

AMONG WOMEN

Third Orders

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Although the words, Third Order, and Tertiary, have become more widely known among our Catholic people than they were a decade ago, there still are many who wonder about the organizations these words designate. Almost every week this paper carries a notice of the monthly meeting of one of these Third Orders and frequently includes an explanatory message. However, from the questions asked me I gather that the explanatory material, being specific rather than general, leaves many unanswered questions in the minds of our readers.

With this in mind, I am using material today from Father Francis Wendell's "Spiritual Powerhouse", and am including only that which is pertinent to all Third Orders and their members, known as Tertiaries. Father Wendell, a member of the Dominican Order, writes:

"A Third Order is a unique organization in the Church. It is part of a Religious Order, the Religious Order's very spirit, is governed by the Order and collaborates in its work. Yet the Third Order is canonically and essentially a lay organization. (Secular priests can and do

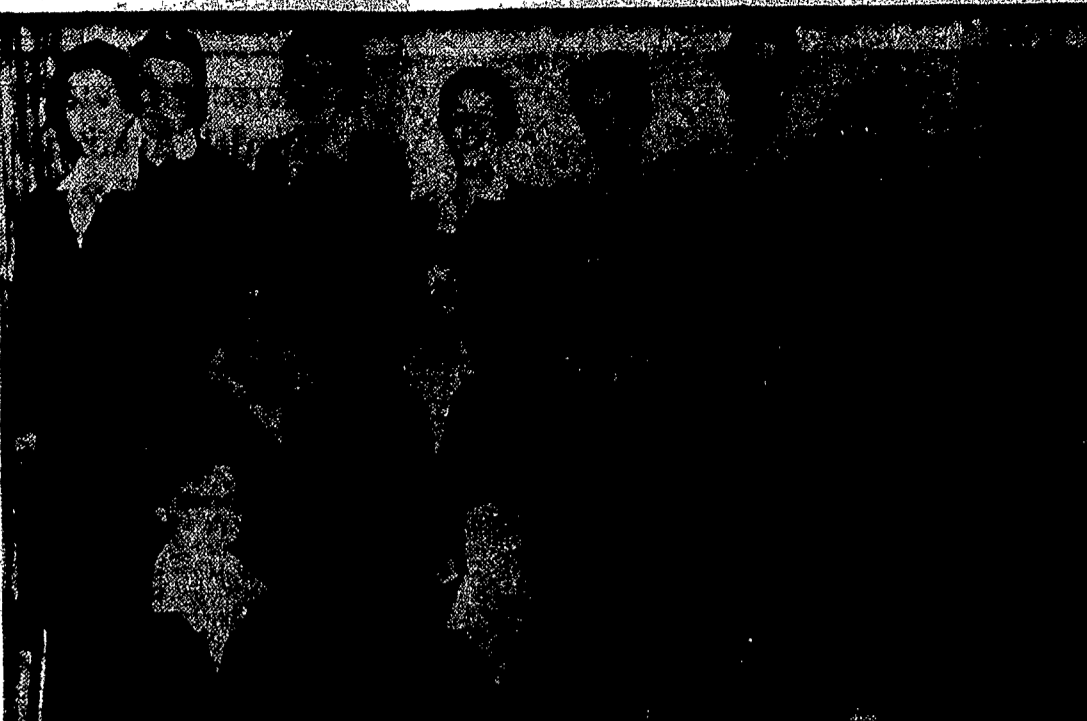
belong to the Third Order. They obviously are in the clerical state and occupy a special and different position from the laity). Its members do not take public vows, nor live the common life. This is one fact that must be remembered in seeking out and studying its nature and purpose. Although its members are part of a Religious Order, they are not Religious in the Canon Law sense of that term. They are lay people. One might say that the Tertiary is in the world and of the Order.

"A THIRD ORDER is different in kind than a Confraternity or a Pious Union. Canonically it ranks above them. The reason for this is apparent. A Confraternity has for its purpose the promotion of some public worship, while a Pious Union exists for the exercise of some specific work of piety or charity. A Third Order, on the other hand, provides for its members a fully approved way of life which enters inevitably not only into their worship or their piety or their charity, but into everything they do. A Tertiary is a Tertiary not only in his knees but in every great and least detail of his life. He is a seeker after perfection in the world.

"One of the modern Popes said that if one wants to find the spirit of an Order one should look to its founder. Perhaps one might just as truly say that if one wants to find the spirit of a Third Order one should look to the spirit of the First Order. A Third Order member should reflect in some measure, the spirit of the First Order, and, of course, the spirit of the founder. This fact is of tremendous importance in the individual's choice of a Third Order. He should choose a Third Order according to its nature and his nature and not because one of his friends happens to belong, or for some purely arbitrary reason.

