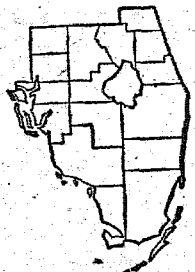


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Alleluia! Alleluia!



THE RESURRECTION, painted by Italian artist Borgognone (1480-1523), hangs in the National Gallery of Art

in Washington, D. C. The artist's conception of the Resurrection is from the Samuel H. Kress Collection.

*And if Christ has not risen,
vain then is our breaching, vain
too is your faith.*

1 Corinthians 15:14

Diocese to Observe April As Vocation Prayer Month

To the Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese:

The month of April is to be observed as Vocation Month in the Diocese. During these four weeks, we will concentrate, first of all, on fervent prayers for a great increase in the numbers of priests and sisters; and then on frequent, simple instructions, so that each may understand the meaning and dignity of a vocation and be aware of his responsibility in encouraging young people to dedicate themselves to the service of God.

If all of our people come to an understanding of the critical shortage of priests, I am confident they will be impressed with the obligation of cooperating in every way possible in this most noble work of providing the Church in the Diocese of Miami with priestly laborers for Christ.

The full program of activity during Vocation Month will be carried weekly in THE VOICE. The prayer for Vocations is to be said after every Mass on weekdays and Sundays. I earnestly commend to every family the most praiseworthy practice of praying for vocations immediately after the evening meal and begging God to bless them and their relatives and neighbors with the privilege of having a son a priest, a daughter a nun.

A Triduum of prayer in behalf of vocations will be held in every parish on April 14-15-16.

On April 19, Vocation Sunday, there will be a Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral, at which altar boys and youthful representatives from every parish, along with their parents, will join with Bishop and priests in imploring the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

Thus united in prayer and apostolic action, we may be confident that Christ, the Great High Priest, will stir the hearts of our young men and women to answer this pressing call to the service of God.

Imparting to you my paternal blessing, I remain
Devotedly yours in Christ,

Coleman F. Carroll
Bishop of Miami

(Vocation Stories and Prayers on Page 2)

Diocese To Unite In Vocation Prayer Crusade In April

More than 1900 years ago, when Our Lord lived on earth as God and Man, He told His disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Master of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

In answer to that call, Catholics of the Diocese of Miami will join in a month-long Crusade of Prayer in April for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and to the Sisterhood.

Bishop Coleman F. Carroll has designated April as Vocation Month. In a letter to Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese, the complete text of which appears on Page One, Bishop Carroll has directed everyone to take part in united prayer and apostolic action which will "stir the hearts of our young men and women to answer this pressing call to the service of God."

Program Detailed

Father James J. Walsh, director of vocations for the diocese, has outlined a full program of activity for the month which will include:

Prayer for vocations to be said after every Mass on weekdays and Sundays.

Family prayer immediately following the evening meal.

A Triduum of Prayer in every parish on April 14, 15 and 16.

Vocation Sunday, on April 19, when the Bishop will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at St. Mary Cathedral. Present will be altar boys and other youthful representatives of every parish, along with their parents.

As a prelude to Vocation Month, a series of retreats was held on the first three days of Holy Week for high school students under the supervision of Msgr. William F. McKeever, diocesan superintendent of schools.

Retreats have been conducted at: Central Catholic High School, Fort Lauderdale, with Father Robert F. Reardon and Father Thomas L. McDermott; Archbishop Curley High School, Miami, Father Neil J. Flemming; Christopher Columbus High School, Miami, Father Louis C. Roberts; Immaculata Academy, Miami, Father Thomas J. Goggin; Notre Dame Academy, Miami, Father Charles Mallen, C. S. S. R.; St. Patrick High School, Miami Beach, Father Claude E. Brubaker; St. Ann High School, West Palm Beach, Father T. Noel Fogarty.

Benefits Explained

"The exercises of the retreat," Msgr. McKeever explained, "are calculated to impart to the students a more serious attitude regarding their lives. It is this period that has proved so fruitful in the past in fostering vocations to the sisterhood and the priesthood, and the diocese anticipates that an increased number will, this year, accept the call of God."

One of the most pressing needs of the Church today, not only in the Diocese, but throughout the world, is an increase of priestly vocations. Shortage Varies

According to the latest available statistics, there are 393,925 priests for approximately 2,650,000,000 souls in the world. That means that there is one priest for about every 7,000 persons alive today, and about one priest for every 1,300 Catholics in the world.

In the United States, there is one priest for every 690 Catholics. Canada has a priest for every 560 Catholics, and Mexico one priest for every 5,080.

Switzerland leads the world with one priest for every 440 Catholics, while Guatemala is at the other hand of the scale with one priest for every 18,400 Catholics.

The United States has one seminarian for every 3,840 Catholics and France has one for every 4,400 Catholics.



NEW LABORERS for Christ's vineyard are shown prostrated before the altar during ordination ceremonies for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston. The Diocese of Miami needs more priests and during Vocation Month in April a united Crusade of Prayer will be offered in every church for an increase of candidates to the diocesan priesthood.

Most U.S. Seminarists From Average Families

Most seminarists to the priesthood in the United States come from Catholic families that are average in size as well as in economic security.

These facts were revealed in a survey conducted by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, in which 45 per cent of the students enrolled in major seminaries of the country during 1951-1952 participated. The number of seminarists represented was 94 out of 186, or 50.5 per cent.

Results of the survey, screened from questionnaires returned by 6,304 students, have been published in book form by the Crusade National Center in Cincinnati.

Three to Five Children

The survey showed that families most productive of priestly vocations have three to five children. The medium average for families sending boys to the diocesan priesthood is four children.

Of all vocations, 83 per cent came from families in urban surroundings—towns and cities exceeding 2,500 population—and 80.4 per cent of the Catholic population is located in these areas.

As to the economic status of those involved, the survey showed that 80.1 per cent of the seminarists classified their families as "middle class."

Many Started at 14

In one out of every six families the father was reported to be in a managerial position.

When did they begin their studies for the priesthood? Two began at the age of 11 and one began at 16. The largest age group started at 14.

Among the factors listed as helping in vocations were these, in order:

Good home atmosphere; example of priests; influence from schooling; influence of Sisters; vocational talks; retreats and missions; having relatives in religion; having friends in the seminary; influence of laymen.

Architecture is a handmaid of devotion. A beautiful church is a sermon in stone, and its spire a finger pointing to heaven.

—Schaff.

Youth Ready -- But HOMES?

Today's boys and girls have all the heroism needed for religious vocations, but the Catholic home life that is also required could be strengthened.

That is the opinion of vocational directors in many dioceses.

Other factors commonly blamed for failure of some young people to hear God's call are:

"Materialistic culture."

The "spirit of freedom" which fails to take into account the fact that "no one is more free than the man who serves God."

Religious vocations, it also has been emphasized, often come from "homes where family prayer is as important as family meals."

10,000 Stores Close, Observe Good Friday

Cleveland—(NC)

More than 10,000 stores and business houses in the eight-county Cleveland diocese closed all or part of Good Friday in commemoration of Christ's death on the cross. A closing campaign was spearheaded by the diocese's Holy Name Society.

The City Councils of Cleveland and its largest suburb, Parma, passed resolutions urging businesses to close. Parma City Hall was closed and only a skeleton force was at Cleveland City Hall.

The Cleveland Holy Name Society disclosed it will seek to have Good Friday made a legal holiday at the national convention of the Holy Name Society in New Orleans in October. A bill which would make the day a legal holiday is now before the Ohio Legislature.

Benefit at St. Rose

Miami Shores

A card party to benefit St. Rose of Lima Guild will begin in the school cafeteria, 10690 NE 5th Ave., at 8 p. m. on Friday, April 3. Mary Mullen is general chairman.

One of the difficult tasks in this world is to convince a woman that even a bargain costs money.—E. W. Howe.

Bishop Carroll To Celebrate Easter Mass

Miami

Solemn Pontifical Mass will be sung by Bishop Coleman F. Carroll on Easter Sunday at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral.

Msgr. Patrick J. O'Donoghue, Vicar General, Cathedral rector, will be assistant priest and Msgr. James F. Enright and Msgr. George Rockett will be assistant deacons.

Other officers of the Mass will be Father Peter Reilly, deacon; Father Francis Dixon, sub deacon; Father Joseph M. McLaughlin, master of ceremonies, and Father Patrick Taaffe, assistant master of ceremonies.

A 72-voice choir, consisting of 60 boys of St. Mary's School and 12 men, trained and directed by Clayton Brenneman, diocesan organist, will be heard for the first time during the Mass. Music will include the *Ecce Sacerdos* by Stadler and *Missa Melodica* by Pietro Yon. Regina Coeli by Jan Nieland of the Netherlands will be sung at the Offertory and the Proper will be in Gregorian chant.

OFFICIAL

The Chancery has announced the following clerical appointments in the Diocese of Miami:

1. Father Bernard McGrehan, as Assistant Director of Vocations.
2. With the approval of the Most Reverend Bishop, the Provincial of the Society of Jesus has appointed Father James L. LeRoy, S.J., as assistant pastor to Gesu parish.

(Signed)

Msgr. Robert W. Schiefen,
Chancellor

Dutch College to Hear Notre Dame Lecturer

NCWC News Service

Nijmegen, Netherlands

A Dutch layman who formerly lectured at an American university, has been assigned to teach liturgy at the Catholic University of Nijmegen. He is Dr. C. Bouman, who in recent years delivered several lectures on the liturgy at summer courses of the University of Notre Dame, Ind.

Be brief, for no discourse can please when too long.

—Cervantes.

SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

(The following Serran Prayer for Vocations will be recited after every Mass during April. Copies of the prayer will be distributed in all churches.)

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and all the Saints, an increase of laborers for Thy Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the union of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen. (Seven years indulgence.)

FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O merciful God, we unite in begging You to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to Your Church. We pray especially for a great increase in vocations to the priesthood in this new diocese. We make bold to implore You to bless all Catholic families, our own and those of our relatives and neighbors, with the wonderful privilege of having a son a priest, a daughter a nun. Grant that those whom You call may be encouraged and helped by us, and that they may serve You with all their hearts and their whole strength in seeking to work as fellow laborers of Christ in the salvation of souls. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many and holy priests. (Indulgence 300 days.)

Diocesan Students Win Science Prizes

Miami

Six students of diocesan high schools were among top winners and 17 others received honorable mention during the annual South Florida Science Fair held at the Dinner Key auditorium.

Vincent Sites, a 16-year-old junior at Archbishop Curley high school, competing with more than 400 entries, was named a grand prize winner for his experiment with Gibberelic acid, a plant stimulant.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sites of the Cathedral parish, he was awarded a trip to the Nation Science Fair in Hartford, Conn., May 6-9. The experiment, three months in preparation, was his first in botany.

Daniel Eby, a member of the sophomore class at Archbishop Curley high school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Eby, North Miami, was awarded a five-day Navy cruise for his exhibit on the artificial growth of chemical crystals. The 16-year-old youth was also an honorable mention in the chemistry and geology classification of the senior division.

Shows Cloud Chamber

A project showing a Wilson Cloud Chamber, used to show tracks of atomic particles, won second prize in the physics category for William A. Hirsch, a

junior at Christopher Columbus high school, which opened last Sept. Thomas Muenzenberger, sophomore at Archbishop Curley high school, was the winner of the second prize in electronics.

Stephen Perunko and Michael Dillon, Jr., both students at Archbishop Curley high school, received third place awards in physics and zoology-man, respectively.

Six Entitled to Compete

The six boys are entitled to compete in the State Science Fair at Tallahassee, April 9-11.

Honorable mention was given to Paul Girard, pupil at Christopher Columbus high school, for his project on nervous system and brain.

Similar honors were given to the following students at Archbishop Curley high school:

Botany: William Speer and Robert Wood.

Chemistry: John Clifford and Pierre LaBratton.

Engineering: John Morel.

Mathematics: Carl Canicatti, Robert Gawlick, Ralph Irizarry, Francis Kelsch, James Loskill, Thomas Suvada, Thomas Vernon.

Physics: Fred Kratochvil.

Zoology—Man: Norman Sym.

Zoology—Other: James E. Kutz, III, and Colton Loehr.

The fair, open to private, parochial and public school students in grades seven through 12, in five

counties, is sponsored annually by the University of Miami, the Miami Herald, the Dade County Science Teachers' Association and the Dade Council of Teachers of Mathematics.



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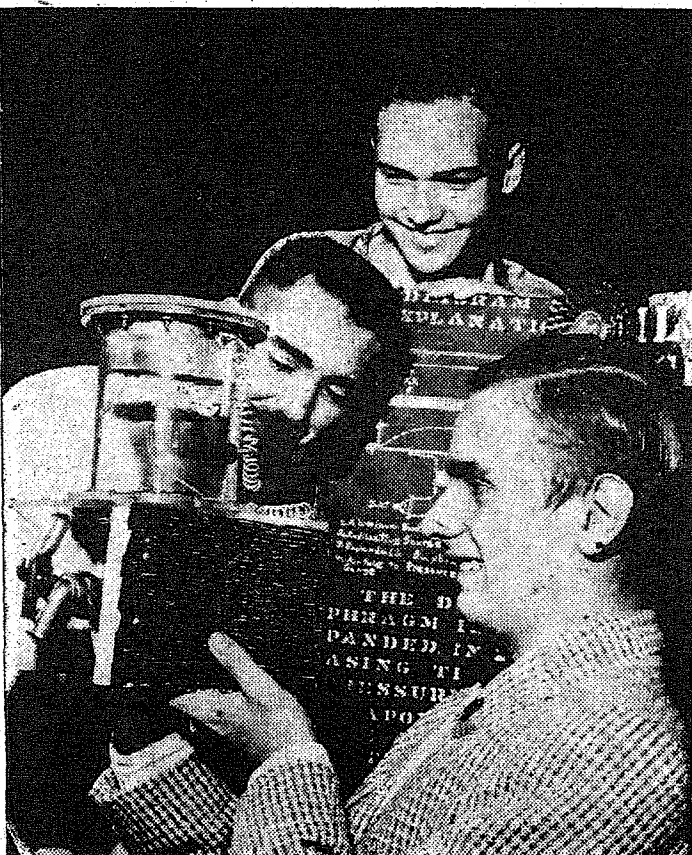
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Science Fair grand prize winner, 16-year-old sophomore Vincent Sites, Archbishop Curley high school, holding plants, receives congratulations of James E. Kutz, chairman of the school science department, at right, and Thomas Muenzenberger, sophomore, winner of a second prize in Electronics.

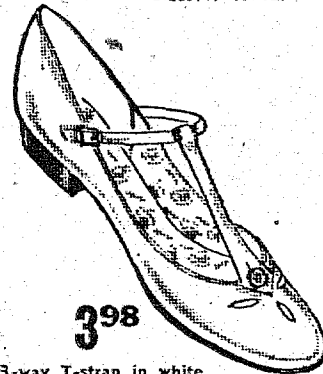


William A. Hirsch, a junior at Christopher Columbus high school, winner of a second prize at the South Florida Science Fair, explains the Wilson Cloud Chamber to Archbishop Curley high school students, Daniel Eby, five-day Navy cruise winner, and Stephen Perunko, who placed third in the Physics category.



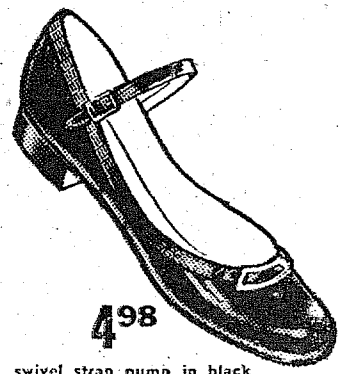
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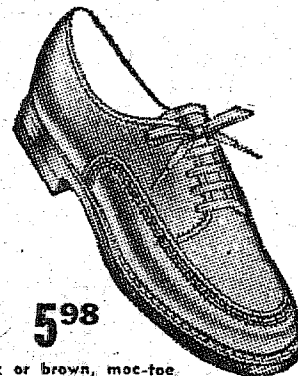
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swivel strap pump in black patent or white, 8 1/2-4



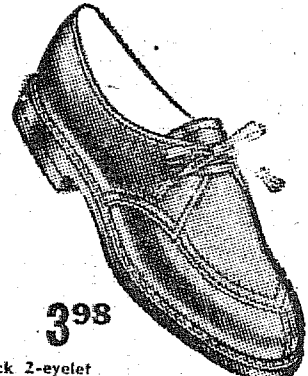
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Easter--Man's Great Hope

Easter has always stood as a certain cure for disillusionment and despair. There is a considerable amount of disillusionment in most places in the world today, because hopes placed in material things have not been fulfilled, and because promises solemnly made have not been kept.

So many have ignored spiritual realities while living hard for the things of this life, only to find after bitter experience that they were chasing shadows. And men who seek power or advantages over others have contributed to the fallen hopes of people by luring them with false promises.

They have asked for votes and confidence and loyalty, and in turn have promised a better life and security and the spoils of victory. Too many of them have done nothing more than pave the way for cynicism, for their claims and promises were empty.

Many thought of Christ in this same hard, disenchanted way, when the Cross stood stark and ugly and lonely against the darkened sky over Calvary. No one in the history of the world had ever made such promises as that Man! He claimed He was from God, that indeed He Himself was equal to God, that His Kingdom was in another world, that He had all power in heaven and on earth. He promised His

followers they would be given the power to be sons of God, that as long as they believed in Him, they would not die.

Men listened to these great words. Some of them scoffed and went away laughing as if at a mad man. Some scoffed, but wanted to discredit Him completely, seeing in His wild claims a threat to their own monopolies. Many others, intrigued beyond words, demanded that He give proof of His claims.

They saw the deaf and blind cured, the lame walk again, the lepers be made clean. But they wanted more signs. They demanded a final proof. He was asking of them complete loyalty, perfect obedience, unhesitating faith. They wanted the kind of proof that can stand up under any scrutiny.

Obviously there was only one kind of proof that could not be explained away. He had to give up His life, and then return to life. He had to die, and then by His own power, live again.

He kept his promise, as the world knows today after nearly two thousand years. It is still final proof. No one has ever been able to weaken this assurance that all His promises will be kept in the next world, that all His claims are true. This is the rock foundation of our faith. It is the same rock upon which all unbelief can be broken.

Spirited Side of It



Saints of the Week

Sunday, March 29 — **EASTER SUNDAY**, which commemorates Christ's resurrection from the dead. Generally this date is the feast of St. Cyril, Deacon-Martyr. He was a deacon of Heliopolis in Lebanon. About 362 he was tortured and put to death for the faith in the persecution of Julian the Apostate.

Monday, March 30 — **ST. QUIRINUS**, martyr. He was the jailer of Pope St. Alexander I, by whom he was converted with his daughter, St. Balbina. Shortly afterwards he was arrested as a Christian, tortured and put to death about 117, in the persecution under Hadrian.

Tuesday, March 31 — **ST. AMOS**, prophet. He was one of the minor prophets, a shepherd of Tekoah (Koa) near Bethlehem, who lived in the eighth century B. C. He aptly described himself as "a herdsman plucking wild figs." His prophecy was a denunciation of evildoers. The Roman Martyrology says he frequently was scourged by the priest, Amasias, and died when his head was pierced with an iron spike by the priest's son, Ozias.

Wednesday, April 1 — **ST. THEODORA**, virgin-martyr. She was a Roman, the sister of St. Hermes. Like him, she was put to death for the Faith in 132 during the reign of Emperor Hadrian. She and her brother were buried side by side.

Thursday, April 2 — **ST. FRANCIS OF PAULA**, confessor. He was born in 1416 in Calabria of poor parents and at 14 began the life of a hermit at a seashore

cave, where he was joined by two other pious youths. His followers had become so numerous 17 years later that he founded the "Minims" (Leas), who looked upon themselves as the lowest of religious communities. The movement spread in Italy and France at the request of King Louis XI, and attended him at his deathbed. He remained at the request of Kings Charles VIII and Louis XII, carrying on his work. He died in France in 1508 at the age of 92. He was canonized in 1519. His relics were destroyed later in that century by the Huguenots.

Friday, April 3 — **ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER**, bishop-confessor. He spurned wealth and a brilliant marriage to study for the priesthood at Oxford, later becoming chancellor of the university. He was a friend and advisor of St. Edmund of Canterbury. Consecrated Bishop of Chichester in 1246, he stoutly defended the rights of his See against royal usurpations. He was noted for his care of the poor. He died at Dover in 1253 and was canonized nine years later.

Saturday, April 4 — **ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE**, bishop-confessor-doctor. Scion of a noble family of Carthage, Spain, he was the brother of SS. Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina. He succeeded St. Leander as Bishop of Seville in 600 and thoroughly reorganized the Spanish Church which had just emerged from the struggle with the Arian heresy. He died in 636 and was declared a Doctor of the Church within 16 years after his death.

Does God Need Help?

By Fr. James J. Walsh

Someone objected rather strenuously once to this heading over an article: "God needs priests." He explained that it might have been worded that the Church needs priests or the Catholic people do, but not God. Being omnipotent, our aroused objector went on, God needs no one to help Him. He needs nothing to complete His perfections.

