
Why Not Accept The Challenge?

Last Saturday's Bulletin called your attention to a condition that exists today-- the determined opposition of many professors to any teaching of the social sciences by Catholic teachers.

This holds for many secular colleges and for, let us say, most of the high schools of the country-- and it holds in spite of the fact that more than half of the Catholic young people who go to school beyond the grammar grades are in secular institutions.

Now, why not do something about it? As things stand, it can too often be said that there are no Catholic teachers available for posts that are open.

Why not teach? There are a great many of you who have no definite aim, and no particular ambition to follow a business or profession that offers large material rewards. Of this number there must be many who would enjoy setting young people on the right road-- keeping young themselves in the process. Look into the matter. Ask advice. If you have sufficient talent and the idea of teaching has any appeal to you, why not set out now to meet the technical requirements which surround that profession in your home state-- and then set out to do a real job in turning the ideas of young people from earth to God?

If that idea has no appeal, check it out. But you still have a duty. Look over the situation in your home town. If it is interesting enough, write it out for the Bulletin. We think that it is high time some publicity be given to the fact that there are in this country towns and cities in which fifty, sixty, seventy, or even eighty per cent of the inhabitants are Catholics, and in which all of the Catholic students attend the public high school-- and in which there is not a single Catholic teacher.

If you don't want to teach, you can at least look into the method of selecting teachers that excludes Catholic tax payers from teaching the children of Catholic tax payers who support the public schools. If such a condition exists in your home town, it is because the Catholic tax payers have done nothing about it.

A generation ago, it was necessary for Catholics to watch public schools carefully, in order to check the ancient lies about the Catholic Church that circulated as history. As a rule, that is not the case today. Silence takes the place of slander; and half-truths take the place of bold-faced lies. And as a rule, as in the past, the teacher is unaware that he is teaching falsehood in the guise of truth. He has picked up these things in college, and he is handing them on. He never had a chance to see the truth.

If Catholic high school students know nothing of the glories of the Church, it is because they were never taught them. If they know nothing of the Church's defense of human liberty, it is because they have never heard of it. If they know nothing of the natural law (outside of the promptings of conscience), it is because they have been taught by people who have been taught that there is no natural law.

You are here from every state in the Union. How are things in your home state, in your home town? We will be glad to hear. Perhaps we can help you do something about it.

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