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Zavada Quads Begin School, Clothes Mother's Problem

West Latrobe, Pa.—(NC)—The Zavada quadruplets' first day at St. Vincent's parochial school went by without a hitch; their teach could even tell them apart—almost.

But then Sister Susanne had been cramming. The three girls, Anna Mary, Barbara Rose and Bernadette Elizabeth, all wore identical print dresses. No help. The first grade teacher had known they were coming, though, and had met them beforehand so she could start sorting them out in her mind. The fourth of the quads, John Michael, wore tan pants and a tan shirt. He was easy.

THE FOURSOME was born February 15, 1948, in Latrobe General Hospital. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zavada, they were baptized within 30 minutes after birth by Father

Theodore Hodbay of St. Mary's Greek Rite Church in nearby Brandenville.

BACK HOME. Mrs. Zavada had been worrying about keeping the three girls in identical dresses for school. She said in order to get three of a kind she has to order them six to nine months in advance.

The Zavadas have two other children, four-year-old Frances, and Larry, 11, the son of Mrs. Zavada's first husband, Harry McBryar, who was killed in action in the Normandy invasion in 1944.

Mr. Zavada is an inspector in a dye-casting works near Latrobe.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

A piece of bread, a string, a rock and a few sheets of paper—suppose this were all one had in the world, how could one sanctify such trivia unto witnessing to Christ? This is how. Father McGrath, the founder of the Legion of Mary in China, did it during his thirty-two months of imprisonment.

The bread given to him, he would tie with a string to a rock and toss it out of his prison cell to a starving man either in the prison yard or an adjoining cell. On the paper he would write instructions for the Faith or encouragement to the dying and through a White Russian prisoner who acted as his accomplice, would send them either to perspective converts or to those breathing their last.

God has given us many more opportunities for converting Asia, feeding India and healing the lepers in Indonesia than he has given to Father McGrath and other missionaries in prison. But if they can do so much with so little, will you not do a little with your much? Here are several ways to witness to Christ:

1. Educate a seminarian.
2. Take out an annuity in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.
3. Make a sacrifice of a luxury. Deny yourself something—a dessert, a movie, a cigarette, a cab ride, a raise in salary. Make an act of Faith by putting your faith in the Holy Father who will distribute your sacrifices to his 100,000 missionaries throughout the world.

GOD LOVE YOU is J.A.S. "My check book shows that I have made no sacrifices for the missions in the past two months. I am starting a new book and the first page is \$5 for the Holy Father's Missions." . . . to S.K. for \$10. "This offering is in gratitude for suddenly realizing I've been forgetting to be grateful." . . . to E.T. for \$5. "I have been wanting a blue blouse that I really don't need. Here is the money to clothe some poor leper." . . . to R.S.B. for \$12.50. "After reading Mission, my husband and I decided to place a coffee can on our table for daily sacrifices. We decorated it with pictures from Mission. This amount represents our first six weeks' donations." . . . to L.R. "Rather than buy each other gifts for our fourteenth wedding anniversary, my husband and I decided to send this money to the Missions, in thanksgiving for a very happy marriage." . . . to E.N. "Six weeks ago my eighteen year old son was drowned. It was on Sunday and he had attended five o'clock Mass and received Holy Communion. I thought it would be well to send the five dollars which I found in his billfold to the Holy Father's Missions." . . . to L.M. for \$25. "This is in thanksgiving for graces received in the past and those to come."

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Prayerful, Timely Preparation Seen Key To Couples' Hopes For Happy Marriage



SERIOUS PLANNING—A young couple planning marriage has many preparations to make—both religious and civil. A typical couple is pictured above as they undergo a few of the steps leading to this sacred union. In the picture at the top left, Gardner Wales and Mary Collins meet with the Rev. Edward J. McAniff, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and tell him of their plans to be married. Later Father McAniff instructed them concerning the Sacrament of Marriage. Photo

By PAUL CONTESTABLE
"My dear friends, you are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and most serious. It is most sacred because it is established by God Himself; most serious, because it will bind you together for life in a relationship so close and so intimate that it will profoundly influence your whole future."

These words from the Catholic wedding ceremony often fall on ears that do not hear—ears that are distracted by the excitement felt in the hearts of the young couple about to be wed. The marriage ceremony is a brief one, taking but a few minutes, but once entered into, it is binding for life. Those who treat the sacredness and seriousness of this union lightly can expect only disappointment in their future life. Those who realize the importance of marriage and through prayer and planning are prepared for it will obtain the greatest measure of happiness.

