

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Let's push aside the dishes, draw up a chair in the kitchen, and listen to the Catholic mother. In reply to our recent discussion of the birth control menace we have received many excellent letters from Catholic mothers, and for once, we wish this column could carry more than three sheets of copy (typed and double-spaced).

"This was to be the century of the child," writes Mrs. H. Lou Gibson, Rochester mother whom some readers will recognize as the talented writer and lecturer, Eileen Leary Gibson. "How the guardian angels must weep," her letter continues, "at the first half of this century of the child. Wouldn't it be to the joy of angels and happiness of mankind if the peace parleys had for their guiding ideal, the century of the child. And isn't it strange how we physically fear the atomic bomb and how much more we should fear the destruction to unborn children, and ready the spiritual and physical defenses?"

As the mother of seven children and as the confidant of other mothers, Mrs. Gibson has some good homespun suggestions for making this world a welcome place for babies.

"In the domestic press," she writes, "there should be a definite place for constructive and inspiring news for family life. For example, the clippings about a famous doctor's statement about the health of mother being best with not too long interval between babies and the thumbnail sketches of persons who have been a tenth child and a celebrity. Even those of us who profess to have an spiritual bent on life need to see good cheer for our vocation in print. We need it so many times when Johnny has the croup, the twins the measles, and our last year's hat is shabby — and I forgot the kitchen sink is leaking."

Editors may be interested in another suggestion of Mrs. Gibson. "In high school classes in the senior year, there should be splendid lectures and reading courses on marriage love, its beauty, its responsibilities, and its eternal consequences. So understanding, so purposeful and so full of Divine Love, should be these courses that no one who was ever present would dare begethally with God against having a baby. Perhaps the first year classes need them also, so woelessly wide are the young, due to parental neglect, movies, and a materialistic world.

Next Mrs. Gibson has some well needed advice for Catholic men. "It is not sufficient," she states, "that good Catholic men provide for their own families' needs and save their own families' souls. It behooves them to awaken to the fact that each man in his own power or sphere of influence with his money, his prestige, his profession or his skills make this today and tomorrow the century of the child."

"Consider the banker, the architect, the lawyer, the real estate man (and the landlord), the newspaper man and the theater owner. . . Consider how rarely each man views his motives and his actions for profit on the dollar in the light of how it affects the masses and the fate of children. The banker would never loan money to a man who offered a child as collateral. I'd sell no one of mine for a million but could they get me a down payment on a house? The architect will be proud of his handiwork and yet he can see that no family of any size could possibly live in the house he has sketched for 'family.' (Who prompts the building of the present size dog houses for family life?) There is also the lawyer, who makes the laws; the newspaper man, who prepares the daily press; and the theater owner, whose scandal of the innocents is possibly the greatest there. . . and all good Catholic men who meet in discussion or who plan the city and local suburban life should have a sign in front of them. . . And WHAT about children? Does THIS help family life?"

Mrs. Gibson's prayer for parents is that they want try "to keep up with the Jones." And when relatives remark, "About time you had all your family." "Sorry you can't join the party. . . . When this happens, Mrs. Gibson wants to hear Catholic parents fire back: "We are saving our souls — and giving other souls to God! AND YOU!"

Racial Myths Exploited River Forest, Ill. — (NC) — Written to combat widespread myths about racial differences, a 3-page study "Racial Myths," by Sister Mary Ellen O'Hanlon, has been published by Rosary College here.

BLANCHARD FLORIST of 58 Lab. Avenue — the house of quality flowers — always the best at modest prices — announces special season's sale hours: Monday and Friday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Free parking. Phone Main 1926.

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Funeral Rites Conducted for Fr. Wheelwright

Solemn pontifical funeral services for the Rev. Thomas J. Wheelwright, C.S.S.R., 55, noted retreat master and half brother of Prime Minister Eamon de Valera of Eire, were conducted today (Thursday, July 25, 1946) in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Pa., by the Most Rev. William J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton.

A native of Rochester, Father Wheelwright died Monday, July 22, in Mercy Hospital, Scranton, of injuries resulting from a head-on collision in an automobile Saturday.

The fatal crash occurred when the Redemptorist was driving relatives to visit an ailing priest in the hospital. A charge of involuntary manslaughter was leveled against the driver of the other car.

In this city, a Requiem Mass and Libera were offered at St. Joseph's Church yesterday by the Rev. Joseph C. Winiecki, C.S.S.R., Father Wheelwright's friend and classmate, who also attended the funeral.

Requiem Mass will be offered Sunday at 9 a. m. in Blessed Sacrament Church by the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, Pastor, Buffalo at Ecopus.

A Requiem Mass will be sung tomorrow at Mount St. Alphonse Seminary, Esopus, N. Y., where the Redemptorist was ordained just 49 years ago and where the body was taken for burial.

Born in New York City in the same house where the Irish Father Wheelwright lived at 18 prime minister was given birth, Brighton St. in Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester. His mother, the former Catherine Coll, married Charles Wheelwright three years after the death of Vivian de Valera, made her a widow.

Father Wheelwright attended St. Joseph's School in Rochester, St. Mary's College, Northeast, Pa., Redemptorist preparatory college where he later taught Mathematics. He served seven years at the Roman Catholic Mission Church, Boston, Mass. Retreat Director.

A zealous missionary and scholar, he had been director of a retreat house at Tobeyhanna, Pa., for the past four or five years. Previously he directed a retreat house at Westend, N. J.

He gave many retreats and missions in Rochester and visited here often before his mother's death in 1922. His last visit here was on St. Patrick's Day this year when he came to take part in services at the grave of his mother and deliver the eulogy at the annual Solemn Pontifical Mass. He was to have conducted the Forty Hours Devotion in Blessed Sacrament Church this coming winter.

