

# Mother-To-Be Poses As Victim, Is Confused About Role In Marriage

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My wife is giving me a rough time. I'm in the doghouse now because she has just learned that she is pregnant again. We have two children already and she decided that's all there were to be, at least for a while. Of course her present condition is all my fault! She's going to be hard to live with for the next few months. What can a Catholic husband do? I'm willing and able to support a family, but I'm getting tired of having her pose as a victim. Doesn't she have some obligations, too?

THE FAMILY situation which you describe, Harry, is apparently becoming quite common in what is loosely called the American middle class. More precisely, it characterizes those who aspire to or who have moved into this class.

It is not easy to deal with because it stems from a complex set of attitudes and misunderstandings prevalent in contemporary society. It will clarify our thinking if we analyze these in some detail.

First, there is confusion about the meaning of marriage. Marriage has come to be looked upon primarily as a companionship. This is the way it is defined in the majority of textbooks, in popular writing, and in the public mind.

But marriage is more than a mere companionship. It is by its very nature companionship with a purpose. This purpose is parenthood.

Parenthood is not something incidental to marriage. It is a matter of choice. It is inherent in the very nature of marital companionship, for love between man and woman tends to be productive and creative. Its true significance, its ability to provide for the couple's fullest development and self-realization lies in its reproductive character.

The companionship of husband and wife grows and finds real fulfillment only in the childbearing and child rearing process.

SECOND, THERE is confusion about the role of women in marriage. Women have



moved rapidly toward greater social equality and freedom in the modern world. In itself this change is all to the good.

However, in gaining their freedom, some women have lost their direction. They're not sure where they're supposed to be going. They've grown confused about where their true self-fulfillment and consequently happiness is to be found.

In particular, some forget that marriage is a partnership in which both spouses must contribute their share according to the different roles which each can fulfill.

The marriage contract includes a lifelong meal ticket for the wife only if she assumes her marital duties. Some wives apparently believe that their right to be supported involves little or no obligation on their part.

THIRD, THERE is confusion concerning sexual differences in men and women. It appears that some wives, either because of false attitudes, previ-

ous training, or because they find more emotional outlets, experience little difficulty in by-passing normal marital relations.

Hence, if they are opposed to having more children and are Catholic, they expect their husbands to do the same. If husbands refuse or find this difficult, they accuse them of selfishness, or of being inconsiderate, or even of being oversexed.

WHAT IS the answer? Well, some wives lose their husbands before they learn it. Some don't lose their husbands but sacrifice the profound happiness which true companionship and partnership in marriage offers them. Some do grow up with the passing of time.

Have patience, then, Harry. At marriage you agree to help your wife reach happiness in this world and the next. If you can gradually lead her to a deeper understanding of the meaning of life and of marriage you will have carried out that agreement in the best possible way.

## Pope Advises Business Men On Activities

Vatican City (RNS)—Pope Pius XII praised the International Chamber of Commerce for its efforts to find "a rational solution, independent of partisan political considerations, to the world's economic problems."

The Pontiff spoke at an audience in the Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace to 2,000 delegates who were in Rome prior to the opening of the Chamber's 16th congress in Naples.

"EVERYWHERE," he told them "you seek to propose rational means, always trying to work in favor of economic progress and general well-being in the framework of a more international solidarity."

"And we are pleased to know," the Pope added, "that the underdeveloped nations are not outside your careful attention but that on the contrary, you try to make them take advantage of your studies and means of action. We see in your work one of the most solid guarantees of a strengthened peace between the great powers, and formulate our sincerest good wishes for a successful evolution of economic world relations."

Pope Pius warned the delegates against attempts by private interests to dominate international economic life. Quoting the words of Christ, "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" he told them:

"THE PERSONAL damage irreparable though it may be, could be an incomplete reflection of the evil caused by a pursuit of gain which transforms itself into a veritable economic war, dragging with it disastrous ruins, with the sad procession of family and social disorders which naturally follow them."

The Pope also told the delegates that while competition is a "fruitful stimulant," it should not be allowed to degenerate into fierce fights for new markets.

