



Knights of Columbus Roundup

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Brother Knights throughout the state should right now circle in red the date of SATURDAY, APRIL 27 on their calendar, for this marks the first time that our State Council has sponsored a STATE SEMINAR. It will be held in Raleigh at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Anderson Drive. Our State Catholic Activity Chairman KENNETH E. STROUD has done an outstanding job in arranging a very interesting program. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT HIM BY YOUR ATTENDANCE!

This should be a 'MUST' for all Knights, and your ladies are also welcome as well as your friends. It is something you should not miss and you will gain a great spiritual benefit from the inspiring program that Brother Stroud has arranged. Form car pools and come in groups for, after all, the success of this new venture "depends upon you and your Council," says Brother Stroud. "Let us proclaim to everybody our determination to implement the decrees of Vatican II."

The Program calls for registration at 12:30 in the school auditorium. There will be a fee of 50 cents. FR. RAYMOND DONOHUE, our State Chaplain, will give the opening prayer and Sir Knight and State Deputy GEORGE E. LUND will give the address of welcome. Chairman Stroud will introduce the speakers. There will be Discussion Groups from 2:15 to 3:30 in the classrooms, then a coffee break, followed by summaries by Recorders. The Seminar will conclude at approximately 5 p.m.

Speakers and their subjects: "What Is The Priesthood of The Laity?", REV. J. PAUL BYRON, member of the National Liturgical Commission; "Do We Need The Clergy and Religious?" (The need for vocations) DR. DAVID YOUNG, North Carolina State University; "Current Issues In Catholic Education," FR. DONALD F. STAIB, Superintendent of Diocesan Schools; "Is Communism A Menace?" JORGE LAGAMASINO, former resident of Cuba; "War And Peace," REV. F. CHARLES MULHOLLAND, Newman Chaplain, North Carolina State University.

To help the Raleigh Council make proper preparations, will you please (Grand Knights) send a card to State Catholic Activities Chairman Kenneth E. Stroud, 3005 HILLMER DRIVE, RALEIGH, N.C. (27609) and indicate the number attending from your Council? PLEASE DO THIS!

IT IS HOPED THAT BY NOW ALL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES SHOULD HAVE SENT IN RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN WILMINGTON ON MAY 17, 18, 19. IF NOT, DO SO AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE — CERTAINLY NOT LATER THAN APRIL 21. MAIL THEM TO STATE SECRETARY RODNEY L. BOOKER 3017 MARMION ST., WINSTON SALEM, (24107).

COMING EVENTS: SUNDAY, MAY 5TH IN RALEIGH THE STATE TRACK MEET AND PICNIC WILL BE HELD (more on this next week) and of course, THE STATE CONVENTION AT WILMINGTON ON MAY 17, 18, 19. The opening session will be held aboard the Battleship USS NORTH CAROLINA — A 'FIRST' AS FAR AS STATE CONVENTIONS OF THE K OF C ARE CONCERNED!

Tells Legion of Mary They are Permanently Involved in Services

Philadelphia — (NC) — "You are a symbol of the unity of the Church," John Cardinal Krol, of Philadelphia told 1,300 Legionaries of Mary at rites in SS. Peter and Paul cathedral here.

Referring to the Legion's relationship to the work of the Second Vatican Council, Cardinal Krol said, "You have heard this—and there are some who would try to give this impression—that the highest legislative event of the Church was held to destroy the law of the Church; that the authorities invoked this event of the council to condemn themselves out of existence; that the bishops, with Pope John, participated in this together — not, as Pope John said, to preserve unity, but to sow discord and dissidence.

"Now there are those," he noted, "who try to give the impression that all forms of the lay apostolate, including such groups as the Legion of Mary, were labeled out of date by the council in the 'aggiornamento.' Be confident of the fact that your Legion of Mary is a worldwide, permanently assembled association of very faithful laity who are ready to serve all the needs of the Church. . . . The council, far from outdating, reaffirms such organizations as the Legion of Mary."

Expressing his thanks to the Legionaries, the cardinal said, "I am grateful, first of all, for what you do for yourselves. Sometimes, when we get perhaps a bit disenchanted with the occupation of the materials of the Church and schools and all that goes with it, we look for comfort and consolation to the monthly report of your activities. . . ."

NEW HEAD

Vatican City — (NC) — Msgr. Dominic Joseph Conway, rector of the Irish College in Rome, has been appointed Secretary General for the Pontifical Work for the Propagation of the Faith.

Defends Catholic Schools Future; Should Reorganize, In Positive, United Goals

Demarest, N.J. — (NC) — "The American people cannot afford the tragedy of the passing of an educational resource as important as that of the Catholic school," a Catholic educator declared here.

But at a time when those schools are most needed, Catholics are engaged in a debate over whether or not they should be continued, according to Msgr. William M. Roche.

Msgr. Roche, Rochester diocesan superintendent of schools, spoke at the annual spring symposium sponsored by the Bergen County Catholic Education Association at Holy Angels Academy here.

"It would be imprudent in the extreme to allow Catholic and other non-public schools to be forced out of existence," he said.

As for the debate over Catholic schools, Msgr. Roche said the chief trouble is that those who oppose them "begin the debate with the fords, 'Since we can no longer afford Catholic schools,' as if this was already a proven fact."

Reorganization Needed

What is needed, Msgr. Roche said, is reorganization and change within the Catholic school system.

"As society changes, so must parish and pastoral outlook," he said. "Those who devote themselves to the preservation of existing institutions which were formed in years past for different purposes are doomed to failure.

"Instead, we must direct the change to give current meaning to changing institutions." He added:

Positive Thinking

"Before we allow Catholic schools to die by default we must allow a positive program to institute changes in their means of support." He offered a six-point program for such changes:

—Establish a diocesan school system under central administration.

—Create diocesan, regional and parish school boards.

—Clearly define relations and responsibilities among pastors, parents and school superintendents.

—Centralize services such as recruitment of teachers and planning at the diocesan level.

—Develop more effective relationships to other educational, governmental and community organizations.

—Develop financial policies more consistent with a diocesan system.

"If these steps are taken," Msgr. Roche said, "I believe that evidence will mount that we can afford Catholic schools."

PREFECTURE NAMED

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named as head of the new office of Prefect of the Apostolic Palace Msgr. Mario Nasalli Rocca di Corneliano, former Maestro di Camera until the office was abolished less than a week before.

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