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Father Duffy Cites School Aim

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

She is a very Fashionable Lady. Right now she's waiting for John. He'll be along shortly. They're dining out tonight. Be sure to notice the beautiful living room where the Fashionable Lady is sitting. She calls it ultramodern. At least that's what the architect told John and her. Yes, that oriental on the floor is genuine too. She's very proud of the books that flank the fireplace. John uses them for doorstops, but she's read them all—from Hemingway to Steinbeck.

The home is admittedly magnificent. John and she worked and planned for years and now they have everything... Well... almost everything. When John drives along it will be in a Packard... eight cylinders and white wall tires. That dog curled up at the Fashionable Lady's feet is a pedigreed Bealyham... He's just eaten his can of Redheart; that's why he's sleeping... John calls him "Duke" and she calls him "Darling."

The Fashionable Lady spent hours getting ready to go out this evening... She wishes John would hurry along... It's that story in the evening paper that disturbed her... That story of how Tommy brought his plane in "on a wing and a prayer." She knows Tommy and Tommy's mother too. She remembers how years ago Tommy's mother risked her life for Tommy... At the time she called Tommy's mother "a fool"... but now Tommy's a hero... These stories annoy the Fashionable Lady. Why can't she forget that other night when the paper boy came to say "goodbye" and told her: "My mother hasn't got any jewelry but I bought her a service pin to wear for me."

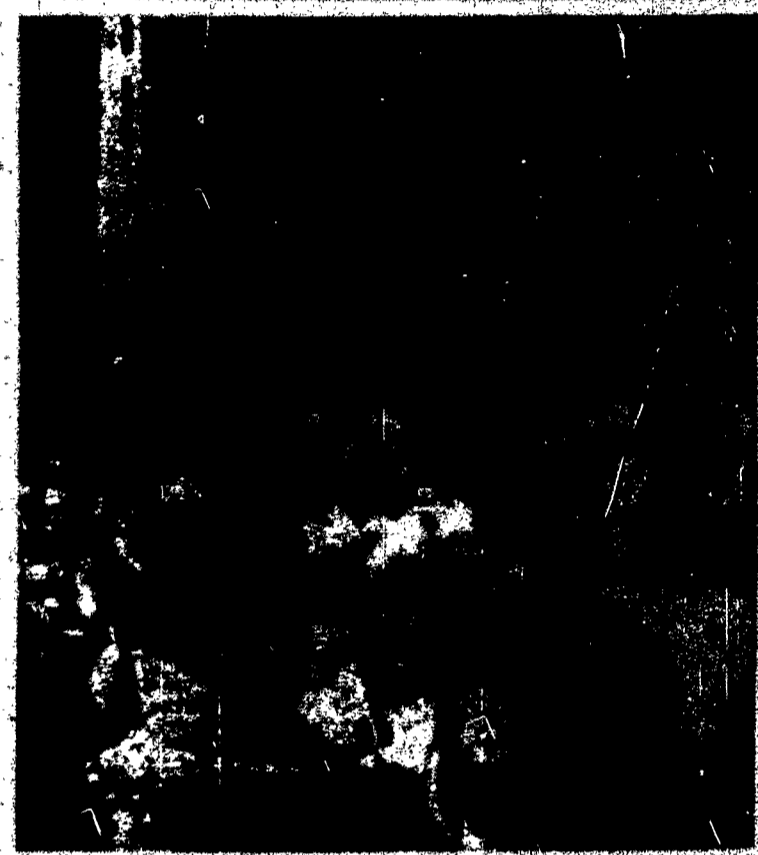
These thoughts are tiring the Fashionable Lady... Why doesn't John come? she feels so alone... but even when John comes she'll be alone. These days she's always alone... even in a crowd she's alone. Tommy's mother has a hero. The paper boy's mother has a little star on her shabby coat. All the Fashionable Lady has is a victory garden and a war bond that she won as a door prize.

How still it is now... Everything is so quiet... Why doesn't John come home? If only the dog would bark. This house is so silent... the house that John and she gave their lives to build... SILENCE! Now the Fashionable Lady knows the one fault of this beautiful home. SILENCE was the curse of this home right from the start! Even when John is home, that silence, that absence is there... Does John know what is wrong with this house? Does he understand the mistake they've made? Yes, but like the house he too is silent.

But if there is silence in the house, there is thunder in the Fashionable Lady's soul... the voice of conscience is eloquent in reproach... Those horrible thoughts are thundering in her brain! Her secret is storming the doors of conscience. The years—her years and John's—are in rebellion!

Her mind is fatigued now... This wrestling with conscience has exhausted her... How long will this battle of soul go on? Till John comes home? Or for all eternity? Why don't those thoughts stop? Tommy will be

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COMFORTING HIS FLOCK, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, Bishop of Rome, is shown in bonded city, joining with his people in prayer. (The Holy Father returned from the visit with his pastor, Most Reverend... See Story, Page 21.)

