

More Catholics Mean More Priests Needed

Ordination of fifteen new priests this June for the Rochester Diocese may seem to be an adequate increase to care for the spiritual needs of the people. Diocesan officials have stated, however, that twice that number could be assigned to parishes if only there were more priests available.

As the Catholic population continues to soar to new record high totals, there is a consequent demand for more priests. Mass schedules have to be expanded, more Confessions heard, catechism classes, sick calls, convert instructions, larger buildings — all these require the proportionate increase in the number of clergy to meet these needs.

Until more young men choose to enter the seminary to complete the training required to become a priest, the present pastors and curates will have to face the fact of trying to double their accomplishments in an already overcrowded routine of duties.

Ember Days are set aside by the Church for the express purpose of praying for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Worship magazine this month quotes a prayer used in all the parish churches of Mainz, Germany, as the official "Peoples Prayer for Priests."

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, hear our humble prayer, and give to Thy Church worthy priests, true shepherds and zealous ministers. Pour into them the blessings of Thy grace that they may always approach Thy altar with a pure heart, celebrate the holy Sacrifice with faith and reverence, administer the holy Sacraments with zeal, preach Thy holy Gospel with joy and courage and, at the same time, walk before Thee with steadfast faith, ever shedding the light of a holy example, and by word and deed edify Thy people.

Replenish, O God, with the spirit of wisdom and piety all those who are about to be admitted to holy orders. Infuse into them the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit which Thou hast given to the apostles, so that they may become chosen vessels of Thy grace and may labor for the salvation of Thy people, extend Thy holy kingdom, instruct the faithful, encourage saints, admonish sinners, awaken the careless, console the afflicted and prepare the dying for the journey to their true home. The harvest indeed is great, and if Thou wouldst not supply laborers, there soon would be chaos and wilderness, and Thy flock, O Lord, would be dispersed, fall into error, and perish.

Grant us also the grace to give our priests and spiritual leaders confidence, love and obedience, so that we will at no time burden their office by a lack of cooperation, but rather joyfully and gladly work with them who must render an account to God for our souls, so that none of us will be lost through his own fault.

Under the leadership of our priests conduct us safely to the eternal joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen.

'Planned Parenthood' Gets Methodist Approval

At their annual conference held this year at Minneapolis, ministers and lay delegates of the Methodist Church decided that "planned parenthood . . . may fulfill rather than violate the will of God."

Methodists have a long standing reputation as Bible readers. Devout John Wesley made the Scriptures the basis of Methodist faith.

From now on it will be uncomfortable for Methodists to guide their daily lives by the Bible's counsels and at the same time accept the latest decision of their leaders.

Both Old and New Testaments of the Bible are filled with passages which bless fertility and curse the deliberately barren. The very first book of the Bible, Genesis, records the command of God, "Increase and multiply." Genesis also records the tragic fate of Onan who spilled the seed of life, for which God slew him then and there for doing such a "detestable thing."

The Methodist decision to approve birth control was passed without a dissenting vote. "The only comment was that of a spokesman who stated, 'We can say that another church thinks differently,' an obvious reference to the unchanging teaching of the Catholic Church."

Not one of the Methodist delegates stood to defend the uncompromising Christian teaching of 20 centuries that Christ and His Christians love "little children."

At Minneapolis, the officially ordained ministers and delegates of America's largest denomination voted their surrender to the modern, secular, selfish solution of limiting families.

In the Methodist statement there was no mention of self control, no talk of mortification, no quoting of Christ who said, "If any man would be my disciple, let him deny himself."

It is significant how far Christian conscience can drift once it is cut away from the rock of faith and bond of unity, the Catholic Church.

John Wesley sincerely thought the Bible and the Bible alone would suffice to guide his followers. Now it happens that those who retain the name he gave them, Methodist, are willing to disregard the Bible to suit the whims of the weakest members of the flock.

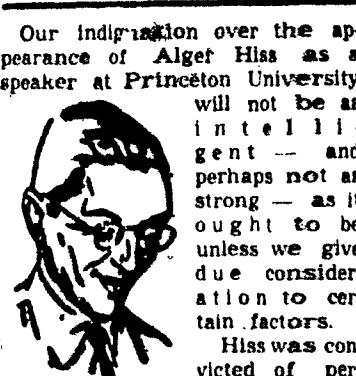
It is a sad coincidence that the month of May, dedicated to Mary the Mother of Jesus, has to be desecrated by a decision which repudiates the Christian concept of motherhood.

As Catholics, we still believe that parenthood is best planned by God who also promised that He would provide for all our needs. Those who tamper with His law or seek to evade the purpose for which He made marriage will find their planning produces a bitter fruit, a gnawing guilty conscience and a hardened heart.