Did Not Need Human Help

It sounds like the shifty answer of a careful politician to comment on the objection with these words: "Well, yes, but then again, no!" But there is no need for us to be evasive here. The fact is that God did not have to have human help in bringing about the salvation of mankind (keeping in mind there was always need of the human will to cooperate). It's true that God could have found other ways of redeeming us than the way our Blessed Lord followed. Strictly speaking He did not need the

Mother of Christ. He did not need the Apostles as the only possible means of making known His truths and laws. In this sense, He did not need priests.

But the fact is He made Himself need them. The wonderful thing that none of us has fully comprehended or appreciated is the truth that God made His plan dependent upon a consecrated priesthood. We saw this impressively reviewed just yesterday, the anniversary of the day when Christ created Catholic Priesthood. The night before He died He ordained the first class of priests. He gave them the solemn command to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as He had just done, and in commemoration of Himself.

Gave Power to Forgive

The first time He saw them after He had broken the seal of the sepulcher on Easter Sunday, He gave them the power to forgive sins. His plan of Redemp-

tion immediately had to have men set apart by divine consecration, invested with the power from God to reconcile sinful man with His Redeemer.

Now we should see how it is true that God needs priests to do His work. It is no argument at all to say that He could have gotten along without them. We believe that firmly. In fact, it takes no great stretch of the imagination to picture Christ staying on earth after His Resurrection. We can imagine Christ without an Ascension, remaining on earth to greet each new generation of people Himself, traveling from country to country, century after century, directly bringing to each individual all that would be needed for salvation. A miracle of extraordinary proportions? Yes, but every miracle is a small decision for God.

What is more remarkable is the fact that from the beginning of time God made it plain that for the most part He would deal with human beings through other creatures. He would use helpers, representatives, in countless ways.

Appointed Prophets

He also could have directly revealed His truth in the Old Law to people. But again, it was not His way to deal directly with His children. Instead He appointed prophets to make known what He wanted taught. And thus He acted in many other ways.

Today we are used to the divine plan. We understand that the salvation of mankind must come through the work of the Priesthood. We know this, but we fail to realize the extent of responsibility every lay person has in raising up priests of God. We are so used to the presence of priests, we forget that in the divine plan each one of us has a degree of responsibility in encouraging vocations to the Priesthood. The laity is the only source of vocations.

The divine need of priests is nowhere greater than in the Diocese of Miami. Hence, in this vocation month about to begin, all of us, priests and people, must settle down to the most serious business of encouraging vocations.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

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An Italian priest is believed to have assisted in the design of the TAJ MAHAL, the beautiful monument constructed in INDIA over three hundred years ago by the SHAH JEHAN.

THE STONE SEAT OF THE BISHOP'S THRONE IN THE 4TH CENT. CHURCH OF SS NEREO AND ACHILLEO, ROME, IS SAID TO HAVE FORMED PART OF THE THRONE OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT.

A familiar tradition in GERMANY is the lighting of the ADVENT WREATH. THE FOUR CANDLES REPRESENT THE FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT.



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Two Plays Pose Question

By Fr. John B. Sheerin

Is there a God to get us out of this mess? Two plays now running on Broadway ask that question. Archibald MacLeish's play entitled "J.B." tells the story of a modern Job who meets with all kinds of trouble. However, instead of finding his consolation in God and the life to come he finds nothing at all, no hope or incentive except perhaps human love. His life parallels that of the Biblical Job save that it has such a disappointing ending.

The other play called "Sweet Bird of Youth" was written by Tennessee Williams. It is a shocker whose theme seems to be that all human beings are "suckers" who start life with high ideals but who are soon beaten down by their uncontrollable impulses and the unrelieved rottenness of the world around them. Again, the idea is that life has no rhyme or reason and the most charitable thing we can say about the play is that Williams must be searching for something remote.

A Remote Presence

I suppose the two plays mirror the thinking of a fairly large segment of American public opinion. The average American is certainly not as decadent as the characters in Sweet Bird of Youth but I do think there are a great many Americans who are suffering mental anguish trying

to figure out what this crazy, mixed-up world of 1959 really means—if it does have a meaning. They are like the hero in "By Love Possessed" who was moral enough for appearance's sake, and who even went to Church on Sunday, but who was deep in his heart, an agnostic.

Now the surprising thing is that Easter makes no impression on such persons. It is for them hardly more than a civic celebration—a few cards for friends, the special Easter show at Radio City every year, a pot of Easter lilies or other flowers.

Historical Fact

God, if they really believe in God, is a remote presence for them and they can't seem to make Resurrection mean anything to them. As a historical fact, it's about as real to them as the legend of Phoenix rising from the ashes to a new life. They don't even bother to disprove the testimony of the witnesses who saw Christ after His resurrection. They are only interested in the problems of the present time and what they call "the human situation" or "the human predicament." In fact, some of them in all sincerity feel that there is something dishonest about Christians who talk about Easter as if it solved the burning questions of whether Man will be exterminated by H-bombs and whether Man is worth saving.

We have to take our contemporary non-Christians as we find them. As I said, they are interested in "the human situation." Now I wonder if perhaps we have made a mistake in the way in which we talk about Easter. At Christmas we emphasize the human side of Christ, we speak of the little infant in the crib. At Easter, however, we stress the divine. We praise the divine power that brought back Jesus to life in a glorified body, and that broke the prison walls of the tomb in an astonishing demonstration of miraculous strength.

The Incentive

Yes, the Resurrection was a victory for divinity but we must remember that it was also a triumph for humanity. When Christ came to earth He took our humanity and when He conquered death, He was promising that as He rose in His human and divine nature, His brethren would also rise in their humanity.

The humanist says that man must use his talents for constructive purposes, for sociability and sympathy, for art and science. But why? For the sake of sociability, or for art's sake? The answer is Easter. Heaven is the incentive to improve the human situation for we know that we will rise to Heaven in our human nature, and the degree of our happiness will depend on the diligence with which we have developed here on earth the talents God gave us.

AN ALTAR BOY NAMED "SPECK"



"Say, Father, . . . need any altar boys in South America?"

QUESTION CORNER

Should U. S. Catholics Sever Ties With Rome?

Msgr. John J. Fitzpatrick

Why don't the American Bishops and priests establish their own Church instead of eternally submitting to the Pope in Rome? Wouldn't it save the Americans a lot of money? I think it horrible to send so much money over to the Pope. It would be so much more economical and the local Catholics would have a bigger hand in running their own affairs.

only a few cents from each parishioner.

Look to Business

Were we to cut ourselves off from Rome and try to run a separate Church, it would be impossible to keep going. No American business man would even try to manage a Church, such as the American Catholic Church would be, with such funds to work with and with so many persons and problems to cope with.

I'm not so sure that American Catholics would have any more to say about the affairs of the Church than they have now. The Church as Christ set it up isn't a democracy. Moral issues aren't decided by a counting of votes.

Whether the Blessed Mother is mediatrix of all graces or not is not a matter of vote. We don't need to have all Catholics of the world go to the polls to say what they think about it.

When Christ set up the Church to teach what He had first taught her, He gave to her all that she needed.

Look to Doctrine

Christ did all that was necessary in that line. He gave the Church the doctrines He wished her to teach, guaranteed His own presence with her until the end of time, sent the Holy Ghost upon her and that was all that was needed.

No, we are glad that the center of the Church is in Rome. You may complain that the Church is a dictatorship. But what's wrong with that, if that is the way Christ set it up?

It's a dictatorship that we want. We want to be told what is true and false with the infallibility the Holy Father can bring to such matters.

If Christ wants to have a Maltese or Siamese Pope, ruling from Honolulu, it is okay with us. The place where the Church is centered is not important. If some future war should make it necessary to move that center from Rome to Cheyenne, it will make no difference to us or to any other nations.

There is one thing we can guarantee our readers: the question is a sincere one. We know the questioner personally and know that he is absolutely honest in asking it.

When we first heard it, we were flabbergasted, having thought that we had heard everything! But apparently silly questions point up the strange ideas many non-Catholics (and, let us admit it, some Catholics, too) have of the Church.

Look to History

Were the American Bishops to cut themselves off from the Holy Father, the Church here would be no better than the churches which did the same thing hundreds of years ago. Look around and see what a mess that mistake brought about!

What a disastrous thing it would be to lose unity with the only religion still in existence, which can possibly claim to have been founded by Christ himself.

Since He promised to be with that Church until the end of time, what could possibly be gained by asserting independence and branching off on one's own? What a foolish thing to lose that absolutely necessary connection with the only source of true doctrine that we have, the only link with the Apostles, the only divine power that Christ put into the world.

And what's this about sending all that money to Rome? Every year the Catholics of the world send to the Holy Father what is known as the "Peter's Pence." This is a collection taken up in all our churches around the feast of St. Peter and Paul.

Most priests will tell you that it amounts to very little. "Peter's Pence" is certainly a good name for it. As far as my experience goes, the Holy Father receives

MAKING MARRIAGE CLICK

Parents and Vocations

By Msgr. Irving A DeBlanc

"What's wrong, Father? We have been taught to love and believe both our priests and our parents. But one tells us about the glory of the religious life, the other insists on the opposite and even threatens all kinds of calamities. Just who do we believe?"—T. P.

I am going to ask St. Thomas Aquinas to give the first answer to this one. He says that "authority is given to parents so they will execute God's will, not primarily their own." The child, then, who goes against his parents' wish and enters the religious life commits no sin. But rather the contrary, it can be a mortal sin for the parent who is an obstacle.

Opposition at Home

In an excellent new book, "Parents' Role in Vocations" (Bruce Publishing Co.), Father Poage and Dr. Treacy insist that parents should guide their children in choosing a state of life. They should not tell their children what to do.

Many will no doubt agree that the attitude of parents is at last beginning to change. Father Thomas S. Bowdern, S.J., in a monumental study several years ago found a disturbing picture. He sent a questionnaire to 1,561 young men and to 2,453 young women who had become Religious. Fifty-nine per cent of these women admitted having opposition from home.

Today, there seems to be much evidence that parents are more understanding. The work of Serra Clubs and family organizations have no doubt contributed outstandingly to

this changing attitude. But we still have far, far to go.

Father Poage reveals crushing figures in the book quoted above. He points out that there were 1,088 priests ordained in 1958 in the United States, but 752 deaths took place during that same period. This leaves a net increase of only 336 priests. That very year we had an increase of 1,460,126 Catholics. This also involved many new parishes in suburbs.

Parents' Role Vital

During that same year there were 3,025 girls taking their first vows in convents, but, alas, 1,107 Sisters died. That again left a net increase during that year of only 1,918 Sisters to meet the new expansion in schools and charitable institutions. Parents will certainly have to come to the rescue in a hurry. Their role can be a deciding factor.

Many couple-centered organizations have proved what parents can do for vocations. It may be as simple as the example of fathers getting down on their knees for morning prayers. It may be mothers who read or encourage the reading of selected books which are intended to supplement the Sunday sermons.

It may be Dad tipping his hat when he passes the Church. It could be the mite box for the missions which is as familiar as toys in some homes. It may be family grace before meals, little statues around the house, or Mom and Dad both absorbed in prayers after Communion.

Sense of God

What is most important in this pattern is that children be taught a sense of God. It is

quite convincing in Father Bowdern's study that 95 per cent of those who are now in the service of God came from homes where parents were both truly practical Catholics. Sixty per cent of these vocations came from homes where at least night prayers were said together. Seventy-two per cent of them had the diocesan newspaper and other Catholic periodicals coming regularly into the home.

The point we would like to emphasize is the strategic influence of parents. True, there is a strong element of mystery in most vocations. True, it is strictly a personal willingness on the part of a youngster: a vocation is only an invitation not a command.

Vocation Involves Sacrifice

True, a vocation can be determined from one's own aptitude together with the needs of society, but a vocation must primarily, essentially, explicitly involve sacrifice. The role parents play here is obvious. They would do a disservice to the idea of vocation if they emphasized the security, education, companionship, prestige obtainable in a religious vocation. Parents can help in two ways: they can develop in their homes a strong sense of God and almost as important, they can cultivate an extraordinary religious spirit of sacrificial generosity. Luxuries and the lack of discipline can be the kiss of death.

A last thought: if there is a choice of finishing college or even high school before leaving for a seminary or novitiate, is not the development of holiness more important at this time than waiting to get a diploma or degree?

'Be Watchful,' Pope Tells German Bishops

Vatican City

Concern for the people of troubled Germany was expressed in a letter which Pope John XXIII sent to bishops of the divided nation, telling each of them to be "watchful and ready at the helm of your individual church, amid the storms of your uneasy age."

Speaking specifically of East Germany, the Pontiff expressed regard for "beloved sons" living there who find "themselves in difficult circumstances." He referred to their territory as one "where even a consciousness of moral law is sometimes oppressed either openly or in a concealed manner."

Following are excerpts from the letter:

"We visited you in Berlin, Munich, Aachen and Cologne during Our travels and when We served with the Propagation of the Faith organization We had contacts with your compatriots. Therefore, We have known by experience and esteem greatly the natural gifts of your people. That is to say, the very high sense of duty, ready discipline, the sense of community, will power closely combined with brisk and ordered action, fortitude, valor, generosity intimately combined with the love of beauty.

"In Our mind We see a great multitude of men of that very noble nation, the sons of the Church regenerated in Christ, who have preserved the faith of their forefathers, who have given rise to an illustrious and generous progeny for the increase of the reign of Christ, who have provided fine spiritual stones and strong structure in the construction of the City of God.

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"Your compatriots have, in fact, by the observance of religious life, by discipline and by the arts, by forthright government with myriad activities in the economic and social field, contributed greatly to Christian and civil progress, and this contribution is useful and encouraging for everyone and deserves the highest praise.

"However, the expression of Our admiration is not without sadness. Our compassionate thoughts fly to those people who suffer tribulations within the frontiers of Germany and who are all the more dear to Us the more they are oppressed by harshness and difficulties. Our thoughts are turned to the beloved sons of East Germany where faithfulness to the Church and the exercise of Christian virtues find themselves in difficult circumstances and where even a consciousness of moral law is sometimes oppressed either openly or in a concealed manner.

Stricken by Afflictions

"We salute affectionately all those people who are stricken by afflictions through no fault of their own and We strongly exhort them that they may be firmly trustful and not bend, keeping themselves in the Catholic Faith away from all that is sacrilegious, and to embrace in their charity also those people who, either because of false and mistaken opinions or because of the fear of losing material assets—these people spur us more to compassion—fight the Church.

"We raise and We will continue to raise entreating prayers to God, so that He may

enlighten the minds of the leaders of nations with the light of truth and bend their will; so that those people, having finally reached wiser counsel, may cease to hate that which instead one must love and as determined by divine and natural law, that they may grant freedom to the sons of the Catholic Church and allow them to live a quiet and tranquil life (cfr. Timothy 2, 2) in the observance of the very holy laws of religion.

Concern for Refugees

"With Our mind full of compassion, We also consider the refugees who have been compelled to leave their country, their villages, their homes, their parents, the things familiar to them and everything dearest to them, for reasons of war or because of the fear of violence, or because of need or because of the love of freedom and of being able to profess the Christian faith publicly. How deeply We are moved by the sad and undesired fate of such a great multitude of citizens, who because of a life full of miseries, have to roam wanderingly like sheep without the guidance of the shepherd!

"We strongly exhort the Bishops to continue their care and concern in favor of these and to make every possible effort so that they may not be deprived of the help and the comfort of religion and may find a home and work as soon as possible."

Concordats Cited

"Nor do We wish to pass over in silence the questions of the concordats between the Holy See and Germany. Since the pacts must be observed, the Apostolic See will remain sincerely faithful to the pacts in the future in the same way as it has done in the past and it does not doubt that the German leaders and other authorities of the state will see to it that these pacts are applied faithfully and honestly and with justice. They may be fully convinced that this has contributed and will contribute to the greater good of religion and of the state.

"We exhort each one of you so that, ever faithful in the fulfillment of your individual duty, watchful and ready at the helm of your individual church, amid the storms of your uneasy age, you may direct the course of your mystical ship with watchfulness and attentiveness, considering the following words of the martyr St. Ignatius to St. Polycarp as being addressed to you: "The eyes of the present are fixed on you, like the pilot it explores the winds, and like the shipwrecked tossed by the storm it seeks port, so that it may come in possession of God together with your people." (Letter of St. Ignatius to Polycarp, II: Migne, P.G. 5, 722).



SITE OF RESURRECTION: Work of restoring the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is well under way at the site of Christ's Resurrection. Pictured examining the south transept which contains the Stone of Unction, are Father Albert Rock, O.F.M.; Rev. Costa, Greek Orthodox Vicar of the Holy Sepulchre Convent; Father Leonard Berardi, O.F.M., Superior of the Latin Convent of the Holy Sepulchre, and Rev. Archimandrite Kryiakos, Superior of the Greek Orthodox Convent.

Bishops Launch Parish Step-Up In Latin America

Bogota, Colombia—(NC)

The Latin American Bishops' Council has begun an intensive campaign to organize religious instruction classes in parishes of Latin America.

The drive, which includes clergy and laity, is part of an all-out fight on religious ignorance decided on at CELAM's third annual meeting, held in Rome last November.

The resolutions were seen here as promising to influence 17,000 parishes in 400 dioceses.

New Benedictine Abbey

Cullman, Ala.—(NC)

Archbishop Thomas J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile-Birmingham, Ala., laid the cornerstone for an \$800,000 church at the Benedictines' St. Bernard Abbey.

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San Antonio, Tex.—(NC)

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The disclosure was made by Father Lazarsky in an article written for Mary Immaculate magazine published here by the Oblate Fathers.

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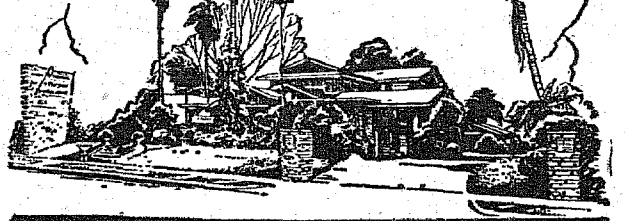
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Pope Officiates On Holy Thursday

Rome—(NC)

On Holy Thursday Pope John XXIII revived a lapsed liturgical function when he washed the feet of 13 men in the Lateran basilica in memory of Christ washing the feet of the apostles.

The men were not laymen, as is done in some places, or poor men, as was the case in ancient times, but priests.

The liturgy of Holy Week, as restored for churches of the Roman Rite by the Holy See in 1955, provides for the washing of the feet of 12 men after the Gospel of the Mass of Holy Thursday.

Pope John's increasing the number to 13 is a return to the tradition believed to have been altered by Pope St. Gregory the Great.



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Pope Cautions Sportsmen

Vatican City

Pope John XXIII, praising sports, told the San Pellegrino Sports Club of St. Paul's words commending competitive play. He said sports help form that interior discipline which is needed by all.

Georgetown Prof. Gets Grant

Washington

Dr. William W. Zorbach, associate professor of chemistry at Georgetown University here, has been awarded an \$18,800 research grant by the National Science Foundation for studies in the structure of digitoxigenin monodigitoxoside, an important compound in the treatment of heart disease.



Shown walking as a pilgrim to the Church of St. Apollinare on the Feast of St. Joseph, his name day, Pope John XXIII also participated in the ancient rites at some of the station churches in Rome during Holy Week. Lead-

ing the procession through the streets is Archbishop Luigi Traglier. The Pontiff went to the Basilica of St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls on Palm Sunday, to take part in the ceremony of the blessing of the palms.

Pope Meets With Street-sweepers, Distributes Communion, Visits Sick

Vatican City

Pope John XXIII celebrated the feast of St. Joseph by sharing his day with Rome's street-sweepers and the sick.

St. Joseph's feast, a national holiday in Italy, was very active for the 77-year-old Pontiff. From 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. the Pope met with people who normally cannot take time off to see and be with him.

The day started with Mass celebrated by the Pope for the city's street-sweepers and their families. An hour before, crowds had begun to collect in front of St. Peter's. Priests in the colonnade that circles St. Peter's square heard confessions before 4,000 people poured through the bronze doors to attend the Mass.

Distributes Communion

The Pope personally distributed Holy Communion to more than 600 persons, passing about 20 times along the improvised communion rail.

After the Mass he thanked visitors for their presence. Abandoning the usual papal "We," he said:

"I am glad to find myself among you on this great feast of St. Joseph and I am moved and grateful for the good wishes you have presented to me today."

He told the street-sweepers that he would have taken the name of Joseph when he was elected Pope save for the fact that there has never been a Pontiff by that name.

Makes a Promise

He said St. Joseph teaches us always to "say little and do

much, because all must work. Those who are believed not to have to work because they have been blessed with goods and fortune are more occupied than others because of the fear that they will lose what they have.

"A good worker who has a good wife and good children is able to sleep quietly at night, while the same thing cannot be said of the rich."

The Pope concluded his informal talk by giving the street-sweepers a promise. He said that if God allows him to live until next St. Joseph's day, he will again spend the feast with them. The street-sweepers gave the Pontiff a miniature of their patron, Our Lady of the Streets.

In the afternoon the Pontiff came to St. Peter's basilica to be with a crowd of more than 6,000 sick people, many of whom were on stretchers or in wheelchairs.