TRAINING FOR marriage does not start a mere few months before the wedding. Training begins long before that—even in childhood. Planning for marriage includes all the actions we foster throughout our lives. Special care in choosing a partner is essential. Catholic young men and women are not hard to find. We meet them every day in all walks of life. Often the best Catholic young men and women are not the first to be noticed nor thought of as a future partner. There are many who would not think of missing Mass on Sunday, who wake up without breakfast two or three times a week so that they can receive Holy Communion before going to work.

These young people are not as hard to find as you may think. They are the ones who will make a good partner—a partner, "till death." A poor Catholic makes a poor partner. A person who thinks lightly of



marriage is unsuccessful. On the contrary, these sacrifices will strengthen the marriage bond and magnify the love and understanding between the partners.

Compatibility of partners is another important consideration. Likes and dislikes do not have to be identical. A situation of this type would be rare indeed. However, each must be ready and willing to accept and appreciate the other's temperament and differences—for they will be many.

Social and economic differences are often a hazard to marriage. Partners need not be equal in social prominence, wealth, etc., but these matters should not be treated lightly. These differences require a deep understanding and cooperation.

DURING THE period of engagement, the couple begins to know each other to a much greater extent. True qualities begin to appear more readily. Willingness to adapt to economic and social standards, willingness to sacrifice, willingness to cooperate, all are made more evident due to the numerous hours

at lower left shows Gardner and Mary taking out a marriage license from Ralph E. Schauman, deputy city clerk, thus completing their civil requirements. Photo at lower right, shows the young couple at the wedding rehearsal with the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The top right photo is the culmination of all the preparations as Gardner and Mary are joined in Holy Matrimony by Father McAniff.

the couple will be spending together preparing for the future. This is the time for planning. The couple must set a date for the wedding. Attendants are to be chosen for the ceremony. Invitations will be mailed. A honeymoon will be planned.

There is much shopping to do. Hours will be spent searching for furniture, choosing a place to live, buying those all-important "odds and ends" that are so necessary in every home.

THE BRIDE will be choosing a wedding gown. The groom will be selecting a tuxedo or new suit for the occasion.

Here the couple encounters for the first time the complexities and wonders of maintaining a home. Here they realize that there is a great change about to take place. If the planning has not been complete, now is the time to iron out the final details.

A few months before the wedding the couple should arrange a visit with a priest in the girl's parish. Three months before is not too soon. The

minimum time, of course, is the three weeks necessary for the publication of the banns. But this delay should be avoided except in extreme circumstances. The bride would certainly not wait till the day before the wedding to purchase her wedding gown. Neither should the couple wait till the last minute to visit the priest.

The parish priest will instruct the couple concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony. He will acquaint them with the necessary preparations required of the church as well as by civil authorities. After this discussion with the priest, the couple will arrange a definite date for the ceremony.

Before seeing the priest again, the couple will have to obtain 1) a certificate of Baptism, 2) a certificate of Confirmation, 3) a testimonial of freedom to marry, and 4) in some parishes, a certificate of First Holy Communion.

The baptismal certificate will have to be a recent one, issued not more than six months prior to the wedding date. The baptismal certificate and other papers may be obtained by calling at the church where the Sacraments were given.

LESS THAN ten years ago a movement was organized whereby married, engaged and pre-engaged couples could attend lectures discussing the meaning of marriage and the problems of married life. These lectures called Cane or Pre-Cane Conferences were first held in Rochester on June 26, 1948 in St. Augustine Church.

These conferences enable couples contemplating marriage to hear the advice of priests, physicians and married couples regarding the Sacrament of Marriage.

ALL ASPECTS of marriage are covered at the conferences, and ample time is allotted for asking questions. The priest and physician are also available for private consultation on questions that could not be broached publicly without embarrassment.

The conferences are usually held one night a week for four weeks. The first talk is usually given by a priest, the second by a physician, the third by a married couple and the last by a priest.

These conferences are of immense value for couples contemplating marriage as well as for those already married. They are scheduled periodically throughout the diocese.

Information on the conferences may be obtained by writing to the Rev. John Egan, the Canon of the Diocese of Rochester, 21 W. Superior, Chicago 10, Ill., or to the Rev. E. Leo McManus, moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

New York State also has certain laws that must be ob-

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served prior to marriage. First of all a blood test is needed within 30 days of the wedding date. Secondly, a marriage license is required at least 14 hours before the ceremony. The license will remain valid for 60 days from the date of issue.

Through prayer, guidance and serious thought, a couple can be assured that they are prepared to enter into this wonderful Sacrament "till death."

The plans are all complete and the day of the wedding arrives.

THIS IS THE day the young couple has been waiting for. Many hours before the ceremony begins, the wedding party will be up preparing for that awe-inspiring event.

