

Support of Catholic Press Is Surveyed by High School Students

Superior Miss. (N.C.) As a Catholic Press Month activity students of the Catholic Action Union of Catholic High School here conducted a survey in this city with a view to emphasizing the necessity for the promotion of Catholic reading.

On the basis of 197 questionnaires answered the students found that in the Catholic homes this covered the Catholic newspapers are subscribed to while 254 secular newspapers are taken or a ratio of three Catholic newspapers to about three secular subscriptions.

It was also found that 141 Catholic magazines are taken regularly in these homes, while 506 secular magazines are regularly read, or an average of one Catholic magazine to about four secular subscriptions. The Catholic newspapers entering these homes only occasionally were in the ratio of one to two when compared with the secular newspapers taken occasionally. The Catholic magazines taken occasionally were in the ratio of one to six with the secular magazines taken occasionally.

FILM SAINT'S LIFE Prague (N.C.) Plans are being made here to make a motion picture of the life of Blessed Agnes of Bohemia daughter of King Premysl Ottakar I of Bohemia devout disciple of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare.

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PEN CHATS WITH THE PALS CATHOLIC GIRL



by Susan Russell

HEART BURNINGS AND MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS My dear Girls, I wonder why it is so many people these days deliberately try to wound others on every possible occasion and not only to wound them to the very heart but to glory in it. I can not remember the time when judging from letters and conversations so many are "misunderstood" in even their family life and as a result of this many are unhappy and the part in a conversation for fear of what will follow. Why can't this sort of thing be stopped, at least in family circles? Personally I can't understand how being "misunderstood" by individuals or groups could mislead anyone so terribly unhappy as not to care about anything on earth. One person or group of persons, could never have that effect upon me. Perhaps it's the gypsy heart in me but at any rate there is a something inside of me that nothing can ever wholly quench a something that keeps the sunshine bright and the great outside world beautiful.

Now, my answer to these misunderstandings may not be the right one, but I want to say to them I would not depend upon any one person, or any group, for my life's complete happiness. It seems to me I've made a mistake to let anyone gain that influence over you. If you are sure you are right, what difference does it make if someone is pointing or angry? Try to be always pleasant and never chip in on shoulders, but remember that you could not please every one if you tried from dawn to dark.

Seeking and Finding Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ was never understood even by those He loved best. He was misunderstood. His life was lonely, but He cared enough about mankind to be crucified on a cross and to die on a lonely hill, the manna might be deemed. Gratitude has not even been given Him, yet He was the Son of God. Did you ever think of this you who are so misunderstood?

Unfortunately there are super-sensitive souls that are "far seeing." They can detect the clay select notes before it is visible to others. They can detect the harsh-words that is hidden in the cloyed sweetness of speech and they show their contempt for such conduct. To those of us who are a bit slow about such things it seems as if these people are looking for a hurt where none was intended but that isn't true. Still

OLIVER PALMS Greetings to our new Pal Helen M. Hackett, Marjorie Chilton, Eleanor Schickel. Welcome letters have come from E. N. V. M. M. M. H. P. B. M. H. M. B. C. P. F. S. R. L. W.

For those who don't know, if you want to join the Pen Pals just send me the name and address of your pastor, a recent stamp, and tell me something about yourself.

Dear Pal, I am so proud of the fact that we did get that overcoat for the mission. For it was indebted to Catherine C. and also for three pairs of mittens to go with the overcoat. That was the worst. It came about because of Catherine's interest and the appreciation of the Friends of a Revered Friend.

I also want to tell you my only Pal that is ahead of all of us in the matter of pen pals. She honors every Pal by the fact we are deemed worthy to have that name on our letters. Are we proud? Are we grateful? I want to thank Anna D. for a warm coat a memorial Mass for the mother of a Pal and for a beautiful booklet "The Novenas of the Rosary." Anna is a wonderful Pal with many needs to be met. I'd like to tell Mrs. J. J. R. that her blanket came in time to keep a new baby warm, and was so appreciated. Our thanks are also due Mrs. M. H. for a splendid overcoat. We are so grateful to have these things we need so much. At the same time we must remember these were exceptional cases and that our first duty is to those who need in our own parish.

