

# Father's Day

This Sunday readers in annual public tribute to the man who shares the very name of God himself.

The term "Dad" has to a great extent replaced the more dignified "Father," but the dignity remains the same whether what the name.

Catholic fathers will want to mark the day by setting an example for the family, leading them to Mass and Communion as the most appropriate way to start the day of the Father.

As far more practical than the gift of a tie will be a spiritual bouquet to the man who provides for the soul and body.

The day might also be an opportunity for fathers to bring a mirror to scrutinize their accomplishments.

A father's first duty is to "head of his house."

That means he has to do the thinking, the planning, the teaching that his family needs. He needs to use his head and his hands to have that head filled with the right answers. Some fathers give the impression that their only duty is to bring home a pay-check, and too often with the idea that the higher the check, the less the other responsibilities.

In the plan of God and according to the mind of Christ's Church, a father is God's vice-regent on earth, almost a "pope" in his own humble home. As a matter of fact, the word "pope" comes from the old Italian word for father.

Money can never substitute to a child for a father's example, affection and counsel.

As children these days face the temptations and anxieties of adults years earlier than was the case in previous generations, these children need all the more the guidance of a strong, virtuous father. Movies, magazines, TV, and the conversations of their companions, all these introduce children to adult problems and they need an adult's aid to cope with these problems.

A Catholic father, alert to the needs of his family, will keep himself in Christian concepts of living and exemplify them in his own habits of life. He will also take time to instruct his children clearly and factually in the trials and struggles of a Christian's life. The father who neglects this duty, no matter how fine the house, no matter how new the car, no matter how many the household appliances, no matter how high the pay-check, is failing in his first and chief duty.

In view of these responsibilities that go with being a father it is clear that the job is not an easy one. The very fact that so many men sincerely strive to live up to these duties is itself a high tribute to the fathers of our country. And their efforts should indicate to the rest of us that we have a duty to make their burden lighter by every assist we can give them.

# Fixes Clocks, Wins Souls

By FATHER IVAN MCGRATH, S.S.C.  
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Tainan, Formosa—"Father, I've been all over the city and no one can fix my watch. Will you fix it, please?" Such a request is no surprise to Vincentian Father Leo Fox of this city in southern Taiwan.

During five years as pastor of a parish caring for mainland-born Chinese in the island's third largest city, the veteran missionary from San Francisco has become not only a spiritual father, but a friend, adviser and often family doctor for the estimated 20,000 mainlanders among the city's almost 300,000 people.

AN ENDLESS stream of people wander into the cheerful pastor's little office—mothers with sick children, husbands and wives with domestic problems, unemployed looking for references. Many are just weary and want something to relax.

"This office is like a railroad station," says Father Fox, as he looks around the crowded room.

If the room is like a railroad station, it is certain that most of the waiting passengers take the right train—the one going Heavenward. In five years Father Fox and his assistants have converted more than 7,000 mainland-born—or one-third of the total mainland-born population.

# Joseph Breig

## My Own Civil Liberties Declaration

This is my Declaration of Civil Liberties against the American Civil Liberties Union.

I am an American. I am a citizen. I am a father. I am a purchaser of commodities. I don't like dirty books, magazines, and "comics." I don't want my children exposed to them. I buy where I please. That is one civil liberty. I speak my mind, within reason. That is another civil liberty. I reserve the right to tell a merchant why I intend to do my shopping elsewhere. That is a third civil liberty.

Why? Because the supervisors had to tell the flag to half-staff on Good Fridays.

The ACLU elected to fight that gesture of sympathy toward the Supreme Court's ever suffered for human liberties.

I say no more. There is a certain kind of callousness and bad manners which can rightly be met only with a sick sense.

# Martyr's Crown Lost

Shipwrecked Parish Priest Padua's Famous Saint

## Why Catholics Do Not Take Part In Protestant Services

Question: I'm not intolerant on the part of the Catholic Church to forbid its own people to attend services in a Protestant Church while at the same time it urges them to invite non-Catholics to attend Catholic services?

If I, as a Protestant, accept an invitation from a Catholic to go to a Catholic Church on Sunday, I feel that it is only fair that my Catholic friend should be permitted to attend my church with me on another Sunday.