Comments on Pain

Three paralyzed persons told the Pope that they are offering their pains for his three intentions: the success of the ecumenical council, the Rome diocesan synod, and the revision of canon law.

In a speech broadcast throughout Italy, the Pope praised those present as "a valuable source of spiritual energies in the Church of God."

In commenting on pain, the Pope said:

"Unfortunately many are led to consider all physical misfortunes in this world as evils, absolute evils. They have forgotten that pain is the inheritance of Adam's children. They have forgotten that the only real evil is sin, which offends the Lord, and that we must look at the Cross of Jesus in the same way as did the apostles, martyrs and saints, the masters and witnesses of the fact that in the Cross lies comfort and salvation and that one does not live without pain in the love of Christ.

Patient with Pain

"Thanks be to God that there are not always souls who rebel under the weight of pain. There are sick people who understand

Good cheer is no hindrance to a good life.—Aristippus.

the meaning of suffering and who realize the possibilities they have of contributing to the salvation of the world and who therefore accept their life of pain in the same way as did Jesus Christ and the Most Blessed Mary on the day of her purification."

At noon the Pope blessed about 20,000 people from his library window and in the evening he watched a 45-minute television program, "A Day in the Life of the Pope."

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Easter Talk To Be Aired

Vatican City

Pope John XXIII will deliver his first Easter Message at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EST) on Holy Saturday, with Vatican Radio broadcasting it to the world.

The Vatican Press Office also said that Pope John will celebrate Easter Mass in St. Peter's. At noon he will go to the balcony of the basilica to give his blessing *urbi et orbi*—to the city and the world—before the crowd in St. Peter's Square below.

Friendly Discussion on Religion Urged for Neighbors Still 'Distant'

Kansas City, Mo.
People ought to talk about religion more often, in a friendly way, Father John M. Oesterreicher said here.

He pointed out that while America needs more theology in

its thinking, most of the recent interfaith discussions have centered on sociological rather than theological questions.

Social Problems Discussed

"Lately, Protestant, Jewish and Catholic churchmen and theologians have gathered together, and what did they discuss?" he asked.

"They talked about religion in a free society, or religion in a pluralist society, or the relationship of Church and State.

Their discussions seemed to me those of sociologists rather than those of theologians . . . We are afraid of tackling the real problems. We avoid the center and remain at the periphery.

"What America needs is more, not less, theology: An earnest search for God and the things of God, earnest conversation, a conversation that is held in an atmosphere of friendliness, without the least minimizing the differences.

Dialogue is Needed

"What we need is dialogue. The word dialogue may sound high-flown, but it tells of one of the basic realities of our lives. All deep relationships—that of husband and wife, of friend and friend, even of a mother and her prattling child—are dialogues.

"All to often today, when people who may work in the same office, ride the same bus, live side by side, speak of the things that are most important, that are elemental—of the meaning of life and of death, of God and of men, of love and of prayer—they do not understand each other," he said. "They are neighbors and yet they are strangers.

"Therefore, we need to listen to one another and speak to one another, learn to understand one another," he continued. "Thus our disagreements may be shortened but our agreements would be deepened. Our respect for one another would grow. And with the help of God we would move closer to that unity Christians and Jews alike await, move near-

er to the day when God will be all in all."

Father Oesterreicher is director of the Institute of Judaic-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, Newark, N. J.

Role of Laity To be Studied At Convention

Washington—(NC)
The largest attendance in history is expected at the convention here of the National Council of Catholic Men. More than 3,000 men will attend the convention, to be held in Detroit April 1 to 5, it is predicted.

The convention has for its theme "The Catholic Layman in the Crisis of Modern America."

Basic Objectives

The meeting has been planned to reinvestigate the basic objectives of the lay apostolate. Convention planners declared that it will emphasize the "what" rather than the "how" of the apostolate.

The general convention will open formally on April 3 at Detroit's Statler Hotel. Workshops will be held at which experts will discuss the lay apostolate in the family, parish, community and daily work.

Principal Speakers

Keynote speaker at the convention will be Bishop Allen J. Babcock of Grand Rapids, Mich. Four other main speakers will address the convention: Msgr. Josiah Chatham, Jackson, Miss., speaking on "The Layman's Job in His Parish"; Father John L. Thomas, S.J., professor of sociology at St. Louis University, speaking on "The Catholic Layman in the Crisis of the Modern American Family"; Donald J. Thorman, managing editor of Aye magazine, speaking on "The Catholic Layman in the Crisis of the Modern Community," and Philip J. Scharper, editor for Sheed and Ward publishers, speaking on "The Task of the Catholic Layman in His Professional Life."

St. Therese Guild Installs Mrs. Bush

Hollywood
Mrs. Charles Bush will be installed as president of St. Therese Guild of the Little Flower parish at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, March 31, at the Hollywood Beach Hotel.

Mrs. E. Gerard Conoscenti will also install Mrs. Don Mailloux, vice-president; Mrs. Frank Julian, recording secretary; Mrs. Elmo Waltz, corresponding secretary, and Miss Rosemary Ney, treasurer.

Richard Murray will speak to members on the subject of "Education, the Eternal Problem." Mrs. Ray Schlichte, Jr., will be toastmistress.

Mrs. Barney Crowley and Mrs. Jack McGuire are co-chairmen of arrangements for the dinner, assisted by Mrs. James Sepielli, Mrs. Andrew Gurke, Mrs. Jack Cochran, Mrs. William Zinkil and Mrs. Edward Power.



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Prelate Urges More 'Active' Devotions

St. Louis—(NC)
It is "most important" that people participate by voice and deed when assisting at Mass and other liturgical functions.

This point was stressed in an Easter letter issued here by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter.

His pastoral also stated that it is "most important that these members (of the Mystical Body), when assisting at Mass and other liturgical functions of the Church, do so not merely as on-lookers and mute spectators, but that they actively, by voice and deed, participate and thus unite themselves to Christ and to the Church in the worship of the Heavenly Father.

"There is great need of instruction in regard to the Sacred Liturgy of the Church which our good priests will zealously give to their flock, but it is also necessary that all cooperate in faithfully carrying out the instructions of the Holy See and thus make possible throughout the archdiocese a greater and more intelligent participation in Sacred Liturgy."

Elizabeth to Visit Pope

London
Queen Mother Elizabeth of England is expected to visit Pope John XXIII on April 26 during her forthcoming visit in Italy despite objections of British Protestants. Most of the more extreme Protestant groups here issue protests automatically whenever a member of the British royal family meets the Pope.

Pastors Briefed on How to Stir 'Inert and Passive' Mass Goers

NCWC News Service
London
Bishop Cyril C. Cowderoy of Southwark has asked his pastors to bring their people into more active participation in the Mass.

In a memorandum sent to the Southwark clergy, the Bishop said that nothing is worse than for the faithful to be present at Mass inert and passive.

Four Steps Proposed

He issued instructions to guide parish priests in abiding by the instruction on participation of the faithful in the liturgy, which was published by the Sacred Congregation of Rites last fall. In that instruction, approved by Pope Pius XII, the Holy See listed four progressive steps toward greater congregational recitation or singing of the prayers of the Mass.

Bishop Cowderoy said parish

priests are not obliged to put the instruction into effect until it can be done with dignity. But he said it must be remembered that the Holy See wishes that the laity be enabled to use at least some of the concessions. He suggested that by beginning with the simple responses at Mass, parishes can work their way toward recitation or singing of the longer prayers.

Purpose of It All

The main goal of great lay participation in the liturgy, the Bishop said, is that the faithful, through their sincere worship of Almighty God, should increase in faith and holiness.

Bishop Cowderoy added: "While the Holy See indicates how fruitful and advantageous the proposed methods of more active participation in the Mass can be, it is not intended that those who do not feel drawn to these methods should feel compelled to use them."

Beatification Set for Two

Vatican City
Pope John XXIII has ordered the promulgation of the decrees of the Sacred Congregation of Rites approving miracles worked through the intercession of two Servants of God to be beatified this year.

The Venerable Elena Guerra, foundress of the Sisters of St. Rita, will be beatified April 26. The Venerable Marie Dufrost Layammerais d'Youville, foundress and first superior of the Sisters of Charity, will be beatified May 3.

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Retarded Children Called Saints, Care for Various I.Q.'s Discussed

Mentally deficient children are "the most probable saints of God," according to Msgr. James W. Feider, an authority in the field.

The prelate, chaplain at St. Coletta School for Exceptional Children, Jefferson, Wis., said that "in all things of eternal value" retarded children are "at least our equal." Therefore, he added, they are "a sacred and precious trust placed into our hand by Our Heavenly Father."

"Most Probable Saints"

To support his description of mentally deficient children as "most probable saints of God," Monsignor Feider said that at St. Coletta's, where 500 children are registered, about 95 per cent of those admitted to the sacraments receive Communion daily.

Children range in I.Q. from 30 to 80, with the average I.Q. about 50, he said.

"All patients with an I.Q. of 40 or higher can, with proper direction, be brought to the sacraments," he declared. "Moreover, most of those with an I.Q. between 30 and 40 can also be trained to receive the sacraments."

For the higher I.Q. group—from 55 to 80, Monsignor Feider recommended special day schools or day classes.

Social Benefits

"It is particularly this higher, educable group that will mingle with and live in normal society after school age," he said. "How much better their training and preparation for this if they spend their childhood and adolescent years in that same society and environment and gradually grow up with it and into it, rather than grow up in the overshel-

tered environment of a residential school.

As for the intermediate group—with an I.Q. of 30 to 55—these are considered "trainable" rather than "educable," Monsignor Feider indicated.

Special Schools

"For this group," he said, "experience prompts us to recommend special residential schools. Due to their more severe limitations, it would be practically impossible to effect any appreciable progress with them by exposing them to a mere few hours daily of training and development. Their attention span is most brief. They learn and absorb by living out their subject matter,

rather than by academic or intellectual processes.

"Thus, in order to realize any progress it becomes necessary that they be under the supervision, direction, and tutelage of qualified personnel during all their waking hours.

"Having been trained to their maximum capacity, these children should be returned to the family circle," he said. "Under prudent parental guidance they can be a most rewarding element and influence in the family circle."

Mentally Handicapped

The lowest group of the mentally handicapped, those with an I.Q. lower than 30, Monsignor Feider said, "is known as the severely retarded" and "they can never hope to acquire the mental age of reason, and therefore do not come under the scope of the moral law."

"We need not concern ourselves with their spiritual training," he said, "beyond the administering of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation."

His recommendation for children of this level: "Keep them in the family circle as long as they do not encroach upon the just dues and rights of any of the other members of the family."

"The presence of such a child in the home may be a blessing," he said. "It may make the rest of the family more humble, more tolerant, more unselfish, more thankful for their good gifts. It may knit the family closer together having to bear a common cross, and bring them closer to God realizing better their utter dependence upon God."

Catholic Schools Enroll 4.8 Million

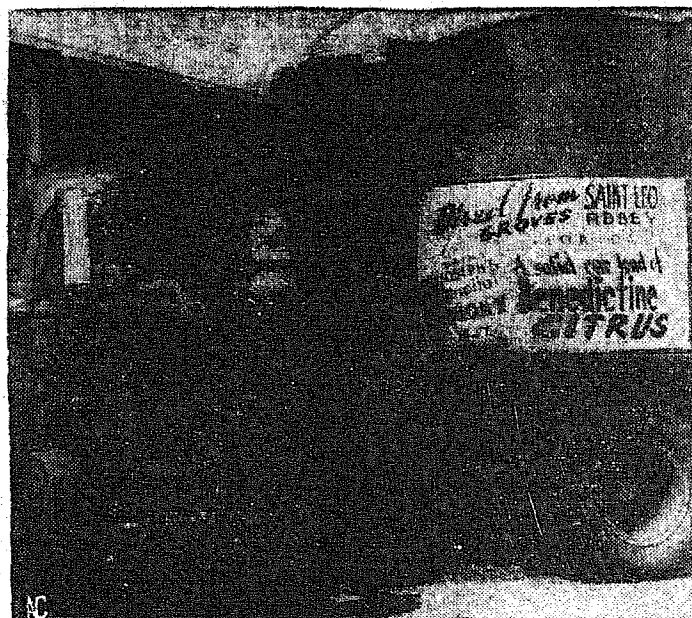
Washington—(NC)

More than 4.8 million youngsters are enrolled in the nation's Catholic grade and high schools this academic year.

This is an increase since 1956 of more than 600,000 according to a survey by the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference here.

About 4,101,790 children are enrolled in 10,195 grade schools, according to the survey. They are being taught by a faculty of 97,965 teachers, composed of 75,914 religious and 22,051 lay persons, the department said.

Some 790,469 students are enrolled in Catholic high schools, according to the department's statement which explained the number of faculty members and schools on this level will be reported at a later date.



Starting off for St. Joseph's Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., with 18 tons of tree-ripened grapefruit and temple oranges, driver Ruben Budofsky is handed the waybill by Brother Oblate Jack M. Gorham. Brother Gorham is manager of Florida's St. Leo Abbey. A citrus packing plant is conducted there by the Order of St. Benedict.

WHY IS EASTER ON MARCH 29?

Why is Easter Sunday on March 29 this year? Because the moon is full on March 24 and the Feast of the Resurrection is always the first Sunday after the full moon on or next after the vernal equinox, March 21, when day and night are of equal length.

The date of Easter determines the other moveable feasts of the Church.

In ecclesiastical language Easter time is referred to as "Paschal time." This is from the Hebrew word "pasch" meaning to passover. In the Old Testament, the Hebrews marked the doors of their houses with the blood of a lamb and ate the lamb with unleavened bread. The Angel of Death passed them by and they were thus exempted from the scourge of death visited on their Egyptian captors.

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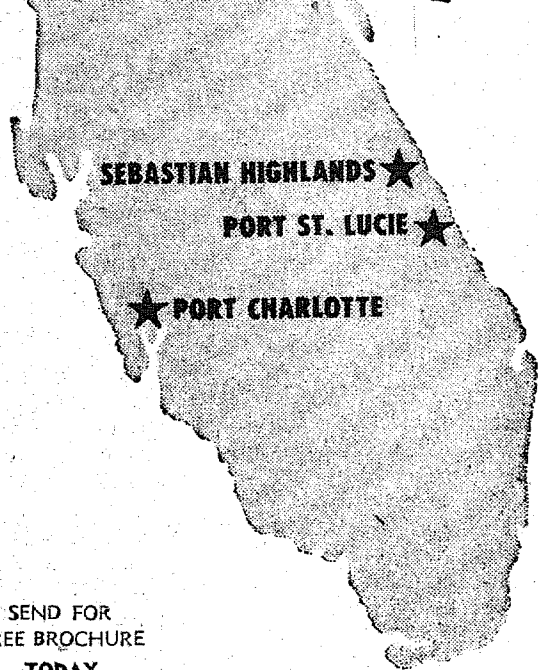
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The Shroud of Turin, Is It the Real Thing?

Rome—(NC)

There are many who doubt the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin—a cloth about 13 feet long and four and a half feet wide which is said to be the cloth in which Christ was wrapped when His body was laid in the tomb.

The shroud is preserved at the cathedral in Turin, Italy.

Among many who claim the article to be the genuine relic is Father Edward A. Wuenschel, a Redemptorist, born in Erie, Pa., who has devoted 25 years of on-and-off study to the shroud.

The cloth bears the imprints of the body of a man who was crucified, crowned with thorns, who had his side pierced and who had been brutally scourged. **Still Debatable**

For the person who looks up information on the shroud con-

says, is the fact that it shows that the person enveloped in it carried not a complete cross, as Christ is shown doing in most Christian art, but only the cross-bar. This, according to research, was the normal method in use at the time of Christ's death, a fact that was not known to scholars of the 14th century, he states.

Stumbling Blocks

One of the main stumbling blocks for critics is that the shroud appears in European history for the first time in the 14th century, Father Wuenschel notes. There is no collection of historical documents that can trace its origins back to the time of Christ. On the other hand there is a document of 1390 which claims that the shroud is a forgery and that its designer had confessed to the forgery, the Redemptorist adds.

But supporters of the shroud claim it is certain that it came from Constantinople where there was a shroud venerated as that of Our Lord at least as far back as 1171.

There have been calls for chemical analysis of the blood on the shroud, for spectroscopy analysis which could reveal the presence of minute tissues or cells. The methods of radioactive carbon dating could determine approximately if the shroud dates from the beginning of the Christian era. X-ray could also prove if the shroud were painted or not.

Fear of Destruction

To each of these techniques objections have been raised, principally based on fears that they would destroy the shroud in the process. The House of Savoy had refused permission for the tests, although the 1950 international congress of sindonology in Rome passed resolutions favoring further tests.

The venerated of the Holy Shroud presented Pope John XXIII with 18 volumes of the basic scientific research that has been done on the shroud. The Pope recalled the fact that St. Charles Borromeo, one of his favorite saints, was convinced that the shroud was genuine. And while he did not take sides on the issue, Pope John blessed the association and urged them through study "to ever more widely explore the divine mystery of the sufferings of the Redeemer."

Missal Guide

March 29—Easter Sunday: Mass of the day, Gloria and Credo are said, Preface of Easter.

March 30—Monday within Easter Octave: Mass of the day, Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface and parts of Canon of Easter.

March 31—Tuesday within Easter Octave: Mass of the Day, Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface and parts of Canon of Easter.

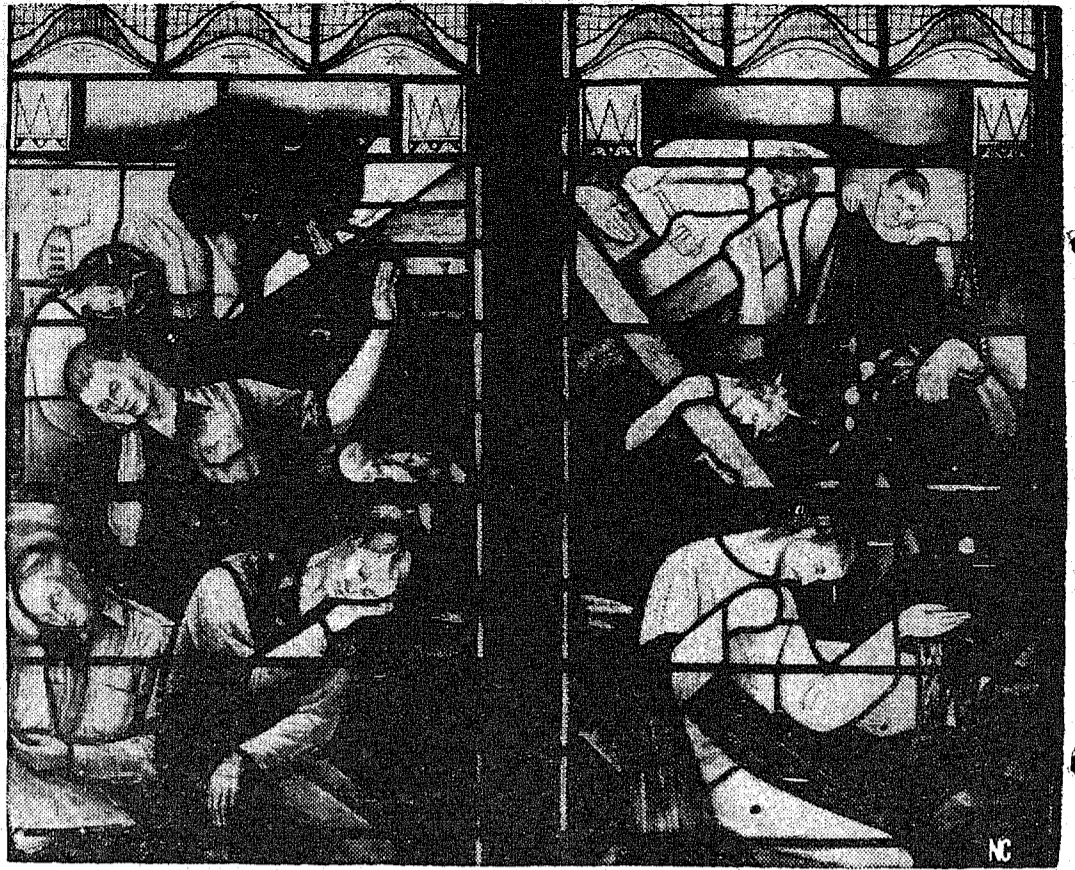
April 1—Wednesday within Easter Octave: Mass of the day, Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface and parts of Canon of Easter.

April 2—Thursday within Easter Octave: Mass of the day, Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface and parts of Canon of Easter.

April 3—Friday within Easter Octave: Mass of the day, Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface and parts of Canon of Easter.

April 4—Saturday within Easter Octave: Mass of the day, Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface and parts of Canon of Easter.

April 5—Sunday in White: Mass of the day, Gloria, Credo, Preface of Easter.



This stained glass window of the Agony of Christ in the Garden is one of a set in Blessed Sacrament Church in Kansas City, Kansas. It shows Christ's disciples in modern dress asleep, with one dozing over a newspaper, while our Lord bears His agony alone. Above the disciples the mushroom cloud of an atom bomb is shown against a background of modern buildings.

