

Let Him Lead It

He who would keep the peace of God, let him be guided by it when it is given, and patient when it is taken away. Let him know that it may be given back to him, and be careful and humble not to lose it.—Imitation.

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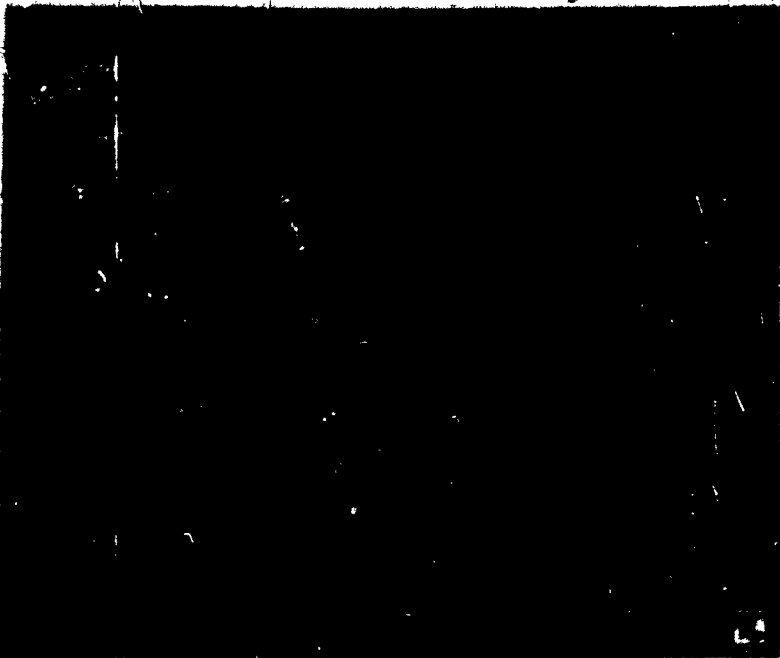
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Catholic Press and the War



Three former members of the Catholic Press were reunited recently in Chicago when they met after Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. Pictured (standing) with Monsignor Joseph P. Morrison, pastor of the Cathedral and auxiliary chaplain of the armed forces in the Chicago area are their former associates of the staff of The New World, Chicago Archbishop's weekly: Left to right, Lieut. Joseph Waldstein, U. S. M., former assistant news editor; Lieut. John DeChant, U. S. M. C., former news editor, and one-time editor of the N. C. C. M. Bulletin, and Cpl. Via Agar, U. S. A., former New World photographer. (N.C.W.C.)

TIMELY ETERNALS

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven
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IMMINENT NATIONAL DANGER

Years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt warned this nation against a disastrous, self-inflicted evil that might befall the country if we were not careful. He termed it race suicide.

In order that a people may preserve itself, there must be around three to four children in a family. Today, we see a little below that average. Yet, Margaret Sanger, though somewhat mollified by time, still is embarrassing the stock by advocating spaced birth or family regulation. Too many of our citizens, especially among the rich and educated classes, are too godly and selfish to accept the obligation of raising the children whom the Creator is willing to send them. The two and three-child families still are too numerous to guarantee the healthy growth of the U. S. A.

In 1942, in the city of New York, 218 teachers and 70 principals lost their positions because of the decreasing numbers of children. A check-up of the married graduates of our leading universities revealed a distressed condition. The progeny of Yale graduates averaged 1.5, Harvard, 2, and Princeton, 2, demonstrating an alarming and undignified disregard for God's wish and the country's welfare.

Dr. Paul Popenoe, director of the American Institute of Family Relations, in Los Angeles, observes: "The birth rate has fallen so low in the United States at present that the probability is less than one in eight that the male descendants of any newborn infant will continue to perpetuate his family name. Of all women who marry in the white population of the United States, one-fourth will never produce a child again; another 25th, two children apiece. This leaves, roughly speaking, one-third of all white wives producing more or less normal families, since three or more children per married couple are necessary to keep the race from dying out. In simple calculation, at the present rate of birth, a city of 200,000 population today will have only 100,000 inhabitants in 100 years from now, unless its numbers are augmented by outside increases."

Artificial birth control, in contrast to nature, ignores the very end for which marriage is instituted, which purpose is recognized by all right-thinking people. To choose willy-nilly pleasure in the intimate relationship of married life is worse than unchristian. God could easily have chosen another way to propagate the human race, had He not intended the relation of the sexes for that objective. A marital relation frustrating its primary purpose is an abomination in the eyes of the

Creator and must add to the shame on the head of those individuals who glory in this wicked, God-defying sin.

Artificial birth control is harmful to health. Again, Dr. Paul Popenoe says: "While my wife and I were in the hospital when she was set, not the children of unmarried women." Artificial birth control, according to the most outstanding medical authorities in the world, is unhealthy and harmful, both physically and psychologically. There is many a husband today who has more grief and worry with one wife than a family could have had with a host of children. And there are also not a few who spend more money keeping their wives in sanatoriums or hospitals than it would have cost them to raise half a dozen children.

Birth control carries in its wake an avalanche of desperate results and maladjustments. Mental decay and artificial birth control go hand in hand. We find on the list of abortion, the wastes, cruel killing of unborn children. Recently, an authority has figured that, in this country, an abortion is performed every minute. Think of this horrible crime being committed every 60 seconds! Immorality among the unmarried not only has increased, but has become more brazen. Divorce has grown rapidly, particularly among children and near-childless couples.

In 1938, in "The Success Seeker," page 203, we wrote: "We fear Japan as a future antagonist. Maybe she is preparing for conquest. Whereas she formerly led in divorces granted, she now has laws that tend to hold marital misconduct within legitimate bounds. From 1864 to 1936, she had 264 divorces on a 100,000-population basis; today, only about 70. Japan is unmistakably returning to national health and strength through this wise policy. You red-blooded American citizen, keep this in mind: Japan is yearly getting stronger, and the United States is annually getting weaker."

Birth control and divorce are the vitality of our race and will eventually kill it.

Joins Navy Brothers

Chicago — Following the footsteps of his three brothers, the Rev. John Imeson Gallery, has joined the Navy. He will serve as a chaplain. Father Gallery formerly was assigned to a postulate at Manhattan, near Jelet. His three brothers in the Navy are: Capt. Daniel Gallery, Corvett, William Gallery and Lt. Comdr. Philip Gallery.

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