

Revamping is studied for ACCM

By PAUL G. FOX

Nearly 200 men attending last Sunday's biennial convention of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men voted to establish a study commission to make an exhaustive inspection of the adequacy of the organization in view of the needs of the post-conciliar Church.

Responding to the address by Richard J. McCaffery, director of Affiliate Development for the National Council of Catholic Men in Washington, the ACCM will charge the commission to "bring together parish and diocesan council leaders who will more truly represent efforts to shape future Church policies."

McCaffery challenged the Catholic men to see changes as an essential part of our religious life... to recognize our calling as laymen to bring Christ into our daily lives... and to realize the sense of need by demonstrating that the Church exists to serve man and not vice versa.

LAWRENCE P. McFadden, of Jeffersonville, was elected to a two-year term as ACCM president, succeeding William B. Conner, of Tell City.

Other officers elected include: Joseph B. Sackenheim, of Indianapolis, vice president; Edgar W. Day, of New Albany, secretary; and John Roach, of Indianapolis, treasurer (re-elected).

The coveted St. Thomas More Award, given by the NCCM for exemplary lay leadership, was bestowed upon Sackenheim and Day.

In his address, McCaffery cited three general observations of Vatican II important for lay people.

- The tendency for Catholics to view everything that comes from Rome, whether from Pope or bishops as the final word on a subject, an absolute. Vatican II demonstrated this to be a false attitude. The decrees are not primarily absolutes, but rather door-openers — a challenge to bishops, priests and lay people to contribute thoughts and insights of their own generation so that the Church will have meaning for the people.

- The primary calling of the layman is to bear witness to Christ in his daily life, as an individual and in group action. This departs from the traditional thinking that so-called Catholic Action, and Catholic organizations are the major vehicles for laymen to relate to the consequences of their Christian calling.

- Vatican II was called in response to a real need, summarized by McCaffery as the need to re-emphasize the humanity of the Church.

He cited several false attitudes that contribute to our failure to demonstrate that the Church is alive.

- Catholics have a tendency to make of the sacraments, some of the disciplinary laws of the Church and a few of the Commandments both the end of our religion and a summation of what it means to be a Catholic. Religion is limited to technical detail with no consequences seen in our faith.

- Lack of understanding of (Continued on page 9)

'Homes, highways' to be topic for panel discussion

INDIANAPOLIS—The Catholic Interracial Council will sponsor a panel discussion on the issues surrounding the displacement of families by the construction of interstate highways Sunday at St. Bridget's parish hall, 813 N. West Street. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Panelists will include: Robert Owens, of Catholic Social Services, as moderator; John Held, president of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board; Charles Johnson, president of the Central City Real Estate Board; Rev. Mozell Sanders, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, and president of the Homes Before Highways Committee; and Claude Spilman, attorney and board member of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee.

Admission of \$1 will be charged to attend the meeting.

Cemetery rites

Cemetery devotions for the Poor Souls will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at Holy Cross and St. Joseph churches in Indianapolis. Msgr. Joseph Brokhage will lead the services, assisted by Latin School students, at 2:30 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION—Indianapolis Mayor John J. Barton signs the document officially marking Catholic Youth Week (Oct. 30-Nov. 6) in the city. Shown with the mayor, who is the father of two CYO'ers, is Father John Elford, Archdiocesan CYO Director, Dave Snyder, president of the Indianapolis Deaneeries Junior Youth Council, and Kathy Wheatley, Youth Council secretary. (Staff photo)

DEDICATED TO POPE JOHN

New Madison school serves four parishes

By PAUL G. FOX

MADISON, Ind.—The Johannine spirit within the Church is aptly being demonstrated in this historic Ohio River community as laity and religious officials join forces to upgrade the quality of Catholic education for tomorrow's leaders.

Tangible evidence of lay leadership coming to grips with basic issues is evidenced in the construction of the new consolidated elementary school being completed here which will serve four parishes in the area. The Pope John XXIII School, now ready for occupancy, will replace present facilities at St. Mary's (built in 1876) and St. Michael's (1905) parish schools in "downtown" Madison.

CCD course announced

RICHMOND, Ind.—An advanced course in Christian Doctrine, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will be held for Richmond area parishes at St. Andrew's parish here starting Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The ten-week series will feature presentations by members of the Marian College theology department faculty. Certificates will be awarded to those who complete the entire series.

Scriptural and conciliar emphasis will be given to the course content, which will include sections on God, Man, Creation, The Fall, Christ, The Church, The Sacraments, and Liturgy.

The CCD course is designed for present or potential catechetical instructors although all interested persons may attend.



