

Catholic Schools Of City To Integrate

Catholic schools of the Cathedral Parish are being integrated for the first time.

Registration at St. Joseph Academy, St. Agnes School and Cathedral Parish School opened this morning and will continue tomorrow.

It is understood that at least three Negro students have registered for high school at St. Joseph Academy, and a larger number today at Cathedral Parish School.

St. Joseph Academy is privately operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is operated as a boarding school for girls and also as an accredited day school for girls and boys.

St. Agnes School and Cathedral Parish School are staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph and operated by the Cathedral Parish.

Registration will continue at Cathedral Parish School and St. Agnes School tomorrow morning from 9 a.m. until 12 o'clock noon.

Registration was held this morning at St. Joseph Academy for the ninth and tenth grades. Registration for the eleventh and

twelfth grades will be held at the academy tomorrow from 9 a.m. until noon.

Although there has been no official public announcement, it is understood that St. Benedict's Catholic School for Negroes will not open this year.

There were over 100 students enrolled at the school last year, a majority of them non-Catholics.

It has been the policy of a number of Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine to enroll Negro children. Negro students have been attending Bishop Kenny High of Jacksonville, Father Lopez High School of Daytona Beach, along with several other Catholic schools.

There was no advance announcement that the local Catholic schools would be integrated this year.

Two public schools of the city were integrated during the 1963-64 term. The school board has announced that applications have been made for additional enrollment of Negroes in four public schools for the coming term.

