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Puppy Love
A SHORT STORY
By Margaret Donohue

"Now, Steve, please listen to reason. This is no puppy love affair, it's the pleading of Percy Fowler, a junior in high school, and one who was usually carried away by members of the opposite sex."

"I know, you've said that before; but since then you've taken every girl you see; and it's only October. Well, what's her name?" said the tall, dignified Steve, who considered Percy more of a protégé than an inseparable pal.

"Her name is Mitzel, and her hair reminds me of the falling leaves in autumn and her eyes of a sparkling lake in sunshine."

"Yep, yep, hurry or we'll be late for class." And Steve refused to take his friend's new crush seriously.

It was Friday afternoon and the whole school was excited over the Junior Prom, which was to be held that evening.

Steve met Percy after class and inquired if he were taking Mitzel. "No, I wish I could; but I don't think it can be arranged."

That night Percy arrived at the dance with Jean Northrup and of course he was escorted by her. Steve appeared to be having a good time and Steve thought his pal took the matter rather lightly.

When Steve met Percy on the following day, he thought it best not to mention the preceding evening or Mitzel. And he asked, "Say, are you going bowling tonight?"

"Sorry, I'm all dated up with Mitzel."

As the weeks passed Steve was seeing less and less of his friend and still no Mitzel appeared on the scene. After thinking the matter over and becoming worried about Percy's intentions, he decided to ask his friend point blank about the new girl who was fast snatching the two pals.

Steve inquired Percy at football practice on Thursday night, he inquired, "Say, when am I going to meet that red-headed beauty?"

And much to his surprise, Percy answered, "Well, you see I'm going to take her to the dance on Saturday afternoon and you can come along if you care to. Meet us at Fairgate and I'll pick you up at one-fifteen."

At that he was off, leaving his friend standing with a very mysterious expression on his face.

But at one-o'clock on the following Saturday, Steve wrapped himself about a light pole at the appointed spot, and waited patiently for his friend to appear. After standing for what seemed hours, he saw Percy approaching and leading a dog on a leash, but no girl. Steve suddenly became hot with intense anger, he thought that his best friend had deceived him. As Percy approached Steve noticed a large blue ribbon tied to the dog's neck.

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And at that Steve fell in step with Percy and proceeded down the street with a beautiful red-headed setter between them. Steve's face became as red as the ribbon on the dog's neck.

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reader was concerned, our Holy Father, the Pope, could have put his signature under the article. Here lies the danger in reading articles in secular papers and periodicals. Often on the surface they appear innocent and correct, especially when written by eminent secular authors, like Brisbane, who had a facile pen and still a speck of faith left. They write with authority on any subject and discuss even theological questions with a bravado that challenges Thomas Aquinas and the whole school of Scholasticism. No particular harm was done by this article referred to, except that Brisbane gave the reader believing that God was another Santa Claus who showered his gifts indiscriminately during the holy days, just to make people happy; whether they deserved it or not.

The spirit of God is the spirit of righteousness. "Because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts." The greatest and only true happiness lies in a clear conscience, in the realization and satisfying conviction of duties performed and well done. All the wishing in the world and extending of cheerful messages by children cannot make parents happy on Christmas day if the parents feel guilty towards their children on account of neglecting their full duty in their regard.

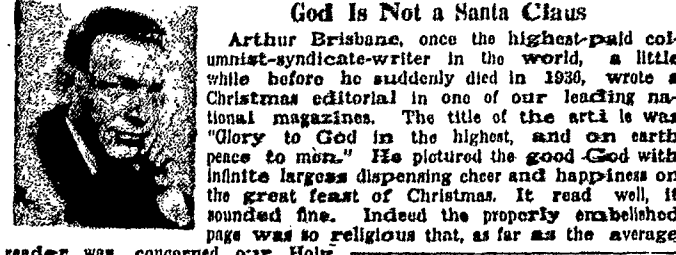
Children are bound to feel like gods in offering presents on the Day of Peace to their father and mother whom they slight during the rest of the year. The showing of an ocean of affection for one day, the showing of a husband and wife feel religious when papa has been untrue to mama, a diving the year or mamma makes papa's life miserable throughout the long months.

The child did not sing from the heaven, "on earth peace and good will to men of good will." God will not make people happy who deliberately refuse to be of good will either towards God or their fellow men. Catholics who are indifferent about their religious duties, go to Mass on Sunday if they happen to have their mother duties, and live in sin for the rest of the year, are not of good will; hence God cannot make them happy on Christmas day. The joy which the child has in offering presents to the heart; it is a more abiding; it is not peaceful, because it does not come from God.