## Chicago Charities Spend 9 Million

Chicago (NC)—A total of 28,810 persons were given assistance by the Catholic Charities of Chicago during the last year, it was disclosed in the organization's annual report. The cost of operations for the year then have completed 20 years of was \$9,255,792, the report stated.



MONSIGNOR SHEEHY FATHER CONNELL

## Priest-Professors Resign Catholic University Posts

Resignation of posts by two leading figures on the faculty of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. was announced this week. They are: Monsignor Maurice S. Sheehy, head of the department of religious education at the university, the Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., dean of the university's School of Theology.

## Monsignor Sheehy Father Connell Becomes Pastor Theology Dean

Washington, D.C. (RNS)—Monsignor Maurice S. Sheehy, only Catholic chaplain ever to attain the rank of rear admiral in the United States Navy, announced that he had resigned his position as head of the department of religious education at the Catholic University of America and would rejoin the Naval Reserve.

Archbishop Leo Baez of Dubuque, Ia., simultaneously announced that Monsignor Sheehy has been named pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Monsignor Sheehy, one-time sports editor of the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald and football coach at Loras College in Dubuque, will have completed 30 years on the Catholic University faculty, including 11 years as head of the department of religious education.

He will retire from the Naval Reserve after a 30-day tour of active duty this summer. He will cost of operations for the year then have completed 20 years of service in the reserve.

Washington, D.C. (RNS)—The Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., dean of the School of Theology at the Catholic University of America, will retire at the end of 1957-58 academic year, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle, chancellor of the university, announced here.

A native of Boston, Father Connell, now 69 is one of America's best known Catholic theologians.

Father Connell has served as dean of the School of Theology since 1949. He received his doctorate in sacred theology from the Angelicum in Rome, and taught at Redemptorist seminaries before being appointed professor of moral theology at the Catholic University in 1940.

Father Connell was the first president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, and became widely known during the past 30 years for his radio broadcasts.

## Presbyterian Report Opposes Public Aid To Catholic Schools

Philadelphia (RNS)—"Unalterable opposition" to the use of public funds for the support of independent or parochial schools was voiced in a report prepared by a special committee for distribution at the 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. which opens at Omaha, Neb., May 16.

The report was prepared in answer to a request from the Presbyterian Church's General Council for a statement of the denomination's position regarding elementary and secondary schools. Heading a committee of outstanding educators and churchmen who wrote it was Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, retiring general secretary of the Church's Board of Christian Education.

IN OPPOSING public support of parochial schools, the Presbyterian report denied that these institutions are part of "community education."

"Parochial schools, avowedly sectarian," it said, "are not amenable to the control of the community from which they seek support. There is a widespread and aggressive movement that asserts that the parochial school is really a part of public education. This contention confuses the public and is contrary to the fact that parochial schools and public schools are created upon entirely different foundations."

The Presbyterian committee scored from bus transportation and fee textbooks for parochial school children, and other "indirect" benefits, as "another misuse of public funds."

"We are opposed," it said, "to indirect use of public moneys for parochial schools even though they are expended under the legal category of 'welfare funds.'"

The report also condemned "the practice of virtual donations of public school buildings, under the guise of sales, to parochial school systems, below legitimately assessed evaluation. Episcopal and Universalist churches, and of a Jewish synagogue have demanded that the cross be removed.



## Wins Prize

Tulsa, Okla. (NC)—"Christ Crowned with Thorns," an ink drawing, won Father John L. Walsh, of Newkirk, Okla., first place in the graphic arts section of the Oklahoma Artists exhibition here. Consensus of opinion described the drawing as "the most arresting work in the exhibition."

## Minnesotans Want Cross On Emblem

Minneapolis (NC)—The Minneapolis Tribune said a poll of Minnesotans shows that 66 percent favor keeping the cross in the 1958 state centennial emblem.

Nineteen per cent think it should be dropped and 15 per cent are undecided, the daily newspaper reported. People in all parts of the state were questioned.

The cross is a small one in an emblem prepared at the request of the state centennial commission to publicize the anniversary.

Representatives of the state branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, of the Seventh Day Adventists, Lutherans, Unitarians, Episcopal and Universalist churches, and of a Jewish synagogue have demanded that the cross be removed.

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