

Catholic School Parents Waging Campaign for Passage of Tax Bill

This session of the New York State Legislature is viewed as pivotal by parents of Catholic schoolchildren in their efforts to obtain educational tax relief.

A bill that would provide some relief has already been reported out of the senate Finance Committee and is awaiting a vote in the full senate. The bill, S.3200, is sponsored by Sen. Marchi and is expected to have a companion measure introduced soon in the Assembly.

It would allow taxpayers with school-age dependents to claim either a tax deduction equal to the actual amount of educational expenses incurred, up to \$650 per child in grades K-8 and \$1,000 per child in grades 9-12, OR a state tax credit

equal to \$20 per child, regardless of actual expenses incurred. Under the proposal, selection of the deduction or the credit would be the taxpayer's choice.

Given the importance of this legislation for the non-public school community and the extensive opposition mounted against it by public school lobbying groups, the New York State Coordinating Committee on Educational Assistance — which includes representatives of the Federation of Catholic School Parents, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic School Superintendents' Council, and the Catholic School Administrators' Association — is calling for an all-out lobbying effort across the state.

The campaign in the

Diocese of Rochester is being coordinated by the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents and the Superintendent of Schools office.

It is directed toward all supporters of pluralism in education in the Catholic schools and parishes of the diocese. It will include a massive letter-writing cam-

campaign aimed at the senators and assemblymen who represent every part of the diocese.

In addition, parent leaders from the schools will be making personal visits to the

legislators' local offices to discuss the issues involved, as well as joining with thousands from throughout the state at an Albany rally in mid-May.

Bishop Asks Support For Tax Relief Bill

My Dear People:

On March 12, S.3200, a bill by state Sen. J. Marchi, chairman of the senate Finance Committee, was reported out of that committee to the full senate. Under this bill, taxpayers in New York state with dependents attending public or non-public elementary or secondary schools would be allowed to take either a tax credit or deduction for educational purposes. The credit would be valued at a flat rate of \$20 per child, while the deduction would be up to \$650 for each child in grades K-8 and up to \$1,000 for each child in grades 9-12.

Our state has an opportunity to provide constitutionally acceptable tax relief. It is the same principle that has urged tax relief for preschool child-care costs, college costs, health care costs, and energy expenses. Moreover, a program of tax assistance would promote educational pluralism and parental choice, both concepts to which we have traditionally been committed.

Catholic schools in New York state have a 28 percent minority enrollment and serve nearly 70 percent of the

non-public school students. Non-public schools represent a \$1.5 billion a year saving to state and local taxpayers. Parents of children in Catholic schools have been waiting a long, long time for some measure of tax relief. Now that a bill is up for a vote, we must make our views known. Sen. Marchi's bill merits your consideration.

I urge you to write to your state legislators to express your view on this important piece of legislation. Enactment of education tax relief depends to a very large degree on citizens' support. Your involvement is vital. Thank you for giving this matter your attention and concern.

With every blessing, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,



+ Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

Papal Endorsement

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goals, he said, and not as an endorsement of any particular policies.

The apostolic nunciature's statement noted that the pope had met April 13 with Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., where Dole "delivered a letter from President Reagan."

The nunciature's statement added, "If the Holy Father

recognized a willingness for an opening of dialogue that could lead to peace in Central America, it would have to be interpreted in accord with the constant position of the Holy See, expressed by the pope himself on numerous occasions and we, therefore, exclude the possibility of his support or endorsement of any concrete plan dealing, in particular, with military aspects."

Bishop Ordains Faraone At Mother of Sorrows

David J. Faraone was ordained by Bishop Matthew H. Clark on Friday, April 19, at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. Father Faraone is the son of Christine and Dominick Faraone of Gates. A deacon intern at Mother of Sorrows, he works with the RCIA ministry, Liturgy, and Youth Committees.

Relatives and friends attended a prayer service on Thursday, April 18, with the ordination and First Mass celebrations afterward in the Mother of Sorrows parish hall. A Eucharist of Thanksgiving was also celebrated at St. Theodore's Church, his home parish, on Sunday, April 21.

Father Faraone attended St. Augustine School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, St. John Fisher College, and Becket Hall. A student at St. Bernard's Seminary from 1979-81, he then transferred to Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah, New Jersey, where he received his Master of Divinity in Theology in 1983. Locally, Father



Father David Faraone

Faraone organized youth groups, retreats, and religious education programs at St. Theodore's Church.

In addition to his parents, Father Faraone's family includes three sisters: Mary L. Vieira of Rochester, Linda A. McAllister of Hamlin, and Kathleen C. Faraone of Perinton. His brother, Donald R. Faraone, lives in Texas.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 24
DIABETIC CLASS: Dietary Department of St. James Mercy Hospital, DeSales Hall, 7 p.m.; free.

SPEECH: "What Are We Preparing Our Children For? The Five Life Tasks" by Anthony Schlitzky, of Dreikurs (a non-profit parent support group); Bay Trail Middle School, 1760 Scribner Road, Penfield; 7:30 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION: Michele and Tom Driscoll

on "Liturgy, Prayer and Art;" St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport; 7:30 p.m.; free.

Friday, April 26
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Stress, Burnout, and Painkillers" by Dennie and Dee Stemle; Duffy Memorial Center, St. Augustine's, Chili Avenue; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27
DANCE: Singles 30 and over; sponsored by the Solo Club; St. Cecilia's Church, 2732 Culver Road; 9:00

p.m.; \$3.00; call Annette, 482-6598; Shirley, 467-1230.