'Shroud of Turin' On TV Good Friday

The story of "The Shroud of Turin" will be told on Good Friday at 1:30 p. m. on WPST-TV, channel 10.

The half-hour telecast will feature Father Francis L. Filas, S.J., who has conducted a similar TV documentary on the shroud for the past five Holy Weeks.

He will again show pictures of the burial cloth and relate its history.

tained in the Catholic Encyclopedia, doubt of its authenticity is quite normal. The article, written by Father Herbert Thurston, takes a dim view of the relic and favors the idea that it was a painting made in the 14th century.

"But that article was written 47 years ago," Father Wuenschel says, "and it is based on views formulated 50 years ago. And that's all the scholarship of those who don't believe in the authenticity of the shroud stops."

Father Wuenschel has written often and spiritedly in defense of the shroud of Turin. The relic is enclosed in an ornate silver casket, wrapped in silk, and is displayed rarely.

Exhibited in 1933

The last exhibition was held in 1933 when extensive and scientific photographs were made of it. It was first photographed in 1898. It was then learned for the first time that the stains on the cloth were a negative picture of the person encased in it. This was learned when the photographer looked at his negative and found a positive image with clear and easily recognizable features even to the forked beard.

Critics of the shroud maintained at the time that the negative image was accounted for by the fact that whoever made it stained only those parts which would have been touched by a body.

However, when the shroud was photographed for the second time in 1931, and again in 1933, much better and more detailed pictures were obtained. The intricate delicate details seem to destroy much of the ground supporting the idea that the form on the cloth was painted on, Father Wuenschel maintains.

Book on the Subject

In his book, "Self-Portrait of Christ," the priest describes how the markings on the shroud show that the person in it had sustained a brutal scourging. They also show that the whip was apparently two leather thongs tipped with dumbbell shaped pellets. Research has proved that these dumbbell pellets were actually used in the time of Christ by the Romans, Father Wuenschel points out.

Another piece of internal evidence which weighs strongly in favor of the shroud, the priest

Good Friday Services Set Throughout Diocese

Solemn Liturgical Services will be held during afternoon and evening hours on Good Friday in churches of the diocese with Bishop Coleman F. Carroll officiating at ceremonies in the Cathedral.

Msgr. Patrick J. O'Donoghue, Vicar General and Cathedral pastor, will be assistant priest at the Cathedral service. Msgr. John J. O'Looney and Msgr. Rowan T. Rastatter will be assistant deacons during the devotions which will begin at noon.

Other officers will be Father Joseph O'Shea, deacon; Father Anatole Bernier, subdeacon; Father Joseph McLaughlin, master of ceremonies and Father Kevin McCarthy, assistant master of ceremonies. Father Patrick Taaffe will be the lector and the chanters are Father Harry Turnier, Father John Vann and Father Taaffe.

Similar rites will be held in other parishes as the faithful, led by their pastors, will commemorate Christ's Passion and death.

Altar is Bare

The altar is bare, during the ceremonies, which begin with silent prostration of the clergy before the altar, readings from the Bible and the chanting of the Passion of Our Lord according to St. John.

After prayers and solemn Collects, the cross is carried solemnly into the center of the sanctuary before the altar and the celebrant, wearing black vestments, unveils the crucifix in three stages; singing, "behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world," to which the choir and people respond, "Come, let us adore."

Veneration of Cross

The cross is then placed before the center of the altar and the Veneration of the Cross begins.

The celebrant alone, then the clergy and servers approach the crucifix making three simple genuflections, and kiss the feet of the corpus. The cross is then placed at the entrance to the sanctuary, facing the people, so that the faithful may perform the same act of veneration.

The priest then changes to purple vestments and the Blessed Sacrament is brought in simple procession from the repository (where it was placed on Holy Thursday), Holy Communion is

Assumption Guild Spring Luncheon

Pompano

A spring luncheon and card party for members and friends of the Assumption Guild will be held on Saturday, April 4, at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel, Fort Lauderdale.

Mrs. Edward Pruess and Mrs. A. F. Schmitt are co-chairmen. Proceeds will be donated to the parish building fund.



Dick Denmore Talks About Guadalupe in Mexico

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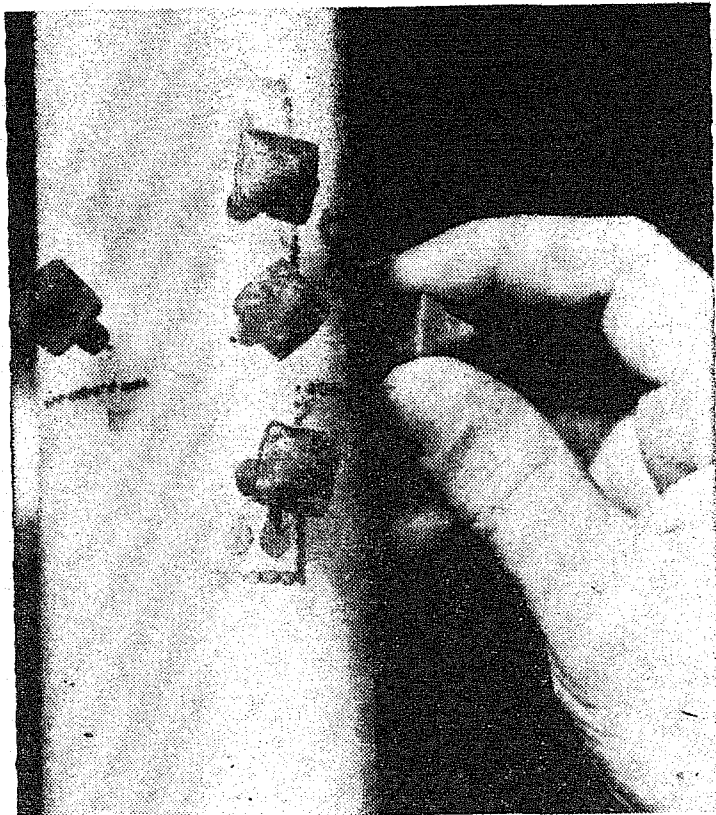
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The Vigil of Easter, or night-watch of the Resurrection, referred to by St. Augustine as the "Mother of all Holy Vigils," will be observed in parishes throughout the Diocese of Miami on Saturday evening.

Although in ancient times the Church held no special service on this day, third century writings indicate that early Christians spent the night before Easter Sunday in prayer. According to history, churches, homes and even streets were illuminated with lights from lamps, candles and thousands of tapers as joyous Christians celebrated the glorious triumph of Christ over sin and death.

Centuries later the vigil, which symbolizes Christ as "the Light of the World," began with the lighting of the paschal candle, and with the singing of jubilant Easter songs. After the blessing of the candle, devotions were held which included the reading

of the prophecies, psalms, antiphons and orations.

Toward midnight the baptis-



IN THE GLOW of the first candle lighted from the new fire, an altar boy pauses in solemn reflection, as preparations begin for the Solemn Mass of the Resurrection.

mal water was consecrated with prayers in ceremonies still used today and the Sacrament of Baptism was administered. Long after midnight, the services were concluded with the prayers of the litanies and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice.

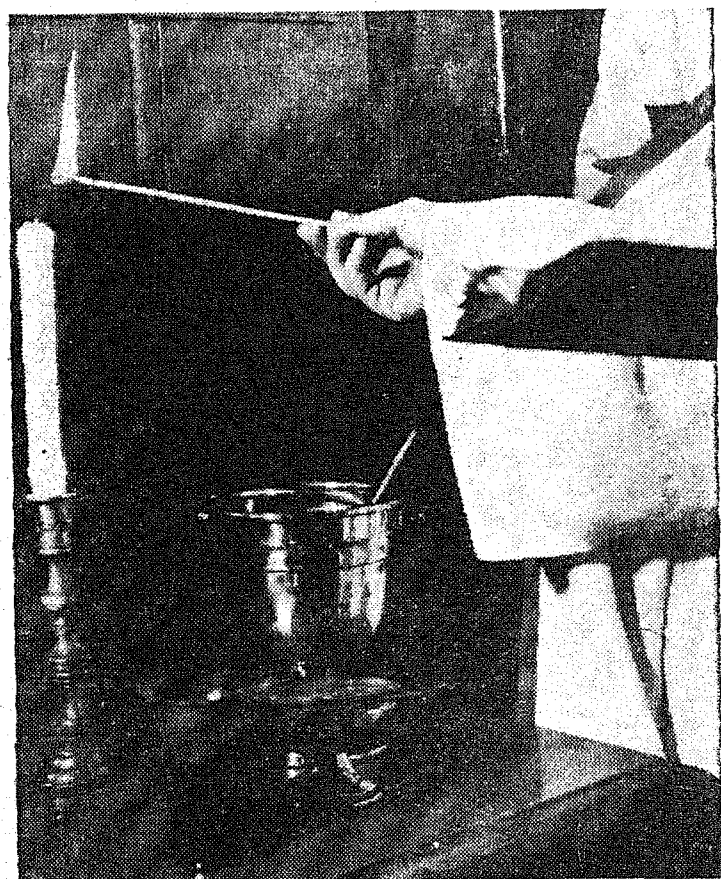
Through the restoration of Holy Week services by Pope Pius XII, the solemn Easter Vigil has been returned to its original place and character. Once more the faithful may participate in the impressive ceremonies.

During the rites, held in the darkness of night, a new fire is enkindled and blessed, the great Easter Candle lighted as the "Pillar of Fire," leads the members of the congregation into the church and the baptismal font is blessed. As the hour of the Resurrection approaches, the altar, stripped bare since Good Friday, is prepared and the priests vest in white for the celebration of the Mass of the Resurrection.



THE NEW FIRE, blessed in the first ceremonies of the Easter Vigil, represents the New Law or Testament. St. Patrick, Father and Founder of the Church in Ireland started the tradition of setting and blessing bonfires

outside the church on Holy Saturday night to supplant pagan fires with a Christian symbol. During the ninth century the custom was incorporated into the Liturgy and it is now an impressive rite of the vigil.



FROM THE FIRE, which the celebrant has lighted by a flint, blessed with holy water and incensed, a taper is enkindled which will be used to light a small candle. In sections of Europe the faithful carry glowing pieces of the fire back to their homes where fires extinguished in lamps and stoves are re-lighted.



A SMALL CANDLE, from which the Easter Candle, "Pillar of Fire," and in turn all of the candles held by the congregation, will be lighted, is ignited from the taper. All of the candles and lamps, extinguished in the church on Good Friday, are then lighted from the Paschal Candle.



THE LIGHTING of the Paschal or Easter Candle symbolizes Christ as the Light of World, and also signifies New Light for those who have been baptized. Representing Christ's presence among His Disciples, the light is

not extinguished until the Feast of the Ascension, which this year is Thursday, May 7. Father John Monroe, O.P., is shown here with altar boys, Timothy and Thomas Fitzpatrick.

Story of the Miami Diocese:

Hardy Early Explorers And Settlers In South Florida Faced Many Hardships

By George H. Monahan

The 16-county area of South Florida which now makes up the Diocese of Miami is rich in its history of Catholic explorations and settlements. In adventure, bravery and warfare with native Indians, the Spanish who came here experienced as much as settlers anywhere in the new nation.

Five unsuccessful Spanish expeditions to South Florida were made before the first permanent settlement finally took root in 1565 under the leadership of Pedro Menendez de Aviles. He voiced the sentiments of many early missionaries in the "Land of Flowers" when he said that "after the salvation of my soul there is nothing I desire more than to be in Florida and there end my days saving souls."

Probably the first Mass on this continent was said by priests who accompanied another Spaniard, Ponce de Leon, on his voyage which was climaxed by the discovery of Florida on Easter Day, 1512.

The journey by sea lasted from March to September, and de Leon and his men sailed along both coasts of the Florida peninsula.

Steeped in Legend

In 1514 he was given a new "patent" by the King of Spain, naming him Military Captain of Puerto Rico and Adelantado of "La Florida." De Leon was charged by the Bishop of Burgos with a mission to become friendly with Indian chiefs in the new area, "so that by all the ways and means you may be able to devise, they should come into the knowledge of our Catholic faith. . ."

South Florida was a land steeped in myth and legend

according to the 16th and 17th century Spanish explorers. Giants were said to live in the lush tropical growth; the Indians were pictured as having superhuman strength, and one 16th century writer reported that unicorns roamed the swamplands of Florida. De Leon himself believed Florida to be an island.

The first Catholic chapel on the American continent was already started in 1521, after a second landing here by Ponce. He encountered the Caloosa Indians near Charlotte Harbor, where he was founding another settlement. Attacked by the hostile Indians, Ponce was mortally wounded. His expedition withdrew to Cuba.

Lack of Provisions

Ponce's cargo, consisting of seed for farming and a number of domestic animals, can be contrasted to inadequate provisions carried by most succeeding Spanish expeditions. Many who followed were unable to fend for themselves in the wilderness. They were overcome by sickness

and lack of food was common. Usually the Spanish were forced to rely upon the Indians for their sustenance.

Priests were reported in the company of Panfilo de Narvaez when he landed with a force of 242 at Tampa Bay in April of 1528. During a long overland march to Mexico his force was continually harassed by Indians and only four soldiers survived the 10-year ordeal to rejoin the Spanish in that country.

As another instance of the Catholic contribution to early Florida, Mass was celebrated and the cross raised at Ucita, a small Indian village near Tampa Bay, when Hernando de Soto landed, May 25, 1539.

A fortune was spent in fitting out de Soto's fleet of nine vessels and army of 600 soldiers. With 213 horses in his column, de Soto covered a vast area of our country which includes the states of Florida, Georgia and territory westward to the Mississippi river. Indians again decimated the Spanish force, which was compelled to withdraw.



In charge of the expedition which made the first permanent settlement in Florida was Pedro Menendez de Aviles.

Missionary Slain

An heroic effort to convert the savage Indians was made in 1549 by Fray Luis Cancer and four monks. His ship's captain, through an error, landed the party at Tampa Bay, scene of past tragedies involving Narvaez and de Soto. Fray Cancer and two companions were immediately attacked and clubbed to death by the Indians. Father Cancer was the first churchman to die for his faith in America.

Another fruitless effort at converting the Indians was made by six Dominicans in 1558. Of this voyage, the Archbishop of Santo Domingo wrote, "and committing themselves to God, they set sail

in quest of Florida, which was not flowery for them, for the seed of their good intent did not germinate, much less blossom; nor was it even sown in that land, for all its being called Florida."

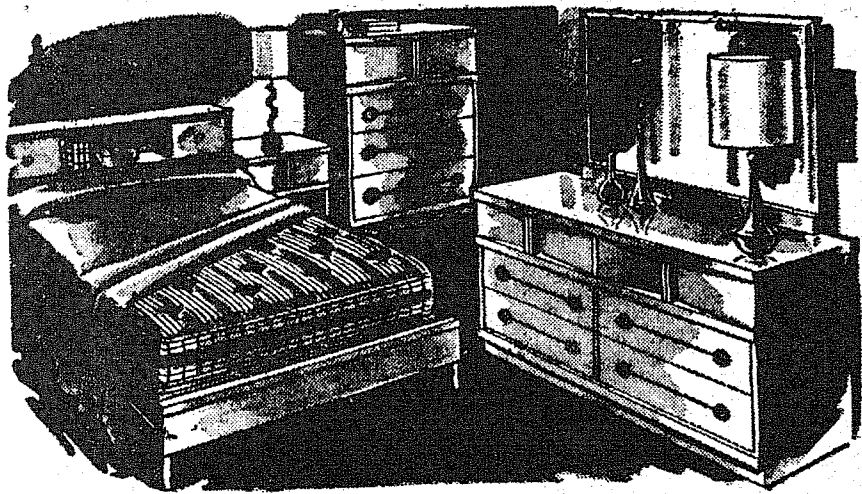
The Dominicans had been assigned to the Florida missions on Sept. 30, 1558, but due to a series of disasters the priests were forced to retreat in 1561 with the Spanish military.

"Te Deum" Chanted

Amid the thunder of artillery and the cheers of 800 men on his five ships, Pedro Menendez de Aviles landed at a place called Nombre de Dios on the Florida

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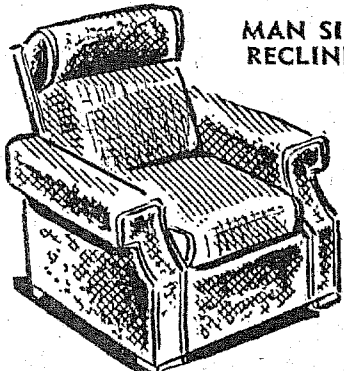
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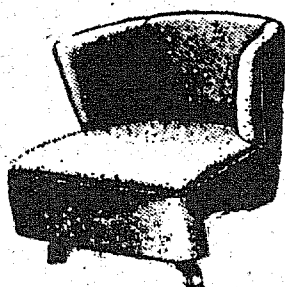
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5 Expeditions Failed Here Before 1565

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coast in September, 1565. Upon stepping ashore he took possession in the name of the king.

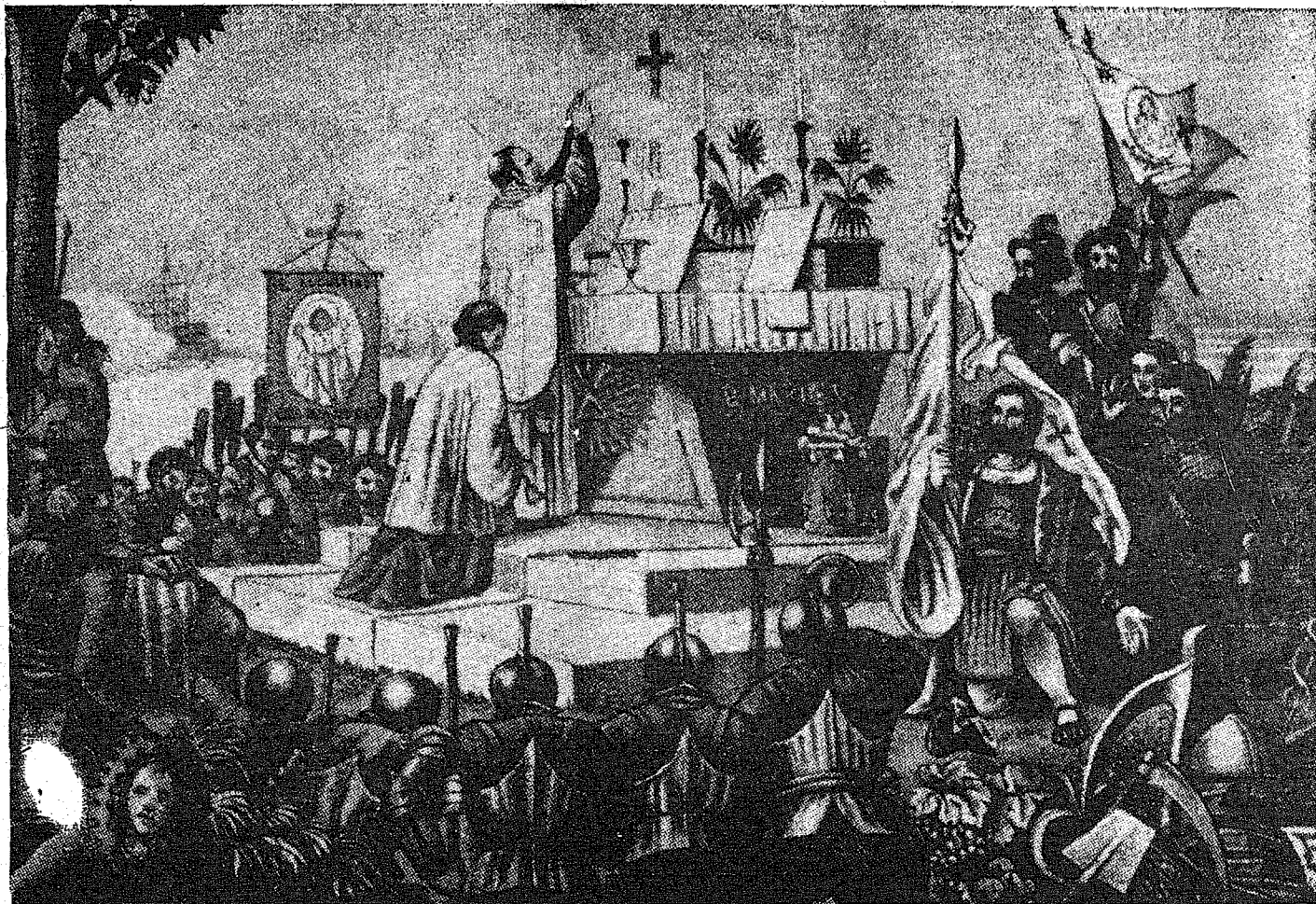
Along with the first pastor, Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, Menendez joined the soldiers and colonists in chanting the "Te Deum." Kneeling, he reverently kissed the cross, as did each of the company and later a Mass was offered on the spot which was to become the shrine of Nuestra Senora de la Leche.

Reasons for settlement at St. Augustine, just a short distance from Nombre de Dios, were both religious and military. The English and French had reportedly established themselves on the coast of the peninsula. The Spanish feared that ships carrying plate and jewels which were returning to Spain from Central and South America would fall prey to these corsairs.

