

# Hispanic, blacks grow in Catholic schools

**United Press International**  
The Cardinal Hayes High School band, strutting proudly in New York's St. Patrick's Day parade, didn't completely resemble the Hayes' band of a generation ago.

The uniforms were much the same, but most of the faces of the youths joining in the salute to Ireland's patron saint were black or Hispanic — just one more sign of the biggest trend in urban Catholic schools today. Enrollment of minority youths has nearly doubled in a decade, up to 19 percent of total enrollment from 10.8 percent in 1971.

A generation earlier, whiter-skinned Hayes' lads beating drums, tooting flutes and blowing trumpets were descendants of Irish, German, Polish, Italian families.

But the Bronx, N.Y., houses and apartments where they lived are now sheltering Black and Hispanic families whose hopes for the future of their children — as the Irish, German, Polish and Italian families before them — are placed in a Catholic school education.

The same scenario is repeating in inner city Catholic schools across the nation, according to a report from the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington, D.C.

In contrast, the reports indicate, the student bodies of

private Catholic schools — academy or prep — located in suburban communities remain predominantly white, coming from families able to pay the higher "private Catholic school" tuition.

Dr. Bruno Manno, a Marist brother and NCEA director of research, released the re-

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port Tuesday at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York.

Catholic schools come in four types: private — usually operated by a religious order such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Jesuits, Christian Brothers; parish — operated by a parish; inter-parish — run by two or more parishes; and diocesan — attached to a diocese.

This year there are 7,996 Catholic elementary and 1,498 secondary schools, 65

fewer than last year. Manno said the decline is the smallest since the 1960s — the decade of peak Catholic school enrollment.

This year the enrollment is down about 12,000 from last year's to 3,049,000, a 0.4 percent decrease, the smallest since the 1960s.

Private education of all types last year accounted for 10.9 percent of elementary and secondary enrollment — up 0.4 percent over 1970 — and Catholic school enrollment in 1978-79 accounted for 64 percent of that. The Catholic schools had 87 percent of all private school enrollment in the United States in 1965. That was their peak.

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In the 1960s about three of four elementary and high school teachers were members of religious orders. That has just about reversed itself in the last 15 years.

In the schools where religious teach, the operating expense report shows which only about 10 percent of the total budget is attributed to their "contributed services" because nuns and brothers don't get as much pay as secular (non-religious) teachers.

The operating tab in Catholic elementary schools reached \$1.5 billion last year. National per pupil cost is estimated at \$653 — not counting the contributed services by religious.

The bill in Catholic high schools was \$1.127 billion, up \$195 million over 1978-79. The national per pupil cost in Catholic high schools is estimated at \$1,347.

Revenues and expenses vary with the type of high school. The estimated average tuition, however, is \$970. Tuition in the high schools, low in past decades, now produces two-thirds of all revenue; the difference between expenses and tuition comes from contributed and donated services and subsidies from parishes, religious orders or dioceses.

In 1981-82, Catholic elementary school revenue, on a national basis, came from the following: 50 percent, parish subsidies; 40 percent, tuition; 10 percent, all other. This year, about half of the elementary schools charge tuition of \$400 or over; the other half, less.

Manno said the shift from religious to lay faculty has been the outstanding single factor affecting the Catholic high school financial picture.

Total fulltime faculty in the Catholic schools went up 400 to 146,200 teachers in 1981-82.

# Louisiana escapee captured; six prisoners still at large

**United Press International**  
IVERNESS, Fla. — A man who sawed his way out of a Louisiana jail with six other inmates has been captured by deputies who received a tip from the fugitive's mother.

Robert Leslie Odom, 19, of Danella, Fla., escaped the St. Tammany Parish jail in Covington, La., March 15. He was arrested about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, after his mother informed Citrus County deputies Odom was at her home, said Sgt. Robert Horton. Odom was arrested without incident.

St. Tammany deputies were to fly to Iverness later today to return Odom to Louisiana. He was awaiting trial on auto theft charges when he escaped.

Five other inmates who fled with Odom remain at large and police in several states were aiding in the search for them, St. Tammany Parish Capt. Bill Dobson said.

"We do have several leads we're following up on," he said. "We do believe that all but two of them have left the state of Louisiana. We do have surveillance in several areas both inside and outside Louisiana."

Dobson earlier said up to three of the fugitives were believed to have hitchhiked to Florida.

The men used hacksaw blades to cut an 18-inch hole through their cell wall and fled after climbing through the jail's air vents.

A former inmate and a jail

trustee accused with smuggling the hacksaw blades into the prison later were charged with aiding the escape.

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The petition filed Tuesday in the court of U.S. District Judge Robert Hill charged Baylor officials had denied access to its premises and not provided infor-

mation to the federal investigators.

Federal officials want to know if Baylor violated a federal act which states that no handicapped persons will be discriminated in a facility receiving federal funding.

The suit stemmed from a 1980 complaint filed by a deaf woman who charged she was denied access to a sign-language interpreter.

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