PAROCHIAL LIFE

(The following review on the pamphlet being studied by the diocese-wide discussion clubs in this diocese, 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 clubs but to all "parishioners."]

"For many a parishioner [in our time this organic vision [of the parish] has been lost; for him it is only a unit of 'spiritual offices and service stations' attending to 'my 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 bifurcation of life which is the ruin of modern, unplanned religion? For life completely lived and lived in God, just as the gift which was your book of life! Yet our faith should be a living, penetrating life-force of life.

There are all kinds of valuable things within the 40 pages of "Our Parish." There are interesting little facts and items about Church traditions, usages of canon law as they affect parish life ("Normally a pastor is responsible, which means he must be transferred unless his superior for his transfer is made necessary by certain legal considerations"); 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 Rubrics 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, under such official auspices, 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. McCue, 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

Amazing Mrs. Holiday
American Empire
Army Surgeon
Arsenal, The
Bad Men of Thunder Gap
Black Raven, The
Blocked Trail, The
Border Patrol
Boss of Big Town
Cairo
Calaboose
Cheyalls
Cinderella Swings It
Clancy St. Boys
Commandos Strike at Dawn
Crime Smasher
The Cyclone Kid
Dead Man's Gulch
Desperadoes, The
Desperate Journey
Devil With Hitler
Dixie Dugan
Falcon's Brother
Fall In
Fighting Frontier
Firing 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 Monrow
Great Oldermeere
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 May
Jamza
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
Mr. Misfire
Moe 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 Raids
Panama Hattie
Pardon My Stripes
Phantom Plainsman
Pied Piper, The
Power of the Press
Pride of the Yankees
Raiders of San Joaquin
Rangers Take Over
Rosalie with Beverly
Riders of the Northwest Mounted
Saboteur Squad
Sage Brush Law
Seland's Avenger
Sentenced Survives a Murder
Seven Days Leave
Secrets of the Underground
Shadows on the Sage
Sheriff of Sage Valley
Sherlock Holmes in Silver Shadow
Smith of Minnesota
Southern Rio
Spirit of Stanford
Springtime in the Rockies
Stand By, All Networks
Sunset of the Sage
Sweetheart in Town
Submarine Raider
Sweet Rosemarie
Swingtime Kid
Tarzan Triumphs
Tennessee Johnson
Texas To Bataan
Thundering Trails
Tombstone
Trouble in the Saddle
Trail Riders
Trick Baxter
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
Westerner, The
When Johnny Comes Marching Home
Whistling In Dixie
Wild Horse Rustlers
World At War
Yankee Doodle Dandy
Yanks Ahoy Combat

CLASS A—Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

After Midnight With Boston Blackie
Air Force
Ape Man, The
Behind the Right Wall
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 1943
Hitler's Children
I Live on Danger
Invisible Agent
Isle of Missing Men
Journey For Margaret
Jungle Siren
Lassie Dog
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
Moment Man in the World
Mr. Wise Guy
Moonlight Masquerade
My Sister Eileen
Native Land
North Brooklyn Bridge
Night for Crime
Nightmare
New Voyager
Over My Dead Body
Payroll
Phantom Killer
Pittsburgh
Public Buffalo
Powers Girls
Prison Girls
Prisoner of Japan
Queen of Broadway
Quiet Please, Murder
Random Harvest
Ravaged North
Remember
Rhythm of the Islands
Road To Morocco
Secret Enemies
Secrets of a Coed
Sherlock Holmes Faces Abstress
Shadows of A Doubt
Silent Witness
Silver Queen
Slightly Dangerous
Smiling, The
Spy Ship
Stand By for Action
Street of Chance
Sunday Punch
Sundown
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
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CLASS B—Objectionable in Part

Almost Married
Arabian Nights
Bahama Passage
Bashful Bachelor
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
Immortal Sergeant
I'll Sell My Life
In This Our Life
Keeper of the Flame
Lady Has Plans, The
Lady Is Willing, The
Lucky Jordan
Mayor and Manhattan
Mercury's Trouble
My Heart Belongs To Daddy
My Kid, Sis Hare
Navy Blues
Once Upon a Honeymoon
Palm Beach Story
Rhythm Parade
Remember
Sherlock Holmes in Washington
Silver Skates
Submarine Base
Tarzan's Desert Mystery
Tarzan Triumphs
Tarzan's Secret Treasure
That Nazty Nuisance
That's the Spirit
Three Hearts for Julia
Time to Kill
Two-Faced Woman
Undercover Man
Valley of the Sun
Wife Takes A Flyer, The
Young and Willing

CLASS C—Condemned

City of Silk
Old Dutch Master's
Oasis of the Forbidden
Sarnoff Forbidden
Slave Ship
Un Carnet Du
Under, The
Days In Make
Flame Barrier
Here Comes
Hot Lo (Formula)
Island Monkeys
Mystery Broadway
Three In the Sun

On Vatican Stamps

Commemorative stamps issued for 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 1.20 lire, the set features a head of Christ in the background above the crowds, and the inscription, "I have compassion on the multitude." Another set, in the 25-c, 50-c, 1.20 lire and 5 lire values, bears a scene from the consecration in Sistine Chapel of Eugenio Pacelli by Pope Benedict XV, commemorating the episcopal silver jubilee of Pius XII. (N.C.W.C.)

Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

Chance of Flight, A-1
Happy Serves a Wife, A-1
Law of the Northwest, A-1
Corregidor, A-2
Falcon Strikes Back, The, A-2
Hit Parade of 1943, A-II

AT THE THEATRES

PALACE

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

LOEW'S ROCHESTER

Keeper of the Flame, B
"Fall In", A-1

CENTURY

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

REGENT

"It Ain't May", A-1
Without (Not classified)

TEMPLE

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

LITTLE

Gone with the Wind, B

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Jesuit Author's Moral Theology For Laymen

CHICAGO — A [illegible] book in the field of moral theology for the layman, Father [illegible], S.J., of the New Orleans [illegible] professor of moral theology and dean of the theological faculty of West Baden College, West Baden Springs, Indiana, has been published by the Loyola University Press, 3441 North Ashland Ave., Chicago.

Catholic writers today are busy, are [illegible] exegetical, dogmatical, pastoral theology, and [illegible] theology within reach of the layman. Father Healy says that the same for moral theology, until now the exclusive property of priests and seminarians. An English translation of moral theology, about [illegible] examines the fundamental principles of Christian conduct, expounds man's rights and duties, and sets down in detail the exact degree of evil, or sin, involved in the violation of these obligations. The book should [illegible] lighten, as well as [illegible] the consciences of many a layman, and also lighten the burden of many a priest in the confessional. Nothing, as it does, clear cut answers to many of the questions commonly put to confessors by penitents.

Although written primarily for college classes in religion, the book is written in concise, straightforward prose, not in obscurantist jargon. Throughout, pointed examples illustrate the moral principles discussed. And to test 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 — About [illegible] Slovak workers, chiefly farm laborers, are now subject to conscription, according to a [illegible] issued here by the Slovak National Council Service. The figure is roughly 4 per cent of the entire population of Slovakia.

At present, the adjoining state, there are more than [illegible] refugees in Czechoslovakian concentration camps. A large proportion are so-called intellectuals.

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