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### Sodality of Our Lady

### Family Theatre

By REV. JOSEPH M. MORPETH  
Diocesan Director for Sodalities

Hollywood for some years past the Albany diocese and has seemed to be organizational and reached great proportions. Thus, when we see the names of some of our better known movie stars find up with powerful instrument of the American League for Democracy or the Association of Professional and Business Artists and sensible life. These movie Defense against Fascism, we actors and actresses are not may be disappointed but not particularly surprised. I suppose they are but half-hearted about lending their time and talents to this singular project. Through so many of their fellow travelers in the movie world are openly and emphatically supporting organizations that admittedly people publicly associating themselves with a movement like the Family Theatre, then we are a bit startled and delightedly surprised. For the weekly radio series, known as the Family Theatre, boasts of a shining cluster of Hollywood's brightest stars.

Two weeks ago it was Loretta Young, last week it was Walter Brennan; in the coming weeks it will be Pat O'Brien, Bing Crosby, Gregory Peck, Jennifer Jones and a host of others from Hollywood's "Great."

The Family Theatre is seeking to establish sound family life on prayer. And not alone the prayer of each individual but family prayer, prayer by the family as a united group. This movement was begun by Father Peyton of USA.

Sodality Opportunity

I speak of this unusual program because I feel that it is an opportunity for our Sodalists to cooperate in a project close to the Sodality Sound and God-loving family life is an end sought by every Sodalist who is a member of a family.

In keeping with the Sodality Rules, we should be constantly endeavoring to develop a real Catholic character that will influence our family to a life of Christian goodness and integrity. Any project that has this end in view will naturally receive our heartiest support.

I suggest two definite efforts

to make this Family Theatre program a complete success. Let our Sodalists publicize this program. In their Sodalities they should sponsor a publicity program that will make this radio series well known to the whole parish. Discussions at the meetings, short talks about the movie-star participants, posters on the parish bulletin-boards, pencil cards and notes to parishioners. These are some of the active ways our Sodalists can cooperate in the success of this much-needed and very important Family Theatre program.

Further, our Sodalists should form a spiritual campaign for this program's success. If your Sodality meeting should occur on a Thursday evening, then you can spend a certain amount of time just before the program in group prayer.

If you are at home or with friends you can precede the program with a few minutes of prayer. If you get the family together to say the Rosary or even a decade or two just before this program begins, you would be assuring it of that support which cannot fail to bring some results from so hopeful a radio series.

And don't forget the people on the program. Don't forget to write to your radio stations and to the actors. Write to them each week and tell them that you listened and enjoyed this half-hour. Let them know that their efforts are not wasted on unwanted. Let them realize that their courage and generosity are deeply appreciated.

Above all, if they have helped you and your family to appreciate the power of prayer in your family life, then tell them so. If you Sodalists are looking for a bit of real Catholic Action, then this Family Theatre radio series offers you an excellent opportunity.

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### Our Family Life

### Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

#### Legal Status of Women

By Rev. ALBERT J. BONOMI, Rochester

It is now the Equal Rights Amendment. This time, not a counterproposal, a bill on the status of women. Last week Representative George W. Ulmer, New York, introduced the bill in the House and Senate. This is the first bill of its kind in the United States.

Since 1942 the National Council of Catholic Women has backed the movement to introduce the Equal Rights Amendment through Congress. The son is in the right wording of the amendment. It reads as follows:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."

In plain English this means that no State could discriminate between men and women. It implied that men and women are IDENTICAL beings. It denied their physiological differences and their different historical and social functions. It denied, therefore, could have been as unfair to women than to put them on a level with men. As a famous jurist stated it: "Nothing is more unequal than to treat equals unequally."

If the Equal Rights Amendment is to be introduced to both houses of Congress, it should be introduced. Then we shall observe the lawmen of the country in their efforts to formulate laws based on Christian principles.

The Communists have taught us one thing: the status of the three test stamp. But the lawmen of the country must be educated to understand the meaning of Christianity.

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