

# State bishops form Conference to foster welfare of Church

By PAUL G. FOX

The formation of an Indiana Catholic Conference, to promote the general welfare of the five Indiana dioceses, was revealed this week in Indianapolis.

Headquarters for the state-wide Conference will be in Indianapolis, where an office will be maintained by a full-time lay executive secretary.

Named to the top post, to represent the state's five bishops and various diocesan agencies and programs, was James Brennan, 47, former executive officer with the Ohio Education Association in Columbus. He will assume his duties on Monday, Sept. 19, with offices in the Illinois Building in downtown Indianapolis.

Prime purposes of the Conference are to provide a forum for the development of a common viewpoint among the dioceses of the state, and to provide the mechanism for developing this viewpoint through discussion and exchange. Further, the Conference is embodied to present this viewpoint before state departments and agencies, and organizations, including the Legislature, on matters of concern to the Church.

The governing board of the Conference will be comprised of the Archbishop of Indianapolis and the Bishops of Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Gary and Lafayette.

Advising and consulting with the governing board on matters of policies, positions, programs and procedures will be the heads of the departmental units comprising the Conference.

Among the proposed departments are: school office, social services, legal advisory units, and diocesan councils of men and women.

As outlined in the formative stage, the entire Conference would meet during legislative years of the Indiana General Assembly to review legislation being proposed which might affect the program and interests of the Church.

Preliminary meetings are envisioned by Conference planners. The Bishops and their Chancellors would meet separately to review legislation affecting their spheres.

Summaries of viewpoints adopted would then be presented to the Bishops for final approval.

IT IS EXPECTED that each department will schedule additional meetings periodically throughout the year and appoint a contact man for liaison with the executive secretary of the Conference.

During non-legislative years, the same sections will probably meet to establish the goals of the Church.

to the 16th Italian National Week of Pastoral Reform held in Rome and were received in audience at the papal Summer villa here. He made pointed references to recent articles and books touching on the question of priestly celibacy.



VOL. VI, NO. 10 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 16, 1966

## COUNCIL AFTERMATH

### Pope cautions priests about 'doubt, anxiety'

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy—Pope Paul VI cautioned that "a wave of doubt, embarrassment and anxiety" has invaded the minds of many priests in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. This, he said, "often poses numerous complex and unruly problems which easily reject... attitudes of piety and religious customs so far treasured and honored."

The Pope began by stressing "the indispensable function of the priest, and especially the parish priest, in this new historic period which started for the Church at the Second Vatican Council."

"It seems very important to us that the mind of our clergy should find its lucidity and its balance again. No one is unaware that a wave of doubt, embarrassment and anxiety have invaded the minds of many priests, often posing numerous complex and unruly problems which easily reject the very respectable attitude of piety and religious customs so far treasured and honored."

The pontiff was speaking to 600 pastors who were delegates

to the 16th Italian National Week of Pastoral Reform held in Rome and were received in audience at the papal Summer villa here.

He made pointed references to recent articles and books touching on the question of priestly celibacy.

### Catechetical Sunday observance slated

In a pastoral letter read last Sunday Archbishop Schulte called upon Archdiocesan Faithful to observe Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 18, as a "day of prayer and resolve."

He cited the "larger role to be played by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine" in the Archdiocese in view of the current enrollment crisis in some educational institutions.

"There can be no implementation of the council's decrees unless our laity, who were of prime concern in the council's deliberations, come to know and understand more fully the documents of Vatican II."

"IN THIS year after the close of Vatican II we feel a particular urgency on the occasion of the annual Catechetical Sunday," he stated. "An urgency that not only reflects the council's call to renewal of the Church in all its members, but also calls for renewed impetus beyond the willingness to cooperate with grace a deeper understanding and greater awareness of our Holy Faith in line with the new insights and emphasis resulting from the council's deliberations."

Two 10-week catechetical training courses for adults will begin in different locations next week.

Introductory courses will be held at Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beech Grove, from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, and at St. Anthony's School, Clarksville, from 7 to 10 p.m. beginning Friday, Sept. 23.

The Archbishop strongly urged "a more formally organized catechetical program for those youth not attending Catholic schools." He reminded parents of their "serious responsibility and grave obligation of having their children attend parish schools of religion."

An advanced course for introductory certificate holders will also be held simultaneously at the Clarksville location.

But we must reach answers soon to all these problems as to avoid what the ferment of ideas brought about by the council could develop in an arbitrary instability of thought and in diminished cohesion in the Church. This is the task of the national episcopal conference as they try to perform their duty. This is also the task of meetings like yours, whose aim is to avoid what the ferment of ideas brought about by the council could develop in an arbitrary instability of thought and in diminished cohesion in the Church. This is the task of the national episcopal conference as they try to perform their duty. This is also the task of meetings like yours, whose aim is to avoid what the ferment of ideas brought about by the council could develop in an arbitrary instability of thought and in diminished cohesion in the Church.

