Bishop To Preside At Diocesan High Graduation Rites

749 Students Graduate At Seven High Schools

With approximately 749 boys and girls to be graduated from the diocesan high schools, commencement exercises will be held over the weekend which will demonstrate the basic religious training inculcated during the four years of the secondary school course.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will preside at the graduation exercises at the various high schools and will present diplomas and awards.

The graduations scheduled follow:

Thursday, June 18—Our Lady of Mercy High School, New Auditorium, 8:30 P. M.

Sunday, June 21—De Sales High School, Geneva, 11:00 A. M.

Sunday, June 21—Elmira Catholic High School, Elmira, 3:00 P. M.

Sunday, June 21—Aquinas Institute, 8:30 P. M.

Monday, June 22—Nazareth Academy, 8:30 P. M.

Tuesday, June 23—Holy Family High School, Auburn, 8:15 P. M.

Graduation exercises at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince St., were held on Friday, June 12, with Bishop Kearney addressing the graduates and conferring diplomas. Graduates were Mary Rose Connor, Virginia Misar, Shirley Ann Simpson, Anne Welch, Anne Lawless, Joan Boland and Patricia Marton.

Aquinas Institute, in charge of the Basilian Fathers, will graduate 237 boys. The Bishop will address the class and Eugene Malley will be Valedictorian. The musical program will be in charge of Raymond J. Hasenauer. Opening the day's program will be a Mass for the graduates celebrated by the Rev. J. H. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal.

With its largest graduating class in history, numbering approximately 222 girls, Nazareth Academy will conduct its commencement, June 22. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will confer diplomas and address the class. Wilma Roth of Holy Rosary parish will be Valedictorian and Mary Lombardo, St. Michael's parish, Salutatorian.

A class of 60 boys and girls will receive diplomas from Bishop Kearney at the Elmira Catholic High School commencement, Sunday at 3.00 P. M. The Rev. William A. Burns, principal, will present the class.

Commencement exercises for DeSales High School, Geneva, will be held in St. Francis de Sales Church with the Bishop presiding Sunday at 11:00 A. M. The class numbers 31.

Diplomas will be awarded to 47 boys and girls, graduates of Holy Family High School, Auburn, in the school auditorium, Tuesday night. The Rev. William Davis, principal, will present the Class to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. Kathryn Cutler will give the Valedictory and Mary Wilson, second highest in average, will speak on the Pope's Silver Jubilee. J. Cullen will be Salutatorian.

The graduation exercises of Our Lady of Mercy High School were advanced one day because of the War Week Parade on Friday.

Bishop Confirms 70 At Army Post

FT. DEVENS, Mass.—The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, officiated Monday at the largest Confirmation ceremony ever held at this post. The Sacrament was administered to 70 persons, among them several officers' wives and children.

Twenty officers of the post formed a guard of honor for the ceremony and music was provided by a choir of soldiers from the 18th Medical Regiment, the 101st Cavalry Regiment and the recruit reception center.

Buenos Aires To Ban Immoral Publications

BUENOS AIRES.—Municipal authorities have drafted an ordinance which would prohibit the sale, distribution, display or publication of books, articles, images, pictures, emblems or other immoral objects of whatever nature in public places or of public access. The ordinance would also provide for the seizure and destruction of such objects already distributed and would amend all existing ordinances on this subject.

CATHOLIC JOURNALISTS IN CONFERENCE

At an international Catholic press conference, held recently in London, are pictured, left to right: Douglas Woodruff, editor of the "Tablet"; Count Michael de la Bedoyere, editor of the "Catholic Herald"; George Barnard, news editor of the London "Universe"; Dr. J. Walsh, editor of the "Catholic Times" of London, and F. X. Aylward, chairman of the international section of the Catholic Universities' Federation. (N.C.W.C.)