"THE FACT THAT this is not always done no doubt hinders the effectiveness of the Third Order in our modern day. A Franciscan Tertiary should have a special love of charity and poverty, both so characteristic of St. Francis and his followers. A Benedictine Oblate might well be decidedly liturgy-minded as his Order has been traditionally concerned with the praise of God. A Dominican Tertiary should seek truth (the motto of his Order) not truth for its own sake but truth as St. Dominic sought it in the service of souls. These are, therefore, the general characteristics of individual orders that apply in all times and in all places. To make more specific programs one should also know the background of the times in which one lives and most particularly the condition of the Church in our modern day.

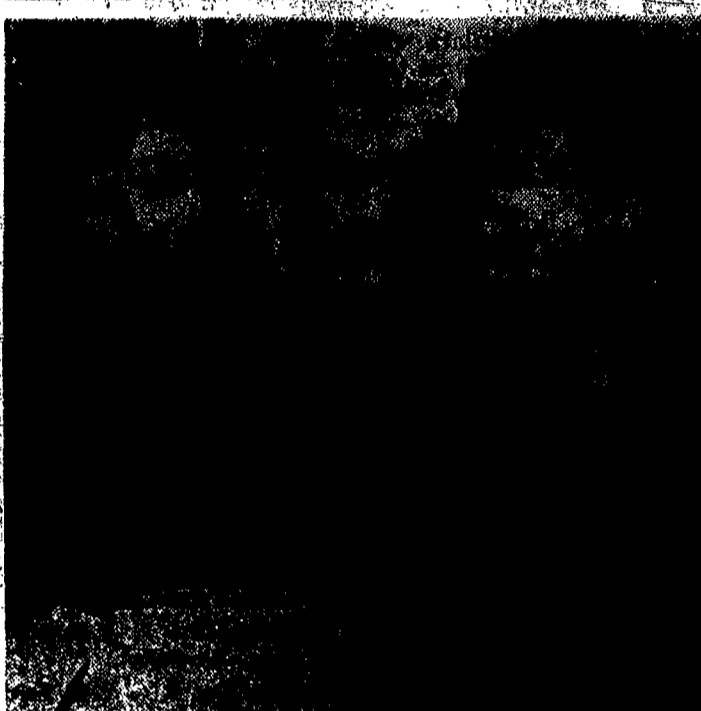
Ever since the middle of the last century the active function of the laity in the Church has been undergoing an immense development. Only a glance at the writings of the recent Popes is needed to confirm this fact. There is, for example, the famous text from "Laetari Sans Nuntius": it is, therefore, absolutely necessary that in this our age all should be apostles. It is also, and it is necessary that the laity should not sit idly by, but that they stand ready to the call of vigorous assistance, in such wise that by their prayers, their self-devotion, and their active collaboration they may powerfully contribute to the growth of the Catholic faith and the Christian reform of morals.



Sacred Heart Field Hockey Team

ACADEMY OF THE Sacred Heart field hockey team which recently returned from a game with the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Kenwood, are shown above. Seated in the front row are from left, Sandra Bellanca, Madge Drysdale and Julie McGraw; seated, second row, Joanne

Schiff, Gloria Kib, Diana Seel, and Kate Finlay; standing, Mary Pat MacAdams, Mary MacNamara, Mary-Jule Scott, Beverly DeLuca, Andrea Jupp, Michael Ann Mulvan, Peggy Seuffert and Eileen Robinson.



Miss Schanz Wed In Church Rites

Miss Mary Catherine Schanz, daughter of Mrs. Robert F. Schanz and the late Dr. Schanz, Grosman Terrace, and Eugene A. Vallery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vallery, St. Louis, Mo., were married on Nov. 26 in Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, pastor, and the Rev. Gregory Dugan, Auburn, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Supervised Field Work in a Local Agency is Required Training for Sociology Students at Nazareth College

Students above are examining a case history on her field work assignment in Miss Joan McGrath with the Honorable Joseph C. Frinch, Monroe County Children's Court Judge in court office, 34 State St. Courier Journal Photo.

College Sociology Students Begin Month Of Field Work

Nazareth College's five senior sociology majors and one sociology minor began their month's supervised field work this week, according to Sister M. Paulette, S.S.J., department chairman. As a supplement to their studies, the college provides for senior students to go into a local agency of their choice and work with professional people in the field.

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The five sociology majors and the sociology minor have selected as their agencies: Jean Casella, Catholic Family Center; Rosemarie DeFranco, Social Welfare Department; Jacqueline Haubner, Saint Mary's Hospital; Joan McGrath, Children's Court; and Ann Nolan, Catholic Family Center, Auburn. Patricia Duffy, sociology

McKeen-Staimle Nuptials Held

Auburn—Miss Tudy Staimle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Staimle, and Charles Edward McKeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKeen, were married in St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, on Nov. 12. The Very Rev. Frederick G. Straub, V.F. pastor, officiated at the ceremony.

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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS St. Nicholas Day

Traditional treats for St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6) are Speculatius cookies and Bishop wynn. For children's parties, the wine can be grape juice, but grownups who have to face the cold December winds will welcome the tasty warm wine.

St. Charles Rosary Society Sets Meeting

Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo Church will meet in the school hall Tuesday, Dec. 6, following the recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. in the church.

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