

who are regularly admitted to the institute. Nothing then can hinder our young people from studying, not even the pretext of lack of money.

I make an urgent appeal to all our farmers, and I hope that all the rural parishes of the diocese will send at least one pupil to Oka at the commencement of the next session in September. It must be remembered that it is necessary for pupils to decide to remain for the complete course, that is to say, two years for the diploma and three years for the university degree. This is not too long a time if they wish to learn properly a science as complex as that of agriculture. All similar institutions require a course of similar duration, and it is also pertinent for me to declare here that the rule established by the Church relative to the frequenting of non-Catholic schools by Catholic pupils is always in full force, and that it applies to all non-Catholic institutions without any exception. Parents cannot send their children to such schools without incurring the canonical penalties of the Assembly of the Priests representing the Church, unless they have obtained from their bishop an authorization for each individual case.

I charge the curés to remind the faithful concerning this point of ecclesiastical discipline, and I pray them to use all their influence to secure a large and prompt recruitment for our Agricultural Institute at Oka.

(signed) Paul, Archbishop of
Montreal.