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Lie March the year mark their centennial in the chief of Digeste they deserve a sincere salute from the chief of they have aided.

sidences, and fire have conspired to block the Their faith and determination, war, are their weapons atronger than their obstacles. Mercy staters have atruggled to overcome their probto swing their community to its present day enviable tion. The nums are widely recognized as educators, contern missionaries, and as "angels of mercy" in their arrice os the sick

Beauties to 1 1 in g their hospital in Hornell, the Presbyterian official has delicated Marcy mains conduct (wo high schools (Rochester, Elmira), ad parish school education as "a 21 elementary schools, besides serving on the Aquinas In-saltute faculty and closing the old Holy Family high school to give place to the new Mr. Carmel school in Auburn.

The Sisters also are pioneering in special reading therapy clinics. They conduct a fully, accredited nursing school in Hornell, and train their own teacher-nuns in the Catherine McAuley Isnior College at their Blossom Road Motherhouse.

Currently, over 10,500 students and approximately 500 patients are in a school or hospital supervised by Mercy Sis-

This double tradition of caring for minds and bodies in boy does, but in spite of myself order to reach souls has been characteristic of the Mercy they gave me a good education.

One subject, however, was neces-These tiny hand of six nuns has grown to the present sarily missing. That subject was day total of 358.

These mercy" spirit remains the same through the years. Hand in hand with their teaching duties at their first school im Old St. Mary's parish, they also took the responsibility of visiting the sick and aged of that parish.

Certainly after to splendid a century of service as is bold in the annals of the Sisters of Mercy, the salute voiced by the last of their friends will find a hearty echo from the half of sternity. In time and in eternity are the souls enwith a knowledge of the mercy of God because they systematically. have known His Sisters of Mercy. learned, religion wasn't. Religion

Ternado, Flood Havoc Show Civil Defense Need

Widespread human suffering and property damage in the millions of dollars are left in the wake of recent tornadoes and floods sweeping mid- and far-west states.

Father Robert Kress, civil defense director in the Auburn area, told citizens there tifat an enemy attack with

modern azionic waspons would make muture's destructive force look like "a hail stone" in comparison.

He appealed for more deilians to enroll in training courses to serve in time of

emergency, Other elvil defense leaders agree that the more citizens making the delimination of would mean less lives logt and less property damage if catas-

trophe strikes a community. Father Kross said that vole unteers in the flooded and storm wrecked areas were able to give doctors, nurses, police, and firemen invaluable assistance in rescuse work, traffic control, and care of those driven from their

homes by nature's violence. The Auburn priest cited the slog an, "Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow" to urge civilians in New York State to prepare for trained relief

work in emergency situations. He said the 'Let-Georgedo-it" attitude is neither the

FATHER KRESS 'a hall stone in comparison' sensible nor the charitable nor the American attitude.

Certainly Catholics as citizens should be in the forefront Omaha as president of the of any program set-up for the defense of our country and Church Board of Christian Eduthe care of our fellow citizens.

Patalotism, in Catholic doctrine, is a virtue, part of the You know perfectly well it Fourth Commandment which imposes the duty of rendering isn't. respect for all legitimate authority. Such respect is not meant to be a mere lip-service or flag waving gesture on the like public school children, are Fourth of July.

Virtue is always meant to be proved in deeds. In these times of total war it is every citizen's responsibility to be but Rev. Little does not consider elert to ways of serving the cause of freedom. There is, this brainwashing. therefore, a very practical patriotism in the current appeal for more people to prepare themselves in civil defense

Strange But True . . .



L. T. Markette



er at the beginning of each

school day, and had readings

from the Bible. Furthermore.

the teachers were religious peo-

ple, living by religious codes.

But whereas all other sub-

tion and timeless meaning to all

That was, and is, the basic dif-

The reason I know this is that

I have five children who have been educated, or are now being

Like other children, they get

educated, in parish schools.

other studies.

are much alike.

came to our young mainds in school rather as a sentiment than as a body of important information and as an intellectual and Sacre Coeur, magnificent church honoring the Sacred moral discipline. WE WERE not blought to see Heart of Jesus, towers over Montmartre section of Paris, Two laymen in 1870 started shrine to honor the Sacred Heart. religion as the central sturdy Devout pilgrims thronged to the site necessitating construction which gives integration, direc-

That was, and is, the basic difference between parish school education and public school education. In other respects, they Of Jesus

of huge present day edifice.

