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By Sister Margaret Teresa
Nazareth College

ST. ANNE, GRANDMOTHER OF OUR SAVIOUR, by Frances
Parkinson Keyes. With 66 illustrations. Julian Messner, Inc.,
35, 189 pp. \$3.99

Nobody named Anne would want to be without this
book, a compendium of the best that has been thought,
sung and painted on the subject of her patroness, Mrs.

Keyes shows what can be done
to bring us close to a saint about
whom there is "only the Gospel
story." Saint Anne within the
ambos of the Holy Family lit-
tles, has been loved from the
earliest ages, and the homely
imagination of love has been
busy from the beginning with
the joys that must have been
hers.

Mrs. Keyes, author of some
twenty successful novels (CAME
A CAVALIER, STEAMBOAT
GOTIC, etc.) and of prize-win-
ning books on the Faith like
ALONG A LITTLE WAY, was
first moved to celebrate St.
Anne's fame by the query of a

little child; "Why did Mary and
Joseph have to go to a stable?
Why didn't they go to Grand-
ma's?"

AND TRUE enough, it was a
reasonable question, for Anne's
people were from Bethlehem. It
is also an unanswerable question
— neither history nor imagina-
tion can solve the riddle. But
above all, it is a beautiful ques-
tion—having at its heart a beau-
tiful concept Anne is His grand-
mother, she would have kept as
close to her daughter and to
him as possible, as long as she
lived; she would have doted on
him, as we say.

Here, then, is that interest in
Anne the grandmother, traced in
the earliest Christian writings,
such as the Gospel of the Birth
of Mary, sometimes attributed to
Matthew's writings not canonical
but cherished in past times),
traced too in the places in Eu-
rope St. Anne is supposed to
have known, like Apt in France
which kept her relics; places
near and far where shrines to
her were established and mir-
acles occurred.

THE AUTHOR accompanies
her account of St. Anne's life
and cult with abundant pictures,
reproductions and photographs
chosen. It seems clear, with an
eye to their appeal to the "gen-
erally" and to beauty-loving
children, as well as to the proper
business of showing all types.

The sound human feeling of
these pictures is most pleasing.
In some of the loveliest, St.
Anne holds the Virgin in her
arms, and the Virgin holds the
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Winner

Holliston, Calif. — (RNS) —
Carol Barrett 17, senior at
Plus X High School here is
the winner of a nationwide stu-
dent essay contest on "What
the Bill of Rights Means to
Me," conducted by the National
Association of Real Estate
Brokers. Her 600-word essay
was chosen among 9,000
submitted by students in 37
communities of 23 states. The
prize: a five-day trip to Wash-
ington, D.C. for Miss Barrett
and her mother.

University Announces Full Scholarships

Washington — (NC) — A full
tuition scholarship is again be-
ing offered to a Catholic high
school graduate in each of the
26 archdiocesan provinces by the
Catholic University of America.
Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart,
rector, has announced.

Each scholarship covers tuition
over a four-year period be-
ginning in September, 1956. Can-
didates should apply before
March 10 to the College Entrance
Examination Office in their area
for the scholastic aptitude test
scheduled for March 17. Appli-
cants should also request schol-
arship applications from the
registrar at Catholic University
and ask for full details on the
scholarship.

Put Your Ideas To Work

One night an astronomer wandered on the outskirts of the
city. Gazing up at the stars, he fell into a well. For long hours
he shouted for help.

Finally, a villager came to see what was the matter. He
peered into the well and saw the hapless astronomer, strug-
gling to get out.

"How did you ever manage to get in there?" he asked.
The astronomer explained. The villager smiled and said: "My
good man, while you are trying to pry into the mystery of the
skies, you overlook the common objects that are under your
feet!"

It's so easy to possess the truths of Christ and still do
little or nothing to apply them to a world desperately in need
of them.