Official statements do not always represent "grass roots" thinking, however. Increased enrollments in Sunday School classes, new Methodist parishes in suburbs bursting with children, larger families across the country are all witness to the fact that a younger generation of parents are sick of the selfish, pagan propaganda of so-called planned parenthood.

Those who seek to impose sinful practices on these young parents deserve the censure of Christ who said a mill stone ought to be tied around their necks and drown them in the deepest sea.

JOSEPH BREIG Alger Hiss At Princeton



Our indignation over the appearance of Alger Hiss as a speaker at Princeton University will not be as intelligent — and perhaps not as strong — as it ought to be unless we give due consideration to certain factors.

Hiss was convicted of perjury after a fair trial in which he was represented by the ablest of attorneys and protected by all the safeguards which American jurisprudence erects against injustice to the innocent.

His perjury consisted in false denials that he had handed over American security secrets to a foreign spy ring. The jury, in other words, judged that Hiss had betrayed his country in the gravest of matters.

THIS IS THE MAN who was invited to Princeton.

Hiss was invited by students who did not consult university authorities, as they should have done.

That students should have neglected this courtesy, this act of fair play — indeed, this serious duty — is perhaps understandable. But that Hiss should have ignored it is entirely inexcusable.

We easily forgive young people for being thoughtless and inconsiderate. College men are not always distinguished for their maturity or delicacy.

The most elementary good manners, however, should have suggested to Hiss that before accepting the invitation, he ascertain whether he was welcome.

HISS CANNOT BE so obtuse that he did not realize that his presence on the campus might be acutely embarrassing to Princeton. And even if we suppose that he is really as dense as all that, the newspapers soon enough disclosed the situation.

The politeness that we expect even of the least cultured of men surely required that Hiss send his regrets, and thus avoid inflicting a gross discourtesy on Princeton.

The behavior of Hiss was completely inexcusable.

IN CONTRAST, the guilt of the students who extended the invitation is modified by several considerations.

College men are not entirely grown up. And these particular students were mere boys at the time Hiss was convicted. Obviously, they did not read up on the newspaper files before acting.

Obviously, too, there has been a serious failure on the part of Princeton to educate its students to know what communism is, and what communism does.

In view of the gravity of communism's menace to everything that Americans hold dear, this is clearly a most culpable omission. Princeton surely stands indicted on that count.

College men do tend to be thoughtless; but surely Princeton men would not have invited Hiss as a guest speaker had they realized the enormity of communism's wrongs and his wrongs.

NOR CAN PRINCETON be absolved even in the light of the fact that the students who issued the invitation were members of what is grandiloquently called the Whig-Closeted debating society.

Whig-Closeted, we may assume, live in the most ivory of all possible adolescent ivory towers. But even Whig-Closeted, did Princeton educate them properly, would not be entirely ignorant about communism and about Hiss.

Hiss, then, was guilty of callous ungentlemanliness, and the Whig-Closeted must be held responsible for more thoughtlessness than we need feel called upon to excuse.

But what of the university administration?

THE ADMINISTRATION shrugged its shoulders and remarked that it believed in letting students work their own way out of the messes they create. The administration kept hands off.

This is simply total abdication of the responsibility which the administration is duty-bound to discharge. This is making students the goats for the administration's dereliction in office.

What is Princeton doing? Is it sending into the world young men so irresponsible that they will commit great institutions — banks and corporations, say — to impossible positions without consulting their superiors, young men who will expect authority to smother off their gross errors with a tolerant smile?

We cannot help wondering what Princeton's alumni will take of this preposterous incident.

Supernatural Instincts

Seven Gifts Of Holy Ghost Aid Soul In Spiritual Life

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

Seven spiritual gifts were given to us in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Pentecost renews these gifts in our souls.

These seven gifts of the Holy Ghost were intended for our sanctification and growth in spiritual stature.

Most Catholics have only a vague recollection of having learned about the seven gifts in catechism class.

(Pause here, and quit yourself. Name the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost. How many do you remember?)

Wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.

THESE GIFTS could be compared to the instincts of our animal nature which prompt us to act spontaneously for our own good.

Instinct makes us blink our eyes when dust swirls toward our face. Instinct makes us jump when a horn honks nearby. Instinct makes us reach out our hand to keep us from falling. Eating, drinking, sleeping, walking — a major portion of life is spent doing actions "by instinct."

As citizens of a second world, we need "instincts" to guide and protect us in that invisible world too.

We owe it to ourselves to learn more about these gifts of the Holy Ghost and to learn how to use them effectively for our own spiritual good.

The Gift of Fear: Most theologians begin their study of the seven gifts with "the fear of the Lord." The 110th Psalm states "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Fear drives off sin, especially the sin of pride which is the root of all sin.

Fear is not just a cringing terror. It can also be the holy, chaste, and generous fear of offending one you love very much. This is a fear based on love rather than on any selfish motive of escaping pain.

