

## Confirmation

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but before First Communion.

Msgr. Shannon noted that the last option would be the easiest to implement, as it is closest to current practice. But, he added, that method fails to preserve the unity of the three sacraments.

Father Robert Kennedy, diocesan liturgy director, noted some of the results of the implementation of such a program. One change would be a major shift in the catechetical structure, from child-centered to adult-centered, he said. Parents as the primary teachers of their children would be an important part of the changed program, he explained,

making good adult education essential.

Two of the options also raise questions concerning original sin, he noted, which would have to be addressed through study and education.

Those attending were given an opportunity to discuss the implications of such a change, and their reaction to it, and to respond with questions and suggestions for the task force.

Responding to a question, Msgr. Shannon said that the diocese has not already prepared a program for Confirmation, but that the meetings are designed to further study the issues involved.

## Integrated Schools Opposed By Irish Prelate at Synod

Vatican City (RNS)—“Adults are trying to push forward the idea of integrated schooling in Northern Ireland in order to solve, through the children, problems that they themselves have been unable to deal with.”

This comment on the system of separate schools for Roman Catholic and Protestant children in the British province was offered by Bishop Cahal B. Daly of Armagh, Ireland, at a press briefing Oct. 25 in connection with the current world Synod of Bishops.

Bishop Daly was responding to a journalist's question as to whether the

“shared religion syllabus” of major Christian denominations that reportedly has had good results in public schools in eastern Africa, notably Zambia, would benefit Northern Ireland.

The Irish prelate said he could not say for sure, explaining that the present public school system in Northern Ireland was virtually Protestant and that the Catholic schools were attended by 95.5 percent of Catholic children in the province.

He conceded that separate schooling was an important factor in

maintaining “community prejudice.” However, he said, in Belfast and other cities in Northern Ireland “denominational zoning of housing” was virtually complete. Consequently integration of the public school system “would necessitate busing children to different schools,” and “the mere act of busing could prove dangerous.”

Bishop Daly referred to a Northern Ireland study which he said concluded that “across the board integration of public schooling would probably produce levels of violence such as Northern Ireland has not as yet seen.”

“It would be better,” the bishop said, “to have an exchange of teachers of different denominations to teach such subjects as history and the history of religion, and to try the integration of field subjects and non-controversial subjects.”

## Bond Issue

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action bond issue, better known as Proposition One on the November ballot.”

Speaking for the state's bishops, Charles J. Tobin, secretary of the State Catholic Conference, said that the bishops' support stems from the current need for employment and the indication that the expenditure of the \$750 million bond issue would generate several billion dollars of federal matching funds which would provide worthwhile employment particularly in the hard-hit areas of the state where double-digit employment rates exist.

The text of Bishop Hogan's statement:

What unemployment does to people — the stress, the financial struggles of families, and the damage to a person's dignity is intolerable. We must not

accept a seven per cent over-all unemployment rate as a social fact. The rate is much higher for teenagers and the minority community. This cannot be justified. The human and social costs of unemployment cannot be reconciled with Christian concern for the well-being of all people and each person.

Therefore I strongly support legislative efforts in Congress that are directed toward the creation of a full-employment policy in which every person willing and able to work could do so.

In the meantime, it is the generation of initially some 300,000 immediate short-term jobs and hopefully the stimulation of more jobs in private industry (as a result of this initial work) that attracts our strong support of the state-wide economic action bond issue, better known as proposition one on the November ballot.

The approximately 300,000 unemployed people who would get these jobs cannot wait until a national policy emerges from the slow-moving processes in Washington.

The value of this proposal to the people and economy of New York State seems clear to us. Along with my fellow bishops of New York State, I strongly urge your support.

### CENACLE WEEKEND

Sister Sadie Nesser will conduct an “effective living” seminar for men and women Dec. 9-11 at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave. The seminar, she explained, “is a way that the Cenacle Sisters have developed of sharing the main ideas presented in the longer Omega Seminar of Mr. John Boyle of Glendale, California.”

Details may be obtained by telephone at the Cenacle, (716)271-8755.

## Cabrini Benefit

Mother Cabrini Circle has slated a scholarship benefit spaghetti dinner for Sunday, Nov. 13, at the new Memorial Zion Church, 540 Clarissa St., 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Mother Cabrini Circle, an interracial, inter-faith group of women has worked since 1946 to help pay tuition for black children to the Catholic high schools of Rochester. Students of all faiths share the scholarships.

Tickets are available at the door, \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children. Reservations are available through Ms. Nola DeRouen, president, 671-1748; or Ms. Dorothy Carroll, scholarship chairman, 328-6639.

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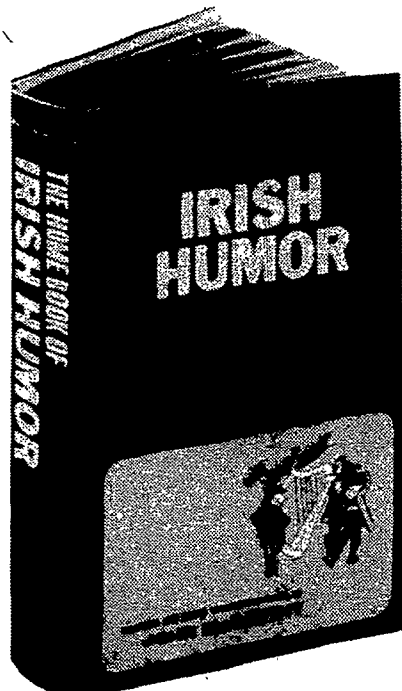
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