

# PRELATE OUTLINES PARENTS' RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

### Right or Wrong

Neighbor: Good Samaritan. Ban in Salem. Woman's Emancipation.

The crime of Mexico is today... the hands of its radical... National Revolutionary Party... Cardenas... the appeal of the... of Mexico for modification... laws against religion and... Cardenas replied on... 6th that the irreligious... would be strictly enforced... Cardenas, at last, has definitely... down his hand. The persecution... will go on. Catholics in the United... and throughout the world... are stirred. The Knights... Col... has been among the first... Supreme Knight Martin... Carmoly put the matter... squarely in the lap of President... Roosevelt by charging responsibility... for non-action on behalf of the... oppressed people of Mexico. The... President replied in a vigorous... reply note that he abhors religious... persecution, that in the last... year not a single instance has... come to his desk of the religious... rights of Americans being violated... of his policy of trying to be a... "good neighbor" in his relations... with other countries including... Mexico.

Which means that Cardenas and... his gang can do what they please... as long as Mr. Roosevelt is in the... White House, and the ninety-five... million of Mexico's Catholic population... can shout for help as long as... their strength holds out, but "good... neighbor" America will go... mainly on about her business in... different to the victim's cries.

One wiser than Mr. Roosevelt... told a story about a man who... went from Jerusalem to Jericho... fell among robbers, who also... struck him, and being wounded... him went away leaving him half... dead.

A Rabbi and a Levite heard the... man's cries, but merely casting a... glance at him, passed by.

A certain Samaritan, however... acted differently. Being moved... with compassion toward him, he... went up to him, bound up his... wounds, pouring in oil and wine... set him upon his own beast... brought him to an inn, and took... care of him all night long. And... the next day he took out two pence... gave them to the host, and said... "Take care of him and, when he... goes, spend over and above, I, at my... return, will repay you."

"Which of these three," asked... Jesus, "in thy opinion, was neighbor... to him that fell among robbers?"... But he said: "He that showed... mercy to him."

And Jesus said to him: "Go, and... do thou like manner."

Catholics may be pardoned for... asking if Mr. Roosevelt's "good... neighbor" policy toward Mexico... entails the deprivation of a neighbor... given by the founder of Christianity.

In Salem, Massachusetts, where... women were once burned as witches... recently there is being waged the... objects of a new persecution. These... women textile employers threaten... change of women employees... against the "no children" regulation... broke out immediately. The... women complained that in many... cases they were working in... mills because their husbands... were earning enough to support...

The Catholic Church reluctantly... tolerates married women working... long as there is no neglect of... their marital obligations. When... does not earn enough to support... the family, it is often morally... necessary for her. Then it is the... failure to provide the members of... with a living family. The... present Holy Father, Pius XI, in his Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno:

In the first place, the wage paid... the workingman must be sufficient... Continued on page 18

## CELEBRANT, ATTENDANTS AT N. C. C. W. CONVENTION MASS



The Most Rev. Urban J. Vehr, Bishop of Denver, Colo., was celebrant of the Solemn Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Fort Wayne, November 17, opening the fifteenth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women. In the above picture, Bishop Vehr is shown seated on his throne in the sanctuary during the sermon preached by the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati. Depicted besides Bishop Vehr are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. Conroy, pastor of the Cathedral, arch priest; the Rev. D. Lawrence Monahan, the Rev. Henry A. Hoerstrman, and the Rev. John F. Nadolny, all of Fort Wayne.

## N. C. C. W. CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS TREAT MANY IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

THE following resolutions were among those adopted by the members of the National Council of Catholic Women at their recent convention in Fort Wayne. The resolutions treat of many important problems which as Catholics we must contend with today, and we are therefore confident that our readers will be interested in them.

**MIXED GROUPS**  
WHEREAS: In an increasingly secularized society, morality is no longer based upon divine authority, but is regarded as a mere matter of social convenience; and

WHEREAS: In several national mixed groups of women, there is being forced upon their memberships corporate actions approving sterilization which are against the conscience of Catholics; and

WHEREAS: any vote taken committing mixed organizations to a corporate stand on questions involving moral and religious principles amount to a religious test for the minority and is therefore contrary to American ideals of freedom of conscience.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The National Council of Catholic Women in convention assembled call to the attention of Catholics belonging to mixed groups the urgent necessity of keeping themselves and their particular organization informed of the policies of the mixed groups in question; the protest and protest at general conventions against this infringement of their rights of conscience, and that is making their protests they point out that the taking of votes on matters involving religious principles of the members of any mixed group is a flagrant violation of the best traditions of American life.