DISCUSS NEW MADISON SCHOOL — Discussing tentative plans for the November 20 dedication of the new Pope John XXIII School in Madison are three key people—Father Gerald Feldpausch, superintendent; Sister Mary Victor, O.S.U., principal; and Paul G. Scully, Building Committee Chairman. The consolidated elementary school, believed to be the first in the United States named after Pope John, will serve four parishes in the Madison area with an enrollment of 400 pupils.

Four hundred youngsters from those two parishes, St. Patrick's parish and St. Anthony's parish in nearby China, will move into the 16-classroom, two-story building very soon. The \$445,000 structure is situated on a 60-acre tract adjacent to Shawe School Board include: Father Feldpausch, Shawe principal and pastor of St. Anthony's parish, China. He is in effect the coordinator of Catholic education for the entire community.

Members of the Madison School Board include: Father Feldpausch, Sister Mary Victor, and five laymen — Dr. William Stucker, chairman, Mrs. Maria Henz, James McKenna, Dr. Ralph Pratt, Jr., and Harold Woracek.

The 35,000 square foot building, in addition to 16 classrooms, contains administrative offices, counselling rooms, (Continued on page 2)

New body may study birth control issue

By ROBERT A. GRAHAM, S.J.

ROME—Possibility that a new panel commission may be formed to further probe the Catholic Church's stand on birth control loomed in light of remarks made by Pope Paul VI in his address to a group of gynecologists and obstetricians.

In the first revelation of his reactions to the report submitted a few months ago by the commission of experts he had himself convened, the Pope hinted that the recommendations raised as many new questions as they answered. The conclusions, said the pontiff, cannot be considered definitive because of other implications "neither few nor unimportant" which cannot be isolated or set aside but require their own consistent answers.

For this reason, he said, the pronouncement he had expected to make cannot now be made "for some time," pending what he called "supplementary study."

IN HIS discourse Pope Paul praised the zeal and competence of the international group of specialists. But he concluded, in their work, he said, illustrated again the enormous complexity and fearful gravity of the problem of birth control now facing the Church.

These implications, he said, lie in the three-fold doctrinal, pastoral and social fields.

Observers note that when the Pope says he continues to study the question he does not mean that he is doing this alone. It is taken for granted that the Holy Father is conducting on-going informal conferences with intimate advisers, a process which may lead in turn to the formation of a more formal advisory body.

The Pope took the occasion to satisfy pent-up curiosity and interest, even in non-Catholic circles, on the occasion of an

Dedication set

WASHINGTON—The Catholic University of America will dedicate its new \$12 million Columbus School of Law building on the campus here at homecoming exercises (Nov. 12).

Pope delays decision on birth control

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI said he is delaying his long-awaited decision on artificial birth control "for some time yet" because the conclusions of the international commission that has been working on the problem "cannot be considered definitive."

However, he reminded Catholics that the Church's existing norms against the use of artificial methods to prevent birth "demand faithful and generous observance. They cannot be considered not binding in the teaching authority (magisterium) of the Church were in a state of doubt."

That magisterium, he said, is rather "in a moment of study and reflection concerning matters which have been put before it as worthy of the most attentive consideration."

It is the "law of God much more than our authority, a supreme concern for human life considered in its integral fullness, dignity and destiny much more than any partial concern," he said, which makes this existing norm of the Church "the best and most sacred norm for all."

The statement came during an audience with 300 participants in the 22nd national congress of the Italian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists then meeting in Rome.

THE REGULATION of births, he said, "is a vast question, a very delicate question, and one on which we ourselves, because of its religious and moral implications, have the right and indeed the obligation to speak. It is a question of reality here and now. We know that people are waiting for us to give a decision. The thought of the Church on this question. But obviously we cannot make such a particular statement in this particular instance."

He noted that the Second Vatican Council made important statements on love, matrimony, birth and the family. "But these did not include the new statement expected from the Church (Continued on page 9)



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UNIQUE PROGRAM

Council press panel revived for teachers

By FRED W. FRIES

"Which of you is Xavier Rynne?"

This was one of the first questions fielded by a "revived" Vatican Council press panel, who appeared at Chatham High School as a unique feature of last week's annual Archdiocesan Teachers' Institute.

The question, put by a working journalist, drew a negative response from the four-member panel members, all of whom helped dispense the news of Vatican II to eager reporters at daily press briefings in Rome. The panel members included such prestigious names as: Father John Courtney Murray, S.J.; Father Barnabas Ahern, C.P.; Msgr. Mark Hurley and Msgr. John Quinn.

Father Raymond T. Bosler, editor of *The Criterion* and pastor of Little Flower Church, Indianapolis, and himself a council "expert," served as moderator.

