

Holy Childhood Association

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(Tenth of the winning essays on mission topics is the following by an eighth grade pupil of St. Patrick's School, Danoville):

THE MARTYRS OF NAGASAKI

By Lois Arzell

Nagasaki, the scene of the terrific fury of the atomic bomb was many years ago the scene of the bloody martyrdom of

many of God's faithful followers. Through the zealous labors of St. Francis Xavier and many other helpers, fifty martyrs were brought into the Church of Christ. They came persecution. A handful of religious and Christians were crucified. This number increased daily.

A favorite way of detecting Christians was by calling upon their suspects to trample upon crucifixes obtained from many of the Christians' Churches that were demolished. If they refused they were banished from their homes and if again caught they were thrown into boiling springs or were crucified.

In the history of the Church not one nation has had as great a number of martyrs as Japan. Still, in all their agony and persecution, these Japanese Christians were filled with joy when they learned they were to have the privilege of dying for their Beloved Master.

These blessed martyrs gave their lives so willingly. Will we not give some of our pleasures of which these people had none, that the word of God may be brought even to those the least of our brethren?

Girls Make up Your Minds, Sheila Counsels on Dating

By Sheila John Daly

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PULL UP a rocking chair, hitch your feet up to the fire, and just relax. It's time for the old graybeards to get together to make with the wise chatter about the how, when, where, and whodunits of dating.



Sheila John Daly

These may be the same old situations, but they loom up like new problems every time a guy or gal is faced with a dateless Friday evening, a dateless weekend, or an entire future with no dates on the schedule at all! So here's the No. 1 story in this week's mail, a letter from a high school gal who writes that "it's been a long, long time!"

...but it's been over three months since we broke up, and I haven't had a date since. I met him first when I was a sophomore, dated him off and on for about five weeks, and then he gave me his class ring. We agreed to go steady then, and with the specific arrangement that neither one of us would date any one else and that we would be honest and talk it over if either one of us ever wanted to break up.

"Everything was wonderful for almost a year; then I thought I liked another boy, so since we had agreed to be honest I told Jim about it. He was a good sport about it and told me to think it over. A couple of weeks later I gave him his ring back, but we still went out together. After a while he just stopped calling me. Now, I realize I still like him, and tho I've tried to get him back, I can't. And, worse than that, no one else asks me

out, either! Sometimes I think he's told all the fellows that I'm still his girl."

No use crying over lost class rings and moaning about the good times you used to have! Why not be frank and admit that you tried the boy's patience a bit too hard? In dating, as in everything else, a little sweetness goes a long way, but, little sweetness, you went too far! You weren't sure of your own feelings, but you were sure of just how your guy felt; you tried a little experiment and the whole friendship just blew up in your face.

You'll just have to get back into circulation as best you can—perhaps you have a good gal friend with an extra boy friend for a blind date; you might try being interesting to a few of the joes in the history or dramatics club at school; or, better still, have the gang over for a Friday evening, with a couple of extra boys who would find you fun. But be sure you learned a lesson this time—and next time you decide to go steady your heart will really be in it. Boys can wait for anything except for a girl to make up her mind!

"Ever since we started high school a certain crowd of us fellows has run around together. We're pretty young to date, except for dancing, so we usually go bowling, to a movie, or just sit around and talk. There is one particular boy who doesn't like me. I don't know why he doesn't like me, but he just doesn't—I can tell. I don't want to start any arguments, but it's kind of crowding me out of the gang."

If one boy out of a whole crowd doesn't like you, that's nothing to worry about! Just go over in your own mind a quick list of 10 people whom you know—and out of that 10, how many do you like? There are probably one or two who don't particularly appeal to you. And maybe that's just how the boy in the crowd feels about you; he doesn't like you, but you just aren't one of his favorite people!

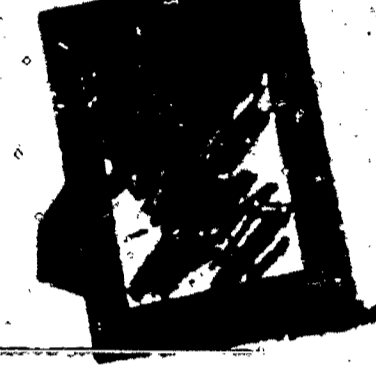
Maybe you can figure out why. Did you ever hurt his feelings (sure, boys have feelings, too!) by forgetting to include him in some gang get-together; did you ever cross him up by asking his girl to a dance, or have you let your attitude get mixed so that he thinks that you don't like him, and thus put him on the defensive? Give the friendship a real chance by doing everything you can—don't fuss when he talks laugh at his jokes (all right, you heard that one last night), and make him feel "important." If only half the people in the world like you, you'd still have a lot of friends—but it's better to have everybody on your side!

Belgium Has Catherine Tokawitha Chapel

Belgium has a chapel named after a girl who lived in the 13th century. The chapel is in the town of Tokawitha. It is a beautiful building and is a place of interest to many people. The chapel was built in the 13th century and is a fine example of Gothic architecture. It is a place of interest to many people and is a place where many people go to pray. The chapel is a beautiful building and is a place of interest to many people. It is a fine example of Gothic architecture and is a place where many people go to pray.

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Prague (NC) — Sermons in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Latin were preached in various Prague churches at the Requiem Masses offered for the repose of the soul of Czechoslovak students who had been put to death by the Nazis on November 17, 1939.

These Masses were attended by many students of foreign countries who had come here as delegates to an International Students' Congress. The English sermon was preached by the Rev. Felix Mikula in the Church of Our Lady of Victory, where the famous image of the Child-Jesus of Prague is kept.

Wuerzburg U. Reopens London (CND) — The University of Wuerzburg, Bavaria, American-occupied Germany, resumed teaching in all departments on Oct. 31. Its new Rector (President) is Professor Joseph Martin The Catholic Divinity School of Wuerzburg University, which was opened before the other Departments, on Oct. 15, has at present more than 100 students.

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