

ST. MONICA'S PARISH

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

By MARY E. CAUFIELD.
Parents whose children will be attending either the first grade or the kindergarten at St. Monica's School during the year 1942-43 are asked to register these youngsters now at the convent, if they have not already done so.
Also, any child who is entering St. Monica's School for the first time in any of the other grades must be registered before school opens in September.

Masses on Saturday, the Feast of the Assumption, will be at 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45 and 11:30 o'clock. Every Catholic is bound to hear Mass on this Holyday of Obligation.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given every Sunday afternoon in St. Monica's Church at 5 o'clock. Baptisms are at 1:30 p. m. Sunday afternoons.

Several men from St. Monica's parish are attending the Laymen's Retreat this weekend at Our Lady of the Lake Diocesan Retreat House, Lockland Road, Geneva. Rev. John R. Murphy, C.S.S.R., is director.

SWORD OF SPIRIT AIDE TO VISIT IN AMERICA

LONDON. — (U.S.) — Barbara Ward, one of the joint secretaries of the Sword of the Spirit movement, is leaving here for the United States. It is announced in the Sword's Bulletin which says she will not be available in this country for engagements for some time.

Barbarous Babies

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. R. Wynhoeven
Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South

LYING AND STEALING

We just returned from a day's visit to the Atlanta penitentiary. The institution impressed us very favorably; the inmates, about 3000, made us feel sad. Most of them are young men. Practically all of them smiled when we walked around and talked to them.



We did not notice even one hard-fisted, scowling, criminal face. They all seemed happy and hopeful — and that was the sad part. Every stratum of humanity was represented — young men from rich homes, and fine-looking lads from the squalor of the slums.
"Why are they there? It is useless to enumerate their crimes. The important thing is the 'why' behind them. The fundamental cause of their incarceration for from two to 10 years is, in practically all cases, their parents' own faulty training, or the wrong environment in their childhood and adolescence. These are menaces in a child's life that can be eliminated or guarded against, even among the poverty-stricken, struggling masses, just as they may be allowed to creep into the wealthiest homes. No matter what excuse may be adduced for the wrong behavior of a youngster, parents are largely to blame.

Bringing up children without respect for the moral code, without obedience and discipline, without regard for the rights of others, is bound to spell failure and may mean jail eventually. Therefore, wrong tendencies in little children should never be passed over lightly; detrimental influences must be carefully watched for and, if present, judiciously removed.

The old saying is "He who lies will steal." Lying and stealing both are acts of dishonesty — one in word the other in deed. Children who have little regard for the truth soon will lose respect for honesty. In their behavior, they will become tricky. A little boy came sneaking hurriedly into the house. His father saw that he had a golf ball in his hand.

"Where did you get that, Son?" the father asked.
"I found it. It is a lost ball."
"Are you sure it is a lost ball?" the father persisted.

"Yes," the smart young one answered brightly. "The man and the caddy are still looking for it in the grass across the road."

Such answers may sound cute to some people, but they show the seed of crime is sprouting in young, inventive souls.

There are various reasons why young children will tell untruths. The fault may be caused by fear

of punishment, by personal vanity, perhaps a dislike for someone, or even a natural tendency to exaggerate, due to a lively imagination; sometimes it arises from a strong sense of loyalty or is due to a mistaken idea of politeness. It also is possible that selfishness or a mental abnormality is to be blamed. Whatever the cause of this undesirable trait, it should be discovered and eradicated by convincing the child of the wrong, in itself, and the evil results that follow deceit in any form. Punishment should not be resorted to immediately. Public humiliation must be avoided, for this will tend to make the child lose confidence and self-respect. For the mentally abnormal child who lies, professional advice should be sought.

The type that should be closely watched and taken sharply to task is the one who will tell an untruth for personal gain, especially in detriment to others; such a one is well on his way to stealing. Now, inclination to theft can have its several causes, as lying has. The moral wrong may not have been clearly defined by the parents in the child's mind; on the contrary, an undue lust for acquisition, without due regard for the means, may have been emphasized. Children sometimes have a craving for things for which they do not have the purchase price; the desire may become so strong that they forget themselves and steal the coveted goods. Poor health or unhappy home environment may get them started off badly. They fail at school, play hooky, get in with a gang, and, either for gain or for excitement, petty thieving is commenced.

One little dishonest act, if successfully carried out, will lead to another more serious. Later on, "muggies," "dope" and drink will be used to stimulate courage. Street corners, poolrooms and the resorts of night life become routine social haunts. Then they are on their way to Atlanta, for they are bound, eventually, to be caught in one of their crimes.

Whatever makes a child dishonest should be discovered, and steps must be taken to remove that cause. Spiritual advice and help will be of great value. If he has an undue desire for things which he cannot obtain under normal conditions, his parents should create opportunities whereby he can earn his right to the coveted possessions by legitimate means.

If that is not practicable, the stumbling block may be removed from his path of good behavior by the substitution of something else that will be equally satisfying and is possible of attainment; in any event, the threatening condition must be corrected.

Children in large families or groups may contract the habit of helping themselves to whatever they see around the place which strikes their fancy, no matter to whom it belongs. Correct them of this by pointing out that ownership must be respected, and that, therefore, they never should take anything without asking the owner's consent. In this way, evil tendencies will be curbed, and the idea of personal rights of possession will be established.

Vatican Denies German Bishops Sent Peace Plan

VATICAN CITY — Reports that the German Catholic Bishops had forwarded to the Holy Father a plan for world peace are fully refuted here.

Secular newspaper reports stated that it was understood the Catholic Bishops of Germany sent a letter to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, which contained a plan for world peace described as "fair for both camps." It also was said the plan called for the evacuation by Germany of all Western Europe, except Alsace and Lorraine, the granting of autonomy to Austria within the Reich, and the reconstruction of the nations of Eastern Europe within new ethnic frontiers.

Some of these reports carried the implication that by means of the letter the German Bishops were furthering a Nazi "peace offensive."

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