Toising out the questions to the press panel were Herbert Kenney, Jr., executive vice editor of the Indianapolis News (who threw the Xavier Rynne "curve"); Father William M. Graney, assistant editor of the Chicago New World; Mrs. Thomas Maxwell, secretary of the Archdiocesan School Board; and Sister Susan Rford, O.S.F., principal of St. Christopher School, Speedway.

While denying that they were Xavier Rynne, the "mystery" writer whose caustic, forthright articles in the New Yorker were the talk of Vatican II, the priest panelists acknowledged that they know his identity. They failed to clue in the assembled educators at Chatham, however.

Questions that the experts did answer will provide ample fodder for the academic hot stove debate for months to come.

SAMPLE: Isn't it true that Vatican II has stirred up a lot of trouble and unrest?

Answer: Yes, but this "trouble" reflects the "stirrings of the spirit" in a Church that had grown lethargic and complacent.

Question: Haven't the violent and drastic changes provoked reluctance to implement much by the council resulted in a

large number of defections in the Church?

Fathers Ahern and Murray replied that there have been, indeed, losses in the Church, but "qualitative gains" have offset the "quantitative losses" incurred by Vatican II.

Similar losses occurred after the Council of Trent, Father Ahern pointed out, only to be followed some years later by a remarkable intensification of the Faith.

"The reform after Trent came from the top down," Father Murray added. "In the case of Vatican II, the reform will come from the ranks, from the people of God themselves."

QUESTION: Has there been any rethinking on the religious vow of obedience in the wake of the council?

The consensus of the panel was that a careful study of the "exercise of authority" is now going on among religious orders as well as in the ranks of the secular clergy.

Msgr. Hurley cited the recent formation of a Priests' Association in Chicago as a case in point. He said that he expected further implementation of the new thinking on authority in the Church at the mid-November meeting of the American bishops in Washington, which he called "the most important meeting of the U.S. hierarchy since the Third Council of Baltimore."

Other points emphasized by the panel members, all of whom addressed earlier institute sessions:

- The documents of Vatican II were drafted with painstaking care; there was no wild thinking or sense of irresponsibility behind any council pronouncement.

- Vatican II was something more than a series of documents. It was "an act in the history of salvation—a continuing event." We must avoid the danger of "canonizing" the documents and emphasize the "spirit of the council."

- Official Rome's seeming reluctance to implement much (Continued on page 9)



JAMES O. BRENNAN

New state Conference will meet

The first general session of the newly-formed state-wide bishops' conference will meet Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Indianapolis. Archbishop Schulte announced this week. Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House will host the Indiana Catholic Conference in its organizational meeting.

Some 50 delegates from the state's five dioceses will attend the meeting in addition to Archbishop Schulte and the bishops of the four suffragan sees. The delegates represent the seven departments to be formed within the Conference, designed to finalize its organization, aims and objectives.

IN HIS announcement, Archbishop Schulte cited the need for the Catholic clergy and laity "to become more actively involved in the public problems of our time" as stated in the decrees of Vatican II.

"This has been done, and effectively so, by representatives of each bishop in his own diocese. The apparent need, however, is for the coordinated effort in the various fields represented by departments in the state-wide Conference. These are: Community Action, Social Welfare, Education and Youth, in addition to other supportive departments."

IN ADDITION to Archbishop Schulte, the Board of Directors for the Conference includes: Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Andrew G. Grutka of Gary; Bishop Paul F. Lehfeldt of Evansville; and Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher of Lafayette.

Conference headquarters, opened September 19, are located in the Illinois Building, in downtown Indianapolis. Serving as executive secretary is James O. Brennan, a retired Army officer, who previously served as Public Affairs officer with the Ohio Education Association and as Director of the Ohio Council for Education.

Fr. E. L. Eisenman dies at age of 71

Word was received at Criterion press time of the death of Father Edward L. Eisenman, 71, retired pastor of St. Joseph parish, Four Corners (Denning Community). He died Wednesday evening at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, where he had resided in the past several weeks.

Funeral services are expected to be conducted Monday morning at St. Joseph Church, where he was pastor from 1949 to early this year. A brother, Father Omar Eisenman, survives.



VATICAN II PRESS PANEL—Above are the members of the Vatican II press panel who participated in a unique program for Archdiocesan teachers at the closing session of the annual Institute held last week at Chatham High School, Indianapolis. Left to right: Father John Courtney Murray, S.J.; Msgr. Mark Hurley, Msgr. John Quinn, Father Raymond T. Bosler (moderator), and Father Barnabas Ahern, C.P. (Staff photo)