# K. of C. Sets National Meeting In Cleveland

DETROIT.—Cleveland was chosen for the 1943 convention of the Knights of Columbus at the concluding session of the quarterly meeting of the Supreme Board of the organization here yesterday. The sessions will be held Aug. 17 to 19. The convention sessions will be limited to strictly business and only the official delegates will be invited to attend the convention.

Work of the Knights of Columbus for the servicemen, through their cooperation with the National Catholic Community Service was praised by the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and President of the Board of Trustees of the NCCS, at a dinner held Saturday night in honor of the supreme officers and directors. Archbishop Mooney particularly lauded the work of Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews and the other supreme officers who are active in NCCS and the USO.

Archbishop Mooney stressed the splendid cooperation between the clergy and laity in this country and said this spirit of unity was particularly striking to visitors from other countries. The Archbishop also urged the Knights to continue their record of demonstrating practical Catholicity, one of the chief aims of the order.

## 50 Passionists Serve

Union City, N. J.—Headquarters of the Eastern Province of the Passionist Fathers here has announced that 23 more priests of the community have been released from assignments to assist the chaplain services of the U. S. armed forces. This number brings the total of Passionist Fathers serving as chaplains to approximately 50.


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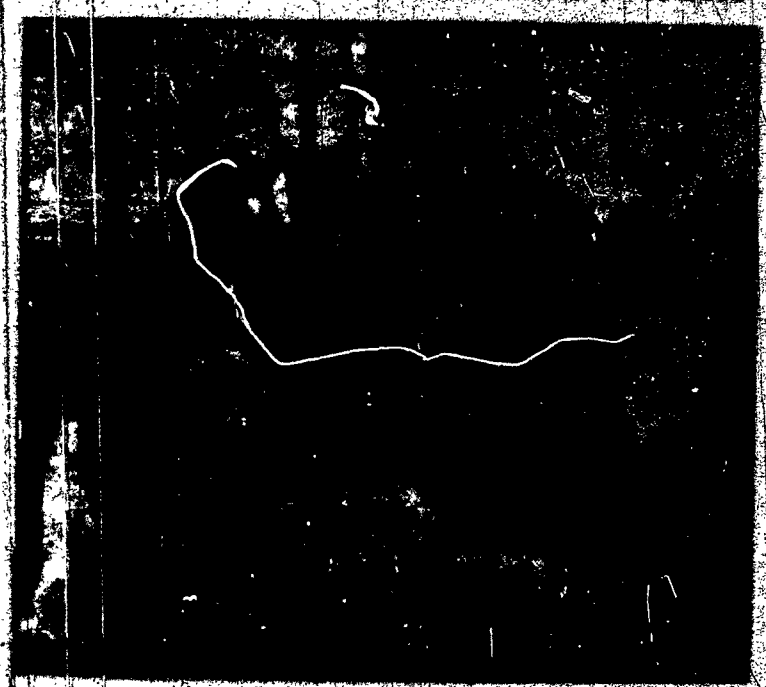
## PLAN FOR NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK



The Catholic Committee on National Family Week, which will be observed from May 2 to 9, meets at the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington to plan for Catholic participation in the celebration. A Triduum, or period of meditation and the Family has been issued by the Catholic Committee, members of which are pictured, seated, (right) Rev. Dr. Ellis Sullivan, C.S.P., Director of the Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.; Mrs. Margaret T. Lynch, (left) Executive Secretary, National Council of Catholic Women; standing, (left to right) Edward J. Tobin, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men; Rev. Leo C. Leahy, S.J., Director, National Catholic School of Social Service and Dr. Andrew J. Kress, Vice-President of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life. Bert Newphain. (N.C.W.C.)

# TIMELY ETERNALS

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## THE ADVICE OF A PSYCHIATRIST

Not so long ago, we received a distressful letter from a mother. Since it was intelligently written and portrayal the plight of a few mothers, we reproduce it here.

"I read about you in the March issue of the St. Anthony's Messenger, and felt that, with your understanding of boys, you could help me understand my boy.

"I feel that I have failed as a mother, because I have not succeeded in training my son to control his temper, and I am worried about it.

"He is twelve years old, intelligent, polite, healthy and, under normal circumstances, considerate. He has a room of his own, and personal and money is my as he wishes. He has chores to do, and he does them readily enough and well.

"He is alone a great deal, there being no boys of his age in the neighborhood for him to play with, and he hasn't the patience and tolerance he should have when playing with his sisters. I tried to interest him in music, and I paid for lessons for more than a year—but he isn't interested.

