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## Record Enrollment in Catholic Schools

Washington — (NC) — Catholic elementary and secondary schools have enrolled about 5,653,000 students this month, according to a preliminary estimate made here.

High schools, in contrast to the situation of only a few years ago, clearly are emerging as pace-setters in percentage of enrollment increase, according to an estimate released by the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Grade school expansion, which has run as high as three or four per cent in some past school years, continues a deceleration first noted sharply three years ago.

**MAJOR FACTORS** in the slowdown in growth of elementary

school numbers appear to be grade-dropping, which will take away 10,000 pupils in Cincinnati alone this year; a continued shortage of teaching Sisters because they are being held back until they finish all college courses; new regulations in several dioceses cutting down average class size and the financial strain facing parishes from recent costly school expansion and hiring of lay teachers.

Nevertheless, the estimated 1964 fall enrollments indicate another high mark in an unbroken series of enrollment records over the past decades.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** enrollment this year should be about 4,600,000 in contrast to 4,546,360 last year and high schools should enroll about 1,053,000 in contrast to about 1,041,357 last year.

The NCWC department released actual figures for the 1963-64 school year which illustrate the rapid growth of high schools.

Between the 1962 and the 1963 school years, the department said, secondary enrollment grew by 3.2 per cent while the elementary school enrollment expanded by only 1.4 percent.

In the past school year, there were 10,775 Catholic elementary schools in the United States staffed by 115,468 teachers. There were 2,487 secondary schools across the country with a faculty totaling 51,065 the NCWC department said.

## Father Brendan Dooley Interred at Belmont Abbey

The Rev. Brendan John Dooley, O.S.B., a priest of Belmont Abbey, died suddenly Monday evening August 31 in Savannah, Georgia. He was 54 years of age.

Father Brendan was well known to former Abbey students as a brilliant instructor in English literature and in mathematics. He taught many years at Belmont Abbey College.

For the past ten years he was assigned to Savannah, Georgia, where he taught at Benedictine High School.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1910. He attended the Abbey Preparatory School, received his A.B. degree from Belmont Abbey College, and his S.T.B. from the Abbey Seminary. He did advanced studies at the Catholic University of America and then attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received his M.A. degree in literature.

**FATHER BRENDAN** became a Benedictine monk at Belmont Abbey in 1932, taking his religious vows in 1933, and made his solemn profession in 1936. He was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Dougherty in 1939. The celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination on June 3 of this year. As a silver jubilee gift he spent the past summer visiting Ireland.

The funeral mass was celebrated in Savannah, Georgia, on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the Sacred Heart Church. The remains were transferred to Belmont Abbey where the solemn requiem mass was celebrated Friday at 4:00 P.M. by the Rt. Rev. Walter A. Coggin, O.S.B., Abbot-Ordinary of Belmont Abbey. Interment was in the Abbey cemetery.

He is survived by a twin brother, Lawrence of Lutherville, Maryland, and older brother Edward of Philadelphia, and a sister Mrs. George Datz of East Rockaway, Long Island, New York.



**TEN YOUNG LADIES** officially dedicated themselves as Mary Missioners to a years service in North Carolina missions. Bishop Vincent S. Waters, presided at the Raleigh Cathedral Mandate ceremony last Sunday. Symbol of their service is the Mary Missioner medal which they received from the Bishop before their assignment to Mission houses at Winston-Salem and Farmville. (Staff photo by Ed Chabot)

## Ahoskie Pastor Granted Rights Of Citizenship

Father Herman Marin Bosschermuller, Pastor, St. Charles, Ahoskie, N.C., was granted American citizenship during an impressive ceremony of naturalization conducted in the U.S. District Court sitting on the afternoon of September 2 here in New Bern, N.C.

Father Bosschermuller was one of a group of 17 given all the rights and privileges of native born citizens by Federal Judge John D. Larkins, Jr. He congratulated each for having the courage and the desire to seek after citizenship. He suggested that each strive to continue to serve the country of their choice with renewed zeal and energy.

It was noted that an occasion such as this should also serve as a renewal of enthusiasm for the native born citizens . . . the seeing of the emotions of those in the group seeking citizenship was an object lesson for any weak hearted native borns!

## Prelate Expects Changes In Mixed Marriage Laws

LONDON —(NC)— The ecumenical council may provide for changes in the laws on mixed marriages, Archbishop John Heenan of Westminster said in an interview here.

