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Protect Family Life Urges British Bishops in Lenten Message

LONDON.—Breakdown of family life and ignorance of the Faith are the chief concerns of the Church in England, according to the annual Lenten Letter of the British Hierarchy.

"The life of the family has suffered so much since before and during this war from social and spiritual evils that unless we trusted in God's help we should despair of restoring it," writes Archbishop Griffin of Westminster. He urges the restoration of family prayer, the recognition of the rights and duties of parents, better allowances for the wives and children of servicemen to encourage mothers to stay at home to look after their children, and expresses the hope that "the first call on labor and materials after the war will be for the building of premises suitable to house the families of the nation."

Lack Knowledge

Archbishop Williams, of Birmingham, says many men and women in the Forces call themselves Catholics but do not know anything about their Faith. Moreover, Catholics who have been well educated are "in a deplorable ignorance of Catholic theology" while "the great majority of Catholics who have not the advantage of such education are often ignorant of the fundamental truths of Catholic doctrine."

Priests of the Northampton Diocese are asked by Bishop Parker at the very least to spend a few minutes at every Mass on Sundays in giving instruction on the Faith to their congregations.

"The world is sick today," writes Archbishop Downey, of Liverpool, "and the Holy Father has fittingly put his finger on the trouble spots. The symptoms are easily detected: divorce, race suicide, crime, license, inhuman pride of race or class, hideous cruelty, unbelief, and persecution."

Safety Suggestion

One of the immortal sayings of Abraham Lincoln, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, you can fool some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all of the time," is brought to mind by careless motorists and pedestrians who continually violate all the traffic regulations with a total disregard for their own safety and the safety of others. The fact that they have gone through life so far without a serious traffic accident means nothing except that they are exceedingly fortunate. Accidents can be prevented if we exercise ordinary caution when driving or walking.

Evils is the most universal and artificial incentive to human action.

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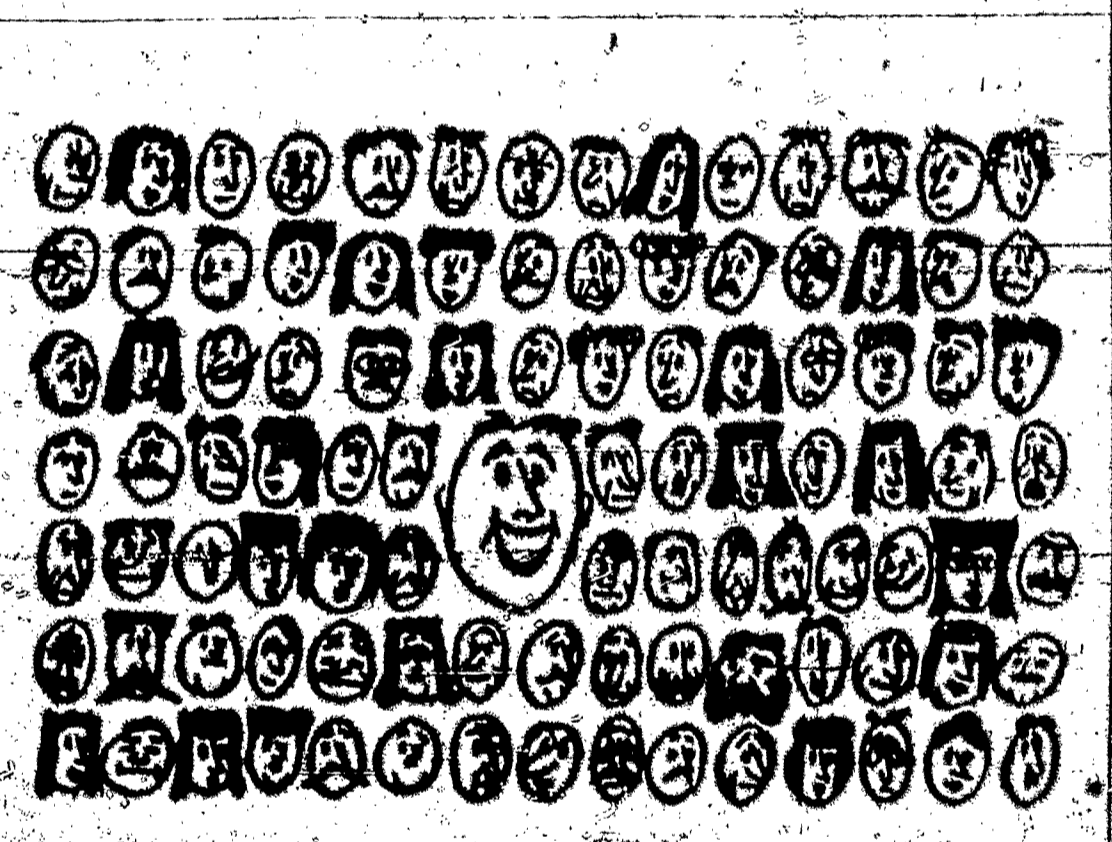


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When we were going to make a survey... 100 interviews. Then we had a better idea.

"Why bother all these busy people? Probably not more than one of them would know the answer, because it's something they take for granted... Let's just print it here and save a lot of time!"

