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SPAIN'S LAW ON BIRTHS DISASTER IN LITHUANIA

Spain Laws Protecting Families Fix Penalties For Birth Control

MADRID (U.S.)—Laws for the protection of the family, decreed by the Franco Government, fix severe penalties for abortion and make punishable the closing of all establishments or centers devoted to the practice of birth control or the dissemination of contraceptive propaganda. In addition to heavy fines imposed on individuals, physicians will be barred from the practice of their profession for a period of years.

Such birth control centers have been in operation in Spain, more or less clandestinely, have almost been closed, and it is not the intention of the Government to tolerate the opening of new ones under any guise. It was stated that the laws for the passage of the new laws protecting the family must be given to the parents' organization known as *Padres e Familiares*, which, throughout the Republic, has been fighting for the right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their wishes. It is still alert as to the rights and needs of parents and the family, and continues its fruitful work as an affiliated organization of the Men's Branch of Catholic Action.

Reorganized in conformity with the wishes expressed by the Holy See, according to the plan proposed by the late Cardinal Gomara, Primate of Spain, the whole Catholic Action movement in Spain is developing along lines that are satisfactory to both Church and State. For example, the Men's Branch is composed of organizations of individuals grouped according to their specific interests or aims. In public affairs, these organizations act independently, but in matters involving the Church or Hierarchy, or their relation to these, they act through the Central Council of Catholic Action.

St. Andrew's Parish

GIRL SCOUT ANNIVERSARY

The 20th Anniversary of Girl Scouting was fittingly commemorated at St. Andrew's when the members of the two troops celebrated Holy Communion in a body at the 9:00 o'clock Mass, after which they repaired to the hall for their annual Communion Breakfast. As guests of the parish, the girls of the other troops of the neighborhood, members of whom are older in Scout service. Special prizes were presented to some members of these troops present who have been serving as auxiliary helpers working with the younger parish Scouts.

The breakfast in the School Hall was served by members of the Women's Committee for Troop Nos. 188 and 189. The troop leaders, Mrs. Philip Gabello, Miss Sarah Ferrara, Miss Elvira Heintz and Miss Sue Ferrara, have given unstintingly of their time and energy, and as a result have two troops which in equipment and training hold the short year of their existence. This was the sentiment of the Pastor, Father Eckl, as he watched the demonstration and entertainment which followed the breakfast.

Serving on the committee and working hard to make the affair the success which it was, were the following committee women: As Chairman, Mrs. Fred Eckl; as Secretary, Miss Harry Janowski; Assisting Secretary, Mrs. Madeline Beron; Treasurer, Miss Louise Decker; Art Foss, Louis Flan, George Galaz, George Karaman, James Miller, Harry Rock, Louis Syracuse and George Ziegler.

Members of the Sodality of Our Lady will meet the date of their postponed meeting next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the School Hall. The meeting is scheduled to get under way promptly as there has been a full and worthwhile program planned. As this day is also the feast of St. Patrick, a light-hearted, informal Irish Minstrel has been planned by the Sodality Life Committee. In a more serious but none the less enjoyable affair is the activity of the Apostolic Committee, who will focus attention cleverly on Vacation Week with special costumes and programs.

The Eucharistic Committee of the Junior Holy Name and the Sodality are striving to make its 22nd-Lenten Corporate Holy Communion Mass memorable in the number of members participating on the Third Sunday of the Month. At the 9:00 o'clock Mass, older members of the Junior Holy Name will take over their old jobs as Servers at Mass, while the others participate in a "Dialogue Mass."

Holy Father Prays for Peace



In this picture just received from Vatican City, His Holiness Pope Pius XII is shown as he prayed in St. Peter's basilica, during a Mass for peace. (N.C.W.C.)

Pope's Peace Labors Told On Anniversary

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ended Pius XI at the 22nd Pope of the Catholic Church. Endowed by nature and grace with the superlative qualities of the priesthood, fortified with the profoundest and most extensive public career, His Holiness followed in the footsteps of three Popes who had labored and died that the peace of Christ might prevail in a bewildering world. Taking the name of his illustrious predecessor, the reigning Pontiff has also taken the same place in world affairs that characterized Pius XI. In the two years that have elapsed since his coronation, Pius XII has offered vigorous, positive and righteous programs for a peace with justice and charity in this war-torn, war-torn world.

Pius XII was destined by God to preside over the Church and guide the spiritual destinies of people of all times and climes. He was chosen by God to bring forth the most fruitful fruits of the Christian era, which is the consummation of the work of the Holy Spirit. In the two years that have elapsed since his coronation, Pius XII has offered vigorous, positive and righteous programs for a peace with justice and charity in this war-torn, war-torn world.

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Princes of Peace At the beginning of his pontificate he issued an encyclical letter addressed to all the world expounding forcefully the external principles of justice, liberty and peace. The words which he uttered in that historic document are still heard in the hearts of all who love peace. The force, the influence that are to renew the face of the earth must spring from man's heart. Age and again he raised his authoritative voice and wielded his expressive pen to expose and condemn the evils which have led to the present world disaster.

Opposed Pagan Gospel Against the pagan gospel of the deification of the State he wrote: "Whoever considers the State to be the end toward which all is directed, is in error. The State is not an end in itself, but only a means to the end of the good of the individual human person."

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The Catholic Church In Lithuania

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