

TRUE STORY

Sacraments Before Battle

By Rev. Aloysius F. Coogan

No Catholic soldier embarked on the invasion of France without being first given every opportunity of preparing himself spiritually for the ordeal which he had to face. The huge majority took advantage of the facilities and received Holy Communion.

Long before the invasion day the military authorities approached the Senior Catholic Chaplains with suggestion and plans for religious facilities for the men who were to go into the special invasion camps. The plans were singularly appreciative of the particular needs of Catholic soldiers.

On their own initiative, for instance, the authorities proposed that special marquees would be needed for Catholic men where the Blessed Sacrament could be reserved and a place set aside for Confession.

Additional Chaplains

Special chaplains were asked for in these camps as part of the permanent staff. This was to ensure that any troops who passed through the special invasion camps and who did not carry their own chaplains would not go unprovided for.

As a result, when the time came for the troops to be marshalled in the special camps, they found in

them what was aptly termed a "Cathedral Square," with a marquee chapel set aside for Catholics in which the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. The camp chaplains who had been specially appointed for the work had collected and devised furnishings and ornaments. Some marquees even had altar frontals, Stations of the Cross, holy water fonts and a bookstall. The chaplain's own tent was next to the "church" and he was available at all times.

Response Unprecedented

The plans of the authorities even included broadcasts over the camp radio system of the times of Mass and Confession.

Never in the experience of the Catholic chaplains concerned have Catholic men responded so magnificently to this last opportunity of approaching the Sacraments before battle.

In some camps the chaplains reported that 95 per cent of the total Catholic strength received Holy Communion, notwithstanding the fact that for months previously during missions, retreats and other devotions given by their own chaplains the majority had already availed themselves of the opportunities of receiving the Sacraments. (Catholic Times, Catholic Herald, The Universe.)

Sacrilegious Scenes Eliminated in Films

ALBANY. — (RNS) — Twenty-three "sacrilegious" scenes were eliminated from 1,462 films submitted for licensing to the Motion Picture Division of the New York State Education Department during the year ending March 31, according to the annual report of Director Irwin Esmond. Only three films were rejected entirely, he said.

"Indecency" provided the most frequent ground for deletions, 162 falling within that category. "Immorality or tending to corrupt morals" was a close second with 148. Sixty cuts were ordered for "inhumanity," and nine for "tending to incite to crime."

Mr. Esmond reported that "a tendency to exploit certain pictures improperly by means of advertising has been gradually diminishing," and no theater licenses were revoked for this cause during the past year.

Hero Meets Death at Tinian After Saving Orphan Girl, Donating Purse for Mission

WASHINGTON. — (NC) — Two days before Lieut. James A. Grainer, of the U. S. Marine Corps, met death at Tinian in the Marianas Islands, he visited the Rev. Joseph Tardio, S.J., the missionary of Saipan Island, and gave him a collection of coins and small bills which the Marines had donated to build another Catholic mission in Garapan, a delayed dispatch from Sgt. Edward F. Ruder, Marine Combat correspondent, states. The dispatch says that Lieutenant Grainer also left with Father Tardio a small orphaned native girl he had rescued in Saipan and saw that the priest baptized the girl Antoinette, as a namesake for the officer's mother. Lieutenant Grainer was killed, the dispatch states, on July 22. Before he entered the service he was employed at the Library of Congress in this city.

Offer Football Practice to God, To Virgin Mary

SOUTH BEND. — The Notre Dame football squad met in Dillon Chapel at the University to dedicate the fall practice session, with "all the bumps, bruises and exertion that goes with the daily training, to the glory of God and the exaltation of Mary, the Mother of God, after whom Notre Dame is named, and to ask God to protect every player from injury." It is announced in the University's weekly religious bulletin.

