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"It was while we were driving to the airport and the very thought almost caused a wrong turn."  
"Well," my friend went on in her serene way, "perhaps you might like to say the prayers."  
"Lots of prayers?" I asked skeptically. "Bound - under - pain - of - sin promises?"  
"I learned then that there is no pain of sin at all, but that it is an obligation not to be entered into lightly. So I agreed to try, for the three-month trial period."  
"THAT NIGHT, at home, I took out the little leaflet. When I saw all this — plus a rosary — and every day! Then I thought of the wonderful work that the active Legionaries do in helping spread the faith. Surely I could join in putting into the hands of the Blessed Mother some more prayers for her to use as she sees fit."  
There was page one: "In the name of the Father, etc. Come Holy Ghost . . . A few lines later: "Five decades of the Rosary." Some more and the magnificent . . . And on the last page, concluding prayers. Him-m-m-m. Must take half an hour. When to do it?  
"Read the prayers whenever you find convenient," my friend had said. "Get acquainted with them. And you don't have to say the rosary in that particular place in the booklet. Any time will do."  
"Family rosary?" I asked. "Or rosary at bedtime? That counts?"  
"That counts," she answered. "All prayer counts."  
"RELEASED FROM the you-go-to-do-it-or-else compulsion, I found that little booklet, something I wouldn't part with. Now worn at the creases, dingy about the edges, the words are memorized but there's something about holding it in your hand and reading the words over — and the reading brings a sense of satisfaction and peace."  
"All Legionaries," she went on, "kind the scenes — live their own particular way of saying the prayers. For what it's worth, my own way is reading the prayers each morning after breakfast, finding that they bestow almost a benediction on the day ahead. And then the rosary, usually said at bedtime."  
Instead of being a burden, it's been a blessing.  
"At the end of the three-month probationary period, my friend phoned:  
"Want your name on the permanent roles?"  
"OH, PLEASE!" was the instinctive response.  
"Something it seems as though those prayers are an intrinsic part of life."  
"Someday I may have the grace to become an active Legion member. But in the meantime, I'm humbly thankful to be merely in the rear ranks of the finest army on earth — Mary's Army."

**Senator Says Job of Decency Legion Greater Than Ever**  
Washington — (NC) — The Legion of Decency will have an even greater role in insuring wholesome films "now" that the Supreme Court has denied to the States the right to protect their citizens from immoral exhibitions," Senator Edwin C. Johnson, of Colorado declared on the Senate floor.  
The motion picture industry is very sensitive to public reaction, Senator Johnson said. "It is in this connection that such a great and responsible organization as the Legion of Decency serves not only the public interests, but in the long run serve the best interests of the motion picture industry as well," he stated.  
"Since the States and cities are impotent, the people will be compelled to assert their views through such organizations as the Legion of Decency," he added.  
Senator Johnson received unanimous consent of the Senate to include in the Congressional Record a message from Thomas F. Little, Executive Secretary of the Legion of Decency, announcing that the movie, "French Line," has been condemned by the Legion because of gross obscenity and its "grave evil influence upon those who patronize it, especially youth."  
His comments on the movie industry appeared shortly after Mayor Albin O. Dunne, secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Motion Pictures, in an article prepared for publication in Italian Catholic papers, had charged that French and Italian films released in 1953 were of exceptionally low grade morally.  
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**United World Book Week Theme**  
Glen Ellyn, Ill. — (NC) — "Christian Reading for a United World" will be the theme of Catholic Book Week, February 21 to 27. The observance is sponsored by the Catholic Library Association with headquarters at Maryknoll Seminary here.  
Commenting on the 1954 theme, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman called it a challenge to each one of us to do his part in helping to unite peoples and bring peace to the world.

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**Apostleship of Prayer**

By THOMAS H. MOORE, S.J., National Secretary  
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God cannot touch anything without leaving his mark upon it. In the passion, He laid his holy hand upon suffering, thereby sanctifying it and giving it meaning and purpose.