Consequently, the Spanish king sent his greatest admiral, Menendez, to establish a military base and a center for religious missions.

During the seven years following the establishment at Saint Augustine, the Jesuits set up missions which extended over the state. Four of these early settlements were in the area which now encompasses the present Diocese of Miami; and one mission, Tequesta, stood where Miami has been built today.

(Successes of the Spanish were soon eclipsed, and next week THE VOICE will trace the fall of these missions and outline the work of early diocesan priests who worked in South Florida.)



First Mass to be offered at a permanent settlement in this country, was sung at Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine, September 6, 1565.

Author Stresses Seriousness Of Promoting Unity

Chicago

Catholics are obliged to work for the reunion of Christian Churches "with all their strength in a great spirit of truth and charity," according to a leading French theologian.

Father P. A. Liege, O.P., noting that divided "Christians lay bare to the world the spectacle

of their division into a number of churches," the writer labels this a "scandal," and adds:

"A true disciple of Christ cannot resign himself to the existence of these divisions. Even if he is certain of being in the true fold of Christ, he suffers because he has separated brothers, and he labors for reunion, as the Catholic Church has always done in her prayers and in her action."

Father Liege's comments are in the new book, "The Historical

and Mystical Christ, published here by Fides Publishers Association.

The priest states that "God alone knows the hour and the means of the reunion of the separated churches to the Church." But this fact, he continues, does not lessen the obligation of Catholics to work for reunion, "with all their strength in a great spirit of truth and charity, by fighting for the triumph of the purity of the spirit of Christ in His Church."

Worcester Administrator

Worcester, Mass.—(NC)

Msgr. John F. Gannon has been elected administrator of the Diocese of Worcester, until recently headed by Bishop John J. Wright, now Bishop of Pittsburgh.

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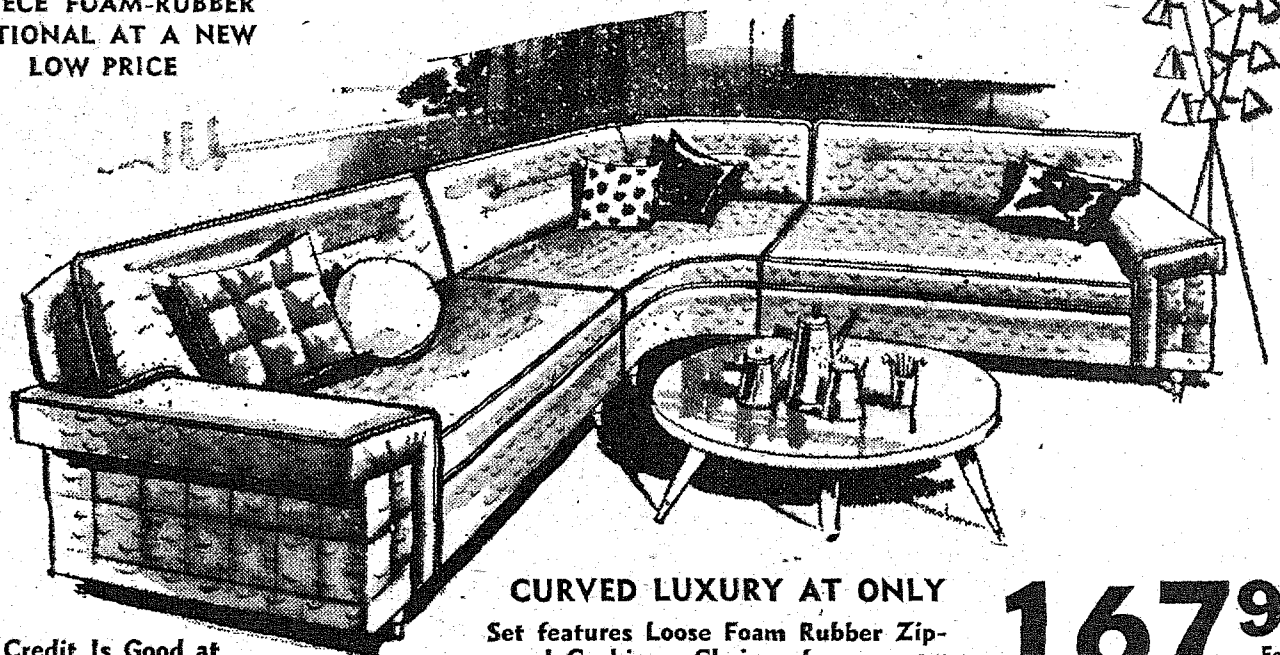
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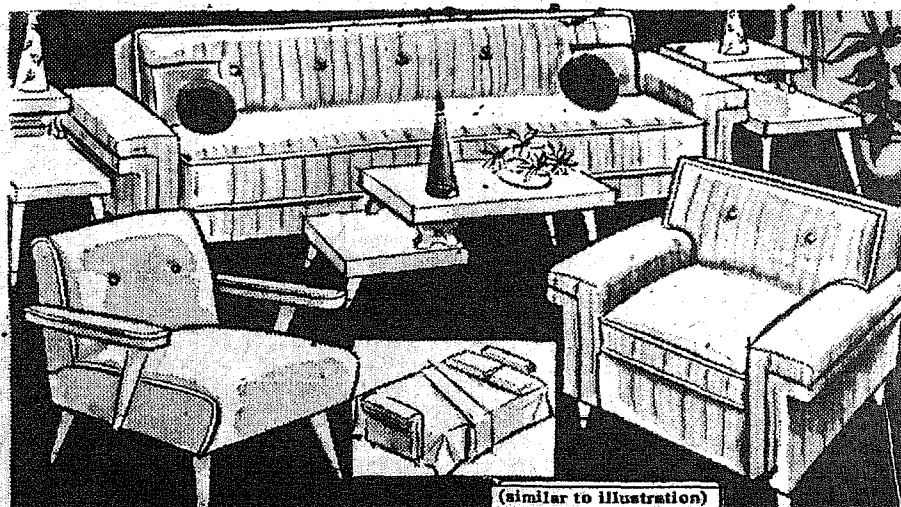
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Outfits for the Kids, Shoelaces for Father

By Mary Tinley Daly

The greatest Christian feast approaches—Easter, center of the major portion of the ecclesiastical year.

It's refreshing to note that this most solemn of all feasts is not inundated by a wave of forced commercialism such as still engulfs Christmas.

There is the perennial attempt at commercialization each spring, as newspaper advertisements attest: "Let us fix up your family with Easter outfits! Buy now, pay later"; "Make her happy this Easter with a mink from Meyers." Stores concentrate on the "spruce up" aspect of the season, geared to Win, Place, Show in the Easter Parade.

Christian Significance

On Christmas Eve, we may shop like crazy, purchasing presents for everybody. But to go buy-buy on Good Friday and Holy Saturday? No thank you!

Proper perspective on Easter comes easily to a family carrying on tradition. The 40 days during which everybody strives to keep "a good Lent" lead naturally to full participation in Holy Week with all its religious connotation.

Deep Christian significance becomes built-in equipment when children remember from earliest awareness the extra visits to church, the Stations of the Cross made frequently. In mid-Lent, they notice the rose vestments, learn the meaning of Laetare Sunday—like a breather in the midst of a long study period.

Palm in the Home

Then Passion Sunday, with statues and crucifixes veiled in purple. And Palm Sunday when you stand perfectly still during the entire reading of the Gospel, with folded palm in hand. At home, braiding of the waxy fresh palm into the form of crosses to be put in the various rooms becomes a minor ceremony while somebody plays the magnificent hymn, "The Palms."

Comes Holy Saturday, spent at home in preparation for the Midnight Vigil and Easter Sunday. The saved eggshells are colored light pinks, blues, lavenders, yellows and hung on branches of budding greenery to make the Easter table decoration. There's the lamb cake, complete with coconut, icing and blue ribbon around its neck—a symbol of the Agnus Dei . . .

Then the Midnight Vigil, when neighbor lights the candle of neighbor from his own in the church, symbol that each assist in the spreading of Christ's light.

Hucksters Fail

Small wonder, with the rich liturgy of the Church, that Easter offers sparse pickings for the hucksters who would make of it a season to exhaust the family and its exchequer.

No Easter presents? No Easter outfits?

Of course! But only token gifts, and no sense of obligation about them. As to Easter "outfits": spring wardrobes do need replenishing from year to year, and a flower hat is fun to wear of a sunny Sunday morning. "Whole" outfits, from the skin out, were on the agenda for the children when they were younger—still are for Ginny, principally because she's outgrown everything. And she's getting a large charge out of her first real suit and her first pair of heels.

But everything new for the rest of us? Fortunately, or perhaps unfortunately, we've reached a stage of sophistication where it couldn't matter less. (The head of the house usually gets a haircut and a shoeshine, and even a new pair of shoe laces if the others are frayed beyond two knots.)

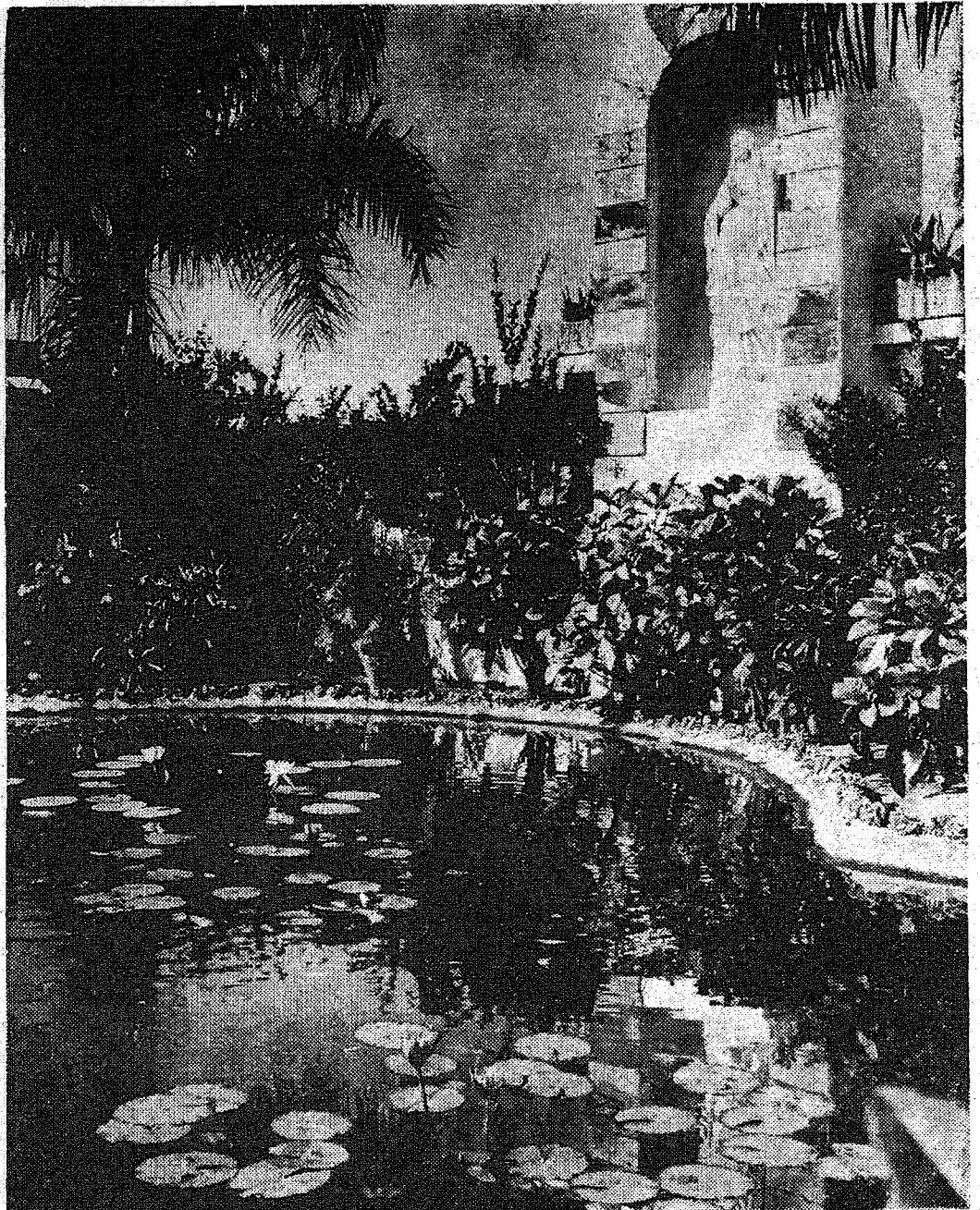
N. Irish Catholics Held Key to Split

Armagh, N. Ireland

Catholics in Northern Ireland accept partition as the only practical solution of the Irish problem and thereby end their "self-imposed segregation," a Catholic educator declared here.

Dr. James Scott, of Queen's University, Belfast, asserted at the inauguration of a Newman Circle here that northern Catholics hold the key to the solution of the Irish problem. He added, however, that they have shown little awareness of their responsibilities in the matter. Nationalists holding that partition could not and would not last have only deceived themselves and their people, he said.

"The only alternative to co-operation," he said, "is a continuation of our past history of frustration, punctuated by outbreaks of violence; and surely it is time we closed this unhappy and sterile chapter in our history."



Pascua Florida, which in Spanish means "Feast of Flowers," was the name given to this southernmost Atlantic State on Easter Sunday (March 27) 1513, by Ponce de Leon. Tropical flowers, palms and shrubs which

grow here provide a setting in natural beauty for outdoor shrines such as this one which honors Our Lady of Lourdes in St. Rose of Lima parish, Miami Shores.

Wrong Church, Wrong Pew.

New Orleans

A would-be poor box robber picked the wrong church. The pastor is chaplain of the police and fire departments. The thief dragged the poor box into the rectory but apparently abandoned it when patrolmen and the pastor, Father Joseph Laux, began searching the building. He was found hiding on the church grounds.

Memorial Mass for Prelate

London

Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague was remembered here at Mass marking the ninth anniversary of his arrest and banishment from Prague by the communists. The 70-year-old prelate, whose whereabouts is unknown, was banished from Prague by the communists on March 10, 1950.

Daffodil Cake For A Snack

Easter Sunday afternoon may bring guests and, in addition to the jelly beans and chocolate eggs which you'll have on hand for the youngsters, you may enjoy serving pieces from a Daffodil Cake.

Daffodil Cake

Beat one cup egg whites until foamy; add one-half teaspoon salt and one teaspoon cream of tartar; beat until stiff, but not dry. Carefully, fold in one cup and two tablespoons sugar. Divide mixture into two equal parts. To one part add one-half cup flour (sifted five times) and one-half teaspoon vanilla. To the remaining mixture fold in six beaten egg yolks, two-thirds cup flour (sifted five times) and one-half teaspoon orange extract.

Drop by spoonful into an ungreased tube pan, alternating the yellow and white batter. Bake 60 minutes in a slow oven (325 degrees). Invert pan on wire rack until cool.

Toasted Ham Sandwiches served hot is one way to use that ham left over from Sunday's family dinner.

Toasted Ham
Cut two cups ham into small pieces and mix with one cup mayonnaise and some prepared mustard. Butter one slice of bread and spread ham mixture on another slice. Put slices together and dip sandwiches in a batter made from one-half cup milk and one egg slightly beaten. Saute in frying pan, using melted butter, until brown.

Golden Wedding For Ruppelts

Boynton Beach

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruppelt, 1612 NE 4th Ct., will observe the golden anniversary of their marriage on Easter Sunday in St. Mark Church here.

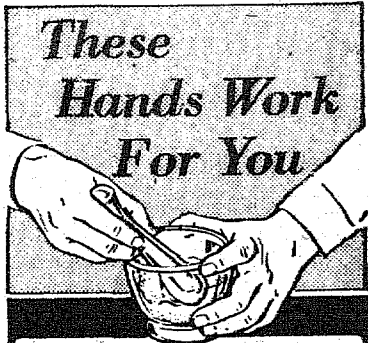
Father Gerard Manning, pastor, will celebrate the 10 a. m. Mass and witness the renewal of wedding vows.

The Ruppelts, married on April 21, 1909, in St. Michael Church, Cleveland, Ohio, came to Florida last summer from Independence, Ohio, where Mrs. Ruppelt was organist at St. Michael parish. They were formerly active members of Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Peninsula, Ohio.

A reception for members of the family and friends will be held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fred Mareno, in Delray Beach from 3 to 6 p. m. Two other daughters, Mrs. Chester Lukas and Mrs. John Marsh, both of Independence, will attend as well as grandchildren: Marian Mareno, Patricia Marsh, and James, John and Gary Erickson.



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Easter Customs Traced to Middle Ages

Your Easter bonnet may be the latest mode in chapeaux but the custom of appearing in new clothes on Easter Sunday dates back to the early centuries.

For that matter, colored eggs, the Easter parade, ham or lamb for dinner and yes, even your spring cleaning, are steeped in traditions originating in medieval times.

In the ancient Church, Lent was not only a penitential time but also was a season of preparation and instruction for baptism on Holy Saturday. As the newly-baptized Christians put on white

garments of new linen to symbolize the "new life" that Christ, through His resurrection, gave to all believers, it became the custom among all the faithful to wear new clothes on Easter Sunday.

Likewise, our present-day Easter Parade, which lost its original religious character after the Reformation, had its beginnings when men and women, dressed in their finery, and led by a decorated crucifix or Easter candle carried at the head of the procession, paraded through towns and open spaces after Mass. Dur-

ing the "Easter Walk," still held in many parts of Europe, they recited prayers and sang Easter hymns.

The egg, to pre-Christian peoples, was a symbol of spring but in Christian times it had bestowed upon it a religious interpretation, becoming a symbol of the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged to the new life of His resurrection.

Since it used to be one of the foods forbidden in Lent, the faithful have, from early times, painted eggs in gay colors and given them to friends as Easter

gifts. Easter is the season for games with eggs in all countries of Europe.

The annual egg rolling party held on the lawn of the White House in Washington is similar to games enjoyed in Germany, Austria and France.

The tradition of the Paschal lamb inspired early Christians to use lamb as a popular food at Easter and since the ninth century roast lamb has been a feature of the Pope's Easter dinner. The serving of meat from a pig on festive occasions is an age-old custom handed down from pre-

Christian times, and smoked or cooked ham, as well as lamb, has become a traditional dish in America.

In order that homes would be as neat and as clean as possible on Easter Sunday, women since ancient times have devoted many hours to a thorough and vigorous cleaning of the house during the first three days of Holy Week, thus leaving the remaining days free for prayerful participation in the solemn ceremonies.

Mercy Hospital Charity Dinner To Hear Bishop

Miami

Bishop Coleman F. Carroll will be the principal speaker during the Bishop's Annual Charity Dinner to benefit Mercy Hospital on Easter Monday at 8 p. m. in the Skyroom of the Dupont Plaza Hotel.

Msgr. Rowan T. Rastatter, diocesan director of hospitals, and pastor Holy Family parish, North Miami, will welcome guests and present Bishop Carroll.

More than 500 reservations have already been received for the dinner, proceeds from which will be donated to the hospital, a diocesan institution staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph, for charity cases.

Dr. and Mrs. Franklyn E. Verdon and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Fitzgerald are chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Edward R. Annis, Mrs. Marguerite Bassett, Mrs. John R. Ring and Mrs. Hoke T. Maroon.

The committee of doctors' wives includes Mrs. William Wagener, Mrs. Matthew A. Larkin and Mrs. George Schmitt.

Reservations should be placed with Mrs. Joseph Geary at the Mercy Hospital Building Fund office.

'Parish' Will Be Theme of Deaneries



Mass in St. James Church, North Miami, will open the Spring meeting of the Southeast Coast Deanery of the DCCW on Thursday, April 2, at 9 a. m. Mrs. Grace Hay, Mrs. Oscar Suess, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Pickover, president, St. James Altar Guild, hostess affiliation, make necessary preparations.

Msgr. Dominic Barry To Be Main Speaker

"The Parish — Heart of Catholicism" will be the theme for spring meetings in deaneries of the Miami Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Msgr. Dominic Barry, pastor, Immaculate Conception parish, Hialeah, will be a principal speaker during the meeting of the Southeast Coast Deanery on Thursday, April 2 at the Golden Gate Convention Hall, 1940 Collins Ave., Miami Beach.

More than 500 members from Miami to Key West are expected to attend the one-day conclave which will begin with Mass at 9 a. m. in St. James Church, NW 131 St. and 6th Ave., North Miami. Father John O'Dowd, pastor Epiphany Parish, South Miami, and Deanery Spiritual Advisor, will be the celebrant.

Following registration and breakfast at 10 a. m., Mrs. Hans P. Due, president, will conduct the morning session. Father Francis P. Dixon, pastor of the host parish, will give the invocation. Plans for the first annual convention will be outlined by Mrs. H. J. G. Essex of South Miami, DCCW president. Reports of affiliation presidents will precede luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

During the afternoon, "The Muddle and the Model Meeting," a skit written and directed by Mrs. Richard J. Simons, SS. Peter and Paul Mothers Club, Miami, will be presented. Eight Deanery members will participate.

