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**Crying In The Dark**

By EILEEN LEARY  
 I come with the infant's cry again Piercing the cold and the dark, I come with the hollow-eyed desolate man  
 Facing the wharves and the park I come with the young, young terrible girl  
 Standing in doorways at night, I come with the shipwrecked and shadow woe  
 O pity and solace my plight.  
 I lean on your strength, so sure, so sweet,  
 I turn with a childlike trust, I who am breaking with pain and defeat  
 Brother of yours from the dust, Speak not in deeds of great gallantries  
 Speak not of hope sacrificed, Speak in a voice that is braver than these

His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes: there are still many half truths being uttered by the 13 good clergymen and true and by such ladies as Mrs. Benson. Why do these people want birth control to be national policy? The one reason advanced is economic. To relieve the poor which of course would enable the rich to keep all of their money without any demands for charity? Mrs. Benson said, "The real effort to the poor is to deny them knowledge of birth control which is available to the rich." May I ask who is fooling whom?  
 What is this secret formula for no babies that the rich possess and the poor know not? How many of present day poor among girls and women of child bearing age can't read, write, and hear? Any one of these accomplishments is all that is necessary to know about birth control. Oh, course there are several expensive ones which manufacturers "ballyhoo" to build up a business.  
 The 13 good men and true attack the Cardinal's speech on the aspect that Catholics have no right to protest against birth control practices of others outside of the Catholic faith. Who does or who would if the individuals who practice birth control were not trying to enact legislation giving sanction to all the youth of the land on the practice of it? The Cardinal's message is not against man! After all Catholics are American citizens and have sworn to defend this land as well as non-Catholics. In what better way can a Catholic defend his country than in making certain that this country does not become a nation of middle-aged or old people and eventually a dying nation? I wonder sometimes if leaders in other faiths do not want to ease their own consciences by getting the Catholic Church to say that birth control practice is no offense against God!

As for the knowledge that every social worker and social scientist possess about excessive birth control, injuring a mother's health and the large family never lifting itself from the depths of destitution, how about the ancestors of whom they boast? They would not be here if the average number of children per family in all classes one hundred and thirty years ago was not eight. Who is to blame for the destitution? Because some foreign born woman may have said to a social worker, "Too many kids, no food." No, no, no, a cry of exultation went up from the birth control mothers. Ah here were poor mothers lamenting too many children! They never added the why for the work for man, no shoes, no food." And it behooves men who use their intellect and women as well to be might certain of the economic aspects of birth control before they make statements for public consumption.  
 Would not Dr. O. E. Baker, Senior Agricultural Economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture be accurate in his estimate about the population in this country? In his paper "The Church and The Rural Youth" he gives such facts as these:  
 "The decline in births began nearly a decade before the depression started in 1929, and it was during the last ten years continuing less than half as many children will be born twenty years hence, as were ten years ago. Half as many births means eventually, unless immigration from abroad is slowed in, a declining population to about half."  
 More he writes "The United States has been a nation composed largely of young people. It has been dominantly rural and the number of children per family is about as large among farm people as is in the population living in large cities. With urbanization the Nation is becoming middle-aged and the prospect is that old age will set upon its members only 25 to 30 years hence. During the next quarter century there should be the strength of middle age, and then, unless the birth rate rises, or there is a heavy immigration from abroad, a decline will set in. No nation can suffer such a continued decrease in births as that of the last decade and not suffer a decline in strength that accompanies rapidly aging population."  
 He adds "From the national standpoint the immediate effects of a declining population will be the great difficulty of stopping the downward trend. The insufficient number of children in one generation to sustain population stationary will result in a smaller number of mothers who will, unless the birthrate rises rapidly, give birth to a smaller number of daughters. Thus a downward spiral in population is endangered. The probability is that once a decline in population sets in, it will become persistent and progressive. The next few decades are, in my opinion years of grace for the American people. The people of the Nation must see clearly the causes and the consequences of the declining birthrate and resolutely set about to prevent them."  
 Are you listening, 13 good men, and true?

The authority, Dr. O. E. Baker gives this message for thought. "The message I wish to leave with you is that the restoration of the family as the fundamental institution of society, the development of an economic system which does not penalize parenthood, the establishment of a social code which approves the self-sacrifice of parents for the sake of children, and the revival of emphasis on the duty of individuals to promote the welfare of the Nation and the race, are, in my opinion, essential to the preservation of any civilization. If the American people continue in the way they are going, they are likely to bring upon the Nation the fate which descended upon ancient Rome.  
 I ask you would birth control be the solution for the nation's economic problems? I ask you too

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**Wins Horace Prize**



Margaret M. Fitzgerald, of the College of Mount St. Vincent, New York City, who won second place in a nation-wide contest for college students in the translation of poetry by Horace. Miss Fitzgerald translated the tenth ode in Book II. Another Catholic college student, Chester Neudling of St. Louis University, St. Louis, won third place, for his translation of the 21st ode in Book III. The contest was held in observance of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Horace.