So here's the question: "What's the smallest item and BIGGEST bargain in most family budgets?"

And here's the answer in one word: "Electricity."

Look at the last item in these recent cost-of-living figures from the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (reprinted at right). Considering how many household jobs electricity does daily, think a rather startling statistic.

These statistics show electricity is still sold at low prices—remember that the average U. S. family gets about

WHERE THE WORKING MONEY GOES

FOOD	41.8%
RENT	37.2%
CLOTHING	12.1%
MISCELLANEOUS	7.7%
FUEL AND ICE	6.7%
HOUSING FINANCING	3.1%
ELECTRICITY	1.5%
TOTAL	100%

(Written Cost-of-Living Index, wages clerical, 25 cities, U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

A Soldier's Thoughts Homeward Turned

As I sit at my battle station
 And longingly glance to the sea,
 I pray for my precious letters
 That mean all in the world to me.

How they comfort my aching
 heart,
 And soothe this aching pain—
 When I finish the beautiful
 phrases,
 And lovingly read the names—
 For they come from my precious
 darling
 Who's waiting and praying for me;
 While I sit at my battle station
 Over beyond the sea.

Over beyond the sunset,
 That kisses the world goodbye;
 Then rises again to town on
 My world where men suffer and
 die.

So God in this moment of anguish,
 In this world filled with battle and
 strife,
 Grant me an idle moment
 To dream of my beautiful wife.

And that when that moment has
 ended
 May my thoughts once again turn
 war—
 Till the day when those letters are
 answered.

By my gentle rap on her door,
 —Capt. Bobb Gordon Lyall,
 10th Co. 4th Tan. Regt.,
 A. S. T. F.

Near East Missions

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Full Hearts

Give to the Near East missions from full hearts. In honor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, whose feasts we are celebrating. How fitting it would be to place an altar of St. Patrick in a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph. This can be done for eight hundred dollars.

BISHOP ONCE IN RAGS NOW SAYS THANKS

So glad you gave help to poor Bishop Hebb of Northern Serbia. You helped one of Christ's own. Now he thanks you.

"I did not know the C.N.E.W.A. was appealing for me, but I am so grateful for all you have done. I cannot write to each of you now, but I say 'thank you' from my heart. You have treated me with Christ's kindness—God love you!"

Bishop Hebb is the most faithful missionary we have, but he is one of the best. Here are some of his works dear to him:

The little church he built at Kamechille needs one hundred dollars for chapel furnishings.

His Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Tripolia, who are like Parish Visitors, cannot support their novices, because they need at least two hundred dollars.

His orphanage has been filled with war refugee children and he needs three hundred dollars at once. Even five dollars will support one for a month.

We suspect that Bishop Hebb is using the money you gave him for these purposes. So he will be in rags again, if we do not stop him.

ST. PATRICK'S LIGHT

St. Patrick once saw a great light all over Ireland. Then it flickered until only one little spot was lighted. He was told this meant the Faith might die in Ireland—so he prayed for the Faith of the Irish. The Sanctuary Lamp is the symbol of our Faith. May it never die. Seven dollars will supply a lamp.

BLOODED SAND

One handful of sand taken from the Roman Coliseum turned to blood. It was wet with the blood of martyrs. The antiseptic, or beautiful linen torseal used by Near East missionaries, contains relics of the martyrs. On it rests the Blood of Christ. Can you send one for five dollars?

WE SEND

We send beautiful Membership cards to those who join either the Mexico Guild, or the Student Support Club. The Guild provides vestments for a missionary. The Club helps to support seminarians. One dollar a month makes you a member of either.

IMAGINE!

Not all our missionaries have names hard to pronounce. Two missionaries named Casey and O'Connell speak Arabic like natives! Why not send twenty-five dollars to support one for a month? Many are "boys from home."

GO TO JOSEPH

Our members can gain a plenary indulgence on March 18. Do not let March pass without a memorial to St. Joseph in a Near East chapel. Try to give fifteen dollars for his statue, or at least a picture for Ave.

"MY BOY"

I am grieving for my boy, Father. He was killed on a bomber flight. But I am proud of him and I now send one hundred dollars toward a memorial chapel. I wish other people with the same sorrow could help to build it. We are going to build this Memorial Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows in the Holy Land. We need at least six hundred and fifty dollars more.

COLLEEN

Years ago an Irish colleen, leaving home, was given a crucifix by her grieving mother. It was her only treasure. Today, the mother of many children, she has the crucifix in a place of honor in her home. Send seventeen dollars to us and we shall place a crucifix and candle in a poor Near East mission.

PERFECT PRAYER

St. Patrick's Breastplate says: "Christ in the eyes of everyone who sees me, in the ear of everyone who hears me, in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me, in the heart of everyone who loves me." Make it come true by giving a tabernacle, ciborium or pyx to an humble Near East chapel. Each costs ten dollars.

FIRST WRITER

On March 18, we honor the author of the first real catechism, St. Cyril of Jerusalem. In his name we ask ten dollars for a hundred catechisms to help our Sisters train Near East children.

RELIC

Patrick's bell is still kept in Ireland. Why not send one to the Near East for two dollars—a sanctuary bell?

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
 400 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

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