Do what you can to ease and solve the problems that vex
the world, rather than run away from them.
—Christopher News Notes

Electric Razor Gives Pope Extra Time For Mass

By FATHER JAMES I. TUCEK
(N.C.W.O. News Service)

During the summer and early fall Pope Pius XII lives
at Castelgandolfo in a small village near Rome. Although
the quiet of the country and the fresh mountain air allow
the Holy Father some degree
of relaxation, he maintains his
rigid work schedule while he
is there.

THE POPE arises early in
the morning a little before
6:15 while most Romans are
still asleep. His personal valet,
Mario Stoppa, usually finds
him shaving with his electric
razor before his alarm clock
has had a chance to ring.

"I wish I could tell the elec-
tric razor's inventor how good
it is," the Pope once said, "for
each day it permits me to de-
vote five minutes less to my
beard and five minutes more
to the Divine Sacrifice."

At 7:30 after his morning
prayers, the Pope enters the
small chapel next to his bed-
room. The side walls of the
chapel are decorated with large
dramatic paintings by John de
Rosen, noted Polish-born Amer-
ican artist who painted the
murals in the lobby of the
national headquarters build-
ing of the National Catholic
Welfare Conference in Wash-
ington, D.C.

ON THE WALL of the
chapel is a battle scene depict-
ing Polish soldiers defending
the monastery of Czestochowa,
which shelters Poland's famous
Black Madonna, against the
Swedes in 1655. On the op-
posite wall is a scene from the
Battle of Warsaw in 1919 in
which Russia's Red Army was
defeated. The scene shows the
death of a Polish Army chap-
lain.

The pictures were painted in
1923 and 1934 for Pope Pius
XI, who served as Papal Nun-
cio to Poland before being
elected to the Papacy.

Above the small marble
altar stands a copy of the
Black Madonna of Czestochowa
made of silver, which was a
gift from the monks at the
Polish monastery.

THE HOLY FATHER always
celebrates Mass in his private
chapel except for his valet who
serves as acolyte. His celebra-
tion of the Mass, without
counting the preparation and
thanksgiving, never takes less
than 45 minutes.

After Mass the Pope des-
cends a short flight of stairs
to a small dining room. There
he has breakfast alone, ex-
amines his most important
mail and scans several morn-
ing newspapers. He is ready
to begin his work day prompt-
ly at 9 o'clock.

New Foundation Benefits Fordham

New York — (NC) — Fordham
University here has been named
as beneficiary of the newly or-
ganized Marsicans Foundation
which will eventually exceed
some \$1,000,000. Father Laurence
J. McGinley, S.J., university
president, has announced. The
grant will be used to further
the university's development
fund program.

The Marsicans Foundation is
a New York membership cor-
poration established by Mrs. An-
toinette Marsicans and her
daughter Philomena, a New
York attorney and graduate of
Fordham University School of
Law. Its assets now consist
principally of New York real es-
tate interests.

Chinese Writer Baptized Shortly Before Death

Chinese writer of dramas and
movie scripts, a refugee from the
mainland, was received into the
Church here shortly before his
death from cancer.

Liu Ken was baptized by Fa-
ther Albert R. O'Hara, American
Jesuit missionary who instruct-
ed him in the Faith while he was
a patient at the Taiwan Univer-
sity Hospital. Father O'Hara is
a member of the university staff.

Liu Ken's instructions were ar-
ranged by a pagan woman who
saw what happiness baptism had
brought to her sick daughter.
She thought that the sick man
should have the happiness of
that sacrament and heaven after
having undergone so much
misery.

vinced on the Chinese mainland,
the city man had no relatives on
Formosa. His family, once prom-
inent and wealthy, had been
wiped out by communist perse-
cution.

Negro Paper Cites Archbishop Rummel

Chicago — (RNS) — Arch-
bishop Joseph Francis Rummel of
New Orleans was cited in the
annual honor roll of the Chicago
Defender, Negro weekly pub-
lished here. The honor roll recog-
nizes "outstanding contributions
to interracial understanding."
The Archbishop was named
"for steadfastly maintaining the
authority of a colored Catholic
priest in the face of revolt of
white parishioners."

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