The Archbishop discussed the canon laws which provide that when a Catholic and non-Catholic marry in the Catholic Church, they must sign a promise that all children of the marriage will be raised as Catholics and agree that there will be no other ceremony than the Catholic one.

"There are certain propositions that will be put to the council," Archbishop Heenan said in an interview in The Word, Catholic monthly. "For example, there are those who feel very strongly that the non-Catholic partner should be able to go to his own church for a blessing, as well as receive the blessing of the Catholic Church.

"That kind of thing," Archbishop Heenan declared, "involves no great principle."

**ANOTHER DIFFICULTY** which he said is not insurmountable is the signed promise about bringing up the children as Catholics. "Some people have an actual objection to the physical act of signing a promise — willing to say 'yes' and agree, but not liking the written promise," Archbishop Heenan said.

"That kind of objection," he declared, "could easily be met." But he warned: "What I would not be prepared to say is that the council will decree that it no longer matters about promising to bring up the children as Catholics. I cannot imagine, myself, that the council will say that."

**THE PROBLEM** of Protestants and Catholics marrying is, he said, to a large extent "an imaginary problem." There are fewer mixed marriages in London now than there were 20 years ago, he noted, and the overwhelming majority of the non-Catholics who marry Catholics are not themselves practicing members of any religious community.

Archbishop Heenan went on to answer questions about "jazzing up" the liturgy, the state of the press, the decline in conversions, the potential strength of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain, and the restoration in England of the order of deacon as an independent ecclesiastical office, but part of the ministry.

He said he would like to see the diaconate used to give pastoral experience before a man has made the irrevocable decision of the priesthood. "I would say a future

priest might well be sent out on to the parish while still a deacon in order to test his fitness for the priesthood. He might spend a year in a parish acquiring pastoral experience and seeing whether in fact he has the aptitude, a true vocation," Archbishop Heenan said. "As it is, a boy goes into a seminary and comes out a priest. Afterwards he may find himself unsuitable."

The archbishop was asked: "How do you feel about certain moves which have been made to present Church music in a new form, such as the introduction of a jazz rhythm or what has been called a Broadway lilt?"

He replied: "I think it most unlikely that the devotion of the faithful will be increased by jazz. And still less do I think that the new [Liverpool] cathedral on Merseyside [the home of the Beatles] will go in for the 'Mersey sound.' Nothing does more harm

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## OFFICIAL

The following clergy appointments are announced by the Most Reverend Bishop through the Diocesan Chancery:

**The Reverend James Robinson, S.S.E.**, is appointed pastor of St. Catherine Church, Elizabeth City.

**The Reverend Kevin Farrell, O.F.M.**, is appointed pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Church, Winston-Salem.

**The Reverend Robert De Santis** is appointed assistant pastor of St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte.

**The Reverend James Mobbs** is appointed to the Diocesan Missionary Apostolate at St. Gabriel Church, Greenville.

**The Reverend Prabhu Prasad, I.M.S.**, is appointed to the Diocesan Missionary Apostolate at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Newton Grove.

**The Reverend Edward Dubriske, S.S.E.**, is appointed to the Diocesan Missionary Apostolate at St. John Church, North Wilkesboro.

**The Reverend Frederick McLachlan, S.S.E.**, is appointed to the Diocesan Missionary Apostolate at St. John Church, North Wilkesboro.

**The Mission of Sacred Heart, Goldsboro**, is transferred from the jurisdiction of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Newton Grove, to the jurisdiction of St. Mary's Church, Goldsboro.

James E. McSweeney  
Chancellor

## Orthodox Bishops Asked to Boycott Relic Ceremonies

ATHENS — (NC) — Orthodox Archbishop Chrysostomos of Athens has urged Greek Bishops not to attend ceremonies to be held this fall in connection with the return of a relic of St. Andrew from Rome to Greece, it was reported here by the newspaper Ethnos.

Pope Paul VI announced in June that he would send the relic back to this country at the request of Metropolitan Constantine of Patras, where tradition says St. Andrew was martyred.

Archbishop Chrysostomos, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Greece, reportedly expressed the fear that participation by Orthodox prelates in the ceremonies marking the return might be misunderstood as indicating an Orthodox-Catholic "union." The archbishop has steadfastly opposed the sending of Greek Orthodox observers to the Vatican council and also spoke out against the meeting in Jerusalem last January between Pope Paul and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople.

Shortly after the Pope's June announcement, Metropolitan Constantine thanked the Pontiff and said his decision was "inspired by the Holy Spirit."