Some of you wonder if the Bulletin was telling the truth yesterday when it said: "Catholic education is at last coming into its own." Yes, it's the truth and we'll go even farther and make this prediction: if the present trend continues, then the swing back to religion in education will be so pronounced that if one doesn't receive religious education he will be pitied as missing something, as having been cheated, half-educated.

Don't take our word for it. See the agitation in magazines, newspapers, speeches and articles by thinking people, by many educators - except the red-faced, agnostic or atheistic educators. They have been missing the boat for years, proud of their little secular knowledge, proud of their vast ignorance of and contempt of things religious.

All the big educational conferences this year stressed the necessity of religion and of a return to God as a protection both for democracy and against totalitarianism: for example, a special conference at Harvard on "Religion and Democracy"; "The Williamstown Institute on Human Relations"; "The Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion". This year at the latter there was present no eminent Einstein to advocate pitifully and ludicrously the abolition of the idea of God.

It's true some conference speakers had some hazy ideas on God and Who He is, but at least they recognized He was mighty important.

These conferences last solicited, and highlighted, talks by prominent Catholics, both clergy and laymen, including among others Dean Manion of our Law School.

If this be propaganda, make the most of it - but be proud of your Catholic education, and get the most out of it.

We Almost Forgot!!!

But the big bell tolling wouldn't let you forget two big events tomorrow.

1. Solemn Opening Mass, 8:30, Father J. Hugh O'Donnell, the President, preaching; with the Faculty attending in colorful academic procession; and the Freshmen attending solidly to the last man.

2. The First Mission starting in the evening, 7:30 for sophomores (except those in Badin) and all freshmen. Here's the program (and breakfast is delayed until 7:30 A.M.)

September 21 - 7:30 P.M. Opening sermon and benediction.
September 22-27 8:30 A.M. Instruction and Mass every morning.
September 22-26 7:00 P.M. Sermon and benediction every evening.
September 27 - 6:30 A.M. Closing of First Mission.

Notre Dame gives its own special collegiate conference on religion at the opening Mass and during the Mission. That's been it's program for 99 years.

That big bell, second biggest in North America - 7½ tons, has been booming for big events since 1870. It has a name - solemnly consecrated by name - St. Anthony. It has a mission - summoning students, lost sinners especially.

PRAYERS: Charles Schieck (Walsh) seriously ill at home with lockjaw, danger of further complications. Deceased, friend of Bob Donergan (St. Ed's); mother of Charles, '34 and John, '38 DiMatteo; Hon. J. Joseph Cooke, '94. Four special intentions.