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'I'll Protest Loudly'

In reply to the letter of Orville Simpson in the July 16 edition, there are many Catholics like myself who firmly believe that our schools can and will remain open—provided that we Catholics are allowed to designate where our school tax money shall be spent. There are other nations that recognize these rights, and, provided that these rights are denied us, we may march, sit in, protest via the usual means including the courts and perhaps someday, under the ruling of a yet-to-be-found Supreme Court, receive our school tax rights.

Consider carefully that I ask not for your tax dollar, Mr. Simpson. I ask only that mine—paid every year for schools that my children shall never use—be mine in designation so that our schools (parochial) shall not proceed to go bankrupt. Granted this may not happen today—or tomorrow—unless we Catholics sit in, march and disrupt normal public school functions by registering our children and overcrowding public schools beyond (almost) belief, insisting on free school bus transportation and then at last call for the help of that great moral helper in the White House, who may perhaps pay some attention to our pleas. On behalf of myself, I personally will not riot—merely protest loudly.

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