BARBAROUS BABIES

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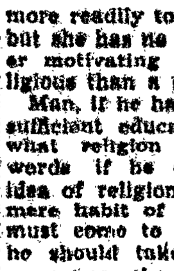
FATHERS, DO NOT MISLEAD!

Why are men in general less religious than women? Some attribute this illogical condition, so prevalent in our country, to the fact that women are more sensitive and have a deeper natural religious feeling than men. This explanation is not quite correct. A woman's finer sense of appreciation may help to dispose her more readily to devotion and piety, but she has no greater and stronger motivating logic for being religious than a man has.



Man, if he has enough brain and sufficient education to understand what religion means — in other words if he does not have the idea of religion confused with the mere habit of going to church—must come to the conclusion that he should take religion to heart even more than his wife and children. Religion means daily service of God, which is made more possible by going to church, by receiving the means of grace, and by praying. It often takes courage and conviction to keep the Ten Commandments, which embody the service of God. Without temptation from within or from without, it would be an easy task to remain good and to be true to God and oneself and those near to us, according to God's wishes.

But we all have temptations. Our evil nature makes us slow in doing good and quick to succumb to what is evil. Some people have more temptations than others. It has to be granted that the average man has more obstacles confronting him than women and children have. This handicap is occasioned both biologically and circumstantially. Hence, the plain, logical conclusion is that man should be more religious than woman, if he wishes to be successful in life's eternal battle.

What then is the answer to the query why men, notwithstanding this simple reasoning, are less religious? It cannot be ignorance, for our boys enjoy the same privileges of correct education that our girls do. The following anecdote will give a little insight into the subject:

"Patricia, do you say your prayers at night?"

"Surely, ma'am, I do. Sometimes I say them at Mother's knee, and sometimes Mother and I kneel by the side of the bed."

"And you, little fellow, what about you?"

"Oh, I don't need to pray. I sleep with Daddy."

And there you have the explanation: men act indifferently towards religion, because so many of them never saw their fathers take any particular interest in it. Most of the time, girls will follow the mother's example, and boys will copy the father, especially in the period of adolescence.

No matter how exemplary and pious the mother is, no matter what a fine Christian education has been afforded a boy, if his father nullifies it all by his indifferent attitude and behavior, that boy is almost bound to grow up religiously lukewarm. There are not many exceptions to this rule. Little children, right after attaining the age of reason, will not sense the meaning and value of religion. They can and will be profoundly impressed with the idea that disobedience, bad behavior, the telling of untruths, fighting, stealing and being unkind to others are forbidden and are very displeasing to God and to people, but their reasoning does not go much further. They can be truly sorry for their little misdeeds, because they have gained nothing by them but the displeasure of those who love them and have been kind and good to them, God included. But that is as far as their young minds will go.

Once they reach the age of puberty, however, an awareness awakens in them, and they begin to feel the necessity of an influence that must help them to fight against evil inclinations and make them strong to remain good, pure and honest. That is the period when religion will begin really to mean something to them.

From that moment on, boys stand in need of religion more than girls. Therefore, it is nothing less than tragic and cruel for fathers to deny them a most necessary spiritual prop by failing to show them the way to God.

How is it possible that a father can act that way? For anyone to question his loyalty to his children, and his love for them, would, in some cases, mean physical assault. And still, where are his loyalty and his love when, by suspicious stubbornness and hollow, idiotic reasoning, he refuses a chance for upright, wholesome, pure manhood to the helplessly floundering boy who adores him?

How is it that fathers can act so stupidly and heartlessly? How is it possible that some of these fathers, who are not ignorant, behave that way? Can it be that they do not want to be hypocrites? In this case, it would be more manly to be hypocrites than to be cowards, killing their own children's souls.

Parenthood carries with it many and grave eternal obligations. But there is none more essential, none more vital, than good example. If that is lacking, all other efforts to raise good and decent children may be in vain.

"Between us and hell or heaven there is nothing but life, which of all things is the frailest."—Pascal.

