

CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRADS MARINE OFFICERS



Typical of the thousands of Catholic college men throughout the nation who are now officers in the armed forces of the U. S. are these graduates of the Officers Candidate Class of the U. S. Marine Corps at Quantico, Va. Twenty per cent of the men who became officers in the Marine Corps at graduation exercises on June 13 at Quantico were Catholic college men. These newly commissioned Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps, representing nine Catholic colleges, are shown returning the salute of their religious counselor, Chaplain Paul J. Redmond, O. P., after the exercises. (N.C.W.C.)

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'Half-Catholics' Seen A Cause of World War

SAN ANTONIO. — If practically all of the Christian nations are now engaged in a "frenzy of international suicide," it is partly because many Christians have abandoned their faith and many others will only practice a part of it, the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, declared in addressing the quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Union here.

The confagration "was brought about by Christians in Catholic Europe," Archbishop Lucey said. "Thoughtful men are asking why Christian people are engaged in a second fratricidal conflict within a quarter of a century. They want to discover what is wrong with the followers of Christ so that a remedy may be found for the tragedies that press so heavily upon the Western world."

"I believe that there are two kinds of Christians who have brought down upon society God's just displeasure. One group are those who during the past century have altogether abandoned their faith. Spain and France have had many of these. The other group are those who cling to the sacramental system of the Church and reject her social philosophy.

"Every country has these half-Catholics who do not go all-out for Christ. They think that the Master's seamless robe can be divided; they take that part of religion which appeals to them; they reject the rest.

"There are many Catholics in Europe and the Americas who love the Mass but not *Rerum Novarum*; they accept the faith and morality of Christ but will not send their children to a Catholic school; they are devoted to the Blessed Virgin but they don't read the Encyclical on chaste wedlock; they accept the infallibility of the Pope but they are not enthusiastic about *Quadragesimo Anno*; they receive Holy Communion piously and pay their housemaid a starvation wage; they maintain that outside the Church there is no salvation but they never made a convert in their life; they know that St. John said: 'He that hateth his brother is a murderer,' but they don't want Colored people and racial minorities to have justice; they think that they can enjoy the grace of God without the charity of Christ; they meditate on the lovely hills of Heaven, but never on the caverns of the damned.

"If millions of Christians," Archbishop Lucey concluded, "are now engaged in the frenzy of international suicide it must be because many of them have altogether abandoned their faith and many others accept and practice only a part of it. There last have an Ersatz Christianity—it is not the product of Him Who is the way, the truth and the life."

As on the Sea of Galilee the Christ still is whispering "Peace!" —Whittier.

Avers Threat To Family Hits At Basis of Civilization

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa.—Taking women away from the home, as promoters of radical feminism are attempting to do under the cover of the present national crisis, "strikes at the basis of civilization," the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., Director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, declared in an address here.

Dr. Schmiedeler spoke at the annual convention of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Drawing a contrast between the ages of faith, when "Christian family life was in fullest bloom, and today's threats to the very existence of the Christian home," Dr. Schmiedeler said "misguided feminists" have not only gone far astray but have carried others along with them.

"Many women have been won over to ideas that undermine the family," he said. "Many have done things that have gradually killed the family sense in many of our people. Great numbers of them have lost sight of the precious fact that motherhood is woman's glory, in the natural order the noblest activity of all, in the supernatural sense even nobler still.

"They have forgotten, if they have ever known, that it is precisely by investing motherhood with unusual dignity and marriage with stability, that the Church has delivered womankind from the inferiority and slavery to which paganism had condemned her."

Stating that during the last war the family life of the Western World was "hurt very much" and that in this war there is evidence of "further disintegration and decay," Dr. Schmiedeler continued:

"We are looking with some misgiving toward the world that is to follow the conclusion of the present dreadful conflict. What that world will really be will depend very much upon what its family life will be. And what its family life will be will depend very much upon what the influence of its women will be. And that, in turn, will depend chiefly on the extent to which women will understand and fight for their own prerogatives, rather than those of men, and particularly the extent to which they will understand and live the dictum that woman is the heart of the home."

STARS ON PROCESSIONAL CANDLE-HOLDERS COMPRISE PARISH 'SERVICE FLAG'

PEOSTA, Ia. — The Church of St. John the Baptist here has a service flag for the young men of the parish who have gone into the armed service, but it is not a flag in the generally-accepted sense. For each young man in the service there is a star, mounted on a processional candle-holder.

Flanking the star are a small American flag and a Papal flag. The star itself bears the name of the man in the service together with the corps insignia of the youth it represents and is topped with a candle. On one of the staffs there is a twin arrangement of stars and flags, one family having sent two of its sons into the service.

The "flag" was dedicated at services which opened with the chanting of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin at the outdoor shrine of Our Lady. A processional then passed into the Sanctuary, where the Act of Consecration and the prayer from the Mass of the Sacred Heart were read. The acolytes then formed a semicircle at the gate to the Sanctuary, where the pastor, the Rev. Clair C. Drummy, blessed the stars, insignia and candles.

The standards were then carried to the pews formerly occupied by the young men now in the service. The candles are lighted at Mass and devotions by the parents of the youths. The sermon at the blessing ceremony was delivered by the Rev. Duane Brady, of St. Patrick's Church, Dubuque.

From the 45 families in St. John's Parish, 13 young men have gone into the armed service.

Neglect of God's Law Led To War, Says Madras Mayor

MADRAS, India — The present world chaos is the result of the disobedience of the laws of God that stands in the record of the nations involved, Mayor Chakkara Chettiar of Madras stated as he presided over the fifty-first sessions of the Christian College Day Association.

"So long as nations disobeyed the laws of God, they would certainly be punished," Mr. Chettiar said. "Unless men's minds are changed they can not establish a new order in the world. A new order can not be brought about by political adjustment."

Famed Catholic Jurist

Quebec.—Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, one of Canada's most famous Irish Catholics, has died here at the age of 89. Minister of Justice in the Laurier Cabinet from 1902 to 1906, Chief Justice of Canada from 1906 to 1918, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec Province from 1918 to 1923, he was one of the signatories of a petition to Pope Leo XIII for the appointment of a permanent Apostolic Delegate to Canada, and in this connection visited Rome in 1894.