Effective Listening" for patients and those who deal with them will be discussed by Sister Mary Gratia at the May 4 meeting of Make Today Count at St. Patrick's Church, 50 Main St., Macedon, at 8 p.m.

psychological therapy in their relationship with cancer patients, and why the patients need to sharpen their listening skills to better manage their disease.

Sister Gratia, staff assistant to the director of Field Education at St. Bernard's Seminary, will explain how professionals and relatives can use effective listening as a means of

Make Today Count, sponsored in Macedon by St. Patrick's Human Development Committee, is a self-help group for cancer patients, others with incurable illness, their families and health professionals.

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