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In a moment of nonchalance, you say, "Why certainly, I'd love to!"
Such eager-beaver acceptance usually gets you into plenty of hot water with time and energy consuming assignments. But when your own daughter asks you — and all she asks is that you make a formal — well, what else can you say?
That's the way it was with the newest formal at our house. Matter of fact, there wouldn't have been a new one at all except that the four oldest girls were all going to proms on the same night — and of the owned-in-common formals only three were presentable.
"I've always wanted a yellow formal," a certain teen-ager said, her blue-green eyes dancing in anticipation. "Yellow targets the eye and not — with yards and yards of skirt!" Her arms swung outward like a gesticulating orator when he mentions "the wide, wide world about us."
So we went shopping, teen-ager finding the pattern in the first book exclaimed — "This simply super style!" — and the material on the first counter — "This simply super yellow."
THE YARDAGE required by the "super" style multiplied by the cost per yard of the "super" material was rather startling.
"Know how to cheat on a pattern?" the saleslady cooed her head sideways and inquired.
"You mean, piece at the bottom of the flare and make the bodice off the side?" (This has gone on for years but we've never thought of it as cheating.)
The saleslady nodded knowingly. The teen-ager bragged, "Oh sure. Mom can soup-up a pattern so's the scraps she has left look like cole slaw."



HOLIDAY PARTY for Camp Stella Maris girl campers drew more than 250 to Columbus Civic Center Monday. Here-gathered around the Christmas tree are: (from left) Mary Jo Giustino, waterfront director; campers Anne Dennis, Mary Ellen Spall, Margo Reynolds and Mrs. Louise Schrat, camp director.

To supply information, will be all that will be necessary. That generally forestalls a lengthy discussion often conducted to ill will. Then, if you do not have the necessary references, ask one of the parish priests to suggest a reference source.
AND HERE WE interpose another practical note. Don't stop "Father" after the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning. If possible, telephone the rectory, state your problems and you will be given either an appointment or the information if the answer is short enough to be given in a telephone conversation.
As far as questions arising from "Martin Luther" are concerned the Catholic viewpoint, historically true, has been stated most clearly in the Catholic press. On this particular question there is no excuse for ignorance.
But this is only a phase of a recurring situation for Catholics in the world-questions about their religion. Someone I know who was the only Catholic editorial employee in a good sized city room found that a simple straightforward answer given good humoredly and without opportunity for prolonged argument and rebuttal was the most effective means of helping people understand our religion.
WHEN THAT EMPLOYEE left the newspaper, one of the editors wrote a commendation of work done and included the statement: "The unflinching good humor and cheerfulness with which you answered questions concerning your religion, has won you and your church many friends here."

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — A great, great grand-daughter of Brigham Young, American Mormon leader, is currently a junior at St. Mary's college, here. Mary Beth Croxall of Elkhart, Ind., who is a Catholic, is a biology major at the well-known Catholic girls' college.

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Excavations Throw Light On St. Augustine's City

Bone, Algeria, North Africa — (NC) — This seaport, the Hippo of ancient times and the See of St. Augustine, came into its own during the African campaign of World War II when it served as an important debarcation point. Today, it takes on added significance for Catholics because excavations now in progress shed new light on the fifth-century Bishop, who has been called one of Catholicism's greatest minds.
Recent excavations uncovered a chapel in the form of a seven-leaf clover which St. Augustine used and a monastery over which he presided.
FIVE YEARS ago, St. Augustine's cathedral itself was found in the midst of ruins which yielded evidence of five civilizations — Punic, Byzantine, Roman, Christian and Vandal.
Archaeologists have determined and clearly marked the church's dimensions, 152 feet long and 65 feet wide. Rich mosaics cover the floor area and about marble pillars rise from the nave. Unearthed within the church's precincts were a baptismal font, a presbytery with episcopal throne, and tombs of bishops.
Excavators currently are digging about the ruins of another cathedral, supposedly that of a rival Donatist bishop. In his writings, St. Augustine speaks of the "noise" of the Donatists — an heretical sect of the day — from the neighboring cathedral, which he said could be too well heard in his own church.
Today, overlooking Bone and the Mediterranean is a twin-towered cathedral presided over by the Bishop of Constantine, Algeria. Connected to it is a large monastery of the Augustinian Fathers. Directly in front of the cathedral is the site of the ancient ruins.
A RETIRED French admiral and noted scholar, E. Marec, is the man most responsible for the important findings. His initial interest in Bone dates from World War I, when he served with French naval forces there. Twenty years later he began excavation work under the auspices of the French government in Algeria and with support from the Ecole des Beaux Arts of Algiers.
M. Marec said the sea came to the very edge of St. Augustine's cathedral in Roman times. Today new Hippo or Bone stretches from the location of the Old Cathedral to a new shore more than a half mile beyond.
M. Marec is reading a volume on his findings for publication next year, the 15th centenary of the birth of St. Augustine.

Catholics Live Religion Better, Say Protestants

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — More than one-third of the Protestants in the U.S. think Catholics live up to their religion better than Protestants, a poll has concluded.
Twenty-three per cent of American Jews said they thought Catholics respect the religious consciences of others as well as members of their own groups.
THE CATHOLIC Digest asked the questions in its nationwide poll. In its 25th report on the poll, the monthly magazine noted in its January issue, however, that 35 per cent of Protestants and Jews thought Catholics did not respect the religious consciences of others.
"The fact that Catholics emphatically deny that 'one religion is as good as another,' and the fact that Catholics are forbidden to participate in non-Catholic religious services may lead to some misunderstanding on the part of Protestants," the Digest commented.
"Catholics would do well to make it clear that their religion teaches them to respect the judgments of the individual conscience in all matters... Catholics are not only free to respect the religious consciences of others; they are bound to respect them, if they wish to be good Catholics."

Robert Bye Wed In New Jersey

Deal, N. J. — The Papal Blessing was bestowed upon Mrs. Patricia Clark, daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Clark, 183 Elmwood Road, Oakhurst, N. J., and First Lieut. Robert H. Bye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Bye, 35 Castlewood Drive, Rochester at their wedding Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Deal, N. J.
The Rev. Edward Banks, Fort Monmouth, Chaplain officiated at the marriage and celebrated the Nuptial Mass.
The bridegroom, a graduate of Assumption College, Windsor, Ont., is in the U.S. Signal Corps stationed in Germany. He is home on furlough.
Paul Rombaut of Rochester was best man for his cousin. Ushers were Paul E. Clark, the bride's brother; Elmer M. Matthews, South Orange and Robert Williamson, Brooklyn.
The bride has been employed as a secretary at Watson Laboratories at Fort Monmouth.
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