

# Chicago U. Prof. Backs Tuition Tax Credits

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — James S. Coleman, the University of Chicago sociologist who headed the influential 1966 study favoring desegregation of public schools, said he supports tuition tax credit for

nonpublic schools.

Coleman, who spoke here at a forum sponsored by the Black Student Fund, said tuition tax credits "would increase the opportunity of black parents to escape from schools that they think hurt their children."

Coleman observed that "a very large number of black children" already attend Catholic and other private religious-sponsored schools in large cities such as New York, Chicago and Washington and that the results have been positive.

He opposes the argument against tuition credits which hold that they would promote segregation, hurt public schools, and mainly benefit middle and upper income groups.

modest size of the proposed credit (\$100 to \$500 per student), he said, the principal effect would be to encourage or permit lower income families to send their children to relatively low-priced private schools.

Coleman said that the charge that programs which help blacks attend private schools are detrimental to public education is "not valid." He said "anything that allows for an individual to have greater opportunity can't be bad for the country."

"Parents and children have a better sense of what's a good school context for them than do professionals who must deal with a very large number of children," he said. "I trust the parents and children more than the professionals."

credit on federal income taxes and also supports proposals allowing parents to use vouchers for tuition at public

or private schools.

"I think the stronger the private schools are the better

it will be for the public schools because the public schools will be forced to be better to stay in business," Coleman said.



Sr. Magdalen

## College Alumnae Awarded

Two religious women graduates of Nazareth College have recently won the Outstanding Alumni Award from the school's alumni association.

Sister Magdalen LaRow, SSJ, is a 1950 graduate and is chairman of the college Art Department. Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, is a 1955 graduate and is pastoral assistant at St. Monica's Church.

The award is presented each year to alumni exemplifying the standards, ideals and objectives of the college in an outstanding manner, both in public and private life.

## Council Officers Elected

Hornell—William C. Loree of North Hornell was elected president of St. Ann's Parish Council at a recent meeting.

Henry R. Burke is vice president and Mrs. John Arnault secretary of the 20-member organization. Harry R. Fillmore is the outgoing president.

Also serving on the council are Father Robert C. MacNamara, pastor; Father Donald F. Schwab, associate; Sister Mary Ambrose, school principal; Sister Mary Jude, pastoral assistant; Mrs. Louis Bellanca, Mrs. John Brink, Burton Corbett, Mrs. Paul Crowe, W. A. Dunn, Robert Hanrahan, Shawn Hogan, Mrs. Donald Kochler, Mrs. Mary Prisco, Mrs. Robert Strausser, Mrs. Chauncey Watches and Mrs. Richard Zeliff.

## First Vows

Sister Joan Binnie has made her first profession of vows as a Sister of Mercy. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Binnie of Brentwood, N.Y., entered the congregation in 1975 and was received as a canonical novice the following year. She has taught at Good Shepherd School in Henrietta and St. Cecilia's School in Rochester.

## Tutors Needed

The Immaculate Conception Youth Ministry is looking for volunteer tutors to work two to four hours a week in school subjects covered in grades 2-12. The center would like to hear also from anyone who could teach typing, sign language for the deaf or a foreign language to youngsters 7 to 15. The telephone number is 546-5513.

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