

# Corpus Christi School Future in Doubt

The future of Corpus Christi school over the last few weeks has been in doubt. But at a meeting last night (after the Courier-Journal's press deadline) parents and diocesan administrators gathered to decide just what the school's future would be; its closing in June or a possibility of keeping it open under great odds.

Msgr. George Cocuzzi, Vicar for Urban Renewal, in talking with the Courier last week, observed that the decision couldn't be protracted any longer than Tuesday's meeting because of the necessity of allowing, in view of the school's shut-down, teachers to make arrangements for other positions, and giving the parents ample time to make

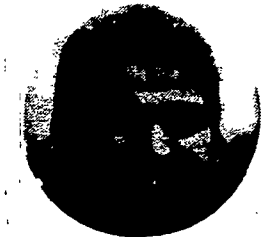
definite plans for their children.

It was the Office of Urban Ministry which studied the problem facing Corpus Christi and on March 7 proposed a relocation solution; kindergarten through sixth grades moving to St. Francis Xavier school; aid to the seventh and eighth graders to relocate to other schools throughout the diocese. Parents, however, wishing to keep the school operating requested time to find other solutions. A steering committee headed by Phil Malone then began a campaign to find 100 families who would register their children in the school in September. As of press time, Malone reported that he had commitments from 65 families.

Msgr. Cocuzzi indicated there were many factors to be considered and that the parents' commitment would have to be an extraordinary effort on their part. "Corpus Christi," he said, "is not able to provide a financial basis for the school." He also observed that if the parish is to survive it would have to do so without the burden of the school.

Timothy Leahy, assistant superintendent of diocesan schools, in discussing the situation with the Courier last week emphasized the building maintenance as the prime factor in proposing that the school close. "The cost of the building is very high," he stated. But in view of the parents' request to find a solution, April 5 was set as the deadline with the understanding that if no feasible recommendations were advanced the school would close in June.

## Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

It is interesting to note that while some U.S. Catholic press regularly publishes the views of "the American Catholic Church", that same press frequently fails, to print reports or documents from the Holy See in Rome. In an effort to inform my readers of authentic Catholic positions on the world population/food problems, I continue to quote directly from the Vatican on these matters:

"Concerning the attitude of the Holy See to the World Health Organization as a member (with UNICEF) of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, we deeply regret that the research of WHO/UNICEF in the field of human reproduction seems to be directed almost exclusively to medical technology not sufficiently guided by a sense of human dignity and moral laws. (Also) we note the increasing radicalization in WHO's recourse to birth control methods the moral value of which is more and more questionable. Formerly, at least a certain graduation was established between contraceptives, sterilization and abortion; today sterilization is classified directly among contraceptive methods and abortion is recorded in the midst of a series of methods for fertility regulation. Large sums of money are allocated to research on abortion processes. We point out the serious violations of human and medical ethics that abortion constitutes. We also reject all sterilization as well as all other non-natural methods of regulating births." (Mons. S. Luoni, Papal Delegation to WHO Assembly Geneva Switzerland, May 1975).

"While we note with favorable interest the brief mention given in your report dealing with Natural Family Planning, this positive element cannot conceal from us the serious WHO/UNICEF preoccupations. We express our fear: frankly (and) caution you that the Church teaches

that we must take into account the natural sequence of the generative functions for the use of marriage in the infertile periods only, and thus in this natural way regulate births without offending moral principles. How can we fail to be concerned when we see WHO/UNICEF carrying out 'family planning programmes' everywhere? Are you not contributing to the deterioration of individual consciences, and even to the deterioration of the meanings of essential words like life, health and well-being, when you mask abortion under the term 'interruption of pregnancy'; sterilization under 'health care'; and punitive measures against large families under 'social progress'? Is this not a new form of tyranny?" (Mons. Joseph Gerard, Papal Delegation to WHO Assembly, Geneva Switzerland, May 1976).

NEXT WEEK: Conclusion

## Business in the Diocese

Donald D. Lennox, senior Xerox Corporation executive in Monroe County, has been named general chairman of Scout Show '77 to be held in the Dome Arena at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on May 13 and 14.

James G. Smith, conductor of the University of Illinois Chamber Choir, has been named director of choral activities at the Eastman School of Music. He will join the faculty in September as an associate professor of conducting and ensembles. He succeeds Robert DeCormier, who, in addition to his activities at the Eastman School, conducts the New York Choral Society and the Robert DeCormier Singers.



Bunnies

Students from Mrs. Statingher's second grade class at St. Mary's School, Auburn help each other with their costumes for their Easter Play last week.

## UR APPOINTEE

Richard M. Magere, a former social studies teacher and assistant coach in football and track at Bishop Kearney High School, has been appointed a development assistant in the University of Rochester's Office of University Development. He will specialize in alumni annual giving.

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