

## Editor's Desk

If I had to choose a business this year, I'd sell remote islands. So said the editor of another Catholic publication this week.

The acute bombing in Vietnam, the turmoil in the cities, the student disturbances on college campuses, the pointlessness of the political parties, the clerical conflicts in the Church, the condition of family morals in the urban slums, the race and teacher differences in our nation's schools, the wild transition of the arts from the traditional virtues and values, all these problems bounce across the desk this year, even though we live in the society which gives us the greatest security and in the section of God's Church on earth, noted for its fidelity to the Faith.

NO WONDER LIFE on a desert island looks so attractive, writes the Catholic editor from his desk at "Ave Maria" Magazine at Notre Dame University:

The maddening element is the sense of power and progress frustrated. We know that we have the power to overcome North Vietnam.

We look at the cost of the planes, bombs, transportation, men being swallowed up in Vietnam and realize how far this expenditure could take us toward an intelligently planned attack on poverty. Yet, we also know that there is little chance that these funds will be channeled into the fight against poverty, even when Vietnam ends.

IN MANY FAMILIES, parents rejoice in the intelligence, education, the human potential of their children and then agonize at the apparent waste as the young people vacillate without purpose or direction.

Again, in the Church, the same thing. We have seen a willingness to reexamine; we have seen major innovations; we have seen brilliant new thinkers, great personal dedication. Yet, instead of surging forward into a deeper, more profound realization of its goals, the Church is caught in a whirlpool of controversy and rising bitterness, with more of its most promising spokesmen disappearing beneath the surface.

Yes, unquestionably this would be the time for the island salesman, but, in spite of the sales potential, the island — as actual See Editor's Desk, page 3A

## Roanoke Rapids Pastor

# Fr. Colgan Buried; Served 28 Years

Roanoke Rapids — Requiem Mass for the repose of the Reverend Thomas Joseph Colgan, 64, pastor of St. John's Church here was offered September 21. The priest died in a New York hospital during a leave of absence from his parish requested due to illness.

The Reverend J. Calvert Brown, S.J. has been administrator of the parish during Father Colgan's absence.

The Mass was offered by the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh. The church was filled with clergy and members of the parish. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. Charles J. O'Connor, V.F. rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral at Raleigh.

The Requiem Mass of burial was being offered at the same hour at the Church of St. Phillip Neri in Bronx, New York and burial was in Gate of Heaven cemetery, New York City. Death came September 17 fol-



EXTERIOR VIEW of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, at Washington, D.C., which is developing a patina now that it has been exposed to the elements for some years, bringing out in greater detail some of the elaborate carving and statuary with which it is adorned. (NC Photos)

# St. Joseph's Church Planning Dedication

Raleigh — "I am optimistic for this parish as a symbol of the Unity of the Church," said the Rev. Cranor F. Graves, pastor of St. Joseph's church here, which dedication ceremony is planned for Friday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh, will officiate at the dedication rites and offer the Mass and deliver the homily for the occasion. Mr. Phillip S. Ogilvie, a lector of the parish, will read the Epistle. The congregation will participate in making the various Scripture readings as well as sing the hymns.

The church cost \$155,000 and seats 300 people. There are 216 families in the parish.

THE TERRITORY of the new parish takes in most of the eastern end of the capitol city, an area formerly a part of the Cathedral parish and the suppressed St. Monica parish.

The church property is located on the corner of Peartree Lane and Poole Road and is adjacent to the Raleigh Country Club. It was purchased some years ago for \$75,000 and contains 7 acres. There are two houses on the prop-

erty and a garage apartment. The principal house was known as the former Clark residence.

The church building is of similar exterior design to St. Raphaels at Millbrook, a suburb of Raleigh. However, the interior has been designed to also provide a large parish room measuring 30 x 36 feet and there are additional exits. It was designed by Ralph B. Reeves, Jr. Associates and was built by Clancy and Theys Construction Company.

THE ENTRANCE to the church is made by two paved driveways leading off from the streets. A parking lot, also paved, is provided to the left side of the church.

The altar of sacrifice is the gift of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, a community which formerly nursed the sick-poor at Durham.

The Blessed Sacrament altar has been taken from St. Monica's Church where it has been a memorial to the Tierney family.

Many of the furnishings and sanctuary items have been taken from the suppressed parish church to the new one.

THE FLOOR of the church is carpeted in thornbrush shade of material and the seating is in russet, gold and charcoal. The sacristy is located near the sanctuary.

The exterior design follows a rectangular modern line with concrete filled exterior steel and the walls of a light colored soft brick.

