

Daughter Calls Parents Old-Fashioned Concerning Ideas Of Modesty In Dress

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My 17-year-old daughter has just explained to me that I'm quite old-fashioned in my views concerning modesty in dress. She's been invited to an important affair and insists that the only "decent" thing to wear is a strapless formal—all the other girls are going to—so she says. I won't have any trouble handling this occasion; what I'm thinking about is the future. How can I help her acquire a balanced view toward modesty?

IN ONE WAY or another, I suppose every generation of American mothers have been regarded as old-fashioned by their growing daughters. Changes take place so rapidly in our society that even the brief period separating mother and daughter suffices for the development of different attitudes and customs.

The problem is felt so keenly by the younger generation because they have such need to belong to be like others in their age group. This need stems from their desire for acceptance. Their individuality has not yet developed to the point where they feel secure enough to differ from their companions.

Adolescent girls, in particular, because they are not fully aware of their femininity, resent some of its implications. As one young thing summarized it, "Almost everything I like is either immoral, illegal, or fattening."

HOW CAN YOU help your daughter acquire a balanced view toward the virtue of modesty? First, remember that growth in modesty requires both knowledge and motivation.

The regulations you impose are bound to be misunderstood and resented if your daughter does not understand and appreciate the principles and social facts which prompt you to make them.

Second, training for modesty must go hand in hand with training in related virtues. Vanity, failure to acknowledge responsibility for the effect of one's actions on others, and even sheer laziness are factors to be considered.

Third, because current social customs may run contrary to Catholic values, you must teach your daughter to think in terms of basic Christian principles. Catholic youth frequently feel penalized because of the demands of their faith.

Teach your daughter to see the positive relationship between acceptable Christian behavior and her privilege as a follower of Christ.

WHAT ARE THE principles and social facts she should know? First, because modesty is essentially related to chastity, serving as its guard and protector, she must understand the Christian view of sex. This means that she will know and appreciate the relationship between her developing reproductive faculties and her role in marriage and motherhood.

Second, you must show her how modesty is related to chastity. This means that she ac-



quires some understanding of the physical and psychological mechanisms of sexual arousal in herself and in the opposite sex.

She should know that some actions are bound by their very nature to cause sexual stimulation, that others may do so under certain circumstances or for certain individuals.

Hence she must view sexual stimulation as a normal process which she must regulate directly in herself and indirectly in her companions, to the extent that she avoids doing anything which would normally

cause undue stimulation in others.

FINALLY, DON'T exaggerate, and don't try to frighten her. Acquiring a balanced view toward modesty is part of the normal process of growing up. Like all processes it takes time.

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Anti-Catholic Circulars Draw Stiff Penalties

Denver — (NC) — Two men involved in a religious "smear" campaign prior to last fall's elections were fined \$500 each in federal court here.

Judge William Lee Knoux also placed Clarence M. Stafford and E. Page Wingate on one year's probation and suspended a prison sentence of four months.

IN HANDING down the sentences Judge Knoux told the two defendants, "I think the public feels very strongly that this procedure was un-American and unethical."

Stafford, a former Denver City Councilman and veteran Republican politician, pleaded guilty to charges of printing bigoted circulars which were distributed through the U. S. mails.

Wingate pleaded guilty to charges that he had ordered the unsigned circulars from Mr. Stafford for distribution in the mails.

THE CRUELY PRINTED circulars identified Catholics who were seeking major state offices and endorsed their opponents as men "who will support separation of Church and State, and will not accept orders or directives from any totalitarian authority."

Only one of the Catholic candidates named in the circular was defeated in the November elections. Colorado's new governor, Stephen L. R. McNichols, was the first Catholic to be elected to that position.

Argentine President Hails Church Role

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — Provisional President Pedro Arambury, in a nationwide broadcast, hailed the spiritual mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Argentina as "good for Argentinians as a whole."

"Catholicism," he said, "means to us freedom, peace, unity, love, sincerity, generosity and example."

The President declared that "we have all been witness to the Peron persecution of the Church, but we have profited from the experience and mistakes of the Church's persecutors and hate will never again be used as a political weapon by the government."