Retreats for deaf are scheduled

INDIANAPOLIS — Catholic deaf children from throughout the state will have the opportunity for a retreat September 21, 22 and 24, to be given at the Indiana State School for the Deaf, 1200 E. 42nd St.



Directing the retreat will be Father David Walsh, C.S.S.R., of Detroit. He will conduct a second retreat for the adult deaf at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 4610 N. Illinois St., on September 23, 24 and 25.

Children's rides, booths and games will be featured. All the booths are to be indoors during the festival are (standing from left): Mrs. James Fritsch, Mrs. Russell Green and Miss Lydia M. Forthofer. Seated from left are: Mrs. Louis Hoelker, Mrs. Adrian Borchelt, Mrs. James Struwing, Mrs. Al Warnke, Mrs. Dolores Horstman and Father Stephen. Not present for the photo was Mrs. John Doyle. All are officers of the Ladies Society or the Little Flower Society. (Staff photo)

Homecoming Festival is Sunday—St. Louis Church, in Batesville, will hold its annual Homecoming Festival on Sunday, Sept. 18. Chicken and Beef Dinners will be served in the school cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are advisable, according to Father Stephen Schneider, O.F.M., pastor. Turtle soup and other short orders will be served from 4 p.m. Children's rides, booths and games will be featured. All the booths are to be indoors during the festival are (standing from left): Mrs. James Fritsch, Mrs. Russell Green and Miss Lydia M. Forthofer. Seated from left are: Mrs. Louis Hoelker, Mrs. Adrian Borchelt, Mrs. James Struwing, Mrs. Al Warnke, Mrs. Dolores Horstman and Father Stephen. Not present for the photo was Mrs. John Doyle. All are officers of the Ladies Society or the Little Flower Society. (Staff photo)



MEDIC AIDS WOUNDED G.I.—An Army medic bandages the arm of the wounded G.I. behind a rice paddy dike near Phu Loi, Vietnam, in recent front line action as another soldier holds the injured man's head out of the mud and water. (RNS photo)

## PRELATE, SENATOR

### Alert Catholics to urban ills

By MARGARET M. CARLAN

WASHINGTON — Urban social problems are not new, but demand solutions with new urgency in this city's society, an archbishop and a United States senator told delegates to the 13th International Conference of Social Work attending special sessions sponsored by Catholic social service organizations.

Catholic Charities (C.C.C.), the Catholic International Union of Social Service (C.I.U.S.S.), and the National Conference of Catholic Charities (N.C.C.C.), principal celebrant of the Mass was Cardinal Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore.

The delegates were told by Senator McCarthy who addressed a luncheon at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

"In this century," Senator McCarthy pointed out, "most industrial cities of the northern United States have been subject to political and cultural control or strong influence of Catholics."

"URBANIZATION in itself is not new, as you know so well," the Archbishop told the delegates, "and changes in the patterns of urban living have been presented in every age and in all human societies. But in our times we are witnessing such a hastening of the pace of change that a new and compelling urgency is given to all of us to solve the massive problems of the cities of today."

"Christianity," he continued, "is no stranger to this task before you."

"There is little evidence," he continued, "that this control has done more than meet peripheral or superficial problems."

"America's cities also show little evidence," he said, "of leadership with a vision of the city as the means to provide a better way of life for men."

Catholics were reminded of their special responsibility as Christians in the circumstances of such solutions by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, D.C., and chided for their past failure to assume this responsibility by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D., Minn.).

Archbishop O'Boyle preached at a Mass at St. Matthew's cathedral opening the day-long program (Sept. 8) sponsored by the International Conference of Social Work attending special sessions sponsored by Catholic social service organizations.

"Time has caught up with all of us, particularly with religious and political leaders," he said. "Our many advance positions, previously secure and removed from challenge, have been overrun. Negro leaders are saying: 'The time is now.' The poor are saying: 'There can be no post-

ponement.' The ritus are saying: 'We are here and must be recognized.'"

Archbishop O'Boyle preached at a Mass at St. Matthew's cathedral opening the day-long program (Sept. 8) sponsored by the International Conference of Social Work attending special sessions sponsored by Catholic social service organizations.

"The city was known intimately by Christ in the circumstances of His birth, His public ministry, and His death, the Archbishop said, and the Church must speak for Christ in the city of today."

"The Richard training exercises, drills and exercises in public speaking to develop the leadership potentials of God-centered people," he said.