The Gift of Piety: This gift is the "worship instinct" in us which drives us to honor God and all that pertains to Him.

Piety takes us in two directions: "up to God and out" to His children, our fellow men. It means we will tend to be constant in devotional practices, find relief in Mass, Sacraments, religious rites. Piety is the gift which makes us "liturgical."

The gift of piety also inclines us to serve our neighbor in mercy and justice. Our Lord's admonition, "Not he who says 'Lord, lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father, he shall enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gift of Knowledge: Before our Savior ascended to heaven, He promised to send the Advocate "who will teach you all truth." Despite all our modern scientific research and discovery, the supernatural world cannot be analyzed or examined by microscope or test tubes.

The gift of knowledge takes us beyond the curtain of human limitations and provides us with a sense of faith in the mysteries revealed by God.

The Gift of Fortitude: "It's a hard life," we say when things go against us. Just facing up to the routine trials of life requires strength of character in every heartache and so meaningless to man. Adding the duty to imitate Christ requires a grafted-in strength or riches.

The Gift of Understanding: This gift enables us to see the relationship between events in this life and those of eternity. Illness, poverty, misfortune, heartaches are so meaningless to anyone without faith. The worldling seeks in strength or riches.

The Gift of Counsel: Ancient philosophers posed basic questions which still torment man's mind today. "What is right and what is wrong?" The Greek and Roman sages had been intellectuals but life is even more complex today than then. Modern morals are made to fit the lax habits of prominent, persuasive speakers and authors in the face of so much current disregard for Christian principles, devout people often ask again, "What is right? What is wrong?"

In the gift of counsel, the Holy Spirit serves as a spiritual director for each individual soul. The Spirit penetrates the smog of confused opinions and guides the soul to a right decision.

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Fisherman of tiny French village of Boulogne-sur-mer, repairs his nets as parish priest watches. Christ's priests bring God's grace to men in cities, farms, remote jungles, obscure villages. The Holy Spirit, sent by Christ on first Pentecost, invigorates the Church and its members to "keep the faith" revealed by Christ for the salvation of souls. (RNS Photo)

strength of heroic proportions. How else explain the stamina and courage of martyrs? So we explain the patience and tenderness of men, women and children who live as Christians in a pagan world?

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The Reds—What Now?

Socialist Papers Rap American Communists

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

It is interesting and informative to observe the recent comments of "left wing groups" not connected with the Communists, but likewise dedicated to the achievement of Socialism. They have filled the columns of their press with the discussion of the new Khrushchev line, and particularly the "revaluation" of Stalin. These discussions can be of value to those opposing Communism, even though they are not intended to serve that purpose.

Let us take up the spring-summer issue of the Anvil—student Socialist magazine, just off the press. It correctly says that under the Khrushchev regime there exists "Stalinism without Stalin." Of course, in one way that is a short-cut expression which does not take into account the continued reference in all Communist comments to Stalin as "a great Marxist." But it does bring out that nothing has essentially changed within the Soviet dictatorship.

UNDERSCORED this thought, the Anvil declares that "not even one step forward was taken." In illustration of this fact it says: "Not a single, tiny act has been undertaken by Khrushchev and Company towards the essential ingredient of a 'step toward democracy': the right to oppose the regime and its policies. Not a single step has been taken toward establishing free speech, a free press, the right to organize political parties and organizations—the right to organize unions, the right to strike."

To this judgment we can add the comments of Labor Action, which calls itself "an independent Socialist weekly" but is generally regarded as the organ of one division of the Trotskyites. Speaking of what has been so far revealed by the Communists in regard to Stalin, it declares that the following picture has now become undeniably clear: "For the past ten, fifteen, or twenty years, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and hence, Russia, has been run by a man who had arbitrary and uncontrollable powers, and who used them in the manner of an absolute despot."

But these excesses, Labor Action claims, could not have been the personal responsibility of one man. They were supported by those present Soviet leaders who now, for their own convenience, condemn the "cult of the personality." On this point, the magazine says, "It is impossible, in a society on Russia's scale, for one man to hold all the strings in his hand. He must have subordinates who carry out his will."

"The present leaders admit that this was true," the publication goes on to say, "at least with regard to Beria and others who have been charged with direct personal responsibility in the purges of men now declared innocent of any crime." And then it adds significantly: "The picture of Stalin's Russia thus revealed — not by Hearst or by capitalist enemies of Socialism, but by present leadership of the Communist Party and the Government of the USSR — is that of an absolute despotism."

THE MILITANT — organ of the original Trotskyites in this country — gives over almost its entire issue of April 30 to assailing the Khrushchev line, now coming the forced confession system, denounced, at least in words. It points out that this confession system was used in the Trotskyite-Bukharin trials, which it calls "the Moscow frameup trial." It calls upon the Soviet dictatorship to "rehabilitate" Leon Trotsky and other of the old Bolsheviks found guilty in those trials and executed in Soviet Russia or by assassination.