Now, pals, please put your complete address at the head of all letters ALWAYS. S. R.

A Catholic Dictionary of Thoughts (Compiled by the REV. WALTER F. LIESCH, MATRIMONY) Humanity speaking there is nothing more important than matrimony for it is marriage that makes the lives of most men and women Christian. Humble without being better than proud, virgin, Auguste. Men dream in couples, but in sedulous wake, Pope. Maid blessing man, remember. You take his nature with his name. Ask too what his religion is. For you will soon be of the same Country. Nothing short of a sacramental consecration by the hand of God ever justified an attempt at nuptial union. O'Malley. The most sacred thing that the world can give, after the Love of God, is the love of a woman. Msgr. R. H. Benson. The way to avoid theedium of matrimony is to make it fruitful. Msgr. J. J. Sheen. MONASTERY RISES Honolulu (N.C.) Work is progressing satisfactorily on the \$20,000 monastery being built here for the incapacitated and retired priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart who have served in the Hawaiian Islands.

Catholic Honor Group Conducts Fiction Contest

Detroit (N.C.) The annual short story contest of Kappa Gamma Pi national honor society of Catholic women's colleges, now under way. The competition will close on March 30. The contest this year is being conducted by Miss Ellen Whelan of this city. It is designed to encourage the development of Catholic writers among students in Catholic colleges, and is open to all undergraduates in the Catholic women's colleges affiliated with Kappa Gamma Pi. First prize will be \$25 and the second \$10. The winning story also will receive national publication through a newspaper syndicate. Miss Whelan is a graduate of the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington.

Catholics In American History

MARTIN JOHN SPALDING As seventh Archbishop of Baltimore during the formative period of the Church in this country, Spalding's life and work are a testimony to his administrative ability and his enlightened interest in the welfare of his country. He was a great leader in the organization and development of the Church in this country, and his influence is still felt in the leading citizens of the nation and in the history of the time of his death tributes from all classes of people.

His forefathers came from England in the middle of the 17th century. He received his early education at Lebanon, Kentucky, and when only 14 years old taught mathematics. He studied philosophy and theology at Bardonia, after which he entered the Propaganda in Rome, where he distinguished himself as a brilliant student.

Upon his return to America he became pastor of the Cathedral at Bardonia, and editor of the Catholic Advocate. He was appointed Bishop of Louisville. He secured the services of the Xavier Brothers to build up education in this country, and he returned to Europe to plan for the establishment of the American College at Louvain. He wrote ably in defense of the Faith published a history of the Reformation and other works, and lectured at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, and other American cities.

Called to the See of Baltimore he founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society at home of the Good Shepherd St. Mary's Industrial School and completed the Cathedral. He placed the American College in Rome on a sound financial basis. He presided over the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore and furnished the movement for the establishment of the Catholic University of America. He was a tireless worker and a leading spirit in the organization of many projects for the spread of the Faith. He was born at Bardonia, Kentucky in 1810 and died at Baltimore in 1882.

German Catholics Throughout World Total 38,000,000

Berlin (N.C.) There are 38,000,000 German Catholics all over the world, according to a statistical survey published by the Katholisches Jahrbuch der Steyl-Missionary. The total population of Germany is 62,141,153. Of these 21,943,702 are Catholics. Outside of Germany in the American Hemisphere, in no other country is there so large a concentration of Catholics. In Australia the statistics show that there are 27,197,199 Germans of whom 10,979,000 are Catholics.

Famous Swiss Shrine To Note Anniversary Fribourg, Switzerland (N.C.) Mazin-Stein, the famous pilgrimage place of the Benedictine Fathers, near Basle will celebrate its three hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of Benedictine activities there on April 22. The pilgrimage dates back to 1300 and is first to Einsiedeln, perhaps the most popular in Switzerland. Ten years ago the magnificent church tower, rising high up on a Jura hill close to the French border, was given the rank of a Papal Basilica.

