

# Teachers Withdraw: Another Boston Area Catholic High School May Close

Concord, Mass. (NC) -- The headmaster of Xavier High School, a \$2.5-million unit constructed here in 1962, announced the Jesuits will phase out their teaching staff at the school before June, 1971.

Father John R. Vigneau, S.J., headmaster of the boys preparatory school, told an assembly of 375 students that the Jesuits planned to withdraw for "spiritual motives," apparently indicating the decision was based upon the Jesuit New England Province's reevaluation of its priorities in the teaching field.

The headmaster said the reasons for the "definitive decision" and "alternatives" for the

school would be discussed at a forthcoming public meeting for parents and others.

He said Boston College High School, another Jesuit institution, "has already made a generous offer that will facilitate the transfer of many Xavier students."

Boston College High School is a multi-million dollar educational complex adjoining a site designated for a \$50-million state university. Reports have indicated that the Jesuit school would be purchased by the state. A Jesuit spokesman said, however, that if the state buys the school, other facilities would be acquired elsewhere for the continuance of Boston College High.