Raskob Fund Aids Southern College

St. Bernard, Ala. — (NC) — St. Bernard College has announced that the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, Inc., Wilmington, Del., has given the institution a \$5,000 grant to be used for furnishings in a new college dormitory.

Young people should spend more time studying and equipping themselves with skills for life, Father Roll stated. He said it is God's plan to have "boy meet girl" when it is time, but His plan is not to be forced ahead of time.



Notre Dame Honors

Dignitaries honored by the University of Notre Dame at its commencement included Earl Warren, Chief Justice, U. S. Supreme Court, commencement speaker and Honorary Doctor of Laws degree recipient; and Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former U. S. Ambassador to Italy, Laetare Medal recipient for 1957. At left is Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University President. (NC Photos).

Convert Group Conducts Retreat For Non-Catholics

Cincinnati — (NC) — Twenty Catholics explained the prayers and two non-Catholic women took ceremonies for the non-Catholic part in a closed retreat at St. Mary's parish, Hyde Park, here, under the auspices of the Apostles of the Holy Spirit.

It was the second annual retreat for non-Catholics sponsored under the leadership of William Habig in making plans for the first retreat for non-Catholic men, to be held May 24 to 26 at Loyola Retreat House, Millford, Mass. Benediction, Rosary and conferences.

AHS officials acted as hosts; that 30 men had registered for

Boston Prelate Pinch Hits For College Valetorian

Boston — (NC) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston had to pinch hit as "valetorian" at graduation exercises here when supersonic jets and a strong wind drowned out the "angelic voice" of a student valetorian.

When Mary T. Donovan, the valetorian at Archbishop Cushing College, rose to make her address, she faced real competition. The wind knocked over the loud-speaker system and a flight of jets roared over the campus.

Miss Donovan's wee "angelic voice," as the Archbishop called it, was no match for this atomic age competition, and her speech was hardly heard above the tumult.

Archbishop Cushing arose, called for a copy of the address and proceeded to read it in a loud voice that challenged the wind and the jets.

Bishop McEntegart Installed In Brooklyn

Brooklyn, N. Y. — (NC) — Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart has been installed as head of the Diocese of Brooklyn, the smallest U.S. diocese in territory, but largest in Catholic population.

The See over which the former rector of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., has spiritual jurisdiction embraces only 179 square miles, but has 1,429,174 Catholics in a total population of 4,457,175.

IT IS OUTRANKED in Catholic population by three other Sees — all of them archdioceses, as distinct from dioceses. They are Chicago, Boston and New York.

Bishop McEntegart took possession of the diocese on June 12 when he presented his credentials, in the form of papal Bulls, to the diocesan administrator Msgr. Edward P. Hoar, and members of the diocesan board of consultors in a brief ceremony in the rectory of St. James Pro-Cathedral.

The following day, he was formally installed by Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, during a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

BISHOP MCENTEGART is the fourth bishop of Brooklyn, succeeding Archbishop Thomas E. Mulloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, who died on November 26, 1956.

He was appointed on April 18, 1957. In the announcement from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Diocese of Brooklyn was divided. From it was formed the new Diocese of Rockville Centre for which Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg, formerly head of the Ogdensburg, N. Y., diocese, was named spiritual leader. He was installed on May 27.

Mary Book' Written In Red Custody

Warsaw, Poland — (NC) — While he was under arrest by the communists, His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, began work on a new book, "Meditations for the Month of May."

Soon to be published, the book contains 31 chapters, one for each day of the month.

Others will dispose of your life's earnings unless you make a will. Do it now. Give God a share in it.

UNITED NATIONS FOR PEACE

That's what occurs to us as we receive appeals today for SISTERS MADEIRA (Brazil), MARY GEMMA (India), SHAMOUNI (Iraq) and MARY ODIGITRIA (Slovia) for help with the \$150 we need yearly to keep these girls in two years training. Our salaries won't count; we survive without our Sisters. Too much? Perhaps you can send \$1-A-MONTH to MARY'S BANK, our Mission Club to help survive.

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BAGS ARE RICHES

Oh, so often we saw our poor Near East missionaries in countries that were really rich. They bespoke the spiritual riches born of the soil that produced the rag. You'll you help yourself; \$25 worth of glad rags—a new jacket or dress—to give one of God's beloved a new chance. You'll reap spiritual riches into your soul. You'll rejoice.

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