Saints and Sinners

The Catholic Church cannot be choosy in its membership; it must accept all who desire salvation; it is not a congregation of saints exclusively. It also contains those whose lives perhaps are not at all edifying. But for them there is hope of salvation, and she urges on them repentance, and does not reject them. Christ said the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind. — (Matt. 13:47—Luke, 9:35)

Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

- San Diego, I Love You, A-1
- The Utah Kid, A-1
- Arsenic and Old Lace, A-2
- Call of the Jungle, A-3
- End of the Road, A-3
- My Buddy, A-2
- Oh What a Night, A-3
- When Strangers Marry, A-2
- Rainbow Island, B

AT THE THEATRES

- LOEW'S ROCHESTER
- Dragon Seed, A-2
- R-K-O PALACE
- Hall the Conquering Hero, A-2
- Silent Partner, A-1

TEMPLE

- The Ghost Who Walked Alone (Not classified)
- Voodoo Man (Not classified)

CENTURY

- Take It or Leave It, B
- Crime By Night, A-1
- REGENT
- Wing and a Prayer, A-1
- Louisiana Hayride, A-1
- CAPITOL
- Invisible Man's Revenge, B
- Eve of St. Mark, B

Children's Corner

CHRIST'S DOUBLE

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By "Father Jo"

This morning I'm going to let you in on a little secret. Maybe you never knew this before but many actors like Alan Ladd, Roy Rogers and Judy Canova have a double. Now, I'll bet most of you boys and girls don't even know what a double is. Well, I'll tell you.

A double is a person who looks so much like the actor that he can take his place without anybody knowing the difference. He can act and talk just like the actor. The double has to be so much like the actor that nobody can tell them apart.

An actor's double is a pretty important person. Just suppose a big actor like Alan Ladd is making a picture. Near the end of the picture, Alan Ladd gets sick. He gets awfully sick. The doctor says he cannot finish the picture. He is too sick. Still the show must go on. It can't stop. So what happens? Alan Ladd calls in his double. His double is a man who looks and acts so much like Alan Ladd that the people who see the movie don't know the difference. The double takes Alan Ladd's place so well the people think it's Alan Ladd all the time.

Yes, boys and girls, the actor's double is a very important man. He gets paid a lot of money too, but he is worth it.

SMART IDEA

I think the idea of having a double is smart, don't you? Most of the actors and actresses in Hollywood think so too. That's the reason so many of them have a double.

Now, boys and girls, I know another person who has a double. Jesus. I suppose you are surprised to hear that, but it's true. Sure, Jesus has a double. Perhaps you are wondering what Jesus needs a double for. Well, let's recall the story of Jesus' life.

When Jesus lived on this earth, He did many wonderful things. He used to bless little boys and girls like you. He used to teach people to be good. Jesus also forgave sins. At the Last Supper He changed bread and wine into His Own Body and Blood. The next day He died on a big Cross.

The reason Jesus did all these things was to save souls. To save your soul and mine. After He rose from the dead, Jesus went back to Heaven. But He didn't want His work to stop. No, Jesus wanted His work of saving souls to keep

on going. So what did Jesus do? Like Alan Ladd, He used a double.

RECEIVE POWER

Jesus called certain men and asked them to take His place. These men acted as His double. They taught the people about God. They took away their sins just as Jesus had done. They even changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Of course, Jesus gave these men the power to do all these wonderful things.

Now, boys and girls, do you know who these men were? Yes. They were the Twelve Apostles. THE FIRST PRIESTS. Every Priest can do what the Twelve Apostles did. Every Priest can forgive sins. Every Priest at Mass changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. That is why the Priest is Christ's double. The Priest takes Christ's place.

I think Jesus was very good to us to leave us someone in His place. We ought to thank Jesus for our Priests. We should show the priest great respect too, because he is Christ's double.

Getting On In The World

ONLY TRUE OUTLOOK

There is no man who has not some outlook on life, some philosophy, in the light of which he lives. But the only outlook which is true, or ultimate, is that of the Christian who sees things as God sees them and whose faith has power in it to light up his life entire. — Father James, O.F.M.Cap.

St. Symphorian

— was arrested and taken before a magistrate when he refused to pay the ordinary marks of worship during a great procession honoring the heathen goddess Ceres at Autun about the year 180. When asked his name and condition, he replied: "My name is Symphorian; I am a Christian." When he refused to obey the laws compelling heathen worship he was cruelly tortured and put to death.

Giving the first pint of blood is the hardest in your mind. After you see how easy and painless it is, you go back time and again.

