

'Commando of the Master' Keep Simple, Introductions to Folks Has Appeal for Youth

What student of the Diocese of Rochester has not heard of the Commando? This arm of the service does the advance work of the invasion. They prepare the way so that the infantry and other branches of the service achieve victory.

After the name of a Vincentian Father you see the letters C. M. You know that these letters stand for the official name of the Community founded by St. Vincent de Paul in France over 200 years ago. Because of the work done by the Vincentian Fathers in the United States the letters C. M. have often been taken as standing for "Commando of the Master."

When the church in this country was largely missionary and Catholicism was few and widely scattered the early American Vincentians were outstanding. The first Bishop of Buffalo, St. Louis, Texas, Toronto, Los Angeles, and New Orleans were members of the Vincentian Fathers.

Today in parishes of every Diocese the Vincentian Fathers are well known for the revival of spiritual zeal and sanctity amongst the laity. In mission work in the south among the white, and colored, and in Panama the work of the early Vincentians continued, and Bishop O'Brien, C.M., in China is doing in Kinang today what the early Vincentians did in this country in the past.

The best known Vincentian Father in the Diocese of Rochester is the ranking Catholic Chaplain at the Sampson Naval Station, Fr. Frederic Gehring, C.M.

As a Vincentian priest Father Gehring has served in the United States, China, and with our fighting forces in the North Pacific. In the record of Father Gehring's life you see the average American Vincentian.

Do you desire to become a C. M. — A Commando of the Master? If you have finished grammar school, and are interested in learning more, then write to the Very Reverend Visitor, St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Philadelphia.

St. Joseph's College, Princeton, N. J. is the preparatory seminary where High School and College subjects are taught. After two years in the Novitiate in Philadelphia, the aspirant takes personal vows, and begins his scholastic life at Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa. where philosophy and theology prepare him for ordination. If selected for teaching, he may be sent

to Catholic University in the House of Studies for further preparation or to some of the Houses of the Community in France, and Italy.

Vincentian Houses of the Eastern Province besides those in Panama and China are located in the Diocese of Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Raleigh, Mobile, Trenton, Springfield and Toronto. The many works in various fields offer a wide field of priestly endeavor.

Rev. John A. Ryan, C.M.
Vincentian Fathers

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MacArthur Speaks

MANILA (INN) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, formally turning over liberated Philippine areas to Filipino President Osmeña's Government: "My country has kept the faith."

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By NEELEA JOHNS DAILY

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SOMETIMES it's hard to tell which side of this boy-dated-girl setup is the more difficult. A girl may argue that fellows are sometimes rather hard to impress in the point of popping the "what are you doing Friday night?" question, but the average fellow is sure that it's much harder to cope not only with a girl but with her whole family besides. So, just to make a little easier for those high school boys who find fright in every father and fear in every mother, here are a few helpful hints for both the fellow and girl in the case to follow in order to lessen the strain.

First in the girl department — whenever meeting the family man often be a thing that comes over the smoothest and sharpest talking characters — it's up to you, the girl, to make the process as painless as possible. And one of the biggest helps is to save the fellow

from facing the family alone — at least for the first few dates. If you can manage to be out to open the front door for the fellow when he rings, he'll love you for it. A fellow is often grateful for the sight of a familiar face in the midst of all the strangers that are your family.

Introductions don't have to be a problem, the way they often are. It's good to keep them simple. "Mother, may I present Joe Jackson?" is a fine start, and if you carry it all the way down the line to your little brother, playing the shy role in the middle of the living room door, it helps clear up any cases of mistaken identity.

There's bound to be some conversation before the two of you go on your merry way, and especially if this is the first date, your family will want to find out a little bit about what the boy is like. So it's up to you to get the talk started.

From there on either your father or mother is bound to make some comments or ask a few questions, and if the character is as smooth as you think he is he'll be able to come across with a few answers. But do help the fellow get a start — after all, you know the family better than he does!

With all this help from the girl,

the fellow shouldn't have too much trouble. But there are few things that he should keep in mind if the evening is to turn out as wonderfully as he had planned. It takes a little timing to make a perfect entrance — not too early, not too late. In fact, at exactly the time you told your date you'd pick her up. If you break in half an hour before the appointed time you're likely to find the family in the midst of their dinner, and they won't be too happy about that, and if you come in on the other side of the hour you may start nasty little thoughts about "that unreliable young fellow" circulating thru the girl's mother's head. And either way it had you started out to impress them, didn't you?

But suppose the girl didn't meet you at the door, despite all your hopes that she would. Don't just assume that the entire family knows who you are — introduce yourself!

Without the girl's help to get the conversation rolling it will be a little more difficult, but you might try to get the heavy chair's father started on a discussion of how long the war is going to last in Europe or whether or not the aerial security test ought to be increased, and then just sit back and listen. That should take at least 10 or 15 minutes, and by that time your little piece of date talk for the evening ought to be ready.

It's easier to make conversations with mothers, because all that's necessary is to point the talk in the direction of her daughter and you're off to a fine start. Anything complimentary is bound to make a mother — but, because the mother will be happy to find some one as interested in her little baby child as she is.

When the girl finally gets to her apartment, making apologies for taking so long but looking well worth the wait, it's up to you to make a graceful exit. The girl will probably make the first move to send the date, but it's up to you to take the cue. She has to go with her usual, sharp bar always with her standard back, and then get ready to roll. But not before you say good-night to the family.

If you find yourself a little tongue-tied just say you are happy to have met them or that you hope to see them again. (And the way your date looks tonight, you certainly do hope to be around this way again, and often.) But whatever happens, do say more than good-by. There's no use spelling the good impression you worked so hard to make.

Students Thank Louvain Rector for Standing Firm During Nazi Tenure

PARIS (INN) — Students of the University of Louvain organized a public manifestation of gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Van Wagonberg, Rector of the University

for his courage during the Nazi occupation, a courage that saved them from deportation. During the occupation Nazi officials had asked Mgr. Van Wagonberg to hand over a list of the students, but the rector refused, with the result that he was imprisoned for 18 months.

Responding to the expression of gratitude of the part of the students, Mgr. Van Wagonberg spoke of his imprisonment and said he considered the day of his liberation a day of victory, for on that day, he continued, our students escaped deportation and forced labor in Germany.

Free Access to Truth

MEXICO CITY (INN) — Secretary of State Edward Stettin's, in a resolution calling for positive freedom of the press: "It is one of the fundamental tenets of the present world war that there can be no freedom, peace or security where men are not assured of free access to the truth."

PLAN POSTER CONTEST FOR 'BOOK WEEK'

MILWAUKEE (INN) — The second all-American poster contest for Catholic Book Week has been announced by officers of The Catholic School Journal, sponsors of the contest in cooperation with the Catholic Library Association. The contest will open on April 15 and close on June 15.

All undergraduate students in Catholic high schools and colleges of the United States and Canada are eligible. Prizes of \$75, \$25, and ten honorable mentions consisting of \$1 book certificates, are being offered. Posters must feature the 1945 Catholic Book Week slogan, "Keys to World Peace—Christian Books."

