



WEBSTER GROVES, Mo.—Sister Jacqueline Grennan, president of Webster College, wears civilian dress after she requested, and received, dispensation from her vows to better "fulfill my commitment in the public sector." If the Vatican approves, she will continue as head of the college after its ownership is transferred to a lay board of trustees.

Interdenominational University

EDMONTON, Alta. — (NC) — The Alberta provincial cabinet and representatives of five Christian churches have reached initial agreement on a proposed interdenominational university to be built with government funds and operated by the churches.

The provincial government and the churches — Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran and United — must now give final approval to the proposal.

It is favored by Father Clement Kinderwater, O.M.I., executive director of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association and Catholic representative on the study committee.

"The churches," Father Kinderwater said, "must accept the government's proposal if they want to have a presence on the new university campus. It is the only opportunity in western Canada for the churches to duplicate the constituent colleges which exist at eastern Canadian universities."

Laity Predominate On Diocesan Board

PITTSBURGH — (RNS) — Lay people now outnumber Religious on the school board of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for the first time in its history.

Appointment of two more lay members brought the number of laity to eight. Remainder of the board comprises four priests, a nun and two ex-officio bishop-members — Bishop John J. Wright, head of the diocese, and his vicar for education, Auxiliary Bishop John B. McDowell.

The new lay members are Clayton Sweeney, a Pittsburgh attorney, and Mrs. Carmen Capone, housewife active in Church and civic matters.

Baptists Set 'Race Relations Sunday'

Feb. 12 has been designated "Race Relations Sunday" in North Carolina and across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Corbin Cooper, secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Baptist State Convention, has urged every church to participate in the observance.

"We are still faced with the shocking reality that about 98 percent of all Southern Baptist churches refuse to accept brown-skin Christians into their fellowship," Cooper said. As long as "such feelings exist there is a need for Race Relations Sunday."

Changes In Control of Catholic Colleges

Detroit University

DETROIT —(NC)— The president of the University of Detroit said here that total ownership and control of the university will be given to a new board of trustees, half of whose members will be laymen and half Jesuit priests.

Father Malcolm Carron, S.J., said the new 16-member board will replace the university's present seven-member Jesuit board in about two months. The change is part of a general revision of the university's charter which will soon be submitted for approval to the State of Michigan. The university received its charter from the state. It has an enrollment of 12,000 students.

Loyola — Chicago

CHICAGO —(RNS)— One of the largest Jesuit universities in the world announced here that laymen would be added to the governing board for the first time in its 97-year-history.

Father James F. Maguire, S.J., president of Loyola University of Chicago, announced that the university would add laymen to its board "in the near future."

Loyola is Chicago's oldest university. It has a 40-member, 35-year-old advisory board of lay trustees, but is governed by a board of 10 Jesuits.

Father Maguire said the move has been under consideration for a year and a half. Only 63 of the 410 full time faculty members are priests. University enrollment is 12,242.

A trend to greater lay involvement in guiding the affairs of Catholic colleges is the reflection of Vatican II pronouncements.

John Carroll University

CLEVELAND —(NC)— Father Hugh E. Dunn, S.J., president of John Carroll University, said that laymen of several religions may be named to the university's governing board of trustees within six months.

"The Second Vatican Council's concept of more widespread sharing of responsibility and authority is the basis of a definite trend in Catholic colleges and universities toward governing boards which include laymen and other non-members of religious communities operating the schools," Father Dunn said.

"John Carroll University is in the forefront of this trend. Exploratory steps are now being taken which probably will lead to such a setup here," he stated.

The present board of trustees comprises seven Jesuit priests. There is a 26-member advisory board composed of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish laymen, but power rests with the trustees.

Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind. —(NC)— The president of the University of Notre Dame said here that the time has come for laymen to share with Holy Cross priests the responsibility for governing the university.

Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., said it is "unrealistic" to expect the current six-member clerical board of trustees to continue to guide the university. He added that he regards a proposed reorganization of the board of trustees as an "inevitable development."

Father Hesburgh stressed, however, that Notre Dame will not become a secular university. It will continue to be the "exalted mission" of the Holy Cross Fathers to insure the Catholic character of Notre Dame, he said.

Catholic University

WASHINGTON, D.C. —(RNS)— Bishop William J. McDonald, rector of the Catholic University of America said here that while new policy making committees will reflect a stronger voice for laymen in university affairs, "at no time has any member of the board of trustees or any group of bishops proposed that the bishops relinquish their role in the university."

Bishop McDonald said naming of the policy-making committee is designed to give the laity and the bishops greater opportunity for cooperation. Some of the policy-making and the administration has been in the hands of the laity, in conjunction with the bishops, for some time.

De Paul University

CHICAGO —(NC)— Father Comerford J. O'Malley, C.M., chancellor of De Paul University, said here that the school has been studying for more than a year the possibility of increasing the number of lay members of its board of directors.

Since the founding of the university in 1907, one-third of the members have been laymen and two-thirds have been Vincentian Fathers. The 15-member board of directors has effective power and control over the administration of the university, Father O'Malley said. Under consideration is a plan which would enlarge the board by the addition of more lay members.

Marymount — California

PALOS VERDES, Calif. —(NC)— Sister Raymond McKay, president of Marymount College, said here the college will soon add five laymen to its board of trustees. Marymount is a liberal arts college for women.

In May, Marymount's present board of five Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary will be replaced by an 11-member board including five laymen. All members of the new board will have equal standing.

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