Mrs. Charles Pickover, president, St. James Altar Guild, and Mrs. J. Winston Anderson are

co-chairmen in charge of arrangements assisted by Mrs. Robert Payne, Mrs. Vincent Vohe, Mrs. Virgil Fisher, Mrs. Louis Bongiovi, Mrs. Henry Treiber and Mrs. Rocco Raymond.

St. Brendan's Annual Dance

Miami

The annual dance of St. Brendan's Woman's Club will be held on Saturday, April 11, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 270 Catalonia Ave., Coral Gables.

Mrs. Charles Seamon and Mrs. Peter Barcia are co-chairmen for the event which will begin at 9 p. m. Funds will be donated to the parochial school.

Club to Hear Review Of 'We Have a Pope'

Fort Lauderdale

"We Have a Pope," a portrait of Pope John XXIII, written by Msgr. Albert Giovanetti and translated by John Chapin, will be reviewed for members of St. Anthony's Catholic Women's Club by Mrs. Joseph Mahoney on Friday, April 3.

Mrs. James J. Hogan, 2705 NE 25th St., will be hostess for the review, the last of the season, and the coffee which will follow.

More than 500 books have already been provided for the parish library through funds derived from these monthly benefits.

Hospital Plus Party

Arcadia

An Easter party for Catholic patients at the Dorr Field Branch of the G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital will be held on Monday, Mar. 30.

Members of the Altar Society of St. Paul's parish will be hostesses.

Radio Europe Asks NCCW Aid

Washington—(NC)

In support of Radio Free Europe, the National Council of Catholic Women has invited members of its 12,000 affiliated organizations to participate in the 1959 Crusade for Freedom contest. In a letter to presidents of affiliated organizations, Mrs. Mark A. Theissen of Covington, Ky., NCCW president, said:

"For years, the National Council of Catholic Women has supported the work of the Crusade for Freedom in bringing truth, news and religious broadcasts via Radio Free Europe to the 70 million captive people behind the Iron Curtain.

"A principal feature of this year's Crusade for Freedom campaign is a nationwide program to interest the American people in writing messages for actual broadcast to the captive peoples over Radio Free Europe. Two hundred and six messages will be selected for broadcast. The writers of the six outstanding messages will be rewarded with expense paid trips to Munich to broadcast their messages in person. Handcrafted short-wave radios will be awarded to 200 other entrants."

Mrs. Theissen encouraged Catholic women to participate actively in the Crusade for Freedom's new program, deadline for which is March 31.

Medal From Pope To Mrs. Theissen

Covington, Ky.—(NC)

Mrs. Mark A. Theissen of this city, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, has been awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal by Pope John XXIII in recognition of her work among the laity.

Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, notified Mrs. Theissen of the honor in a letter in which he said that Catholic women throughout the country and the faithful in the Covington diocese "will be most happy to hear of this award."

"I hope I can prove worthy of the award," Mrs. Theissen said.

In her work as NCCW president, Mrs. Theissen almost constantly is hopscooting across the country and elsewhere. During April she will attend a meeting of chairmen and assistant chairmen of 17 NCCW standing committees in Washington to plan this year's national program and will speak at seven diocesan council conventions in Richmond, Va.; San Antonio, Tex.; Nashville, Tenn.; Scranton, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Davenport, Iowa, and Cincinnati.

During May, she will attend a diocesan council convention in Youngstown, Ohio, and an organization meeting for the Altoona-Johnstown diocese.


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HOMEWORK MAY GET TOUGHER

Washington—(NC)

Think you work hard to help with junior's homework now? Wait till he announces: "Sister says we're going to take German or Spanish or Russian!"

But will the parents' new job be much more difficult than helping with arithmetic homework? Answers to this and other questions about modern foreign languages in elementary schools may be forthcoming.

Elementary school teachers and administrators attending the 56th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in Atlantic City have scheduled a panel discussion on language instruction.

Three speakers will discuss the topic on April 2, the next to last day of the convention, March 30 to April 3, which annually attracts more than 15,000 educators.

EXPLAINS CHURCH TEACHING

Do You Read the Bible?

By Dr. Ralph A. Kilaefelter

One evening last winter I spoke before some 200 Catholic women, members of a fast-growing suburban parish. They were for the most part young mothers, secretaries, business women, the majority college-educated.

Having been asked to speak on "The Role of the Catholic Woman in Our Day," I concluded by showing how our Catholic women must know the teachings of the Church and must stand ready to explain or defend them. And I threw out as a challenge a few questions, the old, familiar questions Catholics are always asked.

As soon as I finished, a number of the women asked sincerely, searchingly, "Where can we find these teachings explained?" Such a question demanded from me a similar, basic question, "How many of you have in your homes a copy of the Bible or of the New Testament? How many of you read the Bible?" Only a few hands were raised.

Know the Bible

The heart of this whole search for truth is as simple as know-

ing the Bible. Now the Bible is not the only source wherein we find the teachings of the Church explained. But it is a beginning, and certainly the beginning.

St. Jerome, one of the great saints of the early Church and himself a student of the Bible, expressed his convictions in the statement, "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ."

Judged by his standard, people of today must be quite ignorant of Christ; for the Bible is pretty much a closed book for many of us.

No doubt such a statement will draw rebuke and protest, from those who will offer proof of intense devotion to Christ in our day. Yet, the truth of the matter, and the meaning St. Jerome has in mind, is that we do not know Christ unless we are deeply read in the account of His life, His deeds, His words.

Too often our idea of Christ is vague, or sentimental. It must be nourished and strengthened as it was in the Early Church and in the Middle Ages, on the pure bread of God's word.

"Middle Ages?" some of you ask, "did Catholics read the Bible

in the Middle Ages?" The answer is yes, though this may be a shock to those who linger in the false belief that there were no Bibles in native languages before Martin Luther. The truth is that the Bible was translated into English, French, Italian, Spanish, Bohemian and German, long before Luther's time.

In fact, in Germany alone, there were 11 separate editions of the Bible in the German language, printed before Martin Luther was born.

Though it is true that Bibles were rather scarce items before the invention of printing and only three people in 10 could read in the Middle Ages, it is equally true that people knew the Bible in those days.

We have only to read popular writings of the time to note the frequent references to Biblical characters and Biblical incidents, all familiar to the audience of the day. We have only to note the immense popularity of the mystery and miracle plays, scores of plays recreating on the stage the complete Bible story. Add to this proof, the numberless medieval books of sermons based on the explanation of the Sunday Gospel and Epistle, and the picture comes clear.

Parley Slated In Argentina

Buenos Aires

Christian reconstruction of the social order will be the theme of Argentina's National Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Cordoba from October 7 to 11.

Argentina's Bishops said that because of the "blasphemous denial" of the rights of the human person "it is our duty to raise our voice as a Catholic nation to reaffirm the sovereign rights of Christ in the social life of the people."

They also stated: "It is necessary that Christ reign over all Argentina, imbuing by His law of justice and love all the social structures of the country, and inspiring the activity of those in power toward the true needs and welfare of the people."

The Bishops charged that "a selfish and materialistic philosophy tries to build society to the exclusion of Christ by relegating the teachings of revelation to the category of myths."

I would never read a book if it were possible for me to talk half an hour with the man who wrote it.—Woodrow Wilson.

POPE GIVEN 12 MOTORCYCLES

Vatican City

Pope John XXIII, the recipient of many and varied gifts, was given a dozen motorcycles on Tuesday.

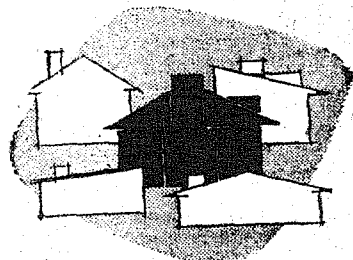
They were presented by a group of professional motorcycle racers who saw the Pontiff during an audience in which he spoke briefly on Christian virtues.

The racers were accompanied by a number of motorcycle manufacturers.

The vehicles will be assigned to missionaries in Africa.

More than 200 blind Belgians will come to Rome on March 31 on pilgrimage and be received by the Pope. Special visits in Rome and Assisi have been organized to give the pilgrims an "interior vision" of the holy places.

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Family of 11 'A Novena' Of Children

Cincinnati, O.—(NC)

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Gibson of St. Elizabeth's parish, in suburban Norwood, have a unique scheme of family economics. As their family grows bigger, they step up their contributions to charity.

Named the "Family of the Year" by the Xavier University Family Life Institute, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson—with their nine children—received the silver plate and citation with shy smiles.

Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc, head of the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, referred to the Gibsons as having "a novena of children."

Msgr. DeBlanc addressed the family life conference on the need to preserve the Catholic pattern of family life.

Parents must identify themselves as early as possible as the "representatives of God" if they are to guide their children successfully, he said.

This identification is more necessary than ever before "because American family patterns contradict what you teach your child at home," the Monsignor asserted.

Catholic parents must not only guide and teach their children "but be models of what you teach."

Catholic children grow up, he said, in a cultural environment where too-early dating and too-early marriages are common.

"Many youngsters marry young to escape an unpleasant home," he said. "But marriage is no refuge for weaklings. It is a challenge to giants to achieve a Christian family pattern."

"One of the great responsibilities of parents today, therefore," he added, "is consciously, explicitly, deliberately to hand the Catholic pattern down to children."

Snow Cancels Devotion

St. Donatus, Iowa—(NC)

For the first time in 10 years, the outdoor Way of the Cross said by most of the 100 residents of this town on Good Friday has been canceled—a casualty of heavy snows. The 14 stations built on a hill are said to be among the first outdoor stations in the United States. The annual practice by residents, mostly of Luxembourg descent, was canceled because snow and mud made the hill impassable.

'Mixed Marriage' Forum

Dubuque

Two "mixed marriage" couples asserted here that they "would certainly avoid entering a mixed marriage" if they had the opportunity of marrying again.

The couples freely answered a barrage of questions fired at them by some 500 persons attending the fifth annual marriage forum at Loras College. The wives are converts to Catholicism.

Both couples said that as a result of their mixed marriages they have to cope with innumerable social and family pressures.

"Matters of a religious nature are never brought up when my mother and father come for a visit," one wife said. "Though my family is friendly during their stay, the visit is made uncomfortable by a constant watch of what we say."

The other couple said their situation was different. They stated that as time passed the difference in religion brought unwelcome friction. The wife said she contacted a priest to discuss the matter and this ultimately led to her conversion.

One convert remarked that "too many Catholics are constantly on the defensive." She added that Catholics must understand persons of other denominations in order that "prejudice may be broken down."

One of the husbands gave some advice to those who think they will be able to convert their partners. "Marriages based on this presumption often fail," he said. "You simply can't become a Catholic unless you have the faith and the grace."

FAMILY CLINIC

Too Young to Date?

By: Father John L. Thomas, S.J.

Whenever you write about dating among teenagers, you always talk as if the main difficulty was deciding how often, and what to do. For some of us the real problem is how to get one. As for conduct on a date, well, I'm sixteen and no boy has come close enough to even steam my glasses. Honest, I'm getting worried about this though I thought dating was kind of silly a few years ago. I'm not boy-crazy but I'd like a few dates. Am I starting too late?

Your final question, Janie, reminds me of the remark of the little twelve-year-old girl who was showing a friend her eighteen-year-old sister's envied room. "We always hoped that she'd get married, but I'm afraid she never will." No, you're not too late. In fact, you might ask if you're too early.

This doesn't mean you're not old enough to start taking an interest in dating. As you grow toward maturity, you should gradually widen your circle of friends, including both boys and girls, so that you learn from experience how to interact with others in various social situations.

But teenagers may take many different attitudes toward dating. Some are so immature that from grade school on they allow dating to absorb all their energy and interest, forgetting that their main job is to prepare themselves adequately for life.

Complex Situations

Others apparently fancy themselves to be adults, forming exclusive, intimate, highly emotional attachments as if they were preparing for marriage. Others childishly regard dating as a means of mutually exploiting newly discovered sensual and sexual impulses.

As I have suggested, dating should be viewed as one of the socially accepted methods by which teenagers are gradually introduced into wider social circles and more complex social situations.

At this point, Janie, you're probably saying to yourself that you aren't interested in a treatise on dating—you want to know how to get started. I know that, but it seems to me you will be less worried about your situation if you understand the proper purpose of dating. Some girls your age become so upset about



not having dates that they begin to feel they have something wrong with them. Such a view is uncalled for and quite unhealthy.

A Self-Examination

What can you do to get started? Well, you might begin by a little self-examination. Are you cheerful and friendly? Cooperative and considerate of others? Or are you critical and self-centered? Suspicious and unappreciative? Are you interested in other people, enjoy doing things for others, see them as persons just like yourself with hopes, problems, and need for attention, praise, and affection? Or are you slow to put yourself out for others, making no effort to see things from their point of view, never giving anything unless you get something in return?

Funny Effect

Are you reasonably good at doing anything—games, sports, conversation, dancing, and so on? Some people never learn any of these things because they either don't want to make the effort or are too proud to make mistakes. The day is long past when young ladies could get along socially by posing as mere decorations.

Are you careful about your

personal appearance? This implies some understanding of your type—the kinds of clothes you can wear well, what colors do something for you, the kind of hair-do that best becomes you, and so forth? Some anxious teenagers try to attract attention by conspicuous make-up or dress. The result is either funny or attracts the wrong kind of attention.

Finally, you won't meet many people just sitting around. Take an active part in school and church functions—plays, discus-

sion groups, glee clubs, dances, extra-curricular activities of various types. See what you can give rather than what you can get out of doing this.

If you like people and take an interest in them, they will enjoy being with you and having you meet their friends. As your social circle widens, you will normally have sufficient opportunities for dating.

At any rate, there's no cause for panic. Sweet sixteen may be too old for thumbsucking, but it's certainly too young for ulcers.



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THEOLOGY FOR EVERYMAN

Morality and People in Show Business

This article was prepared at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., and is reprinted from "The Pilot."

The Legion of Decency has given unqualified approval of the film "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness."

Since the private life of one of the principals in this production has been notoriously irregular according to Catholic standards of morality, is it right to classify the film as entirely unobjectionable? To what extent is it possible to dissociate sin from the sinner? Must the private life of an actor enter into the moral evaluation of the film in which he is featured? May Catholics in good conscience attend stage or screen shows whose principal performers are scandalously improper in their private lives?

In response to these queries the following commentary was prepared. . . .

A person who is truly virtuous in one field cannot be habitually or contemptuously sinful in any other. A person who is seriously and repeatedly guilty of any form of immoral conduct cannot be virtuous in the strict sense of the word in anything he does . . .

Helpful Relations

No matter how grievously a person has sinned, he still remains capable of performing naturally good actions. He may still enter into helpful relations with his fellow men. He may make positive and even outstanding contributions to the economic and artistic productivity of the age in which he lives. He is still a person with a soul to save; he may not be regarded as condemned irrevocably to the punishment of the world to come.

The Church recognizes these principles in its penal legislation. Only a small number of sins are punished or punishable by excommunication, the penalty which deprives the sinner of normal communion with his fellow men.

Prominence Counts

As a rule, even excommunication affects only a person's spiritual and religious relationships. Only rarely is an excommunicated person singled out as one who must be avoided in the field of social relationships. Seldom if ever are the faithful forbidden all contacts with one who has been guilty of serious sin.

In the light of these general principles we must state first of all that it is impossible to be completely indifferent towards the sinful private life of any public figure. The more prominent a person becomes, the more significant becomes every detail of his conduct which comes to the attention of those

who know him and who may come under his influence.

If he is scandalously incorrect in any area of his observable conduct, his worthiness to participate in the life of the community must be called into question. Certainly his capacity for contributing to the moral improvement of his fellow men must be regarded as negligible. He should not be permitted to occupy any position, or to engage in any activity which would bring him into direct relation with those who would look to him for moral guidance, or be seriously affected in their own moral outlook by his morally distorted point of view.

Ideals Differ

We must face the fact, however, that the world in which we live is peopled by sinners as well as by saints. It is impossible for those who strive to live virtuously to isolate themselves completely from their fellow human beings whose ideals of moral conduct are less noble or less influential on their daily lives. We are thus compelled to formulate rules by which our associations with such people may be governed.

We must first of all refrain from any approval or encouragement of the wrongdoings of others.

It is sinful to afford formal and positive cooperation to those who are living sinful lives. On the other hand, it is obviously impossible to avoid all contacts with people who are known to be morally objectionable. We may, and often must, accept their contributions to society for what they are objectively worth. We may do business with them when they can serve us to our own profit in matters which are not wrong in themselves. We may accept their assistance when we are in need, whenever they are in a position to afford it.

We may read books which they have written provided they do not reflect their immoral attitudes. We may recognize their ability to contribute to the progress of the arts and the sciences in areas which do not involve their personal influence on our moral lives.

Morals Set Aside

Perhaps we may learn a lesson from the ways of the world which will be applicable to the problem under discussion. When a business firm looks for employees, they do not concern themselves about those aspects of the prospective candidates which have no relation to the

Age does not depend upon years, but upon temperament and health. Some men are born old, and some never grow so.—Tyron Edwards.

work which they are to perform. A man can be a good carpenter, or a good engineer, or a good salesman even though he be neither temperate nor chaste.

If, however, the employee will have to handle large sums of money, it makes a great deal of difference whether or not he is above suspicion in the regulation of his personal affairs. If he is given to riotous living which involves indulgence in costly luxuries, or if he is known to be an inveterate gambler, he will be invariably rejected for any position which demands respect for the property rights of others.

Personal Reactions

Similar discretion, it would seem, should be exercised in relation to those who provide entertainment or who contribute to the development of the liberal arts. In these fields of human activity the personality of the one who acts inevitably enters into the work which is done. His mode of living, his views on matters of controversy, his standards of morality—all these personal reactions will enter into the moulding of public opinion and will be influential, for better or for worse, in the development of convictions on questions of morality.

We think of the artist as a man, not as a machine. We accept his artistic production as the fruit of his personal effort. We find it difficult to think of what he does apart from the total human being from which his work proceeds.

We are still not bound to reject a person's artistic production because he himself is a sinner. We may still praise and encourage his good works, while we condemn his sinfulness in other directions. We must be careful, however, to build up around ourselves a strong resistance against the influence which sinful disregard for the moral law tends to exert when we find it in one whom we otherwise hold in high respect.

Public Figures

Let us try to apply these considerations in a particular way to those who provide entertainment for the public.

It is obvious that stage and screen stars are persons of great prominence. It is obvious too that large numbers of people are interested in them not only for what they do but for what they are. Not only their artistic achievement, but every detail of their personal and private lives makes news which is eagerly sought after and widely advertised.

Clearly they are public figures, not only in the field of their artistic production but in

the influence which they exert on the progress of society.

Can we say therefore that their private lives are of no importance and that we should be concerned only with their ability to provide entertainment and relaxation?

This question is not merely rhetorical; it is proposed in view of obtaining an answer to a difficult problem.

It would be impossible to hold that we should require impeccable personal conduct in every stage and screen star. We are interested primarily in the entertainment which they are able to afford. Our principal concern should be therefore, to assure ourselves that this entertainment is morally unobjectionable. When we find, however, that the entertainers are guilty of scandalously improper conduct, we must check our natural impulse to esteem them as personalities while we enjoy and benefit by their artistic ability.

Not to the Actors

We must remind ourselves that a person is not necessarily a good citizen for being an accomplished actor or actress. We must refrain from any expression of admiration or approval of the persons in question that would imply indifference towards or encouragement of their deviations

The only artist who does not deserve respect is the one who works to please the public, for commercial success or for official success.—Jacques Maritain.

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Diocese Finds Welfare Bureau For Charities

Father Bryan O. Walsh, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, has announced the formation of the Catholic Welfare Bureau (Miami Region) of the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Father Walsh explained that the purpose of the new organization is to engage in charitable, welfare and social service work. It will coordinate and standardize the activities of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Miami, and will be licensed by the State of Florida as a child-caring and child-placing agency.

Bishop Coleman F. Carroll is ex-officio president of the Catholic Welfare Bureau which is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State. Father Walsh is executive director.

Father Walsh pointed out that the Catholic Welfare Bureau, Inc., is a diocesan-wide organization which will work through Regional or local agencies and institutions. Main office will be in Suite 207, 395 NW First St., Miami, which was formerly the Catholic Charities Bureau (Miami Region) office.

The Catholic Service Bureau of Broward County which was the regional agency for that area of the Catholic Charities Bureau will serve as the local agency of the Catholic Welfare Bureau.

The local agency of the Catholic Welfare Bureau in Miami is a member of the United Fund of Dade County. The Catholic Service Bureau is a member of the United Fund of Broward County.

Drive On To Build Lauderdale Convent

Fort Lauderdale

A building fund campaign to erect a convent in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish has been inaugurated by Father Lamar J. Genovar, pastor.

A minimum goal of \$325,000 has been set for the drive which opened early this month and will continue through May 3. Funds raised will also be used in the reduction of the parish debt and in contributions to the diocesan high school building program.

A provisional church, a 20-classroom school and cafeteria have already been constructed in the parish and expansion plans provide for a convent to accommodate nine nuns.

