CC4413 9.14.26 Monday

The truth about EdChoice by the Secretary of Education and Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

The Education Secretary and School Superintendent of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, in the September/October 2026 issue of Northwest Ohio Catholic, opined that public schools have received a tremendous increase in state funding and that the EdChoice voucher program provides a significant value to Ohio taxpayers. He even quoted a Pope Leo XIV statement: “Courage in ensuring access for the poorest, in supporting fragile families, (and) in promoting scholarships and inclusive policies.” The Secretary seems oblivious to the honorable provisions in the Ohio Constitution that require the State of Ohio to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools and forbids funding of private religious schools. He likewise seems oblivious to the fact that the EdChoice voucher scheme is oriented to higher income folks whose kids never enrolled in public schools. Poor kids are left out of the voucher program.

One, Bishop Hughes in the 1840’s in New York, attempted to force taxpayers to fund private religious schools. That idea was rejected by legislatures and courts until a U.S. Supreme Court opened the floodgates in a 1947 case which authorized nonpublic pupil transportation at public expense.

The use of tax money for subsidizing religious institutions is illegal and unconstitutional.

Read the article here.