Turning to the American Communist Party, the Militant presents an indictment which merits quoting: "Because they operated thousands of miles beyond the borders of the Soviet Union, the leaders of the American Communist Party cannot use the excuse of personal cowardice for having followed Stalin. They pretend that they were 'taken in' by the Stalin cult. They did not criticize, they say, because they were afraid of giving aid and comfort to the 'enemies of Socialism.' They slavishly followed every twist and turn of Stalinist policy because they had faith!"

And then the Militant brings out the true character of the Communist Party — what those opposing Communism have been saying for years: "All of this jumbo is intended to conceal the true role of the Communist Party as a political agency of the Kremlin."

What is most amazing is that all of these publications, after these severe indictments of Moscow, do not see that these evils are inherent in Socialism. Their comments show, you will note, that the whole "anti-Stalin" bustle is only a maneuver; that the entire present Soviet leadership participated in Stalin's crimes; that the forced confessions and other excesses are by-products of an entire system; that the Communist Party here is merely a tool of that system. But we, who have a clearer view, can use their very words to show that these crimes are indissolubly linked up with the Communist world outlook and its effort to bring about world Socialism.

Soviet Russia has long been called "the land of Socialism." The terrible abuses now revealed as having taken place there flow inevitably from the control of all life, including the means of production and distribution, by the state — which always means a dictatorship based on bureaucracy.

But the words of those who still hold on fanatically to the idea of Socialism, while exposing the brutal realities of the Soviet regime, can be used to remove the complacency which has afflicted the American nation as a result of the Khrushchev line.

Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, May 20 — Pentecost Sunday (red), Gloria, Sequence, Creed, Preface of the Holy Spirit.

Monday, May 21 through Saturday, May 26 — Special Mass as in Missal for each week day, no observance of saints' feasts during this week.

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday — Ember Days.

Making Marriage Click

Attitudes Hardest To Change

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC
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St. Thomas says that "the basis of all social change is a change of attitudes."

Attitudes are one of the hardest things I know to change. The arithmetic of an organization is easy — we can get thousands into an organization. That isn't so hard. But to change an attitude means digging, working, slaving. Just you try it! Take the attitude that "kissing is okay on a date" or that "divorce is all right."

Attitudes are among the most important things in our lives, but what are they and how do we change them?

All of this time, I am sure, you are trying to define exactly what is an attitude? It certainly is not an opinion. An opinion is a judgment, arrived at by intellectual processes. Attitudes stress more the emotional response.

ATTITUDES ARE deep-seated tendencies, predispositions by which we respond again and again in the same manner to the

same situation, idea, person, or group.

An attitude is learned, it is not inborn. It is never neutral. It is always for or against. Attitudes dominate our thinking and action, mostly unconsciously, from the very early years of our lives. We acquire them from our culture, from other groups. Deep-rooted, they resist change. And if they change, they are extremely slow about it. They are closely involved with emotions.

Leonard Doob insists that "almost every internal response involves an attitude." That's how important they are. Let's spotlight a few concerning the family.

1. People fear being criticized if they are religious. If the whole family goes to Communion together, if they belong to a religious organization, say grace publicly before and after meals.

Men especially seem to be ashamed to let people know how good they really are. There seems to be only two types of men who open up their true souls and talk: men on retreat and al-

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Davy Crockett's Relative, An English Priest-Martyr

At a recent parochial school's baseball practice session, one diminutive spectator, his face hidden by an over-size coonskin cap, was warming the bench, swinging his legs, and singing a strange melody of "Da-a-vy Crockett!"

Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today and "O Lord I am not worthy."

The ten of them were typical boys decked in their Davy-Crockett hats, space guns, and gum.

IT IS ALSO quite probable that the original and quite famous Davy Crockett might himself have known the same devotion and faith of his 1956 counterparts.

Crockett is the name of an English martyr who died in 1588, two centuries before Davy was born on the Tennessee mountain top.

Father Ralph Crockett died during the reign of "good Queen Bess" because he preferred to serve the Queen of Heaven rather than the Queen of England.

The Crockett family had lived in England when it was known as "Mary's Dowry" and even the field flowers bore titles in honor of our Lady. Forget-me-nots were the "eyes" of Mary and honeysuckle buds were called "our Lady's fingers."

Davy's exploits in Texas brought him to the Catholic founded cities Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and finally to the Alamo, a Catholic mission church later used as a fort.

Frontier life had little time for church going. But if the Crockett family traditions survived the gap of two centuries and the span of an ocean, then Davy recalled the heroism of his ancestor Blessed Ralph Crockett and the devotion to Jesus and Mary which were linked with the Crockett name.

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