"He is extremely sensitive and arrogant. He continually breaks his glasses in fits of anger. Before he had glasses, he would take it out on something else. He has injured children and damaged property because of this wrong disposition.

"He's been whipped, deprived of his pleasures, isolated and lectured to—but all to no avail. He is easily provoked, and, when he is, he wants to hurt someone or something.

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"His dad is home only on Saturday evenings and Sundays, and, therefore, can't give him much attention. I try to keep him busy, but I can't give him all my time. He doesn't get along well with the boys at school, either, always suspecting everyone is taking advantage of him, and he mistrusts everyone during games.

"We have tried to be fair and impartial to our three children, sharing everything equally. Perhaps this wasn't right. Now, if everything is not equally divided, there is an argument. No one of them will compromise or give in to another. I thought I was teaching them to be fair, but it seems to have made them selfish. How can I correct this?

"I have tried to talk this over with priests, teachers and others, but I always end up in tears of discouragement, just as I am doing now——"

It is difficult to give correct advice at long range, in cases like this. Personal observation, study and contact are necessary. But, from the case record as put down by this mother, one can surmise that several mistakes have been made.

First of all, the good lady seems to be somewhat nervous and anxious, trying to force the issue too strenuously with her naturally shy, in her frantic attempts to correct him, but enough kindness and patience seem to have been mixed with her earnest efforts. Insistence to make the lad feel proud of himself evidently are absent. Daily association with sisters only, one older and the other younger than he, naturally throws him out of gear. The fact that the father is home so little is bound to prove detrimental to the boy's character, since thereby he misses that masculine good influence so much needed at his age. Most probably, another mistake made is that the boy looks for the daddy's week-end visits with misgivings and fears, for we can easily deduce from the mother's nervous disposition that, on Saturdays, an accumulation of a week's grievances against the boy is reported to the father. Under these circumstances, Dad's arrival home cannot be very welcome, as far as the boy is concerned.

CHILD PROBLEM

But, these are all guesses, more or less. It is, therefore, dangerous to advise, because the very logical remedy one might suggest could prove highly destructive of good in a particular case.

Every child is more or less a problem all to himself. There are fundamental principles which should be adhered to in the training of every child. But then, on the other hand, individual circumstances and personal peculiarities of temperament must be closely studied and treated for each youngster. Thus, what may be correct handling for one may prove all wrong for another.

We told the distracted mother that the case of her boy was not hopeless, and we advised her that, since the ministers of religion and the boy's teachers had failed to give her constructive and remedial counsel, she should bring him to a psychiatrist recommended by her pastor.

Specialists in the field of abnormal behavior are often looked upon with suspicion by conscientious people, and for good reason. Many proceed from the far-fetched Freudian theory, that most mental aberrations are caused by sex repression or disorder; hence, they maintain that the only cure is regulated sex indulgence, which, of course, is against God's definite


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## National Family Week Aims Receive Praise Of President Roosevelt

DESCRIBED AIMS — In a letter addressed to the chairman of National Family Week, which is to be observed May 2 to 9, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that he more important task than that of safeguarding the family.

The President joined the participatory views shown by the other Committee on National Family Week, the members of which are: The Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O. S. B., Director of the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. Henry S. Lucas, of the International Council of Religious Education; and Rabbi Israel Goldstein, President of the Synagogue Council of America.

Addressing his letter to Dr. Schmiedeler, chairman of the committee, the President wrote:

"I am very happy to learn of the plans for a nationwide observance of National Family Week, May 2-9, 1943, by the great religious bodies of this country. You and your colleagues, Father McGuire and Rabbi Israel Goldstein, constituting the Committee on National Family Week, have performed a patriotic service at this time in urging the spiritual resources of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies to bear upon the growing need of strengthening family life.

"The most important task facing the American community today is that of safeguarding the home. The health and happiness of children, the guidance of youth, the security of families must be preserved from disintegration in wartime as in peacetime. The continuance of this service is assured. For historic precedent for these values, and the strength given to Christian and Jewish traditions, constitute the spiritual sources for this program throughout the nation.

"I trust that as nationally, the churches and synagogues have served throughout this land, you will be able to find a way to share it the national observance."

Thereafter, spiritual advice of the President's mother, there should be spiritual values, prayer and sacrament. It is in a spirit of correct faith, he often points to be the help one can give to achieve a better family relation.

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