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The twenty-second National Convention of the National Counell of Catholic Women, to be held in Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 21-25, at the Commodore Perry Hotel, will have as its theme "The Family, the Basis of Post-War Civilization."

Individuals sessions will be detoted to spiritual-religious, educational and economic aspects of family life. International relations will also be discussed.

The place of the National Catholic School of Social Service in war and post-war life will be featured. Graduates of the School are serving in WACs, WAVEs, SPARs, the American Red Cross, the National Catholic Community Service, here and abroad, and in family welfare work at home.

The Siena Medal, the Theta Phi Alpha award to the outstanding Catholic woman of the year, will be presented at the convention. Established in 1937, the twentyfifth anniversary of the founding of Theta Phi Alpha, national sorority for Catholic women, the Siena Award was thus called in honor of St. Catherine of Siena, patron of the group,

Former recipients of the Medal are: 1937, the late Miss Agnes G. Regan, then executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women: 1938, Miss Mary Merrick, president and founder of the Christ Child Society; 1939, Miss Agnes Repplier, writer and casayint: 1940, Miss Jane Hoey, director, Public Assistance Division, Federal Society Security Board; 1941, Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick, newspaper woman and author; 1942 Miss Anne Sarachon Hooley. assistant director, National Catholie Community Service; 1943, Mother M. Katharine Drexet, founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. If any of your local colleges have a chapter of

A cordial invitation to attend the Convention is extended to any Catholic woman interested.

This week renewed affiliation with the National and Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W., has been received from the Rosary Seciety of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester.

Frankly **Feminine**

By ELIZABETH

CRITICISM

There's a sign I've seen often in neighborhood stores that reads "If we please you, tell your neighbor; if we displease you, tell us." I like that only I think that we ought also to remember to mention our pleasure as well as our displeasure.

That brings us to the point. Does anyone read the column. I know one girl in Elmira that does and I have a sort of warm place in my heart for her for letting me know. Really though, I'd like to know what some of my readers (?) think. Of course, I'm like all the rest of the women, if I knew your names I'd probably never apeak to you again, if the criticism were too adverse. However, I don't know you and who knows if you make me really mad I might write something worthwhile - just fo show you. If you think parents are protective of real children, just watch an author guard his brain

Don't get me wrong though, whether we like a thing or not, but if a woman says "Do you like my hat" you'd better think twice before you decide to be honest and really tell her. It takes a master of criticism to tell a woman what he thinks of her hat-tell the truth-and still be considered by

her a gallant gentleman. All kidding aside folks— how'm I deln'—should I give up this space-there's a war on and we need paper.

Suppose You Co

-to Washington to see the President and he refers you to his secretary. You may sot like it, but you have no recourse. So with con-card allegates do not count.

Religion Has Closely Knit Family Since Earliest Days of History

By REV. EDGAR SCHMIEDELER, O.S.B.

Down through the centuries religion has ever been recognized as a powerful cement serving to knit the family unit into an intimate self-contained group. It has been one of the most influential of family bonds.

Intertwined with other family ties, this fundamental and ementially spiritual bond has served constantly to revitalize and quicken them. It has served to strengthen the entire family fabric, to make for strong cobesion on the part of the members of the little domentie world.

History tells us for example, that the very war cry of the ancient Romans was "for our altars and for our hearthstones." Although the religion of these old Romans was no more than pagan idolatry, the recognition of the nced for religion in the home was recognition of a principal that is

undeniably true. PROMOTES FAMILY LIFE

Needless to say, the Christian religion, far superior to all others, has served as a family bond. It has served to unify the family group. It has served to uplift and refine domestic life.

The Church, the organized expression of the Christian religion, has from its infant days sought in a great variety of ways to promote a unified and vital family life. She has done so, for example, by pointing constantly to the union of Christ and His Church as the image of the union of the Christian husband and wife,

Again, she had done so by consistently teaching the fundamental doctrine, the divine law, of the unity of marriage. She has done so by promoting cordial relations. between family members by the teaching of the social virtues. She has done so by teaching the moral law, by inculcating a sense of responsibility, a regard for marital Theta Phi Alpha, you will want duties and familial obligations. Reading is important to mention this fact and names of |Sho has done so by her manifold ministrations of grace.

EMPHASIZE RELIGION

A very important way too in which the Church has served to ligion is by encouraging religious School Journal.

practices within the home itself. No one will doubt of course that the serious practice of religion by an individual entirely apart from his home, will ultimately resound also to the good of his family. Nevertheless there are special advantages to the home in religious practices carried on in common within the family circle itself.

If all things done in common in the family tend to integrate the group and bind the members into harmonious unison, certainly all presumption is in favor of this being the case in the sacred realm of religion.

Again, if shared activities in the field of work and play are excellent means of influencing children through the contagion of example or the dynamic power of interstimulation, most assuredly will the spiritual and uplifting influence of common religious activities, shared by parents and children within the family circle, produce the same beneficial results.

Those, therefore, who wish to assure themselves a strong and vital family life, a home world bound together by enduring tiesand what sealous Catholic does not wish that?-will emphasize religion within the family circle.

They will have evidences of religion—sacred pictures—blessed articles, erucifixes - in the home. They will foster family prayer and devotions in common. They will make it their ambition to have a religious spirit permeate the famiily environment. They will seek zealousiy to have Christ reign as head of their home.

(N.C.W.C. Features)

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