The rectory, one of the initial buildings of the property purchase, is located at 624 Peartree Lane. It follows the lines of the early American tradition and provides a one and a half story home.

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## Membership Drive Mapped

# Historical Society Outlines Goals

Raleigh — "Listen, Please . . . do you know that . . ." and seven points of interest in Catholic involvement in the life of the State of North Carolina, are given as introductory reasons in an invitation to membership in the Catholic Historical Society of North Carolina.

The attractive literature in-

tended to promote State-wide membership in the Society was presented to board members who met in Raleigh at the Downtown Motel last week.

The project of the Society and the publication of the board of directors appears on page 3. Page 4 is a subscription form for membership under the various types of association with the Society.

The membership-promotional literature was presented to the 13 board members present for the meeting by the Very Rev. Charles J. O'Connor, president of the Society. It was the work of William H. O'Shea, Wake County Librarian and Treasurer of the Society and Charles H. Bowman, Jr., faculty member of East Carolina University.

FATHER O'CONNOR urged that board members contact interested Catholics who are members of parishes in their area and ask them to contact local pastors in order that they in turn may assist the priests in a membership drive on the local scene.

The purpose of the Historical Society, said Father O'Connor, is to provide a resource group of interested people in the Catholic contributions made in the early days of our State. It plans to promote broad research and be a source of information which will gain access to the location of persons, places and objects of Catholic interest or involvement.

Sister Mary Annette, R.S.M., chief librarian at Sacred Heart College at Belmont and a board member, accepted the role of archivist of the Society. She will receive and catalog letters, books and other historical memorabilia for safe keeping and will soon offer a listing of available research materials, their location and values.

WHILE THE HOME of Judge William Gaston at New Bern is owned by the Diocese of Raleigh, the first project of the Catholic Historical Society of North Carolina is the long term proposal of restoration.

The building is a fine example of an 18th century town house. Judge Gaston, a charter member of St. Paul's Church at New Bern, was a champion of religious freedom, an Associate Justice of the See Historical Society, page 8A

## Council Meet Is Scheduled

Southern Pines — The Diocesan Pastoral Advisory Council was scheduled to meet Saturday, Sept. 28, at St. Anthony's School Hall here.

The council promotes unity and singleness of purpose of the People of God and has 38 members, including clerical and lay representatives from each of the 13 deaneries in the Diocese of Raleigh, representatives of orders of nuns in North Carolina and appointees of Bishop Waters.

Vincent C. Kopp of Cary is chairman.

# Enrollment Gains Seen This Year

Washington — Enrollment in Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the United States in 1968-69 may reverse trends of recent years, with the elementary school enrollment leveling off after three years of decline and the secondary school enrollment rising again after several years at about the same level.

These tentative conclusions emerge from a study made public by the Research Office of the National Catholic Educational Association, the nation's oldest and largest professional organization for Catholic educators.

The NCEA study estimates Catholic elementary school enrollment for the current school year at 4,129,681. This is a decline of 35,823 from the 1967-68 figure of 4,165,504, but it is small (0.86%) by comparison with the percentage declines of the three previous years (4.68% in 1967-68, 2.72% in 1966-67, and 1.64% in 1965-66).

ON THE SECONDARY school

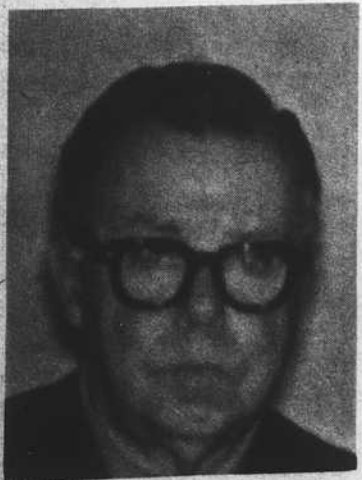
level, the estimated enrollment is a new all-time high of 1,116,395. This is an increase of 27,123 or 2.49% over the 1967-68 figure of 1,089,272. Catholic secondary school enrollment has remained relatively constant since the 1964-65 school year.

The NCEA study showed that the projected enrollment increase at the high school level was common to all major geographic areas of the country except the West North Central region, where dwindling rural population accounted for an expected decrease of 0.2%.

For all other regions, estimated increases ranged from slightly under 2% in the West South Central and East North Central areas to a high of more than 7% in the Rocky Mountain states.

IN ONLY EIGHT states — Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, Delaware and Wyoming — were net decreases expected by the re-

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Rev. Thomas J. Colgan