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their mother and me to help avening — as I got may father and mother to help man when Catholics as a month of devotion to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I studied reading. So do my

Annual feast of the Sacred children. I studied spelling. So Heart occurs this year on Frido my children. I studied arithmetic and geography and history. So do my chlictren. And day, June 28. Even better known is the

"monthly" feast of the Sacred Heart, the First Friday Com-The subjects with which I munion of Reparation which help my youngsters are the regularly attracts thousands of same subjects — with the excep-Catholics to the altar rail. tion of religion — with which my parents helped me when I

OTHER WIDESPREAD pracwas in public school. tices include the Holy Hour. If my children, then, are Act of Consecration and Repabeing brainwashed in a parish ration. Enthronement of the school, I was brainwashed in a Sacred Heart in homes, as also public school. the familiar picture or statue of our Lord's Sacred Heart Is that what Rev. Ganse Litplaced in churches, classrooms,

tle, pastor of the Pasadena Preshomes, automobiles, stores. byterian Church, meant when he One of the great promoters spoke to the General Assembly of Sacred Heart devotion is the of the Presbyterian Church in Apostleship of Prayer organization, also called the League of the Sacred Heart. The cation and accused parish league's monthly magazine, the schools of "brainwashing" pupils? Messenger of the Sacred Heart. has a subscription of over 170,

PARISH SCHOOL children, The league's monthly "leaf. let" is known to thousands of taught all the required subjects - arithmetic and citizenship and Catholics with its calendar of feast days, explanation of a American literature and so on; special prayer intention, and listing of requests from members for prayers of fellow Obviously, what he calls brain-

washing is the study of religion. Let's see, then, what that subject teaches. MY YOUNGSTERS learned that they were created by God

Is that brainwashing? If so, the Declaration of Independence is a brainwashing document. They learned that all human beings are equal before God.

That's in the Declaration also. Is it brainwashing? _They learned that God gives men and women certain rights

with which nobody has the right

to interfere. That also is in the

Declaration. They learned that everybody is bound to obey conscience, and no government may rightly force any religion on anybody. That's

in the United States Constitution. More brainwashing? THEY LEARNED that religion

and morality are the foundation of good government and a happy nation. That's in the Northwest Ordinance. Still more brainwash

My children learned that their chief duty in life is to know, love and serve God; to love their neighbors as themselves, and eventually to attain to eternal happiness with God.

This sort of thing is brain washing? If so, what is Rev. Ganse little doing to his congregation when he speaks from the pulpit God's love for His human creatures far exceeds any earthly love. "God so loved the world." says St. John in his Gospel. "that He gave His only. begotten Son, and the Son so loved us that He gave His life

Christian artists through the centuries have drawn the bleeding heart of Christ as graphic evidence that His love for us was infinite and eternal.

Monial.

Church officials as authentic.

and sufferings" in honor of our Lord's Sacred Heart. Pope Leo XIII in 1899 con-Over 75,000 are enrolled in secrated the world to the Sathe . Rochester Diocese with his 25 years as Pope. Sacred Heart Cathedral at the head of the list with 5.000

Father Hohman explains that despite the growing "popularity" of the devotion, actually it had its origin on the first Good Friday.

THE HUMAN HEART is traditionally recognized as the symbol of a person's character. We describe someone as "kindhearted," hard-hearted," "softhearted." Those who have deep affection speak about loving one another "with all my heart." February's Valentine cards have capitalized on this

The Sacred Heart League, a

world wide group under super-

vision of the Jesuit Fathers,

ranks the Rochester Diocese

second high in the United

States (Ogdensburg is first)

for number of parishes as ac-

tive "centers" of the devotion.

cesan director of the League

of the Sacred Heart, reports

that 10 parishes distribute the

league leaflets each month to

Specific duty of each mem-

ber is daily recitation of the

"Morning Offering." a prayer

dedicating the day's "works

Father Louis Hohman, dio-

for our salvation.