People who are rich because they were dishonest, through cheating and stealing, or not paying what was due or fair and just, cannot be truly happy, although they have the money to buy whatever they want to buy. People who take a sadistic pleasure in criticizing, belittling, slandering and calumniating their neighbors or relatives with reason or without reason, cannot be truly happy. For they are guilty of a grave injustice which they cannot repair. Men and women who, like animals, seek their joy in lust cannot be happy, for they know that thereby they are doing wrong to their neighbors and dragging others to hell with them.

The spirit of God's Son is the spirit of righteousness. He came into this world to redeem us, to save us from, to make us happy. This cannot be accomplished in acts of Him; we must heed His dictates, we must follow His example, we must be of good will. If peace and happiness were possible otherwise than by being of good will, the fundamental truth as to the most dangerous for life or earth and life to come. Still, many Catholics have adopted an unchristian policy of life, they do so, especially by reading articles in books that were not exactly by dogmatically unchristian. Hence constant indifference to reading literature that keeps one's conception of spiritual values well balanced.

I Believe - I Battle
by
The Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M.H. Wijnhoven
Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South



God Is Not a Santa Claus

Arthur Brisbane, once the highest-paid columnist-syndicator in the world, a little while before he suddenly died in 1936, wrote a Christmas editorial in one of our leading national magazines. The title of the article was "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men." He pictured the good God with infinite largesse dispensing cheer and happiness on the great feast of Christmas. It read well, it sounded fine. Indeed the properly established page was so religious that, as far as the average

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Fostering Vocations

By Marie Cecilia McGrath, Ph.D.

In the merciful providence of God, the parochial school system, "manned" today chiefly by the hidden consecrated lives of 60,000 women, has been one of the great means of preserving and spreading the Catholic Faith in America. I call attention to the debt of gratitude we owe to our Sisters, both as Catholics and Americans. I should like also to note how deeply we should strive to implant in the hearts of our little children a love and reverence for the Sisters. So many problems of life disappear before the magic of love and reverence.

There is yet another way in which you can pay your debt to these noble women—pray that God will use at least one of your daughters to establish the work which they are doing. The grace of vocation is God-given; therefore, you must pray that God give it to souls. But the seed of a vocation, after it is given, must be cherished in the warmth and love and discipline of the Catholic home. Therefore, you must work that the vocations of your children be developed.

Don John, the perfect environment and educator of our grandfathers' day, used to say that what has not yet been discovered for plants and flowers can be created for children. Home surroundings of a nature to foster the development of all the good points in children's characters, while the germs of evil in their nature are made to die a natural death are of civic and heretofore. Saint John Bosco insisted in his educational system that it is the business of parents and teachers to create around children such a secure atmosphere that it is practically impossible for them to do wrong. They must always be busy and happy, both at work and at play. This new St. John said that for a child to be a true Christian, he must always be oriented to the inspiration of God and adapted himself to each new circumstance as it arose.

Now how can you do "your bit" toward keeping up the wonderful work of the Sisters in their support of the Church in America? I am taking for granted that it is only necessary to call your attention to the burden of education which Catholic Religious have carried to make you realize its importance to the Faith and to the nation. It seems to me there are a few things to be done in order to assure the vocation in your home which will make you, as parents, a true sharer in this work of saving and strengthening the Faith.

(1) Pray that God may choose a child of yours for this work. (2) In your children to love and cherish a vocation as God's greatest gift after that of the Faith. (3) Make your home truly Catholic—a haven of supernatural life. By this I mean a home where God is ever present and His Will is ever welcome, be it easy or hard. (4) Bring up your children in the fear of God, the love of teaching them to love to do hard things because Our Lord did them.

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ALHAMBRA STARTS 'Sweepstake' Roll For New Members

The "Alhambra Sweepstake", the 1938 membership campaign of the Alhambra, Order of the Alhambra, will get off to a start next week under the direction of Vice-Grand Commander Frank M. Donohue.

Team captains have been designated as "heroes" in the race first of which will be completed at the Grand meeting on January 14 at Hotel Sagamore.