Robert M. Riedel, general chairman, is assisted by Richard J. Cors, Joseph Farrell, Thomas W. Fowler and Frank Veltri.

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PARISHES OF OUR DIOCESE

St. Brendan's: a Tent Beginning

Following is the second in a series of articles dealing with parishes of the Miami diocese. A picture of each church and a sketch of its history will be published on a weekly basis.

Miami

Starting with only a tent to accommodate the 100 families who attended first Mass at midnight on Christmas of 1953, St. Brendan's Church, at the corner of SW 87th Ave. and 132nd St., has grown to be the largest church plant in the Miami area.

Ground was broken for the present provisional church, which accommodates 1,200 persons, by Father Thomas O'Donovan. He was appointed first pastor when the parish was canonically erected by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, April 12, 1954.

After meeting in a tent for several months, Mass was later said in West Miami Junior High School. The church building was used for the first time for midnight Mass on Christmas 1956 and was dedicated by Archbishop Hurley Feb. 24, 1957.

Parish School Erected

Father Michael Keller is assistant pastor of the growing parish which covers an area bordered by 70th Ave. on the east; on the north by NW 20th St., and on the south by SW 56th St. (Miller Dr.).

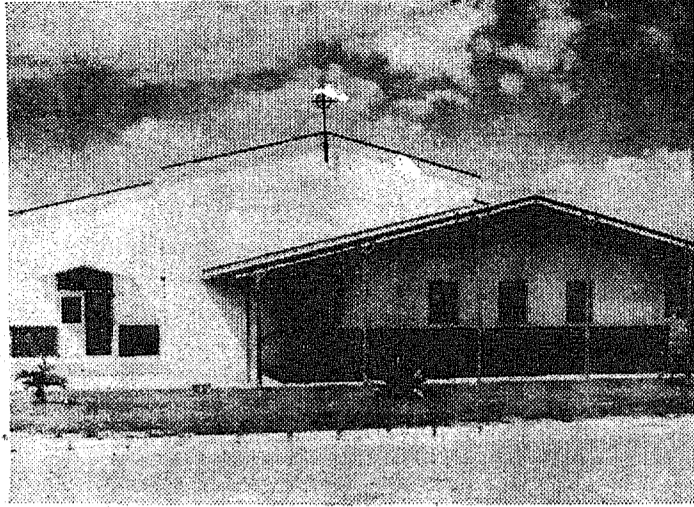
First permanent structure of the parish was St. Brendan's Elementary School for which ground was broken on Aug. 29, 1954. A wing of eight classrooms and an administration building opened in Sept. 1955, for kindergarten through the fourth grade.

Still another extension, consisting of eight classrooms, was opened in January of this year. With a faculty of 12, seven Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and five lay teachers, present enrollment is 750. Classes have been extended through to the seventh grade. The school now adjoins Christopher Columbus High School.

Mother M. Christine, C.S.F.N., is school principal. The Sisters have their motherhouse in Des Plaines, Ill. This is the only parish in Florida in which the Sisters reside.

Convent Completed

A convent, third permanent structure of the parish plant, was started in July of 1958. Containing sleeping accommodations for 11 Sisters, the convent was occupied a few days before Christmas of the same year. Nine Sisters presently serve the parish.



Church of St. Brendan



Father O'Donovan

Future plans call for another school wing, and an addition to the convent. A rectory is also planned, and according to Father O'Donovan, "in years to come, a permanent church."

A weekly Novena to St. Jude is the only such Novena held in Miami. There have been five vocations to the religious life in the history of the infant parish.

Groups which meet in the parish hall include St. Brendan's Woman's Club, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Senior CYO, various scouting organizations and the Ushers' Club. Four discussion clubs also meet in private homes. A parish carnival is held in the fall of each year.

You cannot teach a child to take care of himself unless you will let him try to take care of himself. He will make mistakes; and out of these mistakes will come his wisdom.

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Cathedral Parish Sets Mission For Men and Women

Miami

A two-week mission in the Cathedral parish will begin on Sunday, April 5, and continue until April 19.

Dominican Fathers Patrick Walsh and Hugh McGinley will conduct services for women during the first week and for men in the week of April 12-19.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1934, Father Walsh served at St. Peter's

Church, Memphis, Tenn., and while there taught religion at Siena College. Assigned to the Easter Mission Band, he conducted parish missions, lectures and retreats throughout the Eastern States. In 1955 he received the title of Preacher General, a seven-century old title conferred on Dominicans who have preached with distinction for at least 15 years.



Fr. Walsh Church,

Europe Studies U.S. Teaching

Miami

European educators are now beginning to study American teaching methods, according to Father Robert F. Reardon, formerly on the faculty of Archbishop Curley High School and now studying at Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.

"European teachers are becoming more and more aware of our capacity to teach large groups over a shorter period of time," Father Reardon said.

"They feel that their teaching methods are more advanced in the supper levels of study," he added, "while they recognize a need for intensification at lower levels."

Father Reardon, who studied at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1955 is presently working toward his master's degree in education in a study of American public schools as compared with European schools.

Mrs. Holbrook Dies

Coral Gables

Requiem Mass for Mrs. Rolfe R. Holbrook, of 1035 Catalonia Ave., was celebrated in the Church of the Little Flower on Tuesday, March 24, by Father John J. Donnelly.

Mrs. Holbrook, the former Carlene Hoffman, died on Sunday at the age of 34. She was a graduate of St. Patrick's High School, Miami Beach, and Barry College.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Holbrook is survived by two sons, Ralph III and Robert; a daughter, Ann; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hoffman, Miami Beach; and two sisters, Mrs. Wyatt Johnson and Mrs. G. Kenneth Kemper, both of Coral Gables.

Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Philbrick Funeral Home.

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Travelers' Timetable For Sunday Masses

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AVON PARK Our Lady of Grace: 8:30	
BELLE GLADE St. Philip: 9:30	
BOCA GRANDE Our Lady of Mercy: 11:15	
BOCA RATON St. Joan of Arc: 7, 9, 10:30	MIAMI BEACH St. Francis de Sales: 7, 9, 11 St. Joseph: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 St. Mary Magdalen: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 St. Patrick: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
BOYNTON BEACH St. Mark: 8, 10, 11:15	MIAMI SHORES St. Rose of Lima: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11, 12
CLEWISTON St. Margaret: 7:30 first two Sundays: 11:15 thereafter	MIAMI SPRINGS Blessed Trinity: 6, 7:30, 9, 10:30, 12
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CORAL GABLES Little Flower: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:30, 12:30	NORTH MIAMI Holy Family: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 St. James: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Visitation: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30
DANIA KC Club—Fort Lauderdale: 10 Playland Isles Realty: 8, 12 Resurrection: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	NORTH MIAMI BEACH St. Lawrence (Jr. High School): 8, 9:30, 11
DELRAY BEACH St. Vincent: 7, 8:30, 11	OKEECHOBEE Sacred Heart: 11
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FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH St. Sebastian: 8, 9:30, 11, 12:15	PAHCKEE St. Mary: 11:15 First Two Sundays: 7:30 thereafter
FORT MYERS St. Francis: 7, 8, 10, 11; (cafeteria) 9:30	PALM BEACH St. Edward: 6, 7, 9, 10, 12
FORT MYERS BEACH Ascension: 8, 10	PERRINE Holy Rosary (Elem. School): 8, 10:15, 11:30
FORT PIERCE St. Anastasia: 7, 8:30, 10, 11	POMPANO BEACH Assumption: 7, 8, 9:30, 11
HALLANDALE St. Matthew: 9, 11	PUNTA GORDA Sacred Heart: 7:30, 9
HIALEAH Immaculate Conception: 6, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11, 12:15 St. John the Apostle: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	RIVIERA BEACH St. Francis: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:30
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HOMESTEAD Sacred Heart: 6:30, 8, 9:15, 11:30	STUART St. Joseph: 7:15, 8:45, 11
IMMOKALEE Lady of Guadalupe: 11	VERO BEACH St. Helen: 8, 10
JUPITER Salhaven: 8:45	WAUCHULA St. Michael: 8
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LABELLE Mission: 9	ON THE KEYS
LAKE WORTH Sacred Heart: 6, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:30	BIG PINE KEY St. Mary of Pines: 10
MIAMI The Cathedral: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Corpus Christi: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12:55 (Spanish)	MARATHON San Pablo: 6:30, 8, 10
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Easter Means Peace, Happiness and Hope

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The greatest day of the Church Year is Easter. It is the day of joy. May it be so for you. For anyone who has spent the days of Lent united to the suffering Christ, Easter means peace, happiness and hope. Each one of us can look toward a glorious resurrection on the last day if we spend our lives united to Christ. So continue to live that there will be no doubt about that, and you actually begin your eternal happiness here on earth. May such be the case with you.

TRUE, TRUE—A stand-patter is all right if he will only take his stand without the patter.

Big Convention

The 56th Annual Convention of the National Catholic Educational Association will be held next week in Atlantic City. It will attract 10,000 or more delegates, and do a great amount of good before its members start moving home after the last general meeting Friday, April 3. Catholic teachers from all over America will be in Atlantic City for a lot of solid work. Pray for its success, for its work is most important.

FLYING CORKS FROM THE POP HOUSE—"He is real strong; even in the height of a traffic jam, he doesn't wear a gas mask in his sport car."

THE TWO AGES OF BOYS—Boys begin by cutting out dolls and grow up to cutting in on fellows who are dancing with dolls.

You Can Help

There is a lot of talk about helping alcoholics, and most of it is good. The best thing I have seen to date is The Matt Talbot Legion Post, Englewood, N. J. This group wants all the members it can get. Its publicity invites one to enroll in the Legion for the good of all who need this special kind of help. You don't have to be an alcoholic to become a member. Why don't you look into the situation?

GREAT PROBLEM—If people actually do believe in social security and old age relief why do they drive so fast?

Give the Gift

Young persons are known around the world for their generosity. Some of them feel inadequate when it comes to giving because they wish they had something really worth while to share with others.

Catholic youth has the greatest gift on earth, their faith. They do not have to become missionaries in the strict sense of the word to share their faith with others. All they have to do is so to live their faith that they will inspire others to become interested in the faith.

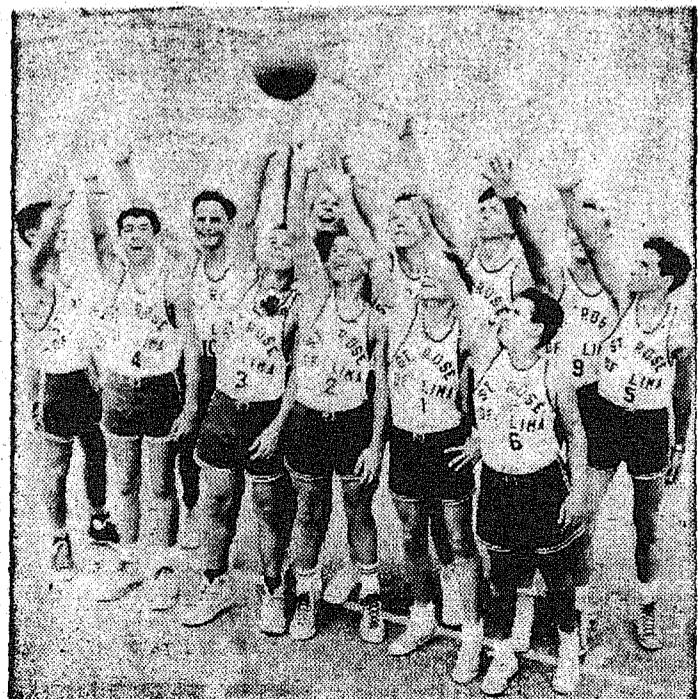
Prayer and sacrifice are always great means to bring the grace of conversion to others. None of us is so poor that he cannot give an extra prayer or one little sacrifice a day for the conversion of a soul. Spring is conversion time.

NEW SLOGAN—Another day, another dollar, and another drip-dry shirt that we hope will.

DECENT DISKS AND SUITABLE SONGS

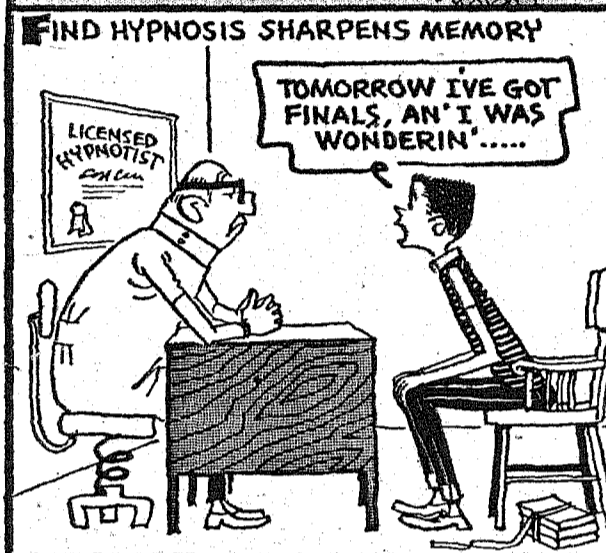
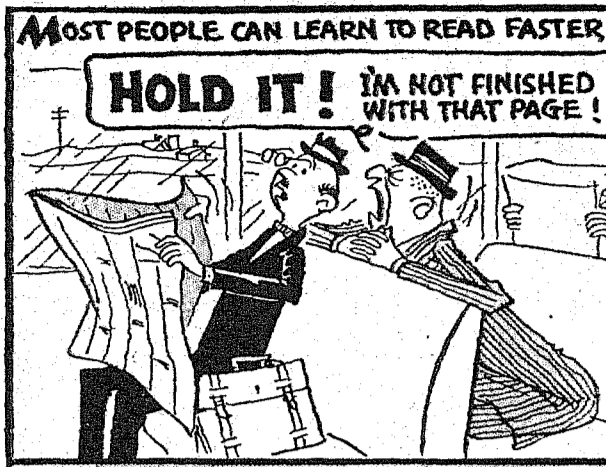
"Mad"—"The First Man Into Space" (M-G-M) Ray Ellis; "Chopin's Polonaise"—"Sunrise Serenade" (Decca) Crazy Otto; "Only You"—"Rainy Night In Paris" (Capitol) Frank Pourcel's French "I'm Just A Fool"—"Come Back Baby" (Victor) George W. Jones; "Lover's Island"—"The Night Of The Quarter Moon" (Metro) Andy Ackers; "Words of Love"—"Compulsion" (Mercury) Ralph Marterie; "If I Didn't Care"—"Toward The End Of The Day" (M-G-M) Connie Francis; "Enchanted"—"The Sound and The Fury" (Mercury) The Platters; "Who"—"You Made Me Love You" (Decca) Big Ron Hoffman; "When Love Happens To You"—"If I Knew You Were Coming" (M-G-M) Eileen Barton; "Quiet Village"—"Llama Serenade" (Liberty) Marty Denny; "12th Street Ha Cha Cha"—"Fan Tan Fanny" (Capitol) Joe Fingers Carr.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEAK—Do what you are supposed to do and once in a while do more than usual.



—Photo by Sal Maugeri.

Basketball team of St. Rose of Lima School, competing with nine teams, is the winner of the South Florida Junior Catholic League Championship. During the season just ended the Miami Shores boys won 13 and lost one game.



Junior High Trackmen Slate Diocesan Meet at Moore Park

The annual Catholic Junior High track meet will be held April 15 at Moore Park with all schools in the diocese invited to participate. Archbishop Curley High School is the meet sponsor.

Plans for a junior high baseball league are also being discussed with Coach Don Marshall of St. John's, coordinating the program.

Interested schools to date are Epiphany, St. Theresa's, St. Rose of Lima, St. Mary's and St. John's. Present plans call for all games to be played on Sunday afternoons.

St. Rose won the annual junior high basketball championship by defeating Epiphany 41-39 in the title game.

St. Rose upset St. Michael's 40-39 to gain the finals while Epiphany defeated St. John's 45-25 in the other semi-final game.

James Paul scored 12 points and Ed O'Donnell had 10 to lead Coach Ed Kelly's St. Rose team in the championship game. Frank Webster with 20 was the leading scorer for Coach Ralph Ezzo's runner-ups.

In regular league play, St. Michael's had a perfect mark of 8-0 while St. Rose was second with 7-1. St. John's with 6-2 and Epiphany with 5-3 followed.

Other schools in the competition were Gesu, Little Flower of Hollywood, St. Theresa's, Corpus Christi and St. Mary's.

Around the Diocese—Kathy Pacholek, a senior at West Palm Beach St. Ann's, was chosen for the Florida AAU All-Star swim team that will compete this week-end for the Grand Bahama

Club championships against teams from Cuba and Puerto Rico. . . . Ralph Stevenson had three hits in Christopher Columbus' 11-10 baseball loss to McArthur High School. . . . It was the first game of the season for the Explorers. . . . Epiphany's junior high team will meet South Miami Baptist Church in the finals of the South Miami 16-and-under inter-church basketball league. . . . Fort Lauderdale Central Catholic defeated city rival Stranahan 3-2 in a close baseball game in which Dick Halsey allowed only four hits to gain the victory. . . . Jack Koebel and Dan Arnold drove in all three of the Raiders' runs. . . . Bill Brickman and Larry Wilson, a pair of former Miami Curley football stars, were among the University of Miami players receiving special instructions from Lou Groza of the Cleveland Browns in the art of field goal kicking.

Bill Durney, Jr., star of the St. Michael's junior high basketball team, is the son of the

Miami Marlins' and radio station WGBS sports announcer. . . . Irish miler Ron Delany visited Curley High while in South Florida for the Hollywood Optimist Irish Relays on St. Patrick's Day. . . . Columbus will have its first swim competition on April 7 when the Explorers meet McArthur High in a dual meet. . . . The Explorers will also have representation in the Gold Coast Conference golf and tennis meets.

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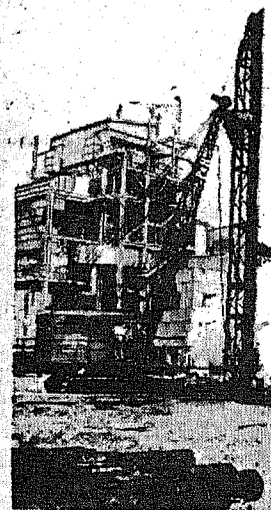
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Villa Slates Barbecue

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Children of St. Joseph's Villa, 3290 NW 7th St., will be guests at a barbecue on Saturday, April 4, on the Villa grounds.

Members of St. Joseph's Auxiliary will be hostesses and Mrs. Lynn Crowell and Mrs. Robert Wolfe, co-chairmen.

Migas Doctrinales

Rev. Antonio S. De Navarrete

La Religión en tu vida

Un anécdota de Diógenes.

Se dice que el filósofo Diógenes puso en un mercado un tunducho con este letrero: "Se vende sabiduría". Cierta señor envió a uno de sus esclavos con unas monedas, diciéndole: Vete a Diógenes y dile que te venda un poco de sabiduría. Al poco tiempo vuelve el esclavo:

—Qué te ha dado?

—Nada, señor.

—¿Le diste los sextercios?

—Sí señor; él los ha tomado, me ha mirado y me ha dicho al oído: Mira, vete a tu amo y le dices: Esto te dice Diógenes: En todas las cosas mira—al fin.

Al señor le agradaron tanto estas palabras del filósofo, que mandó grabarlas en la pared de su casa con letras de oro.

Una pregunta que debes hacerte.

Este consejo de Diógenes, sin duda, que lo sigues en muchas de tus actividades. El conocimiento claro del fin hacia el cual se marcha, es la condición primera e indispensable de toda acción energética y varonil. Cuando

sales de tu trabajo y te diriges a tu hogar, tienes la posibilidad de tomar muchas direcciones, pero sólo tomas aquella que te conduce a tu casa. Cuando quieres hablar por teléfono, no usas la máquina de escribir, ni cuando te peinas, usas el cepillo de dientes. Sabes hacer uso de las cosas, conforme al fin para el cual han sido hechas. Tú, que explicas las cosas, debes tratar de explicarte a tí mismo y hacerte esta pregunta: ¿Cuál es el fin para el cual yo he sido creado? Porque debes saber que si las cosas tienen un fin, tú también tienes un fin.

De Dios a Dios.

Un hombre razonable, por poco que observe a sí mismo y al mundo, tiene que admitir la existencia de un Ser Superior, del cual depende en su existencia. Este Ser Superior ha tenido una finalidad al crear al hombre. ¿Cuál? El Catecismo te lo dice sencilla, pero profundamente:

"El hombre ha sido creado para alabar, hacer reverencia y servir a Dios en esta vida

y después gozarle en la eterna". No eres un pedazo de materia arrojado al planeta tierra y destinado a pudrirte bajo seis palmos de tierra. Vienes de Dios y vas a Dios.

"No es una quimera—dice el poeta Schiller—que nace de la fantasía del iluso; es una voz fuerte que resuena en el corazón: Hemos nacido para algo mejor!..."

La Religión, puente que lleva a Dios.