SPEECH: "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response;" by Father Thomas R. Bride, chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich, Conn.; Blessed Sacrament Church, Monroe and Oxford Street; at all Masses that weekend and at an open meeting in the School Hall, Sunday, April 28; 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28
ANointing OF THE SICK: Mass at St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Road, Gates; 3:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: sponsored by young adults; Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 160 High Street, Elmira; 3:00 p.m.; \$1.00 donation; call 734-5031.

Monday, April 29
NOVENA: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1089 Joseph Avenue; 7:00 p.m.

Aid to Nicaragua

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Central America in late February and early March.

"The United States should be urging" dialogue and "be engaged in ongoing, one-on-one talks with Nicaragua," Archbishop Hickey said. He said the United States should tell the Nicaraguans: "We will help. We will give you the assistance you need. You don't have to rely on the Soviet Union."

Archbishop Hickey said there has been repression, censorship and hostility

toward the church, and other violations of basic rights perpetrated by the Sandinistas, whom he described as a "totalitarian" regime.

"We are quite aware of the problems there," the archbishop said, responding to subcommittee members' questions about how aware he was of Sandinista acts of oppression and whether he knew the Nicaraguan bishops' views on the situation.

"There's no way we are split from them," Archbishop Hickey said of the U.S. bishops' relations with their

Nicaraguan counterparts. "We stand with them. We talk to them."

He said that in a sense the church in Nicaragua, because of the Sandinistas' repression, "is suffering very badly. But the faith of the people so often responds. We find a very enthusiastic, very strong body of believers. We see a great vitality in the church there. We see a great effort on the part of believers to speak up."

Hyde told Archbishop Hickey that he had talked to Archbishop Miguel Obando

Bravo of Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, "two days ago. I didn't get the story you got."

"If you think the church is going to stay strong there, then we both have (an interesting development) to watch," Hyde told the archbishop.

Questioned similarly by DeWine, the archbishop responded that the U.S. bishops "vigorously oppose" Sandinista repression. "I know more about the church ... than you do," he said.

Liturgical Musicians Presenting Workshop

Carey Landry and Carol Jean Kinghorn will present a workshop Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's School, Canandaigua. This day-long program will focus on planning worship celebrations with children. Special attention will be given to classroom prayer services, as well as Eucharistic liturgies with children. This workshop would be of interest to religious educators, liturgy

teams, musicians and anyone working with children and worship.

Landry has been involved in writing music for liturgy and religious education since 1967. In 1973, Landry collaborated with Kinghorn on the popular "Hi God" series. Kinghorn holds a master's degree in education and has had extensive experience in integrating music into religious education and liturgy.

In 1979 they joined together to publish "Bloom Where You Are Planted," and in 1982 on "Color Your World With Song." They have also edited the "Young People's Glory and Praise Hymnal," published by North American Liturgy Resources. Soon to be published is a new collection of music by Landry entitled "Companions for the Journey."

Landry and Kinghorn will also appear in concert Fri-

day, April 26, at Mercy High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Donations of \$2 per adult and \$1 per child will be taken at the door on Friday night; a registration fee of \$10.00 per person (includes lunch) is being asked for Saturday's workshop. Participants are asked to register for the workshop by April 22. Pre-registration is not necessary for Friday night's concert. For more information, please contact the Office of Liturgy, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester 14624, (716)328-3210.

DEATHS

Corning's Hillary Billote at 83; N.Y. Central Railroad Engineer

Hillary Francis Billote, 83, of 221 Bridge St., Corning, died Sunday, April 14, 1985, at Corning Hospital.

Mr. Billote was born Dec. 6, 1901, in Frenchville, Pa., the son of Celestin and Lucy Plubell Billote. He married Anna E. Mignot on June 30, 1934.

A resident of Corning since 1941, he was an engineer with the New York Central Railroad at the time of his retirement. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Church, the Holy Name Society of the church and the railroad retirees' breakfast club.

Surviving are his wife, Anna; three sons: Father Philip J. Billote, associate pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Corning, Lt. Col. Robert A. Billote of the U.S. Air Force base in Landstuhl,

Germany, and Francis J. Billote of Big Flats; five daughters: Margaret Lapp of Cupertino, Cal., Gladys Krantz of Thousand Oaks, Cal., Mary Roussey of Hamlin, Patricia Billote of Corning, and Catherine Yorio of Rochester; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours and vigil services were at the Haughey Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Vincent dePaul Church by Father Billote. A Christian burial service was conducted at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Frenchville, followed by interment at St. Mary's of the Assumption Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Regional Assemblies Focus on Life

The Easter season finds the regions of the diocese busy with regional assemblies that focus on life. This Easter theme is being brought into the forum to invite participants to consider all aspects of life. The consistent life ethic (or "seamless garment") challenges all Christians to see the various aspects of life issues that must be discussed and prayed about.

Three regions have held such assemblies. The Seneca-Cayuga Region sponsored its assembly on April 21 with Father Robert Werth as principal speaker.

The Southwest Region's assembly was at St. Monica's

Church with Father Ray Flemming discussing the "seamless garment" as a way of life and a form of spirituality. The Southeast Region sponsored its gathering at Monroe Community Hospital, where Father Werth was again the presenter.

Three regions have scheduled spring assemblies in May. On Tuesday, May 2, the North Region will introduce Sister Anne Maloy, director of teh Mercy Center with the Aging. This presentation will concern the ministry to the elderly and will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary's School, 401 Rogers Parkway.

Father Flemming will be the featured speaker at the Northwest Regional Assembly Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Ave. Father Flemming will focus on the consistent life ethic in practice.

The third assembly will be the Chemung-Schuyler Regional Assembly, 7:30 p.m., at St. Charles Church Hall, 130 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights. Father Joseph Jankowiak will speak about life's implications on social and moral issues of the day.

These assemblies are free and open to the public. Discussion will follow each presentation.

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