War Brings Mass Back To North Wales Town

LONDON.—The war has brought the Mass back to Harlech. When war started there were only three Catholics in Harlech, North Wales. Then the children arrived from the threatened cities.

Harlech forms part of the parish of Barmouth, and the pastor, the Rev. F. Collins, now goes over to the old town to say Mass in the Band Hall. The congregation averages about 40.

Java has the densest population of any country in the world — 42 million persons in an area of 50,-750 square miles.

Court Again Upholds Birth Control Ban

HARTFORD, Conn.—The constitutionality of Connecticut's 63-year-old law making the practice of birth control a criminal offense was upheld for the second time in two years by the State Supreme Court when it ruled in a 3-to-2 decision that it is illegal for a physician to prescribe the use of contraceptives in any circumstances.

The State legislature last year, after considerable debate, had refused to amend the statutes. This stand indicated "beyond doubt its intention that they should apply as written," the court's majority opinion ruled.

The present case arose when Dr. Wilder Tileston, of the Yale University medical faculty, asked the court for a declaratory judgment as to whether it is illegal for a licensed physician to prescribe the use of contraceptives for married women in cases where pregnancy would endanger life and health, and, if so, whether the law is constitutional.

The legislature's "refusal" last year "to make any change, in the light of its opportunity to do so, impels us to the conclusion that not even in such situations as are presented in the instant case did the legislature wish to permit exceptions," the majority opinion declared.

The previous test of the law, in 1940, arose from a raid on a Waterbury maternity health center and was confined to a question of whether contraceptives might be prescribed when the physician believed the "general health" of a married woman required their use. The decision then in support of the law was also by a 3-to-2 opinion.

Painting a face is like painting a barn. Amateurs do a bad job by putting it on too thick.—Louisville "Times."

National Legion of Decency List

CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

About Face
Alias Boston Blackie
Always In My Heart
Arizona Cyclone
Atlantic Convoy
Bad Men of the Hills
Bambi
Bashful Bachelor, The
Below the Border
Billy the Kid's Smoking Guns
Boothill Bandits
Broadway Big Shot
Bullets for Bandits
Cadets On Parade
Canal Zone
Close Call for Ellery Queen
Code of the Outlaw
Courtship of Andy Hardy
Cowboy Serenade
The Cyclone Kid
Dawn Express, The
Devil's Trail, The
Don't Get Personal
Down Rio Grande Way
Dudes Are Pretty People
Escape From Hong Kong
Fingers at the Window
Friendly Enemies
Frisco Lil
Ghost Town Law
Girl from Alaska
Gold Rush, The
Heart of the Rio Grande
Hello Annapolis
Henry and Dizzy
Home in Wyomin'
House of Errors
It Happened In Flatbush
In Old California
Jesse James, Jr.
Kid Glove Killer
Law of the Jungle
Law of the Timber
Lone Rider in Cheyenne
Lone Star Ranger
Mad Martindales, The
The Magnificent Dope
Miss Annie Rooney
Mississippi Gambler
Mr. Bug Goes To Town
Mrs. Miniver
Mister V
Mokey
My Favorite Blonde
My Favorite Spy
Nazi Agent
North of the Rockies
Pacific Blackout
Pacific Rendezvous
Parachute Battalion
Pierre of the Plains
Prairie Gunsmoke
Private Buckaroo
Private Snuffy Smith
Raiders of the Range
Reap the Wild Wind
Ride 'Em Cowboy
Riders of the Northland
Riders of the Purple Sage
Right To The Heart
Rolling Down the Great Divide
Romance of the Range
Secret Agent of Japan
Secrets of the Lone Wolf
Ships With Wings
Small Town Deb
South of Santa Fe
S O S Coast Guard
So's Your Aunt Emma
Stage Coach Express
Stardust on the Sage
Strictly in the Groove
Submarine Raider
Suicide Squadron
Sundown Jim
Sunset on the Desert
Target for Tonight
Tarzan's Secret Treasure
Ten Gentlemen from West Point
Texas Manhunt
This Time For Keeps
They Raid By Night
Thunder River Feud
Top Sergeant
To the Shores of Tripoli
Tramp, Tramp, Tramp
True to the Army
Undercover Man
Unseen Enemy
What's Cookin'
When Knights Were Bold
Whispering Ghosts
Wings for the Eagle
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Yankee Doodle Dandy
Yank on the Burma Road, A
Yukon Patrol

