

Canada's Youth Problems Cited

WT. JOHN, N. Y.—Because most of their younger men are entering the war services, priests in every parish in the Dominion are finding it difficult to conduct their youth organizations, the Rev. Hector Daly, A. J., of Montreal, national chaplain of the Canadian Catholic Youth Union, said in an address to the Catholic Youth Organization here.

Father Daly recently toured Canada in behalf of the Catholic youth movement, giving addresses at each diocesan base. Outlining his findings, he told the C.Y.O. here: "There is no indifference, no lackadaisical attitude on the part of Catholic youth. They know and realize the importance of the task that is theirs in the midst of the turmoil and tragedy of the war."

He urged members to place above all else the primary objective, sanctification of souls and active participation in the lay apostolate.

LAUDS UNIONS

Ottawa.—Norman McLarty, Secretary of State and Acting Minister of Labor, received members of the Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada and voiced appreciation of the "magnificent cooperation" extended by the Catholic unions to the Dominion Government.

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NOVENA ON MONDAYS

Novena Exercises Mondays at 8 P. M. Begin now to make the Novena of Mondays in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Thirty minutes of prayer and singing and devotion, closing with Benediction.

Debt Collection, Apr. 12. To pay interest as due, and a regular amount on the principal is good business practice for the parish. The parish means the people of the parish; your monthly debt gift will promote good business in dealing with the parish debt.

Lenten Banks — We feel some have neglected to return them. They may be dropped in the collection any Sunday.

Thank You for a Generous Easter Collection — over \$1,300 was turned in last Sunday in the Easter Collection, the largest amount in many years. Supplementary offerings for Easter may be placed in the collection today. Look for acknowledgment of your Easter Gift in an early issue of the Bulletin.

Card Party, Auxilium Mothers of Servicemen, Monday at 8:30 P. M. Monday evening in the Church Hall a Grand Card Party, with

prizes and refreshments, will be given by the Mothers of Servicemen to raise funds for the good works for our men in service these women are sponsoring. Thirty-five cents admission. Get a ticket from a member, or at the door Monday night. The Society invites all mothers, sisters, sweethearts, wives, of men in the Army or Navy or other service to join. All are invited to attend the Card Party. Tomorrow after the Novena services.

Tuesday Parties Get Away to a Good Start — The committee in charge of the Tuesday Parties are pleased with the attendance at the first Post-Easter party held last Tuesday in the Church Hall. A still larger one is slated for the coming Tuesday. Fifty cents at the door—entertainment, refreshments, good company, courteous attendants, solid comfort for two hours of joy, and prizes for those who qualify. Father Morphy, Father Malley, Father McVeigh are the clerical members of the committee; they join with the lay members in bidding you welcome; they look for you next Tuesday at 8:30. Be on hand to show your interest, your desire to help them and to help your parish, as well as to enjoy a happy evening.

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Is It Possible? Is It Practical? Is It Historical?

Webster's dictionary defines Celibacy as "the state of being unmarried; single life, especially that of a bachelor; or one bound by vows to an unmarried life."

Is Celibacy without immorality possible?

A gentle old lady whom we know of, makes no bones about her answer when the Catholic priesthood is involved. "Impossible," she tumbles, making a Dr. Jekyll-and-Mr. Hyde change from her former gentility. "Celibacy's against nature. It's a gross hypocrisy that fools the fools, degrades virgins and — and" — and on she went about tunnels and convents and orphan asylums, until her daughter, beautiful, twenty-eight and unmarried, had to rush for the smelling salts and the aromatics.

In the United States there are more than twenty million adults who are unmarried. Some of them are relatives and friends of mine and yours.

Twenty million bachelors and maidens! Who is to accuse them all, or even a majority of them of grievous immorality. No one but beast-like man, who tries to cover his own evil passions in accusations against others.

You know and I know many perfectly moral unmarried men and women who have chosen the single life for purely worldly reasons, because they were called neither to the married nor religious state. Knowing this, how can anyone cast the shadow of suspicion on the Catholic priest, who vows both celibacy and chastity—who receives daily the many graces which God bestows on his priests—whose duties for God and God's children leave little time for any worldly thoughts? Common sense—sense gives the answer.

Is a celibate clergy practical?

How often have you read in the secular press of the Catholic priest at home and in foreign lands, sticking to his post through war and rebellion, through to his life taken. Courage? Yes, but more than that—an undivided allegiance to his duty and to his God. In a celibate priesthood practical? Who can deny it when the real test comes?

Is clerical celibacy historical?

Did Christ command it? No, but He Himself practiced it and advised it when He told the rich young man that to be perfect he

must leave all things and follow Him. St. Peter, 'tis true was a married man, but at the time that Christ called him either his wife was dead, or he had left her to follow his Master. All the other Apostles, so far as the Bible shows, were unmarried. St. Paul, the great celibate, advised in no uncertain terms the state of celibacy for those who were called. The early fathers gave the same advice and from the earliest days celibacy was willingly practiced by most of the clergy. It was not, however, until the time of Leo, the Great (440-461), that the law of priestly celibacy was obligatory throughout the Western Church.

Please bear in mind that celibacy of the priesthood is not a dogma of the Church. It is simply an obligatory law imposed with the view of the duties and dignity of the priesthood. Naturally the Catholic Church does not presume to enact disciplinary laws for any clergy other than its own.

Detailed information on priestly celibacy or on any other Catholic subject will be gladly furnished on request.—Catholic Information Society, Norberth, Pa.

Community Choir Seeks 100 Members

Due to various members now in the armed forces of the United States and many working in Defense Plants, the Community Choir of Rochester, under the direction of Cornelius M. Maquelin, is sponsoring a membership drive for 100 additional new members.

"Under present-day conditions all of us need more and more music as one means of recreation," the membership appeal states. Here is your opportunity to join the Choir. In addition to group singing, it offers voice training, radio broadcasts, concerts, and many other special events. The Choir meets each Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. in the Rochester Gas & Electric Building, 88 East Ave., and anyone interested in joining is most cordially invited to attend the next rehearsal."

Farm Tank Wagons Aid Church Fire Fighters

BELLECHESTER, Minn.—Farmers brought emergency water supplies in farm tank wagons when a water shortage handicapped fire fighters from four communities attempting to control a blaze that damaged St. Mary's Church here. The fire burned out the interior of the church, with estimated damage of \$25,000. It was discovered by the pastor, the Rev. Frederick L. Tschann, and a parishioner.

ALUMNI PRAY

Boston—Members of the alumni of Boston College throughout New York and New England received Holy Communion and offered up prayers yesterday for the safety success of those of their numbers who are now in the armed service.

Pope Honors Veteran Irish Bell Ringer

DUBLIN.—Daniel Kennedy, oldest member of the Irish Association of Change Ringers and conductor of the team at the Augustinian Church, St. John's Lane, here has been honored by the Holy Father for his long and faithful service of over 60 years to the Augustinian Church. At an impressive ceremony in the Church, Mr. Kennedy was formally presented with the decoration of the Order of Pontifical