PAROCHIAL LIFE

(The following review on the pamphlet being studied by the discussion-club discussion clubs on this district, this year, appeared in the March 19, 1943 issue of The Commonweal in "The Inner Forum" department. It is recommended not only to those in the discussion club but to all "parishioners.")

"For many a parishioner in our age, this organic vision [of the parish] has been lost; for him it is only a sort of 'spiritual filling and service station' attended to by priests."

This is by and large the present situation in Catholic parishes, as viewed by Father H. A. Reinhold in a brilliant new pamphlet, "Our Parish," which has just been published by the Paulist Press for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Diocese of Rochester.

Prepared as a text for discussion clubs, "Our Parish" is a learned, incisive, and moving description of just what a Catholic parish is and what it should be, of what goes on or should go on in a parish church, and in the homes of the parishioners, and in their hearts and minds. It should be required reading for every Catholic child, and it is highly recommended reading for every Catholic adult.

Father Reinhold is at his best and most eloquent in those sections that deal with the sacraments. After suggesting various ways in which the Catholic family can bring the Faith more practically into their homes, he asks: "If we do not 'coordinate' these things (prayer and the sacraments) into life, if the family does not show the unity of natural and supernatural life, how can we expect our young to avoid that fatal hiving of the whole in the ruin of modern, unmotivated religion: live like everybody else and have religion just as the pill says on your back of life? Yet, our faith should be a heaven, penetrating the whole lump of life."

There are all kinds of valuable things within the 64 pages of "Our Parish." There is interesting information about Church tradition, scraps of canon law as they affect parish life ("Normally a pastor is irremovable, which means he cannot be transferred unless he agrees or his transfer is made necessary by certain legal conditions"); there is discussion of fundamental points of doctrine, especially as regards the sacraments; there are appropriate and eloquent quotations from Scripture, the Missal, Divine Office and the Saints to illustrate and sharpen and enlarge the points made in the text.

There are many evidences in the American Church that a new vitality and a new awareness of liturgical and spiritual realities is spreading through the land. One of the most hopeful is this publication, and/or such editorial examples of Father Reinhold's remarkable little pamphlet.

Military Chapel

Quebec — His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, officiated at the blessing of a new chapel erected at Military District No. 5 depot. His Eminence was received by Brigadier Edmond Blais, Officer Commanding M. D. No. 5; Lieut. Colonel F. C. McGee, commandant of the depot; Major the Rev. W. C. Cannon, representing the Catholic chaplains, and Major the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Senior Protestant chaplain.

National Legion of Decency List

CLASS A—Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

America Mrs. Holliday
American Empire
Army Surgeon
Avengers, The
Bad Men of Thunder Gap
Black Raven, The
Blocked Trail, The
Border Patrol
Boss of Big Town
Cairo
Calabuse
Chetniks
Cinderella Swings It
Clancy St. Boys
Commando Strike at Dawn
Crime Smashers
The Cyclone Kid
Dead Man's Gulch
Desperadoes, The
Desperate Journey
Devil With Hitler
Dixie Dugan
Falcon's Brother
Fall In
Fighting Frontier
Flying Fortress
For Me and My Gal
Forever and a Day
Fugitive of the Plains
Gentleman Jim
George Washington Slept Here
Ghost and The Guest, The
Girl From Mexico
Great Gildersleeve
Haunted Ranch
He Hired the Boss
Heart of the Golden West
Henry Aldrich Gets Glamour
Hi, Buddy
Hi-Ya Chum
Happy Serves a Writ
How's About It?
Human Comedy
Ice-Capades
Idaho
In Old California
It Ain't Hay
Jasmin
Johnny Doughboy
Junior Army
Keep 'Em Slugging
Kid Dynamite
Kid Rides Again
King of the Stallions
Land of Hunted Men
Law of the Northwest
Let's Have Fun
Lost Canyon
Mrs. Miniver
Moo Town
Mysterious Doctor
Navy Comes Through
Night Plane from Chungking
Night To Remember
No place for a Lady
One of Our Aircraft Is Missing
Outlaw of Pine Ridge
Overland Stage Coach
Pacific Blackout
Pardon My Rhythm
Phantom Plainsmen
Pied Piper, The
Power of the Press
Prim of the Yankees
Raiders of San Joaquin
Rangers Take Over
Reveille with Beverly
Ridgers of the Northwest Mounted
Sabotage Squad
Sage Brush Law
Salute to Action
Scattergood Survives a Murder
Seven Days Leave
Secrets of the Underground
Shadows on the Sage
Spirit of Sage Valley
Stagecoach Buckaroo
Silver Skates
Smith of Minnesota
Southern Rid
Spirit of Stanford
Springtime in the Rockies
Stand By, All Networks
Stardust of the Rage
Stranger in Town
Submarine Raider
Sweet Serenade
Sweetheart Kid
Tarzan Triumphs
Tennessee Johnson
Texas To Bataan
Thundering Trails
Tombstone
Terrors in the Saddle
Trail Riders
Truck Busters
Two-Fisted Justice
Two Weeks To Live
Underground Agent
War Against Mrs. Hadley
War Dogs
We Are The Marines
West of the Law
Western Cyclone
Western Mail
When Johnny Comes Marching Home
Whistling In Dixie
Wild Horse Rustlers
World At War
Yankee Doodle Dandy
Yanks Are Coming