**MARRIAGE AND THE HOME**  
WHEREAS, the foundation of society is the home, the integrity of which is maintained through the laws of Christian marriage as preserved and taught by the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout the world, secular movements and anti-Christian philosophies threaten to destroy the Christian ideal of marriage;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Council of Catholic Women promote the study of the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on "Marriage" as an authoritative document and an un-failing guide for Christian conduct in married life.

**MOTION PICTURES**  
WHEREAS, the Motion Picture continues to be an important factor in the education of adults

as well as children, and is also a strong influence in the molding of thought and opinion, and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Catholic Women, through its affiliated groups, has given every possible assistance to the carrying out of the program of the Episcopal Committee and the Legion of Devotion.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council in convention assembled renew its whole-hearted endorsement of the movement for better

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## This Is Catholic University Day

DECEMBER 1 will be Catholic University Sunday in 84 dioceses and 8,200 parishes in the United States. It has been designated by the Bishops of the country as the day for discussing the aims and ideals of the University. The Catholic people throughout the United States are exhorted to pray for the success and growth of the University and they are asked to contribute generously to its support.

The Catholic University, directed by the Bishops of the United States, is a Pontifical Institution under the special patronage of the Holy Father. It is the wish of the Holy See that in each country there should be established a Catholic University to safeguard the fundamentals of Catholic teaching and protect them against the erroneous, and oft times insidious, doctrines of pseudo-scientists and false prophets, who are the product of every age.

The Catholic University of America now has one of the largest graduate schools in America, attracting Catholic students from

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## MOTHER TO MOTHER

O Mother of them that mourn,  
'Twas you who had your share of pain;  
'Twas you who had your poor heart torn,  
When your innocent Lamb was slain,

O, wiers, the prayers I prayed  
Aside of my darling's bed!  
And all of the vows I made  
To save him from being dead!

O Mother, the emptiness  
Of a mother's arms you had;  
But I'd not have my sorrow less  
If you'll mother my poor dead.

Rev. Hugh F. Blunt, LL. D.

## No Conflict Between Science and Religion

THE Catholic Church welcomes truth wherever it may be found, in history, in Biblical research, in psychology, in natural science, in social science, in every field of human inquiry. As the custodian of the religious truths revealed by Christ, she knows that all verities will harmonize, because they all proceed from the same fountain of truth, God Himself. "Religion," declared Pope Pius X, "has no fear of science. Christianity does not tremble before discussion but before ignorance."

The Church does, however, object, and strenuously, to the statements and "findings" of so-called scientists who frequently find conflicts between religion and science. That there is no conflict has been proven time and again by scientists, both Catholic and non-Catholic, who rank among the leaders in their respective fields of research. An instance of this truth had in a book just published by Dr. Arthur Compton, famous physicist. Mr. Compton says that newer discoveries of atomic physics support rather than disprove the basic ideas of religion. The book, "The Freedom of Man," received the following mention in the Literary Digest for November 9:

"Twenty-five years ago young Dr. Arthur Holly Compton, now one of the world's foremost physicists, began a career of research in a field smaller than the atom and larger than the Milky Way...

**Two Great Theories**  
"This week, with characteristic energy, and with more daring than many a scientific colleague, he entered an even larger field by publishing a small book, 'The Freedom of Man' (Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn.). Amplifying the Terry Foundation lectures he delivered at Yale in 1931, he responds in this book the ancient question of Science versus Religion. Forthrightly, he shows how the newer discoveries of atomic physics lend support to the ancient basic ideas of religion."

"In 1682, Sir Isaac Newton announced his theory of gravitation, proving that even the heavenly bodies obey exact material laws. A hundred years ago this autumn Charles Darwin began work on his

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First among the forms of Catholic Action is the furthurance of the Catholic Press. When the Catholic paper has the endorsement of the Holy Father, or even of the Bishop, it possesses the commission needful for the movement called Catholic Action. Resolve to read regularly and spread the Catholic Press.

## Says Duties May Not Be Surrendered to the State

The Most Rev. J. T. McNicholas, D. D.

EVERY age has placed its hopes in youth, and every age has found in youth grave problems. In our day we may be more hopeful or more fearful than ever before in the history of our country because of the possibilities for good or evil in our youth. All depends upon formation.

Parents stand next to God in giving life to their children and in directing that life. Parents need the Church, divinely established to guide their children in their spiritual formation; they need also the state, divinely authorized to help them in preparing their children to become good and useful citizens. We cannot say too emphatically that parents have primary rights in the training and education of their children. It is the duty of both Church and State to safeguard their rights, not to take them away nor to minimize them.

If we say abruptly that the child belongs to the state, we are shocking. But in reality we are developing more and more a mentality which will prepare us to accept eventually this most dangerous communistic principle. We shudder at the thought of the communists of Russia, but we are accepting in education the principles that will inevitably lead to communism. We are making the State supreme in education. We are constituting school officials as dictators who in no sense recognize that their authority is from parents.

