

Holy Father Tells Young Women:

Holy Purity Not Impossible Problem, If Understood, Faced In Christian Way

Rome — (NC) — Temptations against purity are not difficult to resist if they are faced "in the light of Christian principles," Pope Pius XII declared in a message from his sick bed to the feminine youth section of Italian Catholic Action.

The Holy Father's message coincided with the opening on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of a new central home and hostel in Rome equipped with a hotel and meeting place for Italian and International Catholic feminine youth.

Pope Pius told the Italian Catholic young women that they are the battleline of "an honest, unshaken youth to demonstrate that the problem of purity is not impossible, and not even difficult, to solve and overcome when it is understood, and faced in the light of Christian principles."

The Pontiff said that the problem of purity will be even more easily and efficaciously settled and conquered if girls and young women start from the basis of fundamental Christian principles and strive for the heights of Christian perfection.

Referring to the moral decadence prevailing in the world, Pope Pius told the young women that he considered the present age among the most critical in history.

"YOU KNOW OUR anxiety for the world in which Divine Providence has placed us is the visible head of the Church," he wrote. "You know also Our conviction concerning the moments in which

we live and that We consider them among the crucial in history. We have said many times that the decadence of present-day social structures renders particularly urgent... a full and earnest preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Holy Father warned it is a mistake to think that "the world is a garden filled with the scent of flowers." He said that "if one looks at it closely, one sees the fury of storms unleashed over vast fields and is frightened at the havoc caused by the overflowing of real rivers of mud."

"You, yourselves, know this," he told the young women, "for walk in streets, work in plants, attend schools, approach newsstands and look for relaxation, with the fear of being attacked by some unleashed demon who does not spare his blows, and who uses his basest weapons."

Declaring that it was because of the moral decadence in the world that he had issued a call for a greater spiritual reawakening in Italy and the world, the Holy Father stated:

"It is Our firm hope that in a period of time, perhaps less than that foreseeable, the evil can be arrested in its march, and good may be able to have its peaceful and constructive victories."

Educator:

Wholesome Girl-Boy Relationships Urged

Buffalo, N. Y. — (NC) — A Catholic physician-educator who is an expert on family life and the Cuna movement, fears that Catholic schools may be frightening girls out of normal relationships with boys.

Dr. Herbert Ratner, speaking to a meeting of priests and physicians, said, "We are so worried about sins that we have robbed young girls of warm, wholesome girl-boy relationships."

The speaker, health commissioner of Oak Ridge, Ill., and an authority on cross-currents between Catholic theology and modern medicine, said Catholic boys,

as a result, often begin dating non-Catholic girls, sometimes resulting in mixed marriages.

"The solution to the problem," Dr. Ratner added, "is to see to it that parents and all teachers who play a role in the education and formation of a child, get the full, rich, profound, traditional position of the Church on this matter."

Dr. Ratner, a convert to Catholicism, is professor of clinical medicine at the Stritch Medical School of Loyola University, Chicago, and visiting professor at Notre Dame University.

University Honors French Nun



Washington, D. C. — Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of Catholic University of America here, presents the Frederick Ozanam Medal to Sister Marie Suzanne of Lyons, France, a member of the Marist Missionary Sisters, for her work among leprosy sufferers. For more than 40 years she has labored among victims of leprosy in the Fiji Islands and elsewhere. She is currently touring the United States on behalf of Catholic leprosy missions. (RNS Photo)

Mission Nun Sees Hope In Her Leprosy Vaccine

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Only time can tell whether a Catholic nun who has been fighting leprosy for 40 years may have succeeded in solving the problem of preparing a vaccine that will wipe out the disease.

Sister Marie Suzanne, a member of the Marist Missionary Sisters, is in the United States on a lecture tour.

Sister Suzanne appeared in Rochester on Nov. 30 as a speaker at the Thomas More Lecture Forum held at the Chamber of Commerce. Subject of her talk was "Mercy, Medicine and a Mission."

She is the second winner of the Ozanam Medal, named in honor of the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The French nun was cited by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of Catholic University, who bestowed the medal, as "one who has dedicated her whole life and her extraordinary talents to the service of the outcast and the afflicted."

"She has not only spent herself in alleviating pain and distress," the citation said, "but has completely searched out, in the light of recent research, new ways of combatting and preventing the ravages of the dread disease."

THE NUN SAID she developed the vaccine from diseased tissue of a Catholic priest who contracted leprosy while ministering to sufferers from it.

Producer Denies Movie Defames Heroic Chaplain

Hollywood, Calif. — (NC) — A movie producer whose film has been criticized for defaming the memory of a heroic Army chaplain declared he "can't see any similarities" between the actual priest and the film character.

Dale Francis, movie reviewer for Our Sunday Visitor, had charged that "Bamboo Prison" shows a Red impersonator depicting actual events in the life of Father Emil Kapoun, priest of the Wichita diocese whose heroism as a North Korean prisoner of war has become one of the great sagas of the Korean conflict. A similar charge was made by the Superior California Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Sacramento diocese.

"Bamboo Prison" has been classified A-II — unobjectionable on moral grounds for adults — by the National Legion of Decency.

