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Christian Neglect Slows Growth of Better World

PORTLAND, Ore. —(NC)—Neglect by Christians of their own responsibility has slowed the growth of a Christian world during the last five to seven centuries, U.S. Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota told a closing session of the 19th biennial convention of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference here.

"Because Christians have been unwilling to shoulder their proper responsibility whatever their walk of life—whether as statesmen or poets, businessmen or farmers—the development of a Christian world has been slowed, been diverted and in some areas turned back," the Senator told a banquet gathering.

He said "the optimism which characterized the world at the beginning of the last century has gradually faded, not only because the promises of education, of sci-

ence and a few political forms have faded, but because of the rejection of Christian principles."

"Modern man has seen the lights by which he thought he was being guided grow dim and fade one by one. A world which was quite recently self confident and even arrogant, today has been brought low," he stated.

"The progressive rejection of Christianity is the result, on one hand, of the rejection of Christianity by the world. On the other hand, we must also point to the rejection, neglect and failure of Christians to meet fully their responsibilities toward the world," said McCarthy.

Tryon Dedicates Church

TRYON — New St. John's Church, replacing the 1911 frame and shingle structure which burned June 25, 1961, was dedicated Thursday evening by Bishop Vincent S. Waters. Communion supper at 7:00 p.m. followed the 6:00 p.m. recited Mass which the bishop offered. The supper was served in the basement parish hall of the new parish ensemble.

Father Thomas F. Kerin, pastor of St. Agnes Church, Washington, N.C., preached the sermon.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church were held on September 24, 1961. Ernst A. Benkert, Tryon, was architect of the building, which is of contemporary architecture with some traces of traditional design. Of special interest is the fact that the interior furnishings—altar, altar railing, pews, and Baptismal font were

Census Tally Of Students Called Low

WASHINGTON —(NC)— The Census Bureau said here that the 1960 population census showed that 5,552,042 pupils were in private elementary and secondary schools that year.

The bureau said this is 13.6 per cent of the total number of U. S. school age children. This means that for every 86 children in public schools, there were nearly 14 in private schools.

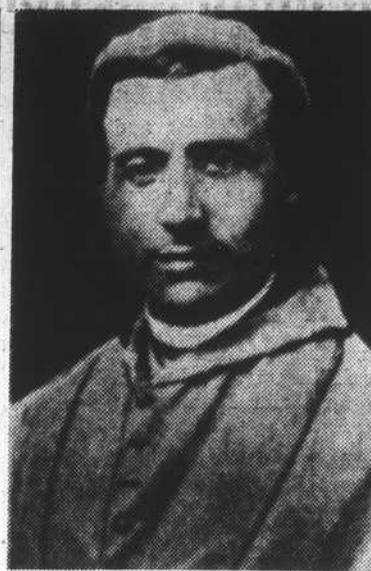
Rhode Island was said to lead the nation with percentage of grade and high school pupils in private schools, 26.6 per cent. Wisconsin was reported close behind with a flat 26 per cent.

The bureau's enrollment figure is the most conservative one published for 1960. The U. S. Office of Education has reported higher student totals for both public and non-public schools.

The Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, reporting on Catholic school enrollment only, has given a figure for Church grade school enrollment that is higher than the total for all private elementary schools published by the bureau.

But the bureau says its data are "only roughly comparable" to that from other sources because of differences in the method of gathering them, in subject matter covered, in definitions and in the time of the school year when they were sought.

When the bureau asked about school attendance in the census, it did so in every fourth household. It inquired about type of school attended, public or private, See Census Tally, page 8A



YOUNGEST BISHOP — The youngest bishop attending the First Vatican Council (1869-70), Bishop James Gibbons, Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina, was only 35 years old when the Council began. The photo above shows the prelate who later became the Cardinal-Archbishop of Baltimore, following his consecration in 1868. Bishop Gibbons, the youngest of more than 700 prelates at the council, could not remember having missed a single session of the council debates. At his death in 1921, Cardinal Gibbons was the last living Father of the First Vatican Council.

