

CEF Looks for Support for Tuition-Tax Bills Msgr. Kelly to Speak In Magisterium Series

Citizens for Educational Freedom has launched a campaign to organize support for legislation that would afford tax benefits for families that pay school and college tuition.

Msgr. Edward F. Spiers, CEF director, announced in Washington, D.C., that a "grassroots writing campaign" would concentrate on the House of Representatives, particularly members of the Ways and Means Committee. "The most powerful lobbyist is a constituent who writes to his representative," he observed.

The Packwood-Moynihan bill in the Senate already has 43 co-sponsors, including two thirds of the Finance Committee, the CEF director reported. This bill would give a \$500 tax credit to the tuition-paying family. The House bill introduced by Rep. John Delaney (D-NY) has attracted 65 co-sponsors. This one would offer a \$1,000 deduction from taxable income or a \$250 tax credit for each student.

"Majority support of tax credits is virtually assured in the Senate," Msgr. Spiers said, because of the "strong leadership" given by the

original sponsors, Sen. Robert Packwood (R-Ore.) and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, (D-N.Y.).

There are more than 15 million students in schools and colleges that charge tuition, he said, and half of these students attend public colleges.

Constitutional problems are avoided, he continued. The Supreme Court overturned New York State legislation in 1972 "because 85 per cent of the beneficiaries attended Catholic elementary and

secondary schools," Msgr. Spiers said. "In these new proposals only about 25 per cent of the beneficiaries attend Catholic pre-college institutions."

The CEF is described as a "national, nonsectarian and nonpartisan organization for parents' rights in education." In its campaign to publicize details of the legislation and to persuade people to write to their legislators, CEF expects "the cooperative action of several dozen allied interest groups," the announcement says.

Msgr. Kelly to Speak In Magisterium Series

Msgr. George A. Kelly, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Catholic Doctrine, at St. John's University, will speak at 7:45 p.m. Oct. 12 in Mercy High School. His talk, entitled The Magisterium and Uncertainty in the Church, will be the last this year of the Magisterium Lectures sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A fourth lecture will be scheduled in May.



MSGR. KELLY

Msgr. Kelly is on the faculty of the Jamaica, N.Y., university as John A. Flynn Professor in Contemporary Catholic Problems. His courses are listed as General Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of the Family, Marriage and Family, and Problems of Population. He is a member of many professional societies and is organizing Catholic scholars into a group to promote and defend Church doctrine.

As a speaker, he has taken part in many symposia with such prominent figures as Dorothy Day, Father Andrew Greeley and Gov. Hugh Carey. He writes on a wide range of topics and has published 14 books.

At 7:45 tonight, at Mercy, Father William B. Smith, S.T.D., of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, will speak on The Magisterium and Sexual Ethics.

Tickets for each lecture, at \$2.50, may be purchased at the door, at Trant's, or from Robert Benedict, 473-

6955 Proceeds from the series will help St. Bridget's Church pay for its inner city projects.

ROSARY MONTH

Seneca Falls—Recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be conducted at St. Patrick's at 7:15 this evening and every Wednesday evening of October, the Month of the Rosary.

Tax Credit Measure in Senate

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Legislation described as "a revolutionary concept in self-help education" has been introduced in the Senate which would allow taxpayers to subtract one-half of the school tuition they pay, up to a \$500 maximum credit per student, directly from the income taxes they owe.

Chief sponsors Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) were joined by 41 co-sponsors in submitting the Tuition Tax Credit Act of 1977, which offers tax credits to parents of children in elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities and vocational schools, public, private and church related.

While somewhat similar legislation has been introduced in both the Senate and House of Represen-

tatives, and got nowhere, there are three "significant" differences of the Packwood-Moynihan bill from the others, a Packwood aide said recently.

"Ours is only a tax credit, as opposed to a tax credit deduction option in other bills, which we feel is more equitable," the aide said. "Also, ours has a refundable feature the others don't, whereby even families too poor to pay income taxes would receive a refund from the government of up to 50 per cent of the tuition they pay to private elementary schools, for example."

"Ours allows twice the tax credit (up to \$500) the others do," he said. The Packwood-Moynihan measure also would take effect in 1980, which will allow sufficient time for public hearings.

Council States Goals

In a Sept. 15 assembly, Nazareth Academy Student Council officers outlined their plans for the year and challenged the student body to take an active part in the program.

Cory Schultz, president, stated the goals of the Council: providing a forum for student opinion, serving as the official voice of the student body to the administrators, developing processes of student government and assisting in the implementation of school activities. Alluding to the goals formulated by each homeroom the first week of school, Cory chose one as her personal thrust for the year: that the school become more united in all aspects of student life within Nazareth.

Lisa Damaschke, vice-president, noted some of the social activities planned for the year — a Christmas formal on Dec. 23, a talent show, Feb. 3 and a Father-daughter Dinner Dance, March 11.

Sharon Uebelacher, secretary, reviewed other projects the council will undertake: monthly liturgies planned by each class, a project to support the Eddie Meath Christmas Fund and an Ethnic Week to celebrate the cultures and nationalities that are a part of Nazareth.

Mary Leister, treasurer, asked the students to channel their suggestions to the Student Council officers through personal contact or via the council mailbox.

40 Hours

Auburn— St. Hyacinth's Church will begin a traditional 40 Hours devotion immediately after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, Oct. 9. Masses will be at 7 and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, closing with the traditional procession on Tuesday evening. Confessions will be heard on Sunday from 3-4 p.m. and before the Masses.