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

Across the Pacific
Adventures of Martin Eden
Amateur Gangster
Beyond the Blue Horizon
Blue, White and Perfect
Blondie's Blessed Event
Bombs Over Burma
Broadway
Brooklyn Orchid
Bullet Scars
Butch Minds the Baby
Calling Dr. Gillespie
Captains of the Clouds
Continental Express
Dangerous Lady
Desperate Chance for Ellery Queen
Dr. Broadway
Drums of the Congo
Eyes of the Underworld
Falcon Takes Over
Fantasia
Fleet's In, The
Fly By Night
Gambling Daughters
Gentleman at Heart
Ghost of Frankenstein
Grand Central Murder
Great Man's Lady, The
I Killed That Man
I Married An Angel
Halfway to Shanghai
I Was Framed
Juke Box Jennie
Juke Girl
Kings Row
Klondike Fury
Lady For a Night
Larceny, Inc.
Lone Wolf Takes Over, The
Maisie Gets Her Man
Man Who Returned To Life
Male Animal, The
Man Who Wouldn't Die
Man With Two Lives
Married Bachelor
Meet the Stewarts
Men of San Quentin
Mr. Wise Guy
Murder in the Big House
My Gal Sal
Mystery of Marie Roget
Niagara Falls
Night in New Orleans
No Hands on the Clock
Parachute Nurse
Perfect Snob, The
Remember Pearl Harbor
Rio Rita
Rings On Her Fingers
Saboteur, The
Sailors on Leave
She's In The Army
Shepherd of the Hills
Shut My Big Mouth
Ship Ahoy
Sing Your Worries Away
Skylark
Sleepytime Gal
Spoilers, The
Strange Case of Dr. X
Sunday Punch
Sundown
Suspicion
Sweater Girl
Syncopation
Take A Letter, Darling
This Above All
This Gun For Hire
This Was Paris
To Be or Not To Be
Today, I Hang
Too Many Women
Tortilla Flat
Tragedy at Midnight, A
Two Yanks in Trinidad
We Were Dancing
Who Is Hope Schuyler?
Woman of the Year
Yokel Boy

CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

Almost Married
Aloma of the South Seas
Bahama Passage
Bedtime Story
Blues in the Night
Call Out the Marines
Confessions of a Cheat, The
Corpse Vanishes, The
Escort Girl
Gambling Lady
Gay Sisters
Gentleman After Dark, A
Gone With the Wind
Honky Tonk
I'll Sell My Life
In This Our Life
Lady Has Plans, The
Lady in Distress
Lady Is Willing, The
Louisiana Purchase
Man Who Came To Dinner
Misbehaving Husbands
Moontide
Navy Blues
Night Before the Divorce
Not A Ladies Man
Once Upon A Thursday
Our Wife
Pasha's Wives, The
Roxie Hart
Shanghai Gesture
So Ends Our Night
Sullivan's Travels
Swamp Woman
Three Girls About Town
Three Hearts
Time in the Sun
Tuttles of Tahiti
Twin Beds
Two-Faced Woman
Wife Takes A Flyer, The

CLASS C—Condemned

City of Sin
Damaged Goods
Daybreak
Fighting the White Slave Traffic
Human Wreckage
It's All in the Mind
Lash of the Penitentes
Marriage Forbidden
Nine Bachelors
No Greater Sin
Pepe le Moko
Reefer Madness
Race Suicide
Bal, Le (French)
Sinful Daughters
Sinners Paradise
Time in the Sun