Dios te ha creado ser razonable y, como ser razonable que eres, tu primer deber es reconocer tu dependencia absoluta de Dios. De este reconocimiento brotan ciertas definidas obligaciones que debes cumplir y que no puedes pasarlas por alto. Estas definidas obligaciones son las que constituyen la Religión, que es el lazo que une al hombre con su Creador. La Religión es el puente que te conduce a tu fin, que es Dios. Sin la Religión, no puedes obtener el fin para el cual ha sido creado. Si prescindes de ella, fracasará rotundamente en la vida.



La sonrisa de la monjita es familiar a muchos niños de habla Española esparcidos en los campos de trabajo a lo largo de la Florida.

El Matrimonio y la Familia

2. Preparando el Matrimonio

Por REV. XAVIER MORRAS

El amor no basta.

Todavía hay muchos jóvenes tan cándidos que llegan a las puertas del matrimonio sin haber pensado en ninguna preparación, arguyendo que ellos se aman de veras y que el amor será suficiente para hacerles felices.

Sí, el amor les hará felices, pero qué garantía nos ofrecen de que ese amor durará para siempre?

Esos jóvenes no se han dado cuenta que el amor se puede aumentar y disminuir y hasta perderse completamente.

El alarmante número de divorcios nos está diciendo que, de hecho, en muchísimos casos el verdadero amor que los esposos se tenían en la aurora de su matrimonio se ha perdido y, a veces, hasta se ha convertido en odio.

Sabemos también que en muchas familias los padres amaron entrañablemente a sus hijos y, sin embargo, estos resultaron unos delincuentes.

No es suficiente, pues, el amor; es necesaria además cierta preparación.

Se necesita cierta preparación para cualquier profesión; el matrimonio es la más excelente de todas las profesiones; una profesión destinada a producir seres humanos compartiendo con Dios la mejor obra de la creación, la obra de la continuación del género humano; una profesión destinada también a unir dos seres y hacerse felices amándose mutuamente.

Información y formación.

La preparación para el matrimonio se ha llegado a compendiar en estas dos palabras INFORMACION y FORMACION.

Los aspirantes al matrimonio deben saber la naturaleza del matrimonio como unión santa, contrato y sacramento, y deben estar dispuestos a aceptarlo con todos sus pros y contras.

Deben saber la naturaleza y secretos del amor, y deben estar dispuestos a amarse siempre aún sin recibir recompensa.

Los padres deben saber cómo educar a sus hijos y deben darse cuenta de los enemigos, las circunstancias y todo el medio ambiente que influirá en la educación.

Deben practicar ellos las virtudes que deseen enseñar a sus hijos.

Los jóvenes que no han recibido instrucciones ni han estudiado el matrimonio bajo los distintos puntos de vista económico, social y religioso, ni saben las responsabilidades que contraen, ni se dan cuenta de la

grandeza de esta unión, no están preparados para el matrimonio

Los jóvenes que no practican su religión, ni saben perdonar prójimo, ni son capaces de controlar sus instintos, tampoco están preparados para el matrimonio.

El casarse sin esta INFORMACION y FORMACION es e ponerse a grandes catástrofe egoísmo en la familia en lugar de amor, malestar, incompreensión, hijos descuidados y... muy frecuentemente un divorcio. La vida ha cambiado.

Por qué se insiste hoy tanto en la preparación para el matrimonio? Antiguamente, dirán muchos, no se hablaba tanto de esta preparación, no se daban tantas conferencias ni se escribía tanto sobre el matrimonio. Nuestros abuelos no se preocuparon tanto de esto y, sin embargo, formaron familias más felices quizás que las de hoy.

Cierto, entonces no era necesario todo esto; es el gran cambio que se ha realizado en nuestra vida en los últimos cincuenta años, el que lo ha hecho necesario.

En este cambio de vida el elemento que juega el principal papel es la mayor facilidad de las relaciones humanas.

Las familias de nuestros antepasados apenas se movían del pueblo o ciudad donde habían nacido. Para hacer un viaje de treinta millas se requería la preparación que hoy necesitamos para trasladarnos a otro continente.

La madre trabajaba siempre en casa, y ni el padre se alejaba mucho de ella; los niños ayudaban a sus padres y jugaban alrededor de la casa.

El cartero se veía muy pocas veces, apenas llegaba a casa influencia externa.

Hoy día es extraordinaria esta influencia que nuestro hogar recibe del exterior. El teléfono, el automóvil, la radio, la televisión, los periódicos y las revistas son elementos que a diario nos ponen en comunicación con cientos de personajes y nos sitúan en medio de hechos sucedidos en cualquier parte del mundo.

No es que tenga nada malo en sí esta mayor facilidad de las relaciones humanas, el bien podría usarla con grandes éxitos. Pero de hecho es el mal el que se esta aprovechando más de esta facilidad para infiltrarse en

Es para contrarrestar esta influencia del mal por lo que hoy los que aspiran al matrimonio necesitan más INFORMACION y más FORMACION.

ANTENA DEL EVANGELIO

Pascua de Resurrección

Una alegría con pesadilla.

Los miembros del Sanhedrín celebrarían la cena pascual, no solo con la tradicional alegría exterior, sino también con una particular satisfacción interior: El galileo estaba muerto y bien muerto!...

No obstante a fuerza de pensar, notaron que el brillante cristal de su triunfo empezaba a empañarse. Recordaban que Jesús, cuando vivía había predicho su resurrección al tercer día. Claro, que tal predicción podía motivar imposturas, habladurías y otras enojosas consecuencias. Por eso determinaron darle un consejo a Pilatos:

"Señor, nos acordamos que aquel impostor, dijo estando aún vivo: Dentro de tres días resucitaré. Manda pues, que la tumba sea custodiada hasta el tercer día, no sea que por casualidad vayan los discípulos y lo arrebatan y digan al pueblo: Resucitó de entre los muertos y así el último enredo sea peor que el primero. Pilatos contestó rudamente: Teneis un cuerpo de guardia: Id y asegurad como sabeis."

Y efectivamente los soldados llegaron a la entrada del sepulcro, que lo habian sellado para que nadie podría entrar en él.

Un sepulcro vacío.

Sin embargo, qué equivocados estaban!... ¿Quien les había de decir

qué entonces precisamente, comenzaba el triunfo de Jesús?.. Sepulcro de Cristo!.. Sepulcro único en la historia de la humanidad en el que no pudo esculpirse la frase lapidaria y común para todos los mortales: "Aquí yace". La Resurrección de Jesucristo es el hecho cumbre de la Historia y el fundamento de la Religión Cristiana. Es además, uno de los hechos más atestiguados y auténticos de la Historia. Ni las guerras Médicas, o el paso de las Termópilas; ni la existencia de Pericles o de Sócrates; ni las conquistas de Alejandro, ni la batalla de Lepanto, poseen tantos y tan autorizados documentos.

Hombres Transformados.

El hecho plenamente visible en sí mismo, fué presenciado durante cuarenta días por los mismos que lo relatan, hombres probos y sinceros que hicieron de

este hecho, la obsesión de toda su vida y murieron por su testimonio.

La narración es clara, sencilla, sin pretensiones; tan vivida y patética a veces, con tales rasgos y pormenores, que delata a testigos presenciales y que en modo alguno puede ser inventada. "El Señor ha resucitado". Esta es la persuasión íntima, incontestable, segura, que se apoderó de una manera avasalladora de los discípulos de Jesucristo y que llega a transformarlos por completo. Son ya otros hombres; se convierten en testigos intrépidos, incoercibles. Lo que se ha operado en ellos, más que modificación es una transformación radical; una refundición heroica de sentimientos; un nuevo temple de voluntades. Salen a predicar por los caminos del mundo y ponen por fundamento de la nueva religión a Cristo resucitado. Son los testigos de la Resurrección y no temen empar con su sangre las arenas del Coliseo Romano y dar su vida por sostener esta verdad.

"Ha resucitado el Señor verdaderamente"; es el gozo Pascual, la alegre nueva que vino a conmovir y renovar la Tierra.

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A I—FILMS MORALLY UNOBJECTIONABLE FOR GENERAL PATRONAGE

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| Across the Bridge | Hong Kong Confidential | Rock-a-bye Baby |
| All at Sea | Happy Road | Saga of Hemp Brown |
| All Mine to Give | Hell's 5 Hours | Shaggy Dog The |
| Beast of Budapest | I Was Monty's Double | Silent Enemy |
| Big Beat | In Between Age | Sleeping Beauty |
| Black Orchid | Invisible Boy | Snow Fire |
| Buccaneer | Isle of Lost Women | Space Children |
| Buchanan Rides Alone | It, the Terror From | Spy in the Sky |
| Cinemascope South Seas Adventure | Beyond Space | Storm Rider |
| Cosmic Man | It Conquered the World | Street of Darkness |
| Country Music Boy | Jaqueline | Submarine Sealhawk |
| Cowboy | Johnny Rocco | Suicide Mission |
| Crash Landing | Juke Box Rhythm | Tank Force |
| Dangerous Exile | Last of the Fast Guns | Ten Days to Tulara |
| Day to Remember | Let's Rock | This Island Earth |
| Diamond Safari | Long Ranger and the | Thundering Jets |
| Diary of Anne Frank | Lost City of Gold | The Lock |
| Dunkirk | Lost Missile | Tim Star |
| Enemy from Space | Louises and Its Miracles | Torero |
| Escape from Terror | Missouri Traveler | Toughest Man Alive |
| Face in the Night | Mole People | Trial at the Vatican |
| Flaming Frontier | Monster that Challenged the World | Underfire |
| Fort Massacre | My Uncle | Underwater Warrior |
| From the Earth to the Moon | Nine Lives | Unearthly |
| Ghost of the China Sea | Oklahoma | Up in Smoke |
| Good Day for a Hanging | Old Man and the Sea | Unvanquished |
| Giant from the Unknown | Operation Madball | Up Periscope |
| Gift of Love | Paris Holiday | Watusi |
| Golden Age of Comedy | Pather Panchajali | Westbound |
| Green Mansions | Persuader | White Wilderness |
| Handle With Care | Peacemaker, The | Wild Heritage |
| Hey Boy, Hey Girl | Red Hot and Blue | Windjammer |
| Hong Kong Affair | Return to Warbow | Wolf Dog |
| | Ride Lonesome | World Was His Jury |
| | Ride Out for Revenge | World Without End |
| | | Wrong Man |
| | | Young Land |
| | | Zero Hour |

A II—MORALLY UNOBJECTIONABLE FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS

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| Amazing Colossal Man | Hot Apple | Senior Prom |
| Appointment With a Shadow | Hot Rod Rumble | Shadow of Fear |
| Arson For Hire | How to Make a Monster | Sheet of Fractured Law |
| Asfounding She | Imitation General | Sinner |
| Awakening | In the Money | Snorkel |
| Black Sheep, The | Johnny Trouble | So Lovely—So Deadly |
| Black Tent | Journey to Freedom | Space Master X-7 |
| Black Tide | Joe Ride | Step Down to Terror |
| Brain Eaters | Kid Her Gently | Stranger in My Door |
| Bravados | Kings Go North | Stranger in My Arms |
| Bullwhip | Killer on the Wall | Taming Sutton's Gal |
| Careless Years | Last Blitzkrieg | Teenage Bad Girl |
| Cast a Dark Shadow | Last Hurrah | Teenage Cayeman |
| Cattle Empire | Legion of the Doomed | Terror in a Texas Town |
| Colossus of New York | Lioup | Thunder in the Sun |
| Cosmic Monster | Lisa | Thing That Couldn't Die |
| China Gate | Living Idol | Trap |
| City of Fear | Macabre | True Story of Lynn Stuart |
| Crawling Eye | Man Who Died Twice | Vampire |
| Curse of the Demon | Man or Gun | Viking Women and the Sea Serpent |
| Curse of the Faceless Man | No Place to Hide | Villagers |
| Dangerous Youth | No Where to Go | Violators |
| Date With Disaster | Once Upon a Horse | Voice in the Mirror |
| Day of Fury | Over-Exposed | Voodoo Woman |
| Devil Strikes at Night | Party Crashers | Warlock |
| Enchanted Island | Passport to Treason | War of the Colossal Beast |
| Escapee | Premier May | War of the Satellites |
| Eye Witness | Price of Fear | When Hell Broke Loose |
| Fearmakers | Rebel in Town | Whole Truth |
| First Man Into Space | Reprisal | Wild & The Innocent |
| Flame Barrier | Return of Dracula | Wink of an Eye |
| Four Ways Out | Revenge of Franken-stein | Windom's Way |
| From Hell It Came | Revol in the Bighouse | Woman's Devotion |
| Frontier Gun | Ride a Violent Mile | Young and Dangerous |
| Gun Fever | Safecracker | Young Don't Cry |
| Gunmen from Laredo | Saddle the Wind | |
| Gunsmoke in Tucson | Screaming Skull | |
| Hungman | | |
| Hard Man | | |
| Hell Squad | | |
| Hit and Run | | |

A III—MORALLY UNOBJECTIONABLE FOR ADULTS

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| Adultress | Haunted Stranger | Notorious Mr. Monks |
| Age of Infidelity | He Who Must Die | Of Life and Love |
| Al Capone | Hell's Highway | Ordet |
| Another Time, Another Place | High Cost of Loving | Outcasts of the City |
| Auntie Mame | High School Hell Cats | Pagans |
| Badlanders | Horror of Dracula | Paratroop Command |
| Bonjour Tristesse | Horse's Mouth | Remarkable Mr. Penny |
| Cat on a Hot Tin Roof | I Want to Live | Rio Bravo |
| China Doll | Imitation of Life | Roots of Heaven |
| Compulsion | In Love and War | Rouge et Noir |
| Cool and Crazy | Inspector Maigret | Rx Murder |
| Count Your Blessings | Journey | Senechal, the Magnificent |
| Crime and Punishment | Life Begins at 17 | Seven Guns to Mesa |
| Cry Terror | Lonely Hearts | Seventh Seal |
| Darby's Rangers | Machete | Sound and the Fury |
| Defiant Ones | Man Inside | Stage Struck |
| Desire Under the Elms | Mating Game | Strange Case of Dr. Manning |
| Field Without a Face | Me and the Colonel | These Thousand Hills |
| Fighting Wildcats | Mistress | Time Without Pity |
| Frankenstein—1970 | Monster on the Campus | Touch of Evil |
| Gate of Paris | Naked Earth | Undersea Girl |
| Gidget | Never Steal | Wild is the Wind |
| Going Steady | Nothing Small | Witches of Salem |
| Gun Runners | No Name on the Bullet | Wolf of Larsen |
| Gunman's Walk | | |
| Harry Black and the Tiger | | |

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| Alaska Passage | Green Man | No Time to Be Young |
| Attack of 50 Foot Woman | Guin, Girls and Gangsters | No Sun in Venice |
| Back from the Dead | Gunslinger | Perfect Furlough |
| Black Whip | Hot Car Girl | Poor But Beautiful |
| Blood in Bondage | Hot Rod Gang | Portland Expose |
| Blood of Dracula | High Hell | Queen of Outer Space |
| Blood of Vampire | Houston Story | Quiet Gun |
| Born Reckless | Y. Mobster | Raw Edge |
| Bride and the Beast | Intent to Kill | Razzia |
| Bride is Much Too Beautiful | I Was a Teenage Werewolf | Reform School Girl |
| Dragstrip Girl | Indestructible Man | River's Edge |
| Dragstrip Riot | Jet Attack | Rock Pretty Baby |
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| Checkpoint | Kiss Them For Me | Some Came Running |
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| Conquest of Space | Last Paradise | Sorority Girl |
| Curse of Frankenstein | Land of Destiny | Stowaway Girl |
| Daughter of Dr. Jekyll | Live Fast, Die Young | Strange One |
| Devil's General | Love Slaves of the Amazon | Tank Battalion |
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HOLLYWOOD IN FOCUS

Role May Net Oscar for Unknown

By William H. Mooring

At the April 6 Oscar Parade some of those "in the know" will be nudging each other and pointing out the elfin-like girl with the big, luminous eyes and fantastic lashes. "A good chance for next year's best actress award," they will call her. Her name is Millie Perkins and the Hollywood grapevine already is relaying news that "The Diary of Anne Frank" in which she has her first acting role as a 13-year-old, German-born, Jewish refugee—of whom millions have read in more than 20 languages—is no ordinary movie. As I write the film has not been previewed by the press so you will understand this is not a review. Reliable inside information, however, plus a few chats with Millie Perkins herself, prepare me for an uncommon performance if not an altogether unusual movie.



Millie Perkins

Naturally Reticent

You cannot drag out of this girl any of that well-schooled chatter with which most Hollywood "discoveries" are taught to ingratiate themselves with the press. Millie Perkins is naturally reticent but not unduly shy. She is frank, but not bold in conversation. She talks and behaves as though not too deeply concerned whether she goes on from "The Diary of Anne Frank" into a shining Hollywood career or gets back-washed into the theatrical sidelines of model and cover girl which, until she was cast as Anne Frank, gave her fair success and a decent living.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" as you may know, tells with child-like simplicity, the story of eight or nine Jewish refugees who, in a frowsy attic above an Amsterdam spice factory, hid for a year or two from the Nazi invaders then in occupation. This inspired a much-discussed and Pulitzer prize-winning play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett and now is brought to the screen through 20th Century-Fox, by producer-director George Stevens.

Born in Passaic, N. J., in 1938, Millie is the middle daughter of

a merchant marine officer.

None has any more Hollywood ambition than had Millie when suddenly chosen out of 10,000-odd "new faces" peered into by talent scouts during an international search for "a girl like Anne Frank."

Millie Perkins attended grade and junior high schools of the Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park, N. J., finishing up at Fairlawn (secular) High, which she tells me, proved to her that: "Catholic education not only means nicer behavior in most instances, but actually puts us so far ahead, scholastically, that we didn't need to study at all the first year in (secular) High!"

Since she became, in one big stride, a Hollywood movie star, Millie has continued to hear from "a wonderful nun," Sister Catherine Patricia, who taught her at Sacred Heart. Millie didn't go to college and probably will never do so now, although she'll study privately "to polish up on a few subjects." Instead of college Millie went, with her elder sister, Christine, to Manhattan, modeling. She did so well the firm sent her to London and Paris for special ad poses and magazine covers.

She was in Paris, in fact, when

the studio called her to Hollywood.

"He Who Must Die"

Imported from France, "He Who Must Die," with French dialogue and "loaded" English subtitles, is playing some American theaters not usually open to such pictures.

Based on "Christ Re-Crucified," a fictional story by the late Nikos Kazantzakis, whose works all but incurred his excommunication from the Greek Orthodox Church, it is adapted to the screen by Ben Barzman and Jules Dassin (Dassin also directing), who both were identified under oath by witnesses who knew them as members of the Communist Party. After this they left Hollywood to make films abroad, and reportedly are now preparing to return to American films.

"He Who Must Die," while artistically photographed and sensitively acted, subtly attacks "organized religion." Through a Greek Orthodox priest (portrayed as villainous, in violation of the Movie Production Code), it identifies the "order" for which the church is shown to stand, with hypocrisy, corruption, murder, social repression and war mongering.

On the island of Crete, during the post-World War I occupation by Turkey (unflatteringly symbolized), a community of Greek refugees, led by an idealistic Greek Orthodox priest seeks refuge in a distant village, is refused food and shelter by order of the callous local priest who falsely declares the visitors have cholera.

Some local inhabitants, about to stage the Passion Play, include a shepherd who is to portray the Christ and the village harlot, cast as Mary Magdalene. These and a few others, out of compassion, take food to the refugees in the hills and bring back news that the cholera scare is false. For this the shepherd is murdered. Earlier he has consorted with the Magdalene character, a sub-title making the point that he wishes to "do everything that Christ did!" In the end the idealistic priest takes up arms in a rebellion against the corrupt priest and his followers.

Its symbolism is so fluent that many who see it are likely to be reminded of current communist attempts to separate, apostatize and then use Christian priests in a design to destroy the Church. It appears unlikely that this was the intention of the men who made the film.

Legion Impressed by New Movie, Advises Public to Patronize It

New York—(NC)

The National Legion of Decency has given special commendation to the newly released film, "Embezzled Heaven."

This is the second film specially cited by the Legion under a new policy of calling attention to movies of unusual merit. The first film cited was "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness."

The Legion also placed "Embezzled Heaven" in its A-1 classification—morally unobjectionable for general patronage.

Based on Novel

The film is based on a novel by Franz Werfel, who also wrote "The Song of Bernadette," an account of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes.

"Embezzled Heaven" was described by the Legion as "inspirational in theme, artistically produced, outstanding in entertainment value and judged praiseworthy by Catholic critics." It was "recommended to the patronage of Catholic people of all ages."

The Legion explained that its "action of commendation" is in keeping with a directive of the Episcopal Committee for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television "to encourage the promotion of outstanding films."

Positive Program

The Legion plans a full-scale campaign to promote attendance at certain movies which it deems beneficial to the entire family,

according to an article in Information, a national Catholic magazine.

The article says that the campaign will promote exceptionally worthwhile films by:

- increasing the number of laymen as consultants to the Legion's board of reviewers who now are chiefly members of the Motion Picture Department of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

- encouraging adult discussion groups to analyze "the topics and treatment in today's adult-theme films."

- fostering interest in high schools and colleges in guiding students in intelligent evaluation of films.

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