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In Pittsburgh, where the Jesuits have staffed the Bishop's Latin School for the past nine years, a mutual agreement has been reached between the Province and the Very Reverend (continued on reverse side)

In reading the accompanying press release, an alumnus cannot fail but have a mixed reaction. One is encouraged by the fact that the Latin School will be continued and that its pro- (continued on reverse side)



Rev. James Connor, S.J.



Bishop Vincent Leonard

PRESS RELEASE

Vincent M. Leonard, Bishop of Pittsburgh, whereby the school will continue to operate as a prep seminary, but without Jesuit teachers. During a three-year period of transition, six Jesuits will remain at the school. Continuance of the program will depend on its success. The Jesuit Fathers will remain at Saints Peter and Paul Church.

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gram will be available to others in the future. At the same time, however, one is saddened by the planned departure of the Jesuit faculty.

The Latin School has been fortunate in these early years, in that it has enjoyed the advantage of the Jesuit influence. One can only hope that in the next three years, the problem of a lack of manpower will be solved or that at least some of these very dedicated teachers might remain to continue their excellent tradition in the Pittsburgh diocese on the secondary school level. It will cer-

tainly be difficult for the alumni to picture B.L.S. without Jesuits.

The departure of the Jesuits is due to a shortage of manpower and an emphasis on the promotion of racial justice, economic opportunity, Christian unity and world peace in larger metropolitan areas. It is ironic that the attack on such menacing problems must divert manpower from the education of young men who are to be trained as future leaders. It would seem that the education of these men would be an excellent way to combat such problems in their early stages and at the same time exert an influence in the Pittsburgh area.

An alumnus once wrote in describing Bishop's Latin School: "A little east of Liberty, / A little west the woods of home, / A school commands a royalty / to rival ancient Rome." That the Latin School will continue in this tradition which its first years have inaugurated is the hope of all who have been involved with it and who have experienced the pursuit of excellence.

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