Witnesses of our Lord's crucifixion tell how the Roman soldier thrust his spear into the side of Christ, and "there came forth blood and water." Christ shed every drop of His Precious Blood from His Sacred Heart, and "greater love than this no man has that he down his life for his

As if to comfirm and set His own seal of approval on this Sacred Heart devotion, our Lord appeared in the year 1678 to the cloistered nun 8t. Margaret Mary Alacoque in her convent chapel at the little village of Paray-le-

The Saviour asked this obscure nun to instill new life into the devotion, then rare, to His Sacred Heart. In a series of apparitions, He detailed His instructions and climaxed His requests by the famous "Promises of the Sacred Heart."

THE PROMISES assure those who receive Communion on ninė successivė First Fridays that they shall have the sacraments they need at the moment of death. Our Lord further promised that those who honor His Sacred Heart shall have their "names written therein never to be erased," an assurance of eternal salvation. Reports of the apparitions were at first regarded with suspicion but later recognized by

Devotion honoring God's love through the symbol of Christ's Heart spread with new fervor.

Pope Pius XI issued two encyclicals fostering the devotion, and last year Pope Pius XII termed the Sacred Heart devotion the "synthesis" of Catholic

Underlying all the facts of how this devotion has developed in the course of centuries is one basic truth - the overwhelming reality that an allgood God loves the likes of us.

Through our prayers and pleas practices it is our privilege to make a token return and strive thereby to show our appreciation for the Saviour who has loved us with all His





Parish Pupils **Brainwashed?**

Do Catholic schools "brainwash' Catholic pupils? This is the gist of a charge made by the Rev. Ganse Little, a Presbyterian pastor from California. He made the attack

in a talk he delivered recently at Omaha. The occasion was the pupil that he is far more than annual general assembly of the an animal, in fact has an obliga-Presbyterian, Church in the tion to be more than an animal. United States.

Ordinarily I consider religious controversy futile waste of ally wins no friends and makes enemies. In this particular case, I don't want to

munion with God directly, and open fire on in a far more satisfying and Father Mr. Little but effective manner than if he I do want to has to be dependent on priests or any other human instruin a speech to the assembly urgport, and the report was adopted controlled education. that many individuals who acand now represents the policy of cept no church or ecclesiastical the denomination,

God, have achieved a high de-The Protestant clergyman gree of prayer, meditation, virclaimed that parochial school tue and union with God. education smacks of high-pressure methods of modern prop-Therefore I can see only a aganda. He said it resembles hindrance and not a help to the methods of those mass personal religion in the priestpsychology moguls who try to inject propaganda "in proper dosage and in a properly isolated audience" in order to produce a desired response.

Answer: The purpose of all religion is correctly stated in After the talk, he asserted this objection, viz., to bring a that his remarks applied to Prosoul into personal union with

However it must not be for-When asked for specific gotten that it is obligatory on proof as regards the latter, he all men to observe any rules admitted he had never been in that have been set down by a Catholic school nor had he God Himself as necessary means to the proper union with

men are to attain union with Him, it is folly for a man to high-pressure propaganda philossay, "I have my own system of attaining to union with God." Certainly no one who belives muli. Administer the right stimu-

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Objection: The purpose of all

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in Christ or in the Bible can say that Christ did not lay down a rule that men must be dependent on other men for the means of their union with

He said to His apostles, "He that heareth you heareth me." He commanded them to teach all nations" and "to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy miracle of the Eucharist, to "do this in commemoration of me." and thereby to "show the death of the Lord."

None of these means of union with God prescribed by Christ would ever be available to men without human instruments appointed by Christ. The important point is that Christ willed them and commanded them, and against His will and com mand no one may say, "But I don't need them."

But what about individuals who do reach a state in which they feel themselves to be closely united to God by their direct prayers and .communings? And are these not better than men who attend Mass and receive sacraments and use the ministrations of priests, but whose religion is almost pure formalism without conscious union with God.

In answer o the first question, we may say that God does not reject anyone's attempts to pray to Him and to be conscious of Him even though through ignorance they are unaware of the means He wants them to use. If, however, they reject the means God set up for th attainment of real union with Him through their own perversity, than their vaunted feeling of union with God is only a deception.

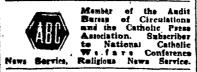
In answer to the second question, it should be quite clear that they who use the forms Christ set up in His Church as forms only and not as means of ever closer union with God, are as perverse and reprehensible as those who reject the necessary forms entirely.

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have free will and self-control.

The nun tells the children thev She teaches the children not to give in to temptations, not to react automatically to stimuli, not to follow the crowd but to stand on their own two feet and defy all kinds of pressure. She prepares them against any and every form of brain-washing."