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A Story Corner For Children 'Cousin Ken'



THE SCARECROW Many years ago there was a farmer who had a habit of putting up scarecrows, not only when they were needed to protect his crops, but all over his fields at any time or season. And one day a little boy, passing one of the farmer's fields in the snow saw a scarecrow there with the good old farmer looking at it with a very puzzled face.

"Good day Farmer Giles," said the boy "what a funny idea to put up a scarecrow in the snow. What are all those letters on it?"

"The farmer had written a big letter on the scarecrow's hat face body and legs."

"An 'A' young man," replied the farmer "it's a habit of mine to keep on putting up the scarecrows when they be good at all, and I'm trying to cure myself of that. Why I've never had an 'A' yet."

"If that is the case," smiled the boy, "why don't you pull it down and be home with it?"

"Name so busy, you," sighed the farmer "it's been too long since I've had a scarecrow. I made one from the young trees rooted in the ground."

"Then pull it down but by bit," suggested the boy.

"Aye," answered the farmer, "and that don't help to much." "See? It's made of 'A'." "Take it off and I'll have a BIT left. Take the head off, and I'll have a BIT standing. Remove the body, and I'll see you're left with a BIT. So see, you see, we've got a habit of being so simple to get rid of, and once I do manage to free myself of this habit I'll take great care to make good use in the future for if good habits are hard to get rid of, it's this bad habit of mine is I shall then do very well."

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Man is from God, for God, and is to return to God. Amen

What Do You Know? (Questions on Page 9) 1. Len. 2. The Parable of the Fishing Net (Matt 13). 3. A High Mass is the complete rite of the Mass, the priest, assisted by the deacon and subdeacon, and all the rubrics of the Order of Mass observed, such as chanting the Gospel, incensing altar, ministers and people. A Low Mass is a shortened and simplified form of the High Mass, with priest and server only. 4. The Roman god Mars March is the month of special devotion to St. Joseph. 5. St. Louis Mo. It is an association of lay women to supplement the charitable works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It works to a certain extent in collaboration with certain religious congregations and lay societies in many parts of the country. (N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

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Don Angel Herrera Famous As Spanish Editor, To Be Priest

(Continued from page 9) possessed were creating multiple works of Catholic Action. When Pope Benedict XV sent the Nuncio, now Cardinal Tardini, to Spain, His Excellency found the soil well prepared for the organization of Catholic Action and he became the intimate friend of the Director of El Debate. Catholic Action Leader. Since that time there has been no work of Catholic Action in which Herrera has not had a part. His intelligent and profoundly religious activity has made itself felt throughout Spain. In the political sphere, he organized the Catholic Party. Gil Robles began his political life under the tutelage of Herrera. Don Angel devoted his time and attention to the Catholic press and propagation, properly speaking, while Gil Robles drew up his political plans. To give cohesion and a national character to the Catholic Action groups, the students' associations, the Propagandists, youth movements, study clubs, etc., Herrera, working with the Hierarchy and aided by the Nuncio, organized the Central Union of Catholic Action from among his disciples and El Debate and all its adjuncts were devoted absolutely to the multiple works of Catholic Action. To keep his assistants in other countries, some were sent to the United States, others to Germany, Belgium, England, or Italy. With a future Catholic University in view the Center of University Studies was founded, and the Summer School at Santander organized. A training school for priest-counselors of Catholic Action was started at Madrid, as well as the Institute of Social Work to train labor speakers; the retreat houses; the Secretariat of Social Work to co-ordinate the activities of Catholic labor unions, and others. It may be said with all truth that with his advent, Catholic Action in Spain was launched upon a new epoch, just as was the Catholic Press in Spain when he entered the field of journalism.

Prepared for New Regime Don Angel Herrera has to a great extent guided the political activity of the vast majority of Spanish Catholics. Without his prudence, the change of regime in Spain would have brought about a condition like that in Mexico. Our character is our will, for what we will, we are.



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