In the contest are these "heroes": "Sloppy Weather," George A. Conway; "Moose," Nicholas J. O'Sullivan; "The Bishop," Gerald J. Mahoney; "Lifford," James M. Nettle; "Derby Duke," George Puddington; and "Fallen Arches," George Alberts.

The Alhambra has two purposes, nobility and the marking of Catholic historical places. Candidates must be third degree members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.

Canadian Chief Justice is Prominent Catholic

OTTAWA—Justice of Appeal William Ferdinand Alphonse Turgeon, of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan, has been named to succeed Sir Frederick Haultain as Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Turgeon is a well-known Catholic.

Hospital Party Committees Named

Great interest is being shown in the forthcoming party for the benefit of St. Mary's Hospital, to be held Wednesday evening, December 28 at eight o'clock in Blessed Sacrament Hall. The women's board assisted by a men's committee is working hard to make that date a memorable one for all who attend the party.

Mrs. John A. Murray, general chairman of arrangements, is assisted by Mrs. Francis P. Beattie, vice-chairman and the following executive committee: Mrs. Leo F. Simpson, chairman of the refreshment committee has as her assistants: Mrs. Fred Odenbach, Mrs. James Stafford and Mrs. John W. Jardine together with ten of these members of the graduating class of Blessed Sacrament School.

Mrs. Donald A. Dally and Mrs. David Lawless have as their assistants: Mrs. William Eastman, Mrs. Joseph Murray, Mr. Edward

Mrs. F. J. G. Connor, Mrs. A. B. Hone, Mrs. Frank X. Kelly, Mrs. Francis J. Yawman, Mrs. William Winans and Mrs. Kendall Castle.

In charge of the checkroom, Mrs. Benedict Duffy is assisted by a committee of capable young men.

Mrs. David Lawless, chairman of the men's committee on pins, announces the following members on his committee: Mr. Louis A. Langan, Mr. Rudolph Siebert, Mr. Charles J. Paisley, Dr. Benedict Duffy, Mr. Francis P. Beattie, Mr. John C. McManus, Frank X. Kelly, Mr. John W. Jardine and Mr. Joseph Murray. On the publicity committee: Mrs. Harold F. Jenkins, Miss Grace Murphy, Miss Madeline Eddy, Miss Eleanor Gleason and Mrs. Louis A. Langan, are assisting Mrs. John C. McManus.

Mrs. Francis P. Beattie and Mrs. Rudolph Siebert as ticket committee announce the price of admission twenty-five cents.

Facts and News about YOUR NATIONAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

For many years leaders in Catholic social work in this country had felt the need of some central school that would give expression to their thinking and practices and to which they could turn for aid and assistance in solving many problems of personnel and information with which they are beset.

This thought was discussed whenever directors of charities met and finally they pooled their interests and the result was the Catholic University School of Social Work became a reality.

This school was located at the National Catholic Pontifical Institute of Higher Learning for this country in Washington, the nation's capital, because of the great movements emanating from the newly-aroused social consciousness of the Federal Government.

These leaders believed that the literature produced by such a school through the writings of its faculty and the researches of its graduate students would provide a solid basis for Catholic social programs. They believed, too, that a Catholic School, such as they envisioned, would make an important contribution to social welfare in all its branches throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

In their conviction, the curriculum of such a school would combine the teaching, the tradition, and the culture of the Catholic Church with the best that social science and modern teaching had to offer. As a Catholic educational institution, therefore, the School of Social Work places special emphasis upon the application of Christian principles and standards to every phase of its activities.

Those whose influence resulted in the founding of the School of Social Work know that trained leadership was necessary for their own work was to continue with success, and training for leadership.

One cannot appreciate the significance of the governmental program without an understanding of the condition that gave it birth. Social work as it functions at the Catholic University might be described as a movement through which the principles of philosophy and religion, and the findings in the fields of biology, economics, psychology and political science are applied to individuals or groups whose needs are not only social institutions as they function in society today. This requires a broad and basic training and it is the aim of the School of Social Work to provide it.

Social work cannot be taught without a solid philosophy. The School of Social Work, therefore, requires all lay students, and all others who have not had adequate preparation in philosophy, to study social philosophy. Social work cannot be developed without training in case work. The School of Social Work recognizes this as the most important instrument in dealing with the individual and gives it appropriate treatment.

Classroom and Field Work

Instruction in the School is divided between the classroom and field work. During the first year the student is required to take certain fundamental courses in social work including a minimum of fifteen hours each week devoted exclusively in the field of family case work. The summer between the

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