FATHER KAPOUN died in a Communist prison camp in 1951. According to Mr. Francis, "There's absolutely no doubt" that some of the incidents in the actual life of Father Kapoun were portrayed by a movie character who was a Communist posing as a priest. Mr. Francis called it "the most brazenly insulting act in film history."

The Sacramento paper asserted in an editorial that the movie plot "sounds silly enough to be amusing were it not for the fact that it heaps shame and deceit on the memory of a very great priest and hero."

According to Bryan Foy, who produced the film for Columbia Pictures Corp., attacks on "Bamboo Prison" are "completely unwarranted." The producer told the N.C.W.C. News Service that he'd just finished reading an article on Father Kapoun for the first time, and can't see any resemblance.

Mr. Foy declared that he's gotten the idea of depicting a "bogus priest" who's really a Red spy from a priest friend of his, and that "probably the lowest thing a man could do would be to impersonate a priest."

MR. FOY SAID the new film depicts a situation in which a Red spy assumes the role of a murdered priest, and that the audience knows he's not a priest at all within 20 minutes after the movie starts. The producer admitted that the phony priest does remark while foraging for

Native Clergy Seen Africa Church Hope

Washington — (NC) — The key to the Church's future success in Africa is the early establishment of a native clergy and a native hierarchy.

This is the opinion of Father Gordon Fournier, superior of the White Fathers Provincial House here, interviewed on his return from a 14-month tour of Africa where he shot 25,000 feet of film. The film will be used to give the American people a better picture of Africa and will help result in much needed manpower for the African mission.

The job of the missionary in Africa is to establish the African on his own soil with his own authority, Father Fournier says. "We missionaries are there only to assist. The foreign missionary is successful only if he convinces the people that he is out for Africanization — not Europeanization or Americanization — of the continent."

40 Prison Inmates Received Into Church

Michigan City, Ind. — (NC) — Forty inmates of the Federal Penitentiary here who were received into the Catholic Church in a mass baptismal ceremony, conducted by Father Richard Grunberg, prison chaplain, received their First Communion two weeks after their reception into the Church.

Montreal Stores Open On Holyday

Montreal — (NC) — Summonses were served on 325 downtown Montreal stores which remained open on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The stores were charged with breach of the civic bylaw which orders closing of all stores on holidays of obligation as well as Sunday.

The validity of the civic bylaw is now being contested before the Supreme Court of Canada by seven of Montreal's largest department stores. The appeal to the highest court was taken after the Quebec Court of Appeals ruled that the civic bylaw was valid.

The seven stores claim that the city and the province have no authority to regulate this matter and maintain that this is a federal question.

Seton Hall Takes Over Jersey City Medical Clinic

Jersey City, N. J. — (NC) — Seton Hall University has signed a lease giving it the 16-story Clinic Building in the Jersey City Medical Center which the University will turn into the State's first medical-dental college.

Msgr. John R. McNulty, Seton Hall president, said the school would take possession of the building in 30 days and expected it to open in September with 125 students. He estimated about \$1-million would be spent on necessary alterations.

The building was leased from Jersey City for \$275,000 an

nually. The lease is to run for 50 years.

Some Protestant groups have opposed the city's renting the building to the Catholic school. Members of the City Commission have said that they expected the signing of the lease to be the signal for contesting its legality, probably on the grounds of constitutionality.

The "Save the Medical Center Committee" and the "Citizens' Fact-Finding Committee" have protested the lease on the ground that it violates the principle of separation between Church and State.

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YES, SHE'S REALLY PRACTICAL

- Sheathing lined winter boots. Street Floor.
- Pinking Shears, Notions, Street.
- Umbrella, Street Floor.
- Modern stainless tableware. Silver, Street.
- Portable electric mixer. Housewares, 4th.
- Travel iron. Housewares, 4th.
- Turkey platter. China, 4th.
- Fireplace screen. Housewares, 4th.
- Recipe file. Stationery, Street.
- English teapot. China, 4th.
- Pressure cooker. Housewares, 4th.
- Crystal punch set. China, 4th.

PRACTICAL... BUT FUN, TOO

- Little kitchen radio. 4th.
- Place setting of her favorite fine china. 4th.
- Jewel case. Leathers, Street.
- Terry cloth shower robe. 2nd.
- Magazine subscription. Street.
- Hi-Jac coasters for glasses. Linens, Street.
- Hankies with her monogram. Street.
- Foam rubber sofa pillows. 3rd.
- Glamour belt. Street.
- Copper fish mold. China, 4th.
- Velvet sluffs. 2nd.
- Silver embroidered evening bag. Boutique, 2nd.

HOW CAN SHE RESIST THEM?

- Sunburst wall mirror. 4th.
- Wrought iron Christmas candleabra. Trim Shop, 3th.
- Glamour glasses cases. Notions, Street.
- Pretty notepad. Stationery, Street.
- Full whirling party skirt. Second.
- Wingbacks, the wonderful earrings. Jewels to Santa Claus cocktail napkins. Linens, Street.
- Quilted dresser accessories. Art Gallery, 2nd.
- Silver Cladding ink. Second.
- Purse flashlight. Notions, Second.
- Beaded winter scarf. Second.

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