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Catholic opposition. While the bishops bite

'Jesus 78'

A participant in the "Jesus 78" charismatic rally at Giants' Stadium. Rutherford, N.J., reacts enthusiastically to a speakers message. Some 54,000 Christians from 30 states joined together in ecumenical worship. The gathering was sponsored by People of Hope and Logos In-

their tongues and while

the PTA and the National

Council of Churches continue to lie, help for freedom of educational

choice comes from what

many would consider an

unlikely source, the University of California

at Berkeley. Two law professors there, John Cooms and Steven

Sugarman, have written

an extraordinary book, "Education by Choice:

The Case for Family

Control." Coombs and

Sugarman are radicals. In

an earlier book, "Private

Wealth and Education," they laid out the theory

that was later adopted by

the California Supreme

Court in the famous

Serrano case, requiring

equalization of school

expenditures in all school

districts in the state. Their

theory was later rejected

for national application by the U.S. Supreme

Court on the basis of a

very dubious opinion by

the reactionary justice, Mr. Powell. But it still

applies in California and

is one of the most

powerful intellectual tools

of egalitarianism to be

found in American

"Education by Choice"

is an even more radical

book. Arguing basically

with the methods and from the traditions of the

Anglo-Saxon legali

tradition, Cooms and Sugarman propound the

extraordinary, insidious, revolutionary doctrine

that the family is the best

institution to determine

the best interests of the

child, and that, in the final analysis, decisions

about education should be

If Cooms and Sugar-

man are taken seriously,

control of education will

be wrestled away from the

vast public education monopoly with its huge,

deadweight, Ph.D-bede-cked administration and

given back to parents.

Instead of having to take what they get and like it.

made by the family.

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The Church 1978

By Father Andrew Greeley

Historian's of the Future

Fr. Greeley provide s-

ome sort of justice for

Catholic schools was

raging on the floors of the Houses of Congress and

the leadership of American Catholicism gathered in solemn

assembly and agonized over Rhodesia, ERA, birth control (celebrating

the 10th anniversary of

'Humanae Vitae" - kind

of like celebrating the anniversary of the sinking

of the Titanic), a vague

and well-meaning plan for

family life apostolate

(innocent of understanding of family

problems), and the solemn interment of the

Call to Action tent show.

About the Packwood-Moynihan-Roth bill the

hierarchs seem to have

The barricades were

assaulted and the com-

manding officers were

Meanwhile, the national PTA sends form letters to all PTA

members in the country to

send their congressmen on

the tax credit issue, and

the National Council of

Churches, the PTA, and other a members of the

Coalition to save Public

Schools cheerfully spread

lies about Catholic schools serene in the confidence that the Church and its leadership will continue to lie down

and play dead. Small wonder that the Columbia

Broadcasting System feels free to vilify the Catholic

Church on the abortion issue-all the time completely ignoring the fact that black opposition to

abortion is stronger than

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parents will be able to choose the kind of education they want for their children.

The issue before the Congress is not intellectual but political. The freedom of choice argument is indisputable in theory. The public school monopolists simply ignore the theory and appeal to nativist bigotry to inhibit the development of com-petition — while the leadership of the largest non-public system in the country twiddles its thumbs and worries about Rhodesia (where it has no clout at all). In the absence of, say, a letter to a congressman from the parents of each non-Catholic black child who has chosen a parochial school in preference to a public school elegant, sophisticated and powerful arguments like those advanced by Cooms and Sugarman aren't going to have much

Yet "Education by Choice" ought to be read by every priest, religious and layperson in the country who is at all serious about the Catholic schools' role as an educational alternative. We will not see a more deftly defined, sharply honed and brilliantly articulated defense of the family's authority and responsibility in education.

It is part of the appalling irony of the contemporary state of American Catholicism that the Church will ignore Cooms and Sugarman with their Sugarman with their powerful arguments about the importance of the family, while it goes through the ritual motions of launching yet another national campaign on the family. We're for the family in theory, of course, but we shy away supporting from legislation which will strengthen enormously the family's control over education. I guess we don't want to offend the fellows at the National Council of Churches.

# IFCA Plans Chair at C.

The local chapter of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae is participating in a recently established program of providing for a Chair of Catholic Education at the Catholic University of America, in honor of St. Elizabeth Seton.

Gifts for the chair are being made in memory of the late Bishop James E. Kearney. Bishop Kearney's name will be inscribed on a plaque at the university.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has endorsed the project with the words:

"I am delighted to hear that the Rochester Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae is anxious to participate in the program for the establishment of a Chair of Catholic Education at the Catholic University of America. It is my happy privilege to extend

my blessings and prayers on this noble endeavor.'

A brochure explaining the project is available to the public by calling (716) 473-7565. Checks should be made to the IFCA St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chair of Education and sent to Miss Helen Durnin, regent of the Rochester Circle, 1100 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

## 'Why Did God Take My Child?'

A question that has to arise with members of the Foundation for Sudden Infant Death is "Why did God take my child?" The Genesee Valley Chapter of the national foundation has called a meeting at which three clergymen will discuss this question.

The speakers are Father Edward Palumbos, Rabbi Judea Miller and the Rev. Jack Bishop. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Rochester's University of Helenwood Hall on Crittenden Boulevard. A coffee hour will follow the discussion.

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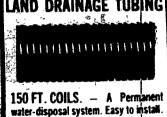
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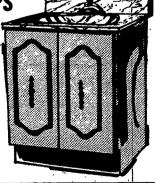
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