Milan Cathedral Shattered by Bombs

VATICAN CITY—The Milan Cathedral has been so damaged in air raids on that city that the structure is endangered and will not be usable for some time, it is stated in an official letter received in Vatican City.

The famous Milan spire, of varying height and each surmounted by a statue, have been largely destroyed. The largest of these spires—the central one—which supported a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, titular of the church, is still standing. Many others have been blown off in the bombardments. Some are tottering at a dangerous angle. Some are status-quo. In addition, some of the statues surmounting surviving spires are damaged and threaten to fall. The facade of the Cathedral has been scarred by intolerable fragments. The main doors are irreparably lost. The apse has been hit and a number of columns have

Maryknoll Nun Writes From Japan Camp

MARYKNOEL, N. Y.—First direct word from Maryknoll Sister missionaries interned in Japan, has just been received at the Mother-house here. The letter, written by Sister Mary Emma, formerly of Rosendale, Mass., comes from an internment camp in Tokyo, via Switzerland, arriving six months later to the day. "With what joy I send you greetings! Kindly let my father know I am well. Our camp is a veritable spiritual powerhouse, nearly all the inmates being Edificious... No news of Maryknollers has reached us since September."

\$700,000 Gift

Aberdeen, Wash.—A gift of between \$600,000 and \$700,000 has been donated to St. Joseph's Hospital here, conducted by the Sisters of St. Dominic, of the Most Holy Cross, in the will of the late Nell Conroy, 71-year-old lumberman.

Emphasizes Duty Of Parents In Choosing School In Wartime

"The problem of selecting a school is a matter of conscience for every Catholic parent who has a child of school-age," states the Rev. John M. Duffy, M.A., Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, in his annual school-opening statement, which was issued today by the Diocesan Education Office.

While lauding the splendid achievements of Catholic schools in every war effort which fell within their sphere, Father Duffy also reminds parents that "the primary purpose of the school, ever since it set to work was to train warriors. The primary purpose of the school is to prepare the child or youth to live in this world that he will attain his goal—Heaven. Life Everlasting, God!"

The alarming increase of juvenile delinquency, the statement continues, "is more evidence of the fact that moral training cannot be omitted from the educational program without fatal results." All elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Rochester will open Tuesday, Sept. 7, according to the announcement of the Catholic Education Office.

Gift of Holy Father

Little Rock.—As a gift from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Most Rev. John M. Morris, Bishop of Little Rock, has presented radio sets to the German prisoners of war quartered at Camp Claiborne.

New School To Open In St. Helen Parish

The opening next month of a single classroom to accommodate pupils of the first and second grade will mark the beginning of a parish school at St. Helen's Church, Hinckley Road, Chili, according to the Rev. J. Bercher Sullivan, pastor.

New Encyclical Text Awaited

WASHINGTON.—The official text of the new encyclical of Pope Pius XII on "The Mystical Body of Christ," issued on June 29, 1943, has not yet been received in America. As soon as possible, after a copy of the encyclical is received at the office of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1315 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C., it will be made available in pamphlet form. Orders for the booklet may now be forwarded to Washington.

Famed Violinist

Maryhurst, Oreg.—Appointment of Miss Mrs. Finckel violinist, as a member of the music faculty and head of the string department has been announced here by Maryhurst College. A plot of blood stained by a stolen baby will bring back a wounded boy to day. AUNT ANN WHEAT BAKER WATKINS, 60, 1000 1/2 Ave., Hudson 288.—Adv.

Text Of Fr. Duffy's Statement

Complete text of statement issued by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Rochester, in the opening of schools is as follows:

Tuesday, September 7th, will usher in the new semester for all elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Rochester. The New York Fathers, principals and teachers will naturally welcome their old pupils and new ones to the classroom, into a sphere of education ever dedicated to the service of God and Country.

The school day will ring in the new school year in the usual manner, but under most unusual circumstances. No school of education, no school program or activity can escape the repercussions of this global war. Millions of service men and women are even in the vestibule of discharge and schools here and there are given a gold star, children have their mothers and fathers in foreign soil and soon, in thousands, profoundly affect teachers and pupils and their parents.

Every teacher and pupil is conscious of his vital relationship of leading every child and of making the mother and father for the preservation of the Four Freedoms. Love the Catholic school, at the one did a national work in war effort which fell within their sphere. This year they will try to with undiminished vigor and determination.

Primary Purpose of School: However, to not to war or to train warriors. The primary purpose of the school is to prepare the child to live in this world that he will attain his goal—Heaven, Life Everlasting, God! That is the primary purpose of education is to teach young people how to live a good life, practically not, how to make a good living.

If parents with Faith may give their faith, no effort, no sacrifice is too great to afford their children a Christian education. When God is the center, the necessary thing is this world of His. He should be the beginning.

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Jesuits' Residence In Holland Seized; Church Demolished

NEW YORK.—The residence of the Society of Jesus at Yveling, Holland, has been confiscated by the German authorities and the church torn down, according to word received here. The Society of Jesus had owned a refuge for exiled Jesuits.