

A religious vocation is God's call to generous souls to do the heroic for the love of Him.—Grou.

BISHOPS PROPOSE COUNCIL FOR CLEAN FILMS IN EVERY DIOCESE

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mendations for its solution," the Archbishop said.
"It seemed practical to this Episcopal Committee to inaugurate a Legion of Decency which would ask its members to pledge themselves to stay away from all motion pictures that offend decency and the principles of Christian morality. The members of the Legion are called upon at no time to attend meetings or to pay dues.
"The sole purpose of the Legion is to arouse millions of Americans to a consciousness of the dangers of salacious and immoral pictures and to take action against them.
"Movement Necessary
"Archbishop McNicholas continued, "to realize that an awakening is taking place. From all sections of the country, from all groups—Protestant, Jew, and those affiliated with no organized religion, and from countless Catholics—comes the word that the movement against the immoral cinema was too long delayed. It has not been possible to acknowledge all the communications expressing this thought which were sent to the members of the Episcopal Committee. All groups now regard the movement as very natural and impressively necessary, whereas yesterday too little thought was given to the indecent film as an intolerable nuisance and a shameful and destructive influence in American life.
"The Episcopal Committee is convinced that the Legion of Decency should be extended to every city and town of the United States. Great en-

couragement has already been given. The four Cardinals of our country have expressed their strong disapproval of the immoral cinema. The greater number of our Bishops have either organized the Legion of Decency or are preparing for its organization after the opening of schools in September. Non-Catholic groups in every section, men of every profession have spoken words of encouragement and have expressed their wish to cooperate.
"Diocesan Councils Planned
"The Episcopal Committee, at its recent conference, reached two decisions that seemed important. First, some members of a National Committee of priests were selected to help the Bishops in their work. Secondly, a Council of the Legion of Decency was approved. This Council will be both national and local. The work of the National Council will be studied and its functions announced at a later date. The Local Council will depend entirely on the Ordinary. Its designation would be as follows: Chicago Council Legion of Decency, or Pittsburg Council Legion of Decency, etc. The recommendation is made to Bishops that a small council of the Legion of Decency—say six to twelve—be formed in a diocese where the Bishop approves. The members of this council would be appointed by each Bishop for his jurisdiction. Its functions will also depend on local conditions and will vary according to the plan of organization approved by the Ordinary of each diocese. Some Bishops may think it well to have only laymen or laywomen on the council; others may wish a mixed body of priests and lay persons. It may be thought well to have a priest director for each local council. Chicago has been the first diocese to organize the Council of the Legion of Decency.
"Many problems about the evil cinema. No attempt can be made here to give even a brief mention of all of them. The following seem to be uppermost in the minds of those who have written to the members of the Episcopal Committee.
"1. The question most frequently asked is: What is to be done about Lists of Pictures? Shall we have Recommended, Non-Recommended, and Border-line Lists? If they are to be published, how much in advance of the showing of pictures can we have such lists? Bishops, priests, and laymen who have given much thought to this question are convinced that lists should not be published with the approval either of bishops or priests, for the simple reason that approbation would have to be given by them on the authority of others. It is a matter for the general conference of Bishops meeting in Washington, November, 1934, to recommend whether or not lists are to be published; and whether they are to provide for their publication or not. All are not in agreement, especially considering the question from a practical standpoint about the advisability of publishing black lists. There is no doubt that the great anxiety of Bishops and priests is to keep their people away from evil pictures. They have the obligation of instructing them to avoid the proximate occasion of sin. There is no difficulty from the standpoint of moral principles of publishing black lists. There is, however, the practical question: Does the black-listing of pictures bring people to see them in greater numbers, thereby making them more successful financially? The answer must be sought in the study of black-listed pictures and in the box office receipts.
"Laity Response Encouraging
"2. The response of the laity in the crusade against the filthy screen has been encouraging to the Ordinaries wherever the crusade has been undertaken, according to the reports received by the Episcopal Committee. Much is yet to be done through preaching because many have false consciences or have lost a sense of delicacy of conscience through years of experience in viewing immoral pictures. We must by our unceasing preaching make clear what is right and what is wrong in the cinema, and our preaching must be confirmed by rigorous example. Two Ordinaries have urged all to remain away from the motion-picture theatre until a thorough housecleaning has been effected in the industry.
"3. After July 1, 1934, the Censor Administration in Hollywood will be augmented. It is to be hoped that the industry will be faithful to its promise—not to produce objectionable pictures. Even though the producers are fully determined not to give the public another opportunity to be aroused about the salacious pictures; and even assuming that they are taking every measure that no such pictures shall be produced henceforth, some time must elapse before all the pictures already produced, salacious in whole or in part, can be withdrawn. All this calls for ceaseless vigilance, and courage and prudence that must make the position of the Church respected. It may be well to make clear that the Church is not asking for a