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TRAINING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FALL '77

Training courses for Catechists will be offered at a variety of locations throughout the Diocese of Rochester very soon. Most of these programs will begin in October. If you will be teaching in a school or a parish religious education program this fall, why not spend a few hours improving your teaching skills and clarifying your own ideas about scripture, church, sacraments and morality, you will surely find this time well spent. Registration for any of the programs described below should be made through the "Contact" whose name appears with each individual listing. Questions concerning any program may be directed to the local "Contact" or to the Diocese Consultant for Teacher Training, Office of Religious Education (716) 328-3210.

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Two programs will be offered at St. Margaret Mary School, 400 Rogers Parkway (Off St. Paul Blvd.) in Irondequoit. Details of these two programs can be found below. All sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30.

CONTACT: Daniel Norman McNamara, Office of Religious Education (716) 328-3210

PROGRAM ONE: For New Teachers of Religious Education: A program designed to meet the needs of those who are just beginning to teach in religious education programs whether in parochial schools or non-school parish programs. Each session focuses upon Theology (first hour) and practical teaching skills (second hour).

SESSION ONE: October 11, 1977 — hour one: The Nature and Purpose of Religious Education; hour two: Lesson Planning (in small groups)

SESSION TWO: October 18, 1977 — hour one: Theology of the Church; hour two: Classroom Management

SESSION THREE: October 25, 1977 — hour one: Theology of the Sacraments; hour two: Teaching Techniques

SESSION FOUR: November 1, 1977 — hour one: Liturgy and Prayerfulness; hour two: Liturgy and Prayer in the context of the Classroom

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PROGRAM TWO: Intensive Study of the Acts of the Apostles: A program designed to focus upon this extremely interesting book of the New Testament and its relevance for us today. This will be taught by Ms Anne L. Messare, Director of Religious Education, St. Margaret Mary Parish.

SESSION ONE: October 11, 1977 — General Introduction to The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles

SESSION TWO: October 18, 1977 — The Early Christian Church in the Book of Acts.

SESSION THREE: October 25, 1977 — The Journeys of St. Paul in the Book of Acts

SESSION FOUR: November 1, 1977 — The Acts of the Apostles: Its Relevance for Us Today.

• LIVINGSTON-STEUBEN REGION •

PROGRAM ONE: Last four sessions of the Basic Teacher Training Program in Livingston Co. All Sessions on Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30. Please check below for the location of each of the sessions.

CONTACT: Mr. James F. Mulcahy (716) 658-2980

SESSION SEVEN: October 5, 1977 — The Mass and the Eucharist: St. Patrick's School, 46 Stanley St., Mt. Morris.

SESSION EIGHT: October 12, 1977 — Penance and the Examination of Conscience St. Agnes' School, 60 Park Place, Avon

SESSION NINE: October 19, 1977 — The Psychology of the Child and Conduct in the Classroom: St. Joseph's School of Religion, 14 Washington St., Livonia.

SESSION TEN: October 26, 1977 — Non-Textbook Alternatives: Mini-workshops St. Mary's Parish Center, 26 Main St., Geneseo.

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PROGRAM TWO: ADULT EDUCATION-BASIC TEACHER EDUCATION

The Program that will be offered in Dansville will be open to both teachers and other interested adults in the area. Each session will feature a main presentation dealing with the Theology of the topic under discussion, followed by a general question and answer period. Teachers will then attend a second session that will deal specifically with the educational implications of the main presentation. All of the sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 at St. Mary's School, 43 Elizabeth Street, Dansville.

CONTACT: Sr. Ann Dobbertin, (716) 335-6800

SESSION ONE: October 26, 1977 — The Nature and Purpose of Religious Education

SESSION TWO: November 2, 1977 — The Bible: Introduction — General questions

SESSION THREE: November 9, 1977 — The Bible: The New Testament and Christ

SESSION FOUR: November 16, 1977 — The Church

SESSION FIVE: November 30, 1977 — Liturgy and Prayer

SESSION SIX: December 7, 1977 — Morality

SESSION SEVEN: December 14, 1977 — Moral Formation and the Process of Moral Formation

SESSION EIGHT: January 4, 1978 — Lesson Planning and Classroom Management

SESSION NINE: January 11, 1978 — Teaching Techniques: Part I

SESSION TEN: January 18, 1978 — Teaching Techniques: Part II

PROGRAM THREE: SCRIPTURE: ADULT EDUCATION-TEACHER ENRICHMENT

This course will feature eight sessions devoted to various aspects and parts of the Bible. All eight sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at St. Mary's

Academy, 36 East Morris Street, Bath, NY.

CONTACT: Sr. Patricia Prinzing, (607) 776-3409

SESSION ONE: October 13, 1977 — The Word of God in the Old Testament

SESSION TWO: October 20, 1977 — The Covenant Relationship and Sin

SESSION THREE: October 27, 1977 — The Prophets

SESSION FOUR: November 3, 1977 — The Suffering Servant & Wisdom Literature

SESSION FIVE: November 10, 1977 — The Word of God in the New Testament

SESSION SIX: November 17, 1977 — The Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark & Luke

SESSION SEVEN: December 1, 1977 — The Gospel of John

SESSION EIGHT: December 8, 1977 — The Acts of the Apostles-Epistles-Apocalypse