Answer: It is an obligation of every human being to be true to his convictions of what is right and wrong in matters of religion.

In the above question, the Catholic who doesn't accept an invitation to attend Protestant church services is being true to his convictions about religion.

At the same time he is not asking a non-Catholic to be false to the principles of his religion. He urges him to attend Catholic services. That is because the principles underlying the Catholic religion and those that Protestants uphold are entirely different.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH rests on the principle that there can be only one true religion; that this one true religion can be known and understood as such by the human mind; that it possesses full authority to direct people towards heaven; that once it is known and understood, one may not in conscience act as if it were not the one true religion.

It is not merely a law of the Catholic Church that Catholics may not attend Protestant services; it is a reasonable conclusion that every informed Catholic draws from his own understanding of true religion.

THE PROTESTANT churches rest on the principle that every man has a right to use his own private judgement in matters of religion; that there is no authority in his church or in any other church that can bind him in a religious way; that he may go to the churches of different religious organizations without doing wrong, because he is free to decide on the meaning of religion for himself.

According to these principles, which are basic to all Protestantism, a Protestant does no wrong by attending Catholic services. He is merely using his Protestant principle of private judgment in so doing.

Thus it can be wrong for a Catholic to ask him to carry his principles into action. At the same time it would be contrary to a Catholic's principles and conscience to attend any but Catholic services.

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St. Anthony, fabled finder of lost items, once had a crucifix speak to him according to ancient legend. His feast occurs June 13.

Throughout the Catholic world, God has preserved the memory of St. Anthony's life, not just to help us find some lost item, but to teach us our need to have a love for truth, a courage to share it, and a deep humility—the three great characteristics of the monk who wanted to be a martyr.

THE NEWLY ordained Canon going his parish rounds in Lisbon one day met a procession carrying the bodies of five Franciscan martyrs brought home to Lisbon for burial. The five had perished at the point of Islam's swords.

AT ASSISI, Ferdinand accepted the vocation to don the Franciscan habit and chose as a new name Anthony, name of Africa's great hermit saint. Since Ferdinand could not go to Africa, he would adopt the name of Africa's famous saint.

THE GIRL graduate is now running into another problem—age. By the time she graduates from college, over half of the girls her age are married. The number of eligible men have begun to diminish rapidly. She realizes that unless she is already committed to someone, she has to start looking for a man five to ten years her senior—and most of the eligible men by then are already married.

It is still true that cities are likely to have an excess of unmarried women, rural areas are likely to have an excess of unmarried men. And the crisis can become even more tense as the better men become rarer and her numbers increase.

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# FATHER SHEERIN

## Does Pleading the Fifth Amendment Prove Guilt?

Playwright Arthur Miller has been convicted of contempt of Congress. Judge McLaughlin's decision was erratically fair. He simply restated the principle that a citizen should answer questions put to him by Congressional committees, unless he fears the answer will incriminate him.

Miller was not afraid of incriminating himself. He had already spoken freely about his attendance at meetings of communist writers. He refused, however, to tell the House committee anything about the persons who were present at one of these meetings in 1957. He wanted to protect his friends.

In this case he could not plead the Fifth Amendment. It is an established rule that you can invoke the Amendment to protect yourself but not to protect others.

THE FIFTH Amendment is the butt of a great many jokes these days. That is understandable. Communists have abused it. Laughter has made it appear ridiculous. Dave Beck has been pleading the Fifth Amendment till he is blue in the face.

Yet I think we have to remember that the Amendment is one of our greatest defenses against tyranny. The abuse that gave rise to the principle of the Fifth Amendment was no joke. In the Star Chamber proceedings in England, Catholics were tortured to confess offenses against the regime of Elizabeth's police-state.

Later the Dissenters were tortured in this way and the Dissenters who came to America brought bitter memories of forced confessions with them. These memories were written into the Fifth Amendment.

Now the question that is bothering many people these days is this: by pleading the Fifth Amendment do you indicate that you are guilty of the crime at issue?

In a recent case (Halperin vs. the U.S.A.), the Supreme Court attacked this idea. It said that too many people today jump to the conclusion that a man who pleads the Amendment is either guilty of crime or is committing perjury. The privilege according to the Court, serves to protect the innocent, "who otherwise might be ensnared by ambiguous circumstances."