Father Wheelwright spent last winter in Dublin visiting Mr. de Valera. The prime minister himself visited Rochester several times while his mother was living and attend Blessed Sacrament Church.

Father Wheelwright leaves four cousins in Rochester, Mrs. Florence Johnson, Mrs. Irvin Johnson, Mrs. Morris Ellsworth and Edward J. Connolly.

Mourning



REV. T. J. WHEELWRIGHT

FR. CAVANAUGH NEW N. D. HEAD

Notre Dame, Ind. — Election of the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., as President of the University of Notre Dame for a three-year term, starting immediately, was announced here by the Rev. Thomas A. Steiner, C.S.C., Provincial of the United States Chapter of the Priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the religious order which conducts Notre Dame.

Father Cavanaugh, who has been Vice-President of Notre Dame since 1940, was chosen for the high honor by the Provincial Council of the congregation at the latter's triennial chapter meeting this week at Notre Dame. He succeeds the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., who has been President of Notre Dame for the last six and one-half years. Father O'Donnell will be given a special assignment by the Provincial.

At the same time Father Steiner announced the election of the Rev. John H. Murphy, C.S.C., Superior of Missouri Seminary at Notre Dame since 1943, as Vice-President of the University. He will also serve for three years.

Important appointments announced by Father Steiner included the following: Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., to be President of the University of Portland, Ore., succeeding the Rev. Charles Milner, C.S.C., who has been in ill health. The University of Portland is under the direction of the Priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

The Rev. James W. Connerston, C.S.C., to be President of Kings College, Wilkesbarre, Pa. This is a new college to be opened in September under the direction of the Priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Senate Votes Down 'Equal Rights' Bill

Washington — (NC) — In the first floor vote in the 23 years it has been before Congress, the so-called "Equal Rights" Amendment, failed in the Senate to gain the two-thirds majority needed from both houses to send it to the States for ratification. The vote was 38 to 35 against.

In a statement released before the vote was taken, eleven women leaders called for defeat of the amendment, terming equal rights "a deceptive slogan." Among the signers of the statement were Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, Carrie Chapman Catt, who was a leader in the fight for woman suffrage, and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, Columbia University, New York.

First Mass Offered In St. Joseph's Church Just 100 Years Ago

Just one hundred years ago tomorrow — on the Feast of St. Anne, July 26, 1846 — the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the first time in St. Joseph's Church in Franklin Street, Rochester.

In the century that intervened more than 200,000 Masses have been offered on the altars of the venerable citadel of Catholicism in the Rochester Diocese.

From its portals the Redemptorist Fathers have gone forth to carry the Faith to all sections of the Rochester Diocese. At least ten parishes owe their origin to the Redemptorists of St. Joseph.

These include St. Michael's, Holy Redeemer, St. Boniface and Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. Januarius, Naples; Holy Trinity, Webster; St. Joseph's, Penfield, and Holy Ghost, Coldwater.

The oldest church structure now in service in the Rochester Diocese, St. Joseph's is also believed to be the oldest church in this section of the country. The parish itself is even older, having been founded in 1836, 110 years ago.

Besides serving as the Mother Church of all German churches in the Diocese, St. Joseph's sent its priests and brothers on so many other missions that the early history of the Rochester Diocese is interwoven with the work of the Redemptorists.

The number of its actual parishioners, drastically reduced by the inroads of industry and commerce, St. Joseph's remains even today a focal point of Catholic devotion.

Since June, 1927, Wednesday novenas to Our Lady of Perpetual Help have drawn thousands of the faithful. Eight services are held each week and the average total weekly attendance is in excess of 4,000.

The St. Joseph's Church which was formally dedicated on the feast of St. Anne, Sunday, July 26, 1846, was a far cry from the structure which thousands of Rochesterians know today.

Built of Lockport stone, the structure was 125 feet long with two side chapels of about 40 feet each. There were no doors nor windows in the place and weather boards were used in their stead.

Tower Built in 1899 The present magnificent tower, rated as one of the architectural landmarks in Rochester was not added until 1899. The tower spirals 167 feet, six inches into the air. It replaced a wooden tower, 98 feet high which was erected in 1837.

The first altar in St. Joseph's was a simple affair of wood in sharp contrast to the magnificent high altar which adorns the church today.

When the first Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's the formal creation of the Rochester Diocese was still nearly twenty years away. It was not until 1868 that the Diocese was created and Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid installed as the first Ordinary.

Therefore, no member of the Hierarchy was on hand for that first Mass which was celebrated by the Very Rev. Peter Czackert, C.S.S.R., Superior of the Redemptorists.

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Peace Parley Opens Monday As World Waits

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Our Bishop's Appeal

My dear People: Every year the dioceses of the Catholic Church in the United States conduct the appeal for the Bishops' Relief in Europe and the East. Your Church handles and distributes this relief directly through its own authorities in these countries. It is important that we send our contribution as soon as possible, since the final compilation of funds for this year is now being made.

The Bishops' Relief Collection answers a very serious question. It is this: Shall the Church of Christ continue to function in stricken areas of Europe and the East, or shall the bishops there be forced to abandon all hope of a reconstruction?

Without your generous response to this appeal, your Catholic leaders in Washington will be forced to say "no" to many appeals. That "no" will mean the end of hope for many good Christian people who want to restore their churches and practice their religion. The generous support of this project each year has made it possible for the American hierarchy to stand between the bishops of these countries and despair. We cannot withdraw our help until we see some hope for a continuance of the spiritual revival which our generosity has helped to stimulate.

May I ask then, that through your generosity to this special appeal on next Sunday, Rochester may maintain her traditional position among those dioceses whose generosity created the Bishops' Fund, and whose wholehearted support is keeping it effective in the present crisis.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

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