Lay Apostles Called Vital To Church

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(NC) — "The lay apostolate is not an accessory, not a luxury, not something capricious . . . for the Church is not the Church of Christ without the lay apostolate."

This message, expressed with a dynamism belying his 80 years, was brought here by Msgr. Joseph Cardijn, a champion of the lay apostolate.

The Belgian priest, founder of the international Young Christian Workers, spoke at Presentation High School and urged American Catholics to wake up to their responsibilities as lay apostles of the Church in a world community which more and more looks to the U.S. for moral as well as scientific and technological leadership.

During speaking engagements both to the general public and local Young Christian Workers, Msgr. Cardijn consistently underscored the essential importance of the lay apostolate to what he termed "the salvation of the Church and of humanity."

He termed the lay apostolate the "mission of the layman to spread the reign of Christ on earth."

Algerian Bishops Plead For Sanity and Peace

ALGIERS, Algeria — (NC) — Archbishop Leon Duval of Algiers has again issued an appeal for peace as this newly independent north African nation faces the threat of open civil war.

The Archbishop issued many similar pleas during the country's more than seven-year-long struggle for independence from France and denounced the acts of violence committed by European extremists in the Secret Army Organization.

Now the prelate has condemned the kidnappings and extortion by Moslem nationalists which have followed the winning of freedom on July 3, as well as other violent incidents that continue to mar relations between Moslems and Europeans.

Two weeks before the Archbishop's appeal, the Algerian Bishops held a meeting at which they resolved to bring these matters to the full attention of Algeria's Association of Safeguard, set up to solve conflicts between the nation's Moslem majority and its Christian community, which once numbered close to a million but is declining as Europeans continue to leave Algeria.

The Bishops also discussed the country's economic decline since independence and the consequent growth of unemployment.

Archbishop Duval's peace plea came as fighting broke out between two factions of the nationalist forces which waged the successful battle for freedom. Forces loyal to Vice Premier Mohammed Ben Bella, who is vying for power against the faction headed by Premier Benyousséf Ben Khedda, seized control of two major cities—Constantine and Bone—on July 25.

Premier Ben Khedda's group

Bishop Waters Leads Pilgrims

NEW YORK — (NC) — Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N.C., national chaplain of the Catholic Daughters of America, will be spiritual director of a pilgrimage to the Second Vatican Council departing from here in mid-September.

The pilgrimage, which will include visits to Dublin, Lourdes, Paris, Switzerland and Venice as well as to Rome, is being organized by the Catholic Travel League here.

New High School Is Dedicated At Raleigh

RALEIGH — The new Raleigh regional Catholic high school was dedicated last Friday evening, July 27, at 5 p.m. by Bishop Vincent S. Waters.

Raleigh Catholic High School is located on an 18-acre plot of Nazareth Orphanage land, adjacent to Price Memorial Auditorium which was completed in 1960.

Holloway-Reeves, Raleigh architects, designed the new seven-classroom secondary school which replaces Cathedral Latin High. Clancy Construction Company was in charge of construction.

Built along contemporary lines, the new facility includes laboratories for chemistry, physics, biology, and foreign language, four large home rooms, library, and a separate administration building. Cloister walks tie together the various units. A small room has been reserved for chapel.

Completely furnished, the new Catholic High of Raleigh cost \$170,000. Costs will be pro-rated among the three Catholic parishes of the area—Sacred Heart Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Monica's.

Father Albert Todd, now administrator of Sacred Heart Cathedral, will serve as diocesan administrator of the school which is in charge of the Newburgh Dominican Sisters.



ST JOHN CHURCH, TRYON, which includes a parish hall in the undercroft, with provisions for religion classes, was dedicated by Bishop Vincent S. Waters on August 2 before the 5:30 evening Mass. Ernst A. Benkert, Tryon architect, designed the attractive and highly functional new parish structure. (Photo by Barber, Hendersonville)