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Ill, father of R.D. Willeuiw;
father of Ben Patterson, '49;
mother of Fr. Felix Duffy.

Shake Hands With Father Cavanaugh.

St. John Baptist de La Salle (1654-1719) devoted his life to the education of youth. It was he who founded the flourishing Institute of Christian Brothers--religious men who to this day carry on the work and methods of their sainted founder.

As has been suggested, May 15, the Feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, will be set aside as occasion for a twofold celebration:

1. The President's Day, or Father John Cavanaugh's Day;
2. A day of thanksgiving for all the favors and blessings bestowed by God on the Catholic school system. Let this be a day of prayer and intercession that this school system will continue to progress and to serve God, Church and Country.

The Blue Circle is currently behind the move to "get out" the entire student body for assistance at Mass and the reception of Holy Communion for Father Cavanaugh and for Catholic education, particularly Notre Dame, on May 15, next Thursday.

It should be no secret to you that there are enemies of private education in this country who are unhappy about the healthy growth and expansion of the Catholic school system. We refer principally to John Dewey and his followers and President Conant of Harvard who would "impose upon all secondary education the social strait-jacket of Godless education." These "educators" exhort their follows to fight all attempts to introduce religion into the schools.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding released time for religious instruction of public school students was a terrific blow to the secularistic trends of our progressives. The canard--"wall of separation"--mauled about and wrongly misunderstood, certainly does not mean separation of State and God, or setting up the sectarianism of atheism as the 'State Religion.'

The majority opinion held that the program of "released time" does not violate the principles of Church-State separation. Said Justice Douglas: "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being. We guarantee the freedom of worship as one chooses. . . . When the State encourages religious instruction or cooperates with religious authorities by adjusting the schedule of public events to sectarian needs, it follows the best of our traditions. For it then respects the religious nature of our people and accommodates the public service to their spiritual needs. . . ."

Man-Power Shortage.

While you're praying for Father Cavanaugh next Thursday and thanking God for the blessings of the Catholic educational system include the plea that the dire need for teachers to carry on the work of the teaching apostolate will not be so dire.

The most serious man-power shortage is in religious vocations--brothers, sisters and priests. And there is nothing improper in a frank talk about Notre Dame needs. The Congregation of Holy Cross could put to work immediately 100's of priests and brothers. Reasons are obvious. The Congregation must have more men if the kind of work it is doing is to go on; it is only proper that this need should be laid before those who should be most interested in it, the students who believe in the kind of education that Notre Dame gives. INSTEAD OF THE BULLETIN TOMORROW YOU WILL RECEIVE A PREPARED LEAFLET "THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION." Give it your courteous perusal.

Prayers: (deceased) John Lechner, '33; friend of Dick Murphy; relative of L. Getschow; Brother Garnier, c.s.c.; father of Tony Pucillo (B-P). 10 Sp. int.