After admitting that he had never been in a Catholic school, the Rev. Mr. Little said he intended his criticism not as indictexplain the Catholic position, ment of Catholic school education For his remarks were contained specifically. Rather he referred "to the whole philosophy of eduing the adoption of a special re cation guiding any system of

Here we have it. He is opposed to any system of controlled education. He is in favor of untrolled education. He, is opposed to any system of education that is guided and directed to a definite goal.

If education has no goal, then that means that the next generation will be a generation of drifters. They will believe in freedom FROM certain pressures but not in freedom FOR anything in particular. A student was once asked by his testant as well as Catholic teacher to "play the game of life." The student replied: "How can I play the game if I don't know where the goalposts

If American education is to be ever made any study of the uncontrolled, it means that those curriculum of such schools. of the next generation will not Now, high-pressure propaganda know where they are going. They methods and Catholic education won't know where they are goare as different as a dog trainer ing because they won't know and a Harvard professor. The where the goalposts are.

Catholic educators believe in ophy is that men are merely and mals who must respond to sti-developing Christians by forming Christ within the children. What is a Christian? I think lus and you can make a man's What is a Christian? I think mouth water and his brain Paul Claudel answered that question when he wrote: 'The Christian is one who knows what CATHOLIC EDUCATION, on he is doing, and where he is the other hand, is based on an going, in the midst of beings . . . utterly different philosophy The who no longer know the differteaching nun strives to show the ence between good and evil."

Home Parties Seen Way Ghost." He commanded them, when He first performed the mireals of the Englands to "do and "Going Steady" By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC

(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

For the last two weeks we have discussed a troublesome dating pattern. Some are principally against "going steady", in the early teens because it makes emotional pygmies of itsdevotees. The very bracelet ---

which is exchanged by the the present pattern of "going" than a symbol of security

Some think a "steady" is A necessary to assure a date for all dancing parties. but you can agree to accompany each other for all Monsignor parties with-



out "going steady." Some are militantly against going steady during high school because it warps the student's mind. Students, they say, lose in terest in school, and grow apart from friends of their own sex.

If prevented from "going steady" by Dad and Mom, they will quickly turn against their very parents and relatives. They-will insult and threaten them and leave deep scars, never

erased or forgotten by all members of the family. Some are adamantine against

'going steady" because it is clearly an occasion of sin against God. The saints when on earth would not have trusted themselves in circumstances that "going steady" promotes. It is easy to see why religion becomes a bore, or a barrier, to so many of these couples.

One cannot constantly cheat on the Commandments and enjoy going into Our Father's louse. A keen edge on conscience is easily lost and seldom recovered. If one does not live his religion, he loses it.

We are forced to agree with the many high schools who now publicly denounce "going steady" and who forbid that those who practice it be en couraged or recognized through the school paper. Likewise, we see practical merit in the high school policy which refuses to give school honors and offices to anyone "going steady."

We can now no more kid about this practice for early teenagers than we joke about missing Mass on Sunday, and birth control,

A POSITIVE SUBSTITUTE must replace this pattern of dating if it is ever to be changed.

"lovers" is more a slave bracelet steady" must go. We cannot con tinue to place children in intol4 erable situations and punish them for misbehavior. We are the only nation in the work which lets youth do what it want and then pounces upon it. I coming to grips with thi problem, the Holy Father's cath for Communion for all everys time Mass is attended will be then, deciding factor.



Color Test • "They say brunettes have sweeter dispositions than redheads.

"That's a lot of hooey. My wife's been both and I can't see any difference."

Tomorrow . . . During a pause in a long,

tiring speech, one guest said to another: What follows this speaker?

Second guest: Wednesday.

C. O. D. • Father: I wish that kid outside would stop his infernal Jerry: Will you give me a quarter if I shut him up?

Father: You bet. Here's the

quarter. Now let's see you do Jerry (shouting through window): All right, Tommy, shut

it off, I got the quarter. Mostly Minus

• Tom: My, but the girl you just introduced me to is mag-. Bill: She ought to be. Every-

thing she has on is charged.

Daily Mass

Sunday, June 9-Pentecost (red), Gloria, Creed, Preface and Canon prayers (for rest of week) of Pentecost, Monday, June 10 through Satur-_day, June 15 — Mass as in missal for each day.

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