Gala Bazaar Will Mark Assumption Feast In Auburn

Auburn — Italian residents of Auburn will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption this year with a gala bazaar to be staged August 18 to 19 on the grounds of St. Francis di Assisi Church in lower Clark Street.
This function will be sponsored by the men and women of all the church societies and the entire congregation has started work to make the event a tremendous success. Rev. Pietro Moia is pastor of the church and Rev. Leo Jones, assistant pastor.
Attorney Anthony J. Contiguilla is the general chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements. He will be assisted by Joseph Piccolano, vice-chairman; Anthony Comardo, secretary; Jack Prochino, treasurer; Joseph F. X. Lavino, chairman of the publicity and program committee; George Locastro, entertainment; Alex Iampaglia, solicitation; Matthew Checho, tickets.
The church property across from the office in Clark Street will be brilliantly illuminated for the occasion. Bazaar features will consist of concerts by the Adult Educational Band and other organizations, excellent entertainment programs each evening, a series of boxing exhibitions with a brilliant fireworks display on the night of August 18.

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—From Holy Name Journal.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Joseph Eilers

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Agnes Feany Eilers, who died July 30 from her home, Geneva Park Boulevard August 1, at 8:30 a. m., and from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 9:00 o'clock. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.
Well known in Catholic musical circles, Mrs. Eilers was a former chairman of the Catholic Women's Club Choral Society, a member of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and the Rochester Art Choir. She is survived by her husband, Joseph H. Eilers, a sister, Mrs. William Sutherland Lockport; a brother, George Feany of Buffalo.

St. Aloysius Rosarians Hold Successful Outing At Enns Jettick Park

Auburn — About 75 members of the Rosary Society of St. Aloysius Parish attended the annual basket picnic and field day held Wednesday, July 26, at Enns Jettick Park, Owasco Lake.
Games were conducted during the afternoon, the two main features being the tug-of-war and the obstacle race. In the tug-of-war the team captained by Mrs. Kruger easily defeated their opponents while Mrs. Agnes Goff won over all opponents in the obstacle race.
Other winners included: Mrs. Raymond Sullivan, the walking race; Mrs. Daniel Burns, shot put; Mrs. Fred Friedel, the 100-yard dash and the shoe race. Prizes were awarded the winners.
The Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor and spiritual advisor of the Society and the Rev. Lawrence Ryan, assistant acted as judges of the field events. After the lunch all members joined in community singing.

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For those sailing on the S.S. North American which sails on Wednesday from Buffalo for the week's cruise, Mass will be said on board. The North American arriving in Buffalo on Wednesday morning, August 15, will dock early enough to enable passengers to attend Mass at one of the downtown churches.

solemn type of picture that gives no real amusement, and no opportunity for a hearty laugh. The Catholic Church, in a true sense, is broad and liberal, and no legitimate recreation need fear her opposition.

"4. The producers and distributors who through their delegates met the Bishops at their recent conference represent 90 per cent of the motion picture production of the country. Assuming that this organized industry will keep its word, there is still danger that the other 10 per cent of production may resort to an output that is cheap and immoral. If this should happen, our people will be on their guard to stay away from theatres showing the films produced by this 10 per cent of the industry.
"5. We have in our schools over 2,500,000 children. Our greatest solicitude is for them. Their consciences should be rightly formed about the cinema. They can be organized to take an active part in the Legion of Decency. They can enlist millions of others to sustain public opinion against the immoral cinema.
"6. Even if the Legion of Decency accomplish its immediate purpose of purifying the screen, it would seem to have the further permanent purpose of keeping the people informed, thereby maintaining a healthy public opinion which may prove to the producers the wisdom of not returning to their old ways of capitalizing on the sins and weakness of men.
"7. The Legion of Decency has grown to such proportions that there is urgent need of an executive secretary to take over its work at the offices of the National Catholic Welfare Conference under the direction of the Bishops."

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