

Among Women

'What Can Parents Do?'

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

The question of sex instruction in schools which has been puzzling conscientious parents and educators for some time has, received an answer from the Cardinal, Archbishop of New York, and Bishops of the United States in their statement, "The Child, Citizen of Two Worlds". This has been widely reprinted and quoted in both secular and religious papers; yet knowing innumerable many are to the message of the pointed word, I suspect that many of our Catholic women have either been too busy or too neglectful to have studied this remarkable statement.

REMINISCING US that "Sex is more than a biological function. It can be fully and properly appreciated only within a religious and moral context", the Bishops

point out that when treated "otherwise, the child will see it apart from the controlling purpose of his life, which is service to God."

In the January issue of The Catechist, the question is raised, "What can parents do?", and the following answer is given: "Some knowledge is necessary, of course. The point of controversy revolves around the method of giving that knowledge, by whom and when."

Ideally, it should be lovingly and beautifully explained by the parent from time to time during childhood and adolescence in the amount that the child can absorb."

AT THIS POINT the parent begins to feel himself (or herself) hideously inadequate as an "explainer"; and it is with this knowledge of parental problems that Father James Keller and the Christophers have prepared a series of recordings dealing with the proper way of imparting sex information to the young.

The Speakers Bureau of the Rochester Diocesan Council has had three of its women prepare talks to supplement these recordings. The program of speakers and recordings is available to organizations as a special service of the Diocesan Council.

Mrs. Arthur P. Farron, 107 Electric Avenue (telephone GL 5213), chairman of the Speakers Bureau, points out that the policy of the Speakers Bureau is that the speakers receive no remuneration except traveling expenses. I have not talked with Mrs. Farron recently so I do not know how far outside of Rochester this team of women speakers with recordings is willing to venture, but a letter of inquiry to Mrs. Farron from any interested President or Program Chairman will bring, as I know from experience, a prompt and helpful reply.

It's An Indian Loaf



Cream-style corn and corn meal are added to ground pork and beef for this unusual and tasty Indian meat loaf.

Indian Meat Loaf

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup cream-style corn
- 1/2 cup corn meal
- 1/2 cup cream-style corn
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sage
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Combine all ingredients, mixing well. Pack into a loaf pan 1 1/2 x 8 inches. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 1 1/2 hours. Slice in 4 servings.

Shut-Ins Now Eligible For New Sodality Membership

Rapid City, S.D. — (NC) — A Sodality for shut-ins has been erected at St. John's Hospital here by Bishop William T. McCarty, C.S.S.R., of Rapid City. It will receive candidates from all over the world. By special privilege the reception of candidates may be made by mail.

THE REV. WILLIAM Royt, of Rapid City, himself a shut-in for many years, is the spiritual director of the Sodality.

The new Sodality is the outgrowth of the six-year-old League of Shut-In Sodality and Friends of the Sodality, of which Mary Ellen Kelly of Marcus, Ia., is president.

The League has members in 41 states and nine foreign countries who are unable to take part in the Sodality life of their parishes because of ill health. They may now secure membership in the new Sodality for shut-ins.

THE DECISION regarding this special Sodality was made at the International Sodality Directors' meeting in Rome last spring. It defined eligibility for membership as follows: the candidate must be a Catholic and a member of the League of Shut-In Sodality and must be mentally capable and ready to fulfill the duties which this Sodality imposes. Among the "friends" of the Sodality in the League are many non-Catholics. They are not eligible for membership in the Sodality.

Applicants are requested to write to Miss Kelly, who will transmit their requests to the director, Father Boyd.

Methodist Mother Holds Sacred Heart Badge During Quads Birth

Fenton, Mich. — (NC) — A Methodist mother who bore quadruplets through Caesarean section at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital here held a Sacred Heart badge and a Miraculous Medal throughout the surgical procedure.