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

After Midnight With Boston Blackie
Air Force
Ape Man, The
Behind the Eight Ball
Behind Prison Walls
Beyond the Blue Horizon
Black Swan
Bowery at Night
Calling Dr. Gillespie
Casablanca
China Girl
City Without Men
Corregidor
Criminal Investigator
Crossroads
Crystal Ball
Dawn on the Great Divide
Destiny Unknown
Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant
Falcon Strikes Back, The
Fantasia
Fighting Devil Dogs
Forest Rangers
Gorilla Man
He's My Guy
Hidden Hand
Hit Parade of 1941
Hitler's Children
I Live on Danger
Invisible Agent
Isle of Missing Men
Journey For Margaret
Jungle Siren
Ladies Day
Lady Bodyguard
Lady in a Jam
Lady from Chungking
Life Begins at 8:30
Lure of the Islands
Madame Spy
Major and the Minor, The
Man of Courage
Manila Calling
Man's World
Margin for Error
McGuerins From Brooklyn
Meanest Man in the World
Mr. Wise Guy
Moonlight Masquerade
My Sister Eileen
Native Land
'Neath Brooklyn Bridge
Night for Crime
Nightmare
New Voyager
Over My Dead Body
Parole
Phantom Killer
Pittsburgh
Police Bullets
Powers Girls
Prison Girls
Princess of Japan
Queen of Broadway
Quiet Please, Murder
Random Harvest
Ravaged Earth
Reunion
Rhythm of the Islands
Road To Morocco
Secret Enemies
Secrets of a Co-ed
Seven Miles from Alcatraz
Shadow of a Doubt
Silent Witness
Silver Queen
Slightly Dangerous
Spitfire, The
Spy Ship
Stand By for Action
Street of Chance
Sunday Punch
Surrender
Syncopation
Take A Letter, Darling
Tales of Manhattan
Talk of the Town
Taxi Mister
That Other Woman
They Got Me Covered
This Above All
This Land Is Mine
Time To Kill
Today, I Hang
Undying Monster
Voice of Terror
X Marks the Spot
Yank in Libya
You Can't Beat the Law
You Can't Escape Forever
You Were Never Lovelier
Young Mr. Pitt

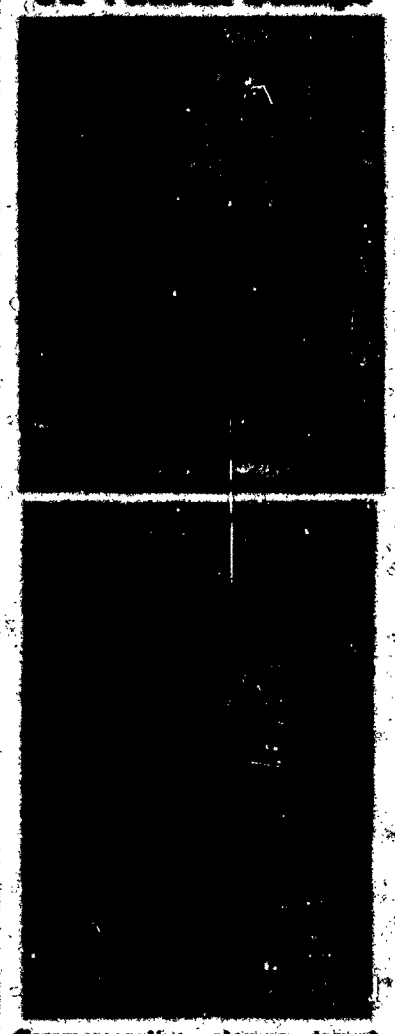
CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

