

'Pay Check' And 'Mortgage' Cited As Factors In Marriage



Family Catholic Action awards for 1950 were presented at the opening session of the 18th annual convention of the National Catholic Family Life conference, held in Detroit. Two married couples, a single woman, a nun and a priest received the awards. Pictured on that occasion with conductor Bishop Peter W. Bartholome making the presentation are, left to right: Rev. Francis Larkin, S.S.C., director of

the National Center of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Home, Washington, honored for his work in that movement; Miss Nora LeTourneau, executive secretary of the Chicago Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, for her work in disseminating the Christian teachings on marriage and the family; Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Crowe, of Detroit, for instituting family preparation courses

Detroit (NC) — The Church re-emphasized its interest in both the sacramental side of marriage and the side that is bounded by the pay check and the mortgage as the 18th annual meeting of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life wound up here.

A "Family Holy Hour" at which hundreds of married couples renewed aloud their sacred wedding-day promises near and in health, until death do us part" was the official climax to the three-day convention which brought 500 family affairs specialists to this city.

In one of the final addresses Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids, who has served on many public labor and economic commissions, declared that half of all the workers in the United States are getting less than a decent family wage, and called for a joint effort by employers, workers and government to correct this situation.

"The great task, is, of course, to persuade men and women that family life is something sacred in itself, and that economic arrangements are to be adjusted to the family, and not the family to economic ar-

Doubts Raised On TV Role In Family Life

By CLARENCE M. JENS

Detroit (NC) — They admit here in Henry Ford's town that the automobile, with the movies and the juke box, helped to tear the modern family apart. So I asked whether another 20th century gadget, the television set, could help weld it together again.

The question was put to a good cross-cut of the nation's top Catholic authorities on family matters at the National Catholic Conference on Family Life here.

THE PROSPECT OF thousands of people flocking back from the highways, theaters bars and drug stores to get their entertainment in the parlor again intrigues all of these specialists. There are enough "don't know" or "don't like" aspects in that picture however, to keep them from throwing their hats in the air.

Here are the general conclusions submitted by the family experts —

MOST OF THEM agreed that the coming of mass-market television was a net gain for family life. The plain fact, they commented, that families with TV spend more time within the walls of their houses or apartments. That at least creates an opportunity for more family contact.

Some qualified this by saying that when the novelty wears off, television won't exert much more of a magnetic force toward the fireside than does radio today. Radio, they argued, has been turning out better and better programs for 25 years, but in that same period families have been spending less and less time together at home.

OTHERS MAINTAINED that TV, as it is used now, takes the viewer right out of his home even though he is sitting snugly in the old easy chair. By their definition a home is a place where people share each other's thoughts, experiences and personalities. When the television set is turned on, they remarked, conversation goes dead and this sharing ceases. The "Home" thus becomes a mere shell for the TV screen — about as much a scene for real family life as a drive-in movie lot.

Card. Mooney Urges Catholic Family Ideals

Detroit (NC) — Today's "urgent need" for a wider, more intensive effort to popularize and effectuate the Catholic Church's family life program was stressed by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, at the 15th annual convention of the National Catholic Family Life Conference here.



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His service is really important to the wholesome family life, to the individual and to society," the Cardinal said. "Too rarely, however, is there any definition of what makes family life wholesome. All too often there is easy, flippant condoning, or even positive acclaim of practices that undermine the very foundations of the home."

CARDINAL MOONEY said that the world today, "including millions who glory in the name of Christian," moves explicitly, positively and passively "to disrupt and destroy the family as historic Christianity knows and cherishes it." The prelate backed this charge by quoting from last November's statement of the U.S. Bishops, "The Christian Family."

The world "approves and facilitates divorce as a cure for domestic ills," accepts multiple marriages, which usually mean broken homes, and sponsors a "planned parenthood" by use of unnatural and morally-degrading means, the Cardinal said. Thus it infuses poison into the heart of family life by destroying in husband and wife the self-respect and mutual reverence on which alone are built enduring love and patient fidelity, he continued.

"Its social legislation, in point of suitable housing, decent material facilities, security in income and prospects is slow, fumbling and inadequate. A world professing recognition of the essential value of family life actually discounts that value and moves to destroy what it claims to cherish."

Ex-Moscow Priest In Trappist Order

Warcester, Mass. (NC) — The decision of the Rev. George Antonia Labarge, formerly stationed in Moscow, to give up the active life for the contemplative life is the fulfillment of a desire born in the quietest of hearts long before his departure for Moscow in 1943 and nourished and strengthened during his difficult sojourn there.

This view of the priest's entry into a Trappist monastery is given by his former confessor and superiors at the U.S. Assumptional headquarters here.

FATHER LABARGE entered the Trappist community as a candidate at the Abbey of Our Lady of the Valley, Valley Falls, N.Y., on September 26, 1949; he became a Trappist novice in early December of that year, and is scheduled to complete his two-year novitiate or trial period at the end of 1951.

The priest's former superiors point out that he had the desire to enter the contemplative life when he was given his assignment to go to Moscow to replace the Rev. Leopold Braun, A.A., who had served as pastor of the Church of St. Louis of the French there for 12 years.

ON HIS RETURN to the United States in February, 1949, Father Labarge informed his superiors of his strong desire to change from the active to the contemplative life. His assignment as priest in Moscow was given to the Rev. Arthur O. Brumard, A.A. Meanwhile his recent permit to Moscow had been cancelled by the Soviet authorities. The Assumptional superiors then wrote to Rome to obtain for Father Labarge the proper dispensation to enter the Trappist Order.