Mrs. Kenneth Rosebush, of Oakwood, Mich., had requested "emblems" from Sister Niceta, supervisor of the hospital conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. She also asked the Rev. John Terney, hospital chaplain, for a blessing. Father Terney gave it and also blessed one quad that seemed wavering. No baptism was requested.

Mother, father and all the quads — Kenneth, Jr., Keith, Kristal and Kristin — were reported doing nicely. Sister Mary Phillipa, Superior, confirmed that Mr. Rosebush — who like his wife is a Methodist — was "so delighted at the news of the birth of his two daughters and two sons that he kissed Sister Niceta, when she broke the big news to him. The Rosebushes already have four other children, all girls, ranging from seven to 15 years of age. Total weight of the four quads was 15 pounds, 13 ounces.

Servicemen Recalled In Bishop's Masses

Steubenville, O. — (NC) — Bishop John King Musso of Steubenville has instituted a practice of offering a Mass each Friday for servicemen killed while serving their country and another Mass each Saturday for the welfare of men and women in the armed forces. Servicemen and women from the Steubenville diocese are remembered especially and the Bishop has called upon families in the diocese to send in the names of members in the armed forces.

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALY'S

By MARY TINLEY DALY

You shouldn't go to the children's Mass, of course. As the Monsignor says, it's their Mass and adults coming to it crowd the children out of their rightful places.

And yet, now and then, as on a sleety Sunday morning when you drive the children to nine o'clock Mass and face the prospect of sitting in the car for an hour — perhaps the Monsignor won't mind, especially if you sit in one of the side seats.

The children file in, boys on one side, girls on the other, with Sisters spaced here and there. A soft clap of Sister Principal's hands and everybody genuflects.

You watch the smallest ones and think that the pew can't possibly hold one more. Then come the tardy ones and miraculously there's always room for one more — like a circus car.

THE PRIEST says the prayers at the foot of the altar and a masculine voice, in the process of changing, begins loudly "THIS CHURCH." The children take it up. "This church is the house of God."

Kneeling in a side pew with other adults, you feel that truly this church is the house of God.

At about the Introit a would-be member of the congregation strolls in. Quietly he speaks in a side door, then gathers momentum as he spots a friend — usually about half-way back on the boys' side — and with tail wagging jumps into the pew, an usher in pursuit.

"Pat," whispers Sister "Take him out, Bobby, and tie him up." From a voluminous pocket that holds practically everything, Sister produces a length of cord and Bobby and his dog exit amidst snickers.

THE PRIEST ascends the pulpit and there are routine announcements. Ladies' Sodality meets . . . card party for the benefit of . . . next Sunday's second collection . . . young people of high school age will hold a meeting.

On the boy's side the elbow game starts. Jimmy pokes George and George pokes back, a bit stronger, and Jimmy gets it in the ribs. Sister, two rows back, taps the boy in front of her who taps Jimmy with a sideways signal of the head.

Jimmy looks over his shoulder, sees the beckoning finger. With one last jab at George, he joins Sister in her pew, seething but obedient.

"My dear children. . ." the priest begins his sermon. The priest says offertory prayers while ushers wait at each pew and children dig penies and nickels out of wallets and pockets.

THE CHILDREN'S prayers start again, loud and fervent, and adults lay aside prayer books and join in, everybody really praying the Mass and a part of it.

Then the most sacred part of the Mass and there is perfect silence — you feel the true meaning of the Holy Sacrifice with renewed reverence.

Forgive Us, Monsignor, We Know We Shouldn't

By MARY TINLEY DALY

How after row the children file up to the Communion rail while the choir sings, "O Lord, I am not worthy. . ." Who cares if Mary Ellen did forget to take off the bunny mittens she got for Christmas — or if fourth grade Frank got into the wrong pew on the return trip? All heads are bowed in thanksgiving.

Then the last gospel . . . Parents wait outside, hoping Monsignor won't notice they've been there — or if he does, that he won't mind, just this once.

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