The bride's attendants and her mother will be gathered about her arranging her gown. The groom will be adjusting a boutonniere in his lapel, calling here and there to make sure that all preparations are made.

Then to the church. The silence of the hushed crowd is suddenly broken and their anticipation mounts as the organ rings out the announcement of the bride's appearance.

Bright lights, beautiful flowers, ceremonial music and colorful dress contrast this day with the dark, quiet and empty appearance of the church at the rehearsal the evening before.

Bride and groom meet at the altar rail and arm in arm they ascend the step—a very big step—to the altar. Ordinarily only the clergy and their servers are admitted in the sanctuary but to emphasize the great significance and deep holiness of this marriage rite, the couple is invited to come close to the altar.

The ceremony is completed in but a few minutes. Then, kneeling side by side, the couple assists at their first Mass as man and wife.

There are but two occasions when a Mass may be interrupted. One is during the ordination ceremonies for a priest and the second is during this great Sacrament of Marriage. Here again is shown the sacredness of this union.

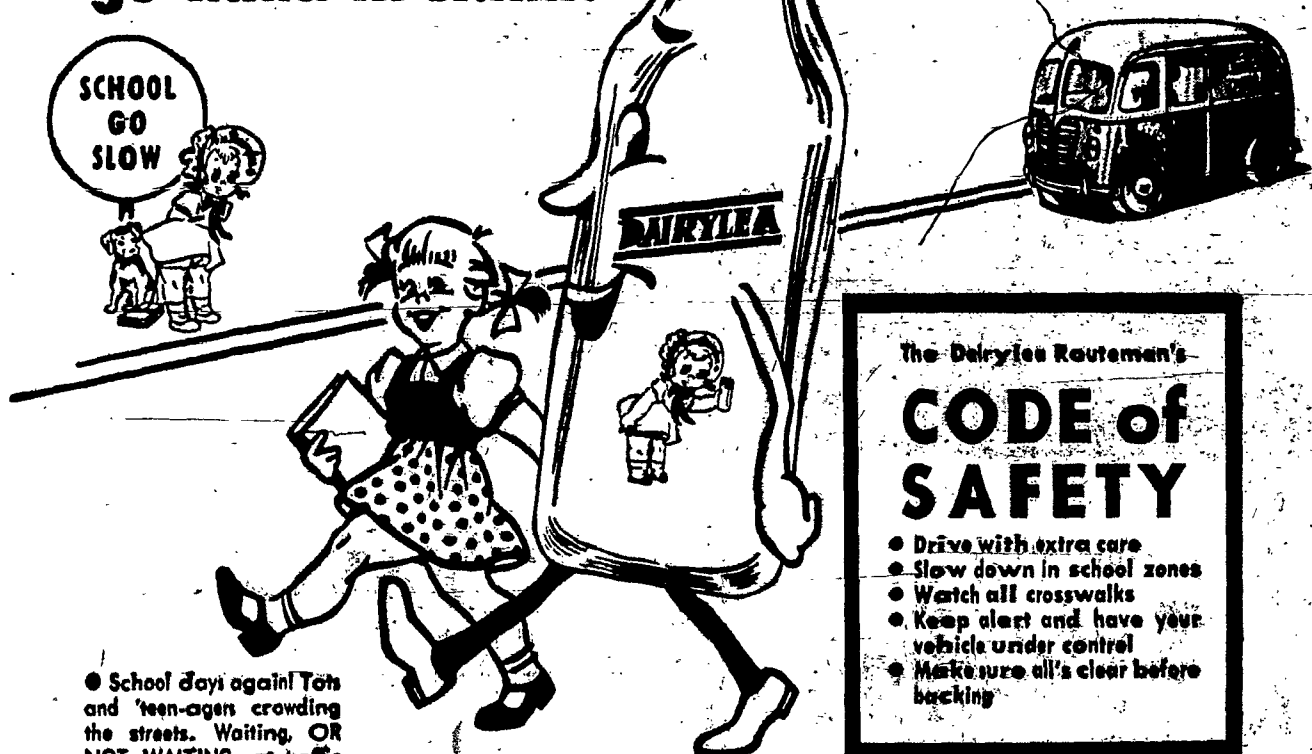
CHRIST WHO had been invited to the marriage feast of Cana is once more invited to be the guest at this wedding.

And so another couple concludes their years of preparation and begins a new life—a life that will make them companions for eternity.

On this day, the couple that has planned well for their marriage can truly rejoice. They have prepared and prepared well. They are truly "one in mind, one in heart and one in affections . . . from this day forward, until death."

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