Almost Married
Arabian Nights
Belmont Escape
Bedtime Story
Cabin in the Sky
Cat People
Dr. Renault's Secret
Desert Girl
Flight for Freedom
Flying With Music
Gay Sisters
Gentleman After Dark, A
Gone With the Wind
Hard Way, The
Hello, Frisco, Hello
Her Cardboard Lover
I Married a Witch
Imperial Sergeant
I'll Sell My Life
Is This Our Life
Keeper of the Flame
Lady Has Plans, The
Lady Is Willing, The
Lucky Jordan
Moon and Sixpence
Mummy's Tomb
My Heart Belongs To Daddy
My Son, the Hero
Navy Blues
Once Upon a Honeymoon
Palm Beach Story
Rhythm Parade
Shanghai Gesture
Six Lives
Somewhere To Sleep
Somewhere I'll Find You
Star Spangled Rhythm
Sullivan's Travels
Swamp Woman
They All Kissed the Bride
Three Girls About Town
Three Hearts for Julia
Time to Kill
Two-Faced Woman
Treasure of the West
White Cargo
Wife Takes A Flyer, The
Young and Willing

CLASS C—Condemned

It's All in the Mind
Damaged Goods
Degrunk
Fighting the White Slave Trade
Human Wreckage
City of Sin
Girl from Monte's
Look of the Fugitive
Mandate Prohibition
Nine Rockefellers
No Greater Sin
Outlaw, The
Pace to Make
Reefer Madness
Tony Mason
Sex Life of Gunmen
Social Security
Street Scene
Three in the Dust

On Vatican Stamps



Commemorative stamps issued by Vatican City postage recently portray (above) the Holy Father's aid to war prisoners and refugees. Issued in three values, 25-c, 50-c and 1.25 lire, the set features a head of Christ in the background above the crowd, and the inscription, "I have compassion on the multitude." Another set, in the 25-c, 50-c, 1.25 lire and 5 lire values, bears a stamp from the consecration in Sistine Chapel of Eugenio Pacelli by Pope Benedict XV, commemorating the pincopal silver jubilee of His XII. (N.C.W.C.)

Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

Chancy St. Boys, A-1
Happy Serves a Writ, A-1
Law of the Northwest, A-1
Corregidor, A-2
Falcon Strikes Back, The, A-2
Hit Parade of 1941, A-2

AT THE THEATRES

PALACE

Shadow of a Doubt, A-2
Margin for Error, A-2

LOEW'S ROCHESTER

Keeper of the Flame, B
"Full Is", A-1

CENTURY

Tarzan Triumphs, A-1
He's My Guy, A-2

REGENT

"It Ain't Hay", A-1
Wildcat (Not classified)

TEMPLE

Keep 'Em Slugging, A-1
Ape Man, A-2

LITTLE

Gone with the Wind, B

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Jesuit Authors Moral Theology For Laymen

CHICAGO — A pioneering work in the field of moral theology for the layman, "Moral Guidance," by F. Kenny, S.J., and the Rev. Edwin [illegible], professor of moral theology and dean of the theological faculty of West Baden College, West Baden Springs, Indiana, has just been published by the Loyola University Press, 3441 North Ashland Ave., Chicago.

Catholics with [illegible] are long ago brought fundamental theology, liturgical theology, and dogmatic theology within reach of the layman. Father Kenny now does the same for moral theology, with just the particular purpose of priests and seminarians. As Regular confessors of moral theology, these fathers establish the fundamental principles of Christian conduct, expounder man's rights and duties, and note down to avoid the direct degree of evil, or sin, he entrust in the violation of these obligations. The book should lighten, as well as enlighten, the consciences of many a layman, and also lighten the burden of many a priest in the confessional, provided, as it does, clear answers to many of the questions recurrently put to confessors by penitents.

Although written primarily for college classes in religion, the book is written in concise, straightforward prose, not in classroom jargon. Throughout, pointed examples illustrate the moral principles discussed. And in just the student's or reader's ability to apply these principles to everyday problems of conduct, practical cases to be analyzed are provided at the end of each chapter.

Catholic judges, lawyers, doctors, nurses, businessmen and public officials will be grateful for the special chapters treating of the particular moral problems which arise in these professions, the publishers state.

200,000 Slovak Workers In Germany

NEW YORK — Almost 200,000 Slovak workers, chiefly boys in their teens, are now toiling in Germany, according to advices received here by the Slovak Information Service. The figure is roughly, 8 per cent of the entire population of Slovakia.

At present, the advices state, there are more than 150,000 persons in Czechoslovakian concentration camps. A large proportion are so-called intellectuals.

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