

Labor Day Statement Issued By USCC

Washington, D.C. (RNS)—The 1978 Labor Day statement of the United States Catholic Conference urges Catholics to support a proposed amendment to the 43-year-old National Labor Relations Act "to make it work more effectively, quickly and equitably in processing cases involving the workers' right to organize."

Claiming that workers' rights are being threatened, the USCC repeated its previous strong endorsement of the Labor Law Reform Bill that passed the House last year but met heated opposition in the Senate earlier this year and has been sent back to committee.

Written by the USCC's veteran labor-management expert, Msgr. George G. Higgins, the statement claims that the proposed reform measure would benefit both labor and management, and denied that it would add fuel, as opponents have argued, to an already skyrocketing inflation rate.

The statement emphasizes the responsibility of both labor and management to curb inflation, which the USCC calls "our nation's most

serious domestic economic problem."

The reform bill, strongly backed by organized labor, is designed to streamline the operation of the National Labor Relations Board. The bill proposes principally to enlarge the board from five to seven members, to set more precise timetables for union representational elections and to prevent labor law violators from receiving government contracts.

The USCC statement asserts that the "long-standing procedural problems" of the NLRB "can all be reduced to one: Justice delayed is justice denied."

Both unnecessary delays in settling conflicts and weakness of present NLRB remedies, the statement says, "have in many industries seriously hampered the rights of workers to organize and, to a degree which can no longer be tolerated, have nullified the basic purpose and objective of the original National Labor Relations Act."

"Collective bargaining, far from being a threat to the American enterprise system, is essential to its well-being," the statement declares.

Quoting papal statements

and documents from Vatican II, the Labor Day message asserts that the basic purpose of the original labor relations act "is in full accord with the social teaching not only of the Catholic Church but of other major religious groups as well."

DeSales Additions

Three new members have been added to the DeSales' faculty: Sister Mary Maywalt, vice principal; Beryl Tracey, English teacher; Frank Delamere, Religion and freshman moderator.

Sister who has been dean of students at St. Agnes High School received her BA from Nazareth College and her MA in administration from the University of Notre Dame. Beryl is also a Nazareth College graduate. Delamere is a graduate of Iona Prep and Iona College. He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane for graduate work. He was formerly principal at Briscoe School in Kent, Washington and taught in the Bellevue School district in Bellevue, Washington. Other teaching assignments include St. Phillip Neri in the Bronx.



Reward for Service

Rochester senior citizens have responded to St. Agnes High School's endeavor to give them free theatre with money for a new backdrop. Above, Frank Ernisse, president of the Senior Citizens Action Council presents a \$540 check to Sister Anne Guerin, principal. Happy onlookers are sitting from left: Sister Christina Welch, communications coordinator for the school; Ernisse, Sister Anne, Ruth Knope, president of West Brighton Senior Citizens. Standing from left; William Hanks, general manager of Golden Times and member of the Senior Citizens Action Council; Sister Clare Roland, vice principal; Carol Rinehart of St. Agnes Acting Workshop; John Bulau, vice president of Senior Citizens Action Council; Bill Knope, board member and past president of Senior Citizens Action Council.

Women's Conference Set For Nov. 10-12

Over 35 national and international organizations have enlisted as co-sponsors of the Second Conference on the Ordination of Roman Catholic Women scheduled for Nov. 10-12 in Baltimore. The Conference will examine the state of the ordination question nationally and internationally as well as the relationship of ordination to social justice, the women's movement and the Christian tradition of ministry.

Conference coordinator, Dolores Pomerleau, Hyattsville, Md., noted that religious congregations endorsing the conference come "from New England to California." Some of the groups sponsoring the program include: Liturgical

Conference; National Assembly of Women Religious; Priests for Equality; Religious Formation Conference; Movement for a Better World; Episcopal Women's Caucus; St. Joan's International Alliance. Guest speakers will include Sheila Collins, feminist theologian and author; Elizabeth Fiorenza, theologian at the University of Notre Dame; Mary Hunt of the School of Theology at Berkeley; Shawn Copeland, OP, former director of the National Black Sisters Conference.

The week-end will also include a "rebirth" event beginning at the Baltimore Harbor and progressing through downtown Baltimore to the Civic Center; regional

caucuses, special interest meetings and discussion groups.

For discussion, participants will divide into three interest tracks: women who want to

Equality Day

The local chapter of the National Organization for Women plans a public celebration for Saturday, Aug. 26, the 58th anniversary of final passage of the 19th amendment, which secured women's right to vote. The Women's Equality Day Festival in Genesee Crossroads Park will include entertainment, food, arts and crafts displays and a program of speeches focusing on the

proposed Equal Rights Amendment. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with a parade from the Liberty Pole to the park, and continue until 5 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 27. Keynote speaker will be Robin Morgan of New York City, poet, feminist writer and contributing editor at Ms. Magazine.

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Spanish Course

Spanish language courses given at the Puerto Rican Arts and Cultural Center will be resumed Sept. 11. The new cycle will continue until Nov. 13 at the organization's offices, 946 Clifford. Students may register there between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any business day before the start of classes. The fee for the ten-week course is \$50, and time payments may be worked out, the center's announcement said.

CYO Dinner

The Catholic Youth Organization will hold its third annual dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh. Honored guests will be 71 young persons enrolled in the CETA Summer Program for Economically Disadvantaged Youth and placed in jobs by the CYO at 19 sites. Principal speaker will be Dr. Herbert Douglass, chairman of the African and Afro-American Studies Department at SUC Brockport.



On the Move

Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, and Sister Marguerite Whalen, newly appointed principal of the parish school, are greeted by Father Daniel Holland, associate pastor, at the door of the new convent's chapel. Dedication ceremonies for the parish building were held Aug. 2.



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