### State's Rights Defined

To educate children, to provide for their recreation and to afford relief for many groups of children are considered normal functions of the State. Even the work of children, however incidental, until they have completed their seventeenth year, according to the misnamed Child Labor Amendment, can be controlled absolutely by the Federal Government. It is assumed by an ever-increasing number that parents have only those rights in the education of their children which the State grants them. The very reverse of this is true, namely, that the State in the education of children has only those rights conceded to it by parents, and acts only as their agent. The suggestion by parents is not decided on the basis of a majority or minority vote. Not even one father and mother, properly discharging their duty, can be lawfully deprived of their God-given right to educate their children. The suggestion which the State has the right to their child gives them control over its education.

In matters of education the State has the duty of insisting that children shall be trained in those subjects that pertain to good citizenship. The State has the right to insist that youth shall be given that spiritual formation which will lead them to God and to eternal life. While both Church and State help in the education of youth, parents cannot in conscience surrender their rights nor divest themselves of their solemn responsibility. Parents should be as deeply interested in providing mental food for their children as they are in supplying the nourishment that sustains their bodies.

We have been accustomed to boast of our educational system. There has been ceaseless propaganda in favor of it for generations. It has been considered unpatriotic to criticize it. We think of our schools as the best in the world because we spend more money on them than any other nation. This revision should give parents the real control of

Within recent years, parents and taxpayers are beginning to question the trust of all these assertions made about the excellence of our school system. Parents of our country should insist on a general and candid criticism of the education that their children are receiving. They should be made to realize that our educational system needs revising from the ground up. This revision should give parents the real control of

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## DEATH-BED CONVER- SION

Dutch Schultz, New York's  
biggest racketeer, called for a

## Outlines Rights of Parents in Education

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their children. This control be-  
longs to parents, whatever be their  
creed, color or blood, not to politi-  
cians, nor to teachers, nor to bur-  
eaucratic! The restoring to parents  
of their rights can only be for the  
best interest of youth. No one so  
well as the parent understands,  
sympathizes with and loves the  
child. How can this restoration be  
brought about? This all-important  
reform needs the best thought that  
can possibly be given to it.

It is necessary, first of all, to  
recognize that our present system  
is far from perfect. We can have  
and should have a system that will  
turn out good citizens. The reli-  
gion of all parents should be re-  
spected. Not a complicated but a  
simple system can be worked out  
by which all parents can have free-  
dom of choice in selecting those  
teachers whom they judge best  
qualified to act for them in in-  
structing their children and giving  
them the formation which they  
wish them to have. Teachers are  
in reality but the delegates of  
parents.

many States a new philosophy of  
education. We are saying that we  
must equalize educational opportu-  
nities for all children of the  
State. The next step will be to in-  
sist that equal opportunities be  
given to all children throughout  
the nation! The so-called Child  
Labor Amendment, if written into  
our Federal Constitution, cannot  
but help this movement. Parents  
are accepting this philosophy of  
life. They think they are getting  
something for nothing. This is not  
the case, because the bread and  
meat they eat, the house rent they  
pay, the gasoline they buy, the  
cigarettes they smoke will be tax-  
ed, thereby adding to the high cost  
of living, that so-called equal edu-  
cational opportunities may be giv-  
en to all children in the State. And  
the more a State bureaucracy and  
educational dictators control edu-  
cation, the less parents will have  
to say about the instruction and  
training of their children.

We have arrived at the point  
where education is practically re-  
garded as an American religion.  
Every demand made in its name,  
however unreasonable or unjust, is  
promptly granted. Too many of  
our school people and school lob-  
bies are not really interested in  
turning out good, law-abiding citi-  
zens. Their real interest is jobs

interest in home recreations—in a  
word, in destroying home life!

### Fight for Educational Freedom

It seems to me urgently neces-  
sary that we fight for educational  
freedom, which parents are sur-  
rendering every day. We talk of  
freedom of the press and freedom  
of speech, of industrial freedom;  
but it is even more necessary that  
we have true freedom of education,  
not by a majority vote but by al-  
lowing all parents to exercise the  
rights conferred on them by nature  
and by God. True freedom of edu-  
cation does not consist in youth  
selecting what they cannot evalu-  
ate, but in parents freely deciding  
to do what they consider best for  
their children.

Many parents, it is true, are not  
qualified to make decisions for  
their children in educational mat-  
ters, but they can seek advice.  
Even taking into account their  
limitations, because of their in-  
terest in and their love of their  
children they will make fewer mis-  
takes than any one else. Would  
that a cry would resound in every  
home of this land for freedom in  
the education of children, which  
can only be safeguarded by par-  
ents! In the school army of our  
country parents must be in com-  
mand. Parents, you must fight for  
the freedom that is being daily

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