"Because we are, as you with Christ, all of us sharers in His Passion, up to a point. But there are those who are chosen from among us to do what He did, to consecrate bread and wine and offer the Sacrifice of the Mass. These chosen ones administer the Sacraments, the channels through which the grace of redemption flows."  
"Because we are one with Christ, all of us sharers in His Victimhood, up to a point. We all have our aches and pains, we grow old, and one day we die. But there are those who are chosen from among us and who are consecrated, not by the laying on of hands, but by the laying on of the burden of pain and suffering."  
"THEY ARE, first of all, the martyrs who shed their blood for the Faith. After them, the countless thousands who can look up from beds of pain to the crucifix and say: "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you the suffering of this day."  
"What does it mean to an invalid, condemned to spend the rest of his life in pain, that Christ has chosen him to share in His own Victimhood? First, it means that, far from being a mark of God's wrath, the disease which he suffers is testimony of infinite love. God thinks enough of him to ask him for something hard, not something easy."  
"In the eyes of the world, he is a burden on the charity of the State, a crippling drag on son or daughter, whose life looks ahead and not behind. But to eyes which see things in the light of the resurrection, the invalid is doing a tremendous job in the world, something that only the meek and lowly Jesus, who God has called him to even as He calls prophet and priest."  
"HE IS ASKING the sick and the old and the infirm to let Him live out his life as a Victim of sin, through them. Like the Apostle St. Paul, they are able to say to those who take care of them, to the whole world: "I rejoice now in the sufferings I bear for your sake; and what is lacking to me is the sufferings of Christ. I fill up in my flesh for His Body, which is the Church."  
"We who are well visit the sick not only to give, but also to receive. There are those who would give to suffering men the mercy they give to dogs and horses, the lethal dose to take them out of their pain. There were men, too, who offered even as the Crucified: "If Thou art the Son of God, come down from the Cross!" Had He done this, the world would still be in its sins.  
"SO TOO NOW, if pain is taken from the world, where will be the grace of the crucifixion in men? Apart from Christ, there is no answer to the problem of pain — but in our oneness with the Crucified, suffering has meaning and purpose. It is the way to accept his death. St. Francis of Assisi retired to the fastnesses of Mt. Alvernia, there to pray in honor of St. Michael. When he returned, the marks of the crucifixion were found in his hands and feet and side. He could say with St. Paul, "I bear the marks of the stigmata of the Lord Jesus in my body."  
"Those who suffer, as did Christ, offering their pain as reparation for the sins of the world, are also stigmata. Their hidden wounds have given them the form and shape of the Crucified.

**Dance To Benefit Boy Scouts Set At Bl. Sacrament**  
Proceeds from the Blessed Sacrament Parish Dance on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 9 to 12 will be used to send the parish's boy scouts to summer camp, according to Chairman Floyd Wilson.  
Sponsored by the Scout Leaders of Blessed Sacrament Parish with the cooperation of the Mothers' Club, round and square dancing will take place in the school auditorium, Monroe Ave. Music will be furnished by George Manning and his Rhythmaires with Johnny Fassel from East Rochester calling. Miss Judy Barry, vocalist and member of the Starlite Troopers will be on the program.  
Refreshments will be served. Tickets at \$1.00 per person may be had from Mrs. John Mulvaney, Monroe 2109-J. They may also be obtained at the Rectory and at Trant's.  
Also assisting Chairman Wilson are: Robert Vay and Frank Trivetti, publicity; Mrs. Gordon McLean and Miss Mary Hinchey, refreshments.

**Bishop Sheen Honored By Jewish Group**  
New York — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of the Archdiocese of New York was awarded a "mark of faith" a stirring force in television.  
"Bishop Sheen, whose weekly TV program is one of the top ones in the field, was unable to accept the award in person because of previous engagements.  
"My disappointment is as great as yours," he said in a letter to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies as a "mark of faith" in his program, "The Eternal Light."  
Similar awards were presented to him and read Deborah Kerr, singer Eddie Fisher, newsmen E. Murrow, and to Rabbi Moshe Davis, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary's "The Eternal Light."

**Vatican Newspaper Blasts Movies For Moral Lack**  
Vatican City — (NC) — The moral balance sheet of the movie industry is far in the red, and the responsibility rests chiefly on film magnates, producers and directors, Observator Romano, Vatican City newspaper, declared in a front-page editorial.  
Actors, even directors, by and large did themselves in a subjective to the financial and administrative end of the industry, the paper said, citing the fact that two well-known actresses had rebelled against "the moral prostitution to which the merchants of this new slavery forced them, although with good pay."  
OBSERVATORE DID not name the actresses.  
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AMONG WOMEN  
**Audience Manners**

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Someone I know who considered herself as a very intelligent member of a class of brilliant students stopped on her way out of class one afternoon to express to the professor her grateful appreciation of the lecture he had just given. It was just a bit of school girl enthusiasm with no personal overtones for the young lady considered the professor a venerable patriarch.  
The surprising part of this little anecdote is the professor's rejoinder, for he said, "You know you are a very good student to teach because you pay such intelligent attention that you put a teacher on his mettle. He wants to teach you because you want to learn."  
This anecdote points up, I hope, a matter discussed in last week's column. A good speech demands a good audience, and if we want good speakers at our meetings, we must be good audiences. Perhaps when we speak of "paying attention" we postulate that our intelligent attention is the price of a good talk.  
LAST WEEK we wrote of knitting audiences which are the despair of many speakers. But the knitting is only one manifestation of bad manners in an audience. There are so many others that I almost hesitate to start the discussion.  
I think the question of smoking is one which should be considered carefully. A few years ago at a civic group meeting in the large parlors of a clubhouse, I was seated facing an audience of women. I hope I don't sound like a period piece but I was amazed to see members in the very front row lighting cigarettes.  
FRANKLY, I did not mind the cigarette smoke, and do not believe the speaker did, but just facing the audience, I found the incessant flashing of lighters and spurts of match flames a little disconcerting. It wouldn't help but distract a speaker.  
It seems to me that no matter how deeply ingrained the smoking habit may be, at a meeting where speeches rarely last an hour, the pleasure of smoking could be foregone.  
I SUPPOSE the point is that needless activity, such as knitting and smoking cigarettes, all tend to convey to the speaker that he does not have our full attention, and the thought that he is not holding his audience is a distracting one.

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