On last being contacted at the Trappist abbey Father Labarge seemed quite happy with his new life, his former confessor relates. However, they point out that his present stay with the Trappists is on a trial basis as it is for all novices seeking to enter a religious order.

SHOULD EITHER Father Labarge or his present Trappist superiors decide during his period of novitiate that the strict life of that order is unsuited to the priest, he would again rejoin the Assumptional community. Until Father Labarge makes his profession as a Trappist he is still canonically a member of the Assumptional Order.

Father Labarge's period of service in Moscow was at a time

Mercy-Death Condemned by Noted Doctor

Detroit (NC) — Euthanasia, "mercy" killing, was condemned by a prominent physician in Detroit, Dr. John MacIntyre, in a statement to the Detroit office of the World Council on Mental Hygiene.

Dr. MacIntyre, who is president of the Michigan Psychological Association, said that many so-called liberal thinkers, religious leaders and prominent citizens have expressed opposition to any form of euthanasia.

"It is contrary to all the principles of the medical profession to kill a patient, even if he is suffering from a terrible and incurable disease," he said.

"The practice of euthanasia is a violation of the ethical principles of the medical profession," he said. "There are some cases in which a patient is suffering from a disease which is incurable and which will eventually lead to death. In such cases, the physician's duty is to care for the patient and to comfort him, but not to kill him."

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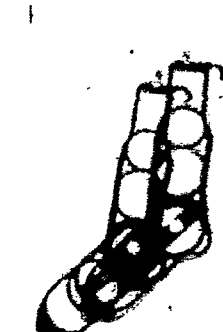









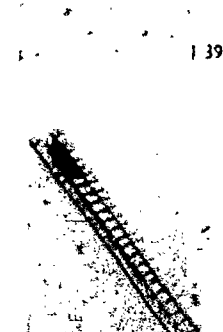
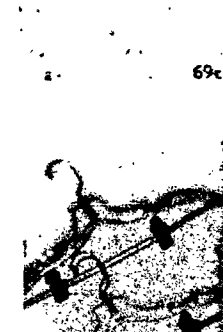


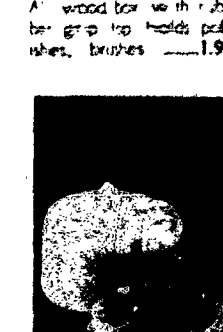
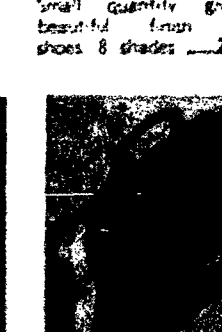



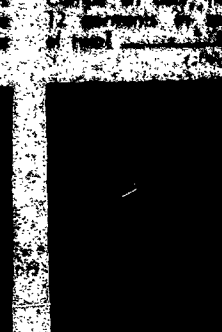
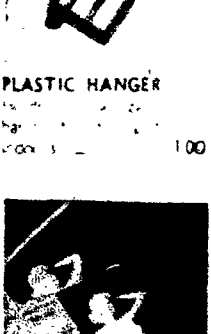
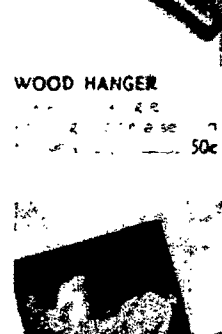
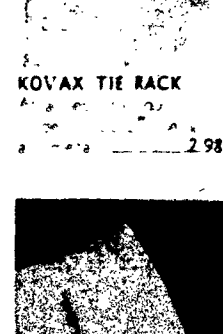
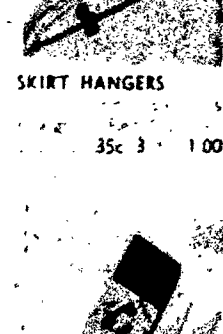
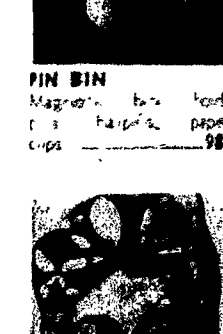
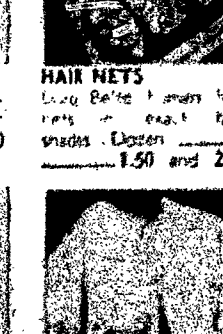
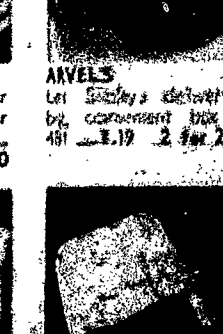
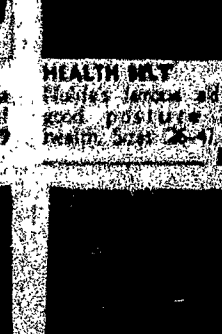
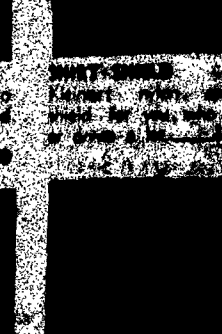
Tokyo (RNS) — A prominent Roman Catholic layman was named new Chief Justice of the Japanese Imperial Court here by Emperor Yohshiko, Meiji-Kotaro Tanaka, former Minister of Education and professor in the Tokyo Imperial University.

Dr. Tanaka's appointment marks the first time that a Christian has held the highest judicial post in Japan.

Under Japanese law, Mr. Tanaka's term as chief justice will be for 11 years unless his appointment is disapproved by the people at the next election.



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