"We have good highways and they are getting better," Senator McCarthy continued. "But (Continued on page 9)

### Holy See, Yugoslavia name envoy

VATICAN CITY — The Holy See has named its first apostolic delegate in Yugoslavia since that communist ruled country broke off relations with it in 1952. He is Archbishop Mario Cagna who at the time of his appointment was apostolic pro-nuncio in Japan.

"As mankind goes about the task of reshaping its habitat, as the modern city takes on a volume that calls for new concepts and new methods, there are certain unchanging truths that must never be overlooked," he continued. "These are the spiritual dimensions of urban development, and they are essential to the creation of a moral climate of peace and order where man can fulfill all that is required of his human destiny."

"The city has been made for man, not man for the city. All of its physical and economic and political dimensions, therefore, must be directed to the larger purpose of promoting the inner and outer life of man, for whom it is made. The city is not primarily a place of business, or industry, or government; it is the living organism for the full expression of man's capacities for living and learning, and for serving God."

Leadership institute plans See City center

(Meanwhile, it was learned in Rome that a Yugoslav representative at the Holy See will be Vladimir Curija, former and until recently president of the Croatian Republic's Commission on Religious Matters at Zagreb as well as a member of the federal government's Commission on Religious Matters at Belgrade. Croatia is one of the republics of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.)

THIS EXCHANGE of representatives without official diplomatic status, but with diplomatic privileges was provided for in the protocol signed at the Holy See and Yugoslavia in June 25 after two years of negotiations.

Archbishop Cagna was born in Alessandria, Italy, October 8, 1911. He studied at Rome's Gregorian and Lateran Universities and the Pontifical Ecclesial Academy, receiving his doctorate in law at the University of Rome.

Developed 17 years ago "as a Christian answer to atheistic materialism," the actual course will be composed of nine weeks, sessions of three hours each and will be conducted by trained, qualified volunteer leaders from the Detroit area. Theme of the series is "Personality Training for Christian Leadership."

IN REACHING such goals for the city, Archbishop O'Boyle said, "Catholic social workers must be 'in the front line of leadership.'"

"You possess," he said, "not only the competence of your professional training; you have been given also the spiritual momentum of your faith in God. That faith, which we profess here at this Mass, reminds us that we are all members of the Family of God, and in the fullness of the Law must be love for one another."

CATHOLICS have not been in the front line of such leadership in the United States, however,

Richard training exercises, drills and exercises in public speaking to develop the leadership potentials of God-centered people," he said. "The Criterion learned this week."

IN 1838 he went to the nunciature in The Netherlands and the following year became an official of the Congregation of the Sacraments.

After World War II, he went to the nunciature in Peru and in 1949 became counselor at the nunciature in Italy. He was named apostolic intendant to Japan in 1962 and on June 7 of this year was promoted to the rank of pro-nuncio there.

According to Father Moriarty, the course will be open to adult men and women, teenagers, priests and Religious. There are no age restrictions and will be limited to 30 candidates. A nominal fee is charged, which covers all texts, materials, and prize awards.

The national director of the institute is Father Thomas J. Bresnahan, a priest of the Detroit archdiocese, who told The Criterion:

"LACK OF self-confidence can cripple a personality. The Richard student learns what is able to do, and how to do it—not by tedious study, but by lively, stimulating dialogic class exercises. The improvement invariably shows up in his home, job and community."

In the 17 years since its formation, the Gabriel Richard Institute has grown to include 31 key cities in the United States and other countries. It is named for a frontier priest who became the only priest to be elected to the U.S. Congress in 1823. He served as a missionary in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan from 1791 until his death in 1832.

Annual Volksfest set at Troy parish

TROY, Ind.—The annual St. Pius Volksfest (people's festival) will be sponsored by St. Pius parish here Saturday, Sept. 17, starting at 4 p.m.

Schmidner, town baker of Boehling, Wurttemberg, Germany.

Old German melodies will be played by a German band from Bloomington in a festively decorated beer garden with an old world atmosphere.

The dinner menu includes turtle soup (available by the gallon), Hanerwurst (farm-cured sausage) and Broetchen (hard rolls). The parking plant at nearby St. Meinrad Arch abbey will supply the sausage, while the abbey's bakery will prepare the rolls ordered by a recipe recently received from Herr Schmidner.

A dance is scheduled at 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall for the teen-agers, with music provided by the contemporary "Phantoms" from Troy. A horse-drawn surrey is available to entertain the youngsters.

Drive-in service will also be provided for patrons wishing to buy turtle soup by the gallon.

Britain protests

LONDON — The British government has strongly protested to communist China over the ill treatment of a British schoolmaster in Peking. One of eight Franciscan Missionaries of Mary recently expelled from Peking.

Pastor of St. Pius parish is Father Eugene Weidman

Drive-in service will also be provided for patrons wishing to buy turtle soup by the gallon.

Pastor of St. Pius parish is Father Eugene Weidman