THE SUPREME Court was of course talking to the legal profession. Pleading the Amendment should not be considered conclusive evidence of guilt in a court of law. The Court was within its rights in going further and claiming that pleading the Amendment should not be judged even an indicator of guilt in a legal proceeding.

The Supreme Court, however, was not talking to people outside the courtroom. It was not laying down a rule of behavior for men in factories, offices and homes. Men outside the courtroom can and should look at a Fifth Amendment communist with a closer scrutiny. We should watch him. To ignore the fact that he has pleaded the Fifth Amendment is to bury our heads in the sand like the ostrich.

CONSIDER the case of a manager of a bank. Suppose the bank has been robbed by a band of men who took several hundred Grand Jury investigation and all the evidence seems to point to a thousand dollars. There is a certain clerk. The robbery was "an inside job" achieved through collaboration between someone in the bank and the robbers.

But throughout it all she realizes that marriage is not happiness itself. Nor is marriage the most important value in the world. There are more and more opportunities outside of marriage for single girls to develop themselves in a Christian, feminine way and to be thoroughly happy. Too often it can be said: "She is so lovely, so generous, so good, but so shallow."

IF AT FIRST... A certain little Nebraska girl was not so dumb. When members of her class were asked for their favorite motto, she gave hers as follows: "If at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again."

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## Basic Liberty

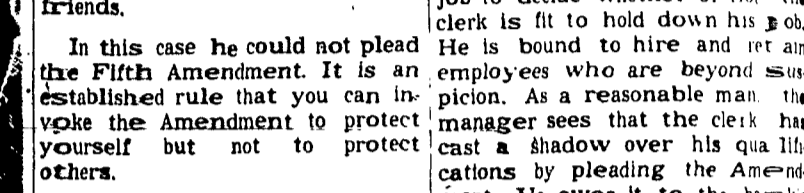
When asked about his activities on the night of the theft, the clerk pleads the Fifth Amendment.

What should the bank manager do? He should not jump to the conclusion that the clerk is guilty. Every man is to be presumed innocent until he is proved guilty.

That's all very wonderful but should the manager act as though nothing had happened? Should he say to himself that he need not look into the matter any further? Obviously he would be an arrant fool if he did so.

It is the duty of the law to decide whether or not the clerk is guilty but it is the manager's job to decide whether or not the clerk is fit to hold down his job. He is bound to hire and retain employees who are beyond suspicion. As a reasonable man, the manager sees that the clerk has cast a shadow over his qualifications by pleading the Amendment. He owes it to the banks' depositors to inquire a little further into the clerk's story and if the suspicion persists, fire him.

President Eisenhower stated the right attitude aptly and correctly when he said on March 27th that the Fifth Amendment was "a basic safeguard of American liberty" else it would not have been written into the Constitution.



THE BELL TOWER

Pat On Back

There was the Detroit driver who was fined \$10 in court for running into another man's car in spite of the latter's explanation that since the accident his car had been running better than ever.

Misplacing Persons

According to E. V. Durkin of King Features Syndicate, women are supposed to be more forgetful than men. Actually, Mr. Durkin says, women do misplace minor possessions quite frequently, but men as a group misplace or lose more of the important possessions of life.

Daily Mass

Sunday, June 16—Trinity Sunday (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of first Sunday after Pentecost, Creed, Trinity Preface.

Monday, June 17—Mass of first Sunday after Pentecost (green) except no Gloria, no Creed, Common Preface; VR.

Tuesday, June 18—St. Ephraim, confessor (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Mark and St. Marcellianus.

Wednesday, June 19—St. Juliana (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Gertrude and St. Parasce.

Thursday, June 20—Corpus Christi (white), Gloria, Sequence, Creed, Common Preface.

Friday, June 21—St. Alexius, confessor (white), Gloria.

Saturday, June 22—St. Paulinus, confessor (white), Gloria.

—omitted at High Mass.  
VR—Votive or Requiem permitted.

Strange But True

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The equivalent of carved pulp of San Francisco Church, Columbia, it shaped like a chance.