**Peace With Justice, Charity Urged by Pope at Consistory**

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 added condolences on the death Monday morning of Cardinal Legato. "We do not oppose to speak at length," Pope Pius XI said, "although there is no lack of subjects both joyful and sorrowful upon which we might express ourselves. Among the joyful events it is sufficient to mention those triumphal demonstrations of faith which took place, among others, at Lourdes, Buenos Aires, Cleveland, Terrazo, Prague, Ljubljana and Lima, where immense multitudes of people assisted under the leadership and example of their Bishops, their civil magistrates and nobles of their lands.  
 "Nor, as We have said, is there a lack of sorrowful subjects which have filled our paternal heart with sadness, such as especially the events which are taking place in Russia and Mexico, and to a certain extent also in Germany. We do not desire to go further with this sad review. We desire to refer to those conflicts which for a long time have preoccupied not only Europe and Africa but indeed the whole world."

**Holy Redeemer A. A. Sets Christmas Party, Dec. 28**

The Holy Redeemer Athletic Association will hold its annual Christmas party Saturday evening, Dec. 28. An extensive program and floor show has been arranged. Members and friends of the club are asked to attend this party.

**PARTY FOR YOUNG FOLKS AT HOLY APOSTLES, DEC. 20**

The young people of Holy Apostles parish will hold a social in the school hall, Austin St., on Friday evening, Dec. 20.  
 Music will be furnished by Johnny Schwarz and his orchestra. Gerald Marks is chairman of the fête, and is assisted by Frank Camella, Walter Corcoran, Leo Szatziel, Joseph Shitzel, Arline Deuter, Alice Gandy, Dorothy Gandy, Margaret McGovern and Lauretta Sullivan.

any Catholic the right to stand by and not protest against any national laws which may teach our young people that it is fitting and proper to limit the family the way advocates of birth control are now doing? Anyway these people may console themselves that the gentle America they would produce will not belong to their sons and daughters. They are all too few in numbers. Please God we Catholic daughters They are all too few in number's earnest and the grave is not the goal will fight for an economic order in this country where we can bring up a family in excessive numbers but a family of enough number to carry on for God and America.  
 Think it over Mrs. S. M. "All the beauty of the king's daughter comes from within."



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**Midnight Mass at the Cathedral**

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 The program of music for Christmas at the Cathedral will be:  
 Christmas Carols sung before Mass by the students of St. Andrew's Seminary  
 I. Carols: "Resonet in Laudibus" 14th Century ..... Dom Pothier  
 "Angels We Have Holed on High" ..... Montani  
 "Shepherds in the Field Abiding" ..... Noel Bisshoff  
 "Silent Night" ..... Montani  
 "Adeste Fidelis" ..... Traditional  
 II. Processions: "Adeste Fidelis" arranged by John Paul Bonn Sung by Cathedral Men and Boys Choir  
 III. Mass:  
 Introit: "Dominus dicit ad me" Seminarians  
 Kyrie Eleison ..... Carnevali  
 Gloria in Esolanus ..... Carnevali  
 Cathedral Choir  
 Graduale ..... "Te cum principium" Seminarians  
 Credo III ..... Gregorian  
 Both Choirs  
 Offertory ..... "Centurium epi" Seminarians  
 Supplicatory Offertory  
 Cantet Nunc Io ..... Traditional  
 Congregation  
 Sanctus ..... Carnevali  
 Cathedral Choir  
 Agnus Dei ..... Carnevali  
 Cathedral Choir  
 Communion: "In splendore sanctuorum" Seminarians  
 IV. Recessional: Holy God ..... Traditional  
 Congregation

Fifty students from the Seminary under the direction of Mr. Stephen H. Canby compose the sanctuary choir. The Cathedral choir, composed of twenty men and twenty boys is directed by John Paul Bonn with Francis Bonn as Assistant Director. The "Adeste Fidelis" which is being sung for the first time by the Cathedral choir is an new arrangement of this time honored hymn by John Paul Bonn for five part voices.  
 This musical program will be repeated at the 11:00 Mass on Christmas day.

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