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Soldiers Evacuate; Destroy Christian Village In Israel

Berut, Lehanon -- (NC)- The frontier village of Ikrit was destroyed by Israeli military last Christmas Day, it has been learned here only now. The village is located near Acre on Israelisterritory close to the border of Lebanon.

According to information availble here, circumstances uncherlying the destruction of the village of Midwives, regarding moral Will You Help

were as follows:

to return to their village.

possession of their homes.

Chinese Convert

Build a

FRONT L'INE FORTRESS

The world that used to 1100a scoff at strong men burying themselves in a monastery chapel and on a cloistered farm is at inst beginning to see, in the gathering shadows of a n e w war, the strength of continuous retreat, the eloquence of perpetual silence, and the wisdom of a life dedicated to prayer.

The time has come when a monastery is a front line foriress tire village was mined and destroyed by Israeli soldiers I ast against atheism, communism and Christmas Day. Not one house secularism. As the battle lines remained intact. The only exdraw closer between Christ and ception, according to eye witnessaraw closer between Christ and ception, according to eye witness. Satan's followers, prayer and es. was the church, which suf-sectifice are the only hope of fered darnage. Monastic enclosure is not a refuse for weakings, but a train-ing ground for saints who are the real heroes in the struggle for God's truce on earth. Prayer is not a luxury, but a necessity, had here dynamided in the will of this distinction property of indicating to the second a report of the indicating to the second and the exclusion of the mariage right and the exclusion of the condition of the struggle ber of the second days ago, is not a luxury, but a necessity, had here dynamided in the will of this distinction. Pone Pine

is not a gesture, but a life by there, far from being demolished, ity of a marriage that would be which heaven is reconciled with was repaired by the army." (entered upon with the intention Deace.

Won't you please help-oven if it be a widow's mite! Send your contribution direct to Father though menaced by communist days, Genard, Prior, Trappist Monas-tery, Piffard, N. Y.

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Pope's Counsel On Rhythm Explained

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Apparently, there are still a number of confused notions concerning at least one or the other items in the Octoher 29 address by Pope Pius XII to the Italian Catholic Union 16 of the union while at the

questions affecting married life. In 1849, the population, totaling This is particularly true regardabout 500, all of them Greak ing so-called ryhthm or the use Catholic Christians, received or of the sterile period in marriage. ders to evacuate their village. A number of distinctions were They were transferred to the made by the Holy Eather in treattown of Rameh, receiving a prom-

ing of this subject. Confusion has ise at the same time that, after probably resulted on the part of 15 days they would be permitted some for failing to take these distinctions into account. HOWEVER, THIS promise was One of the distinctions made not kept and the villagers apwas between the non-use of the pealed to the High Court of Is marriage right and its abuse, or rael, which decided in their favor and recognized their right to rethe frustration of its purpose by unnatural means. The latter, turn to the village and regain popularly referred to as birth

control or contraception, is al-Before they returned, the enways and under all circumstances immoral or sinful. It is intrinsically wrong. In other words, there can be no exception. The former, however, is not in itself morally

not a luxury, but a necessity. had been dynamited in the vill of this distinction Pope Pius Silent sacrifice for the Trappists lage," adding: "The only church raised the question of the valid-

on the part of either or both, parties to the contract to restrict Columbus, 0. - (NC) - Al. the marriage right to certain in spite of their pre-caulicans

persecution, the Church in China Where such would be the case. is nevertheless experiencing "the His Holiness says unequivocally, most glorious day" in its history, the marriage would be invalid. Dr. John C. H. Wu, Chimese In other words, the contract would be null and void: there

are nor (similar) grave reasons of a mersonal uture or deriv. ing from exernal circumstances, then the defernitmation to world habitually, the fecundsame time to continue fully to satisfy their sensus Ily can be derived only from a false ap-Treestion of lifes and from Tensoms having nothing to do with peroper ethical laws."

It is easy to see how only allegedly serious reasons might readly be subsiliated for real ories or such as are based on "a rational and just judgment." For instance, in a givilization like ours, characterized by constantly changing standards of living, it might be easy for the individual to deceive himself into believing that he "could not afford" another child.

OR AGAIN, because of the hardships involved in the meaning of children it would be easy for individuals who are given to a pleasure philosophy of life, and who are therefore far removed from the practice of the hardy virtues, to convince therraselves that they are exempted from the obligation of procreation because of poor health or other reasons. How far such false judgments can go is only too clearly seen

in the case of great numbers who over years past advocated and practiced birth control. In this connection is seen the

great value of the confessional. Judgment as to whether or not wives : particular reason is sufficiently grave to justify the practice of rhythm should be left to one's

confessor. He can readily make an objective and truly just judgment in the matter. His own subjective or personal interests are

cases - in which absolute continence or complete abstinence from the use of the marriage right is a necessity. Here we meet the delicate cases in which, to quote His Holiness, "the risk of motherhood cannot be run or must be avoided completely and in which on the other hand, observing the sterile periods either does not give sufficient security or has to be abandoned for other reasons."

IN SUCH CASES, since artificial birth control in any shape or form is always sinful, even if lit were certain to be effective, the only sure solution for the difficulty is complete abstinence from the use of the marriage right. As Pope Plus states:

"Even in such extreme cases every preventive step and every direct alternpt upon the life and development of the germa is in conscience prohibited and excluded."

Hence, he could only add; "There is but one way open, that of complete abstinence from every exercise of the natural faculty."

That these are hard cases and that the observance of the moral law is difficult under the circumstances, there is no question. It can even be said that it may call for the heroic But, as Pope Plus states in his address to the mid

"It is wronging men and women, in our times to deem them incapable of continuous heroism."

It cannot be said, as some would do, that it is impossible.

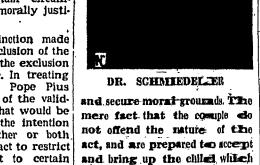


Christ Unconquered

THE FAITHFUL FEW WHILE JESUS is a prisoner of the High Friesis, and is undergoing the agony of interrogation, His disciples meet with the Blessed Mother to comfort her:

Deep in the city's heart there stood a house To few familiar, where in a dim room The fugitives of that broken fellowship Were gathered. There, with spirits marvelin At life persisting with their purpose foiled, Amid the aiming motion of the world

Aimless they mourned inert. There lay Mary Magdalen Mingling her tangled tresses in the dust.



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