

For Celibates Catholic Parents

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Author of "Family Life" (New York, N.C.W.C.)

commented that if there are any parents who happen to have the right telephone number to call and hear what is going on in our country, they should call the numbers listed below.

are the ones who torpede our Christian culture, not pagan. MAY THE DAY soon come when many parents of some will insist on formal extended courses for parents on parenthood. It must be something even more than occasional Catechetical School.

This likelihood, this education among parents will be our main force in fighting the "going steady" problem and others. But it will have to be done throughout the whole diocese, to have real impact. If not, our Catholic communities will become "little Babels of tongues."

This plan alone will tear at the Catholic cloak which some wear to hide a pagan life. It alone will disillusion those parents who send their children to a Catholic school and then neglect to teach their children the moral and educational responsibility. A child's education is too important to be left to a school alone.

More is expected now of family life than ever before. That is obvious. Formal Christian family education can then no longer be left to chance. Diocesan family life directors will have to become as indispensable as the superintendent of schools.



Cardinal Serves Kids

At Catholic Youth Organization's summer camps in Putnam Valley, N. Y., Cardinal Spellman serves corn on the cob to a group of laughing young girls from New York City.

The Cardinal founded the interracial camp sites in 1942, caring for almost 1,500 boys and girls each summer. More than 20,000 needy youngsters have had two-week vacations at the CYO camps since they were established. (NC Photos)

German Car Designer Was Convert To Church

'Volkswagen Town' Gets New Church

By FATHER PLACID JORDAN
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Wolfsburg, Germany — (NC) "Volkswagen Town" is the nickname of this city which houses nearly 35,000 automobile workers and their families.

Located on the Weser-Elbe Canal near the East German border, Wolfsburg has a population of nearly 50,000, one-quarter of them Catholics.

seats are filled at five Masses every Sunday. Many other persons attend St. Joseph's church.

"Volkswagen Town" is known all over Europe as the automotive center where the most popular of the "poor man's cars" was developed by Ferdinand Porsche, designer and organizer of this huge enterprise.

masses with the slogan "A car for every citizen."

Installation payments were to make the purchase of Volkswagens possible for virtually every workingman in Germany. But the war put a halt to the execution of the ambitious project.

The community's second Catholic church has just been dedicated to St. Joseph. The first church appropriately bears the name of St. Christopher, patron of motorists.

SEVENTEEN YEARS ago, when Father Antonius Helling first came to Wolfsburg he had little with which to work. These were hard days, and the town was only three years old—nothing but an industrial site on a strategic inland waterway.

Mr. Porsche died in 1951, a convert to Catholicism. Today, his work is being carried on by an enthusiastic community which jealously preserves its own prerogatives.

The Volkswagen factory is sprawled along the main rail line connecting Hanover and Berlin and is within walking distance from the city of Fallersleben.

The government of Lower Saxony, in whose jurisdiction the plant is located, insists that the plant belongs to the state.

Father Helling began his work by offering Mass in a dance hall, which also served as a place of worship for Italian workers who had their own chaplain.

BY 1951, Father Helling had erected St. Christopher's church. Eleven years before, only 15 persons attended the first Mass. Now, in the new church, 800

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U.S. Army Men Aid Orphans' Home

Bamberg, Germany — (NC) — Funds raised by the U. S. 25th Field Artillery Battalion here have provided 15 beds and an electric sewing machine for St. Mary's, the local children's home operated by Catholic Charities.

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Mr. Los Angeles Marks 90th Year

Los Angeles — (NC) — "Mr. Los Angeles" has turned 90. And with a wrinkle in his eye he told his well-wishers: "Keep the love and love of God in your heart and you'll go places."

Attorney Joseph Scott, papal knight, Legionnaire, Holy Name man and faithful parishioner, was guest of honor at a birthday party attended by the city's leaders.

On hand to congratulate him, were Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles; Gov. Goodwin Knight and Mayor Norris Poulson.

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'Miracle Painting' Donor Embraces Catholic Faith

Rancho De Taos, N. M. — (NC) — The donor of the internationally famous painting "The Shadow of the Cross" to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi here has become Catholic.



SHE IS MRS. H. S. Griffin of Wichita Falls, Tex., and Rancho de Taos. She was baptized (July 12) by Msgr. Joseph Maguire, pastor of Rancho de Taos and confirmed (July 14) by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe.

The painting is the work of Henry Ault, a Canadian, and more than 50 years has been exhibited in Europe and America. Mrs. Griffin bought the painting five years ago and presented it to the pastor of Rancho de Taos church.

THE PAINTING has had every kind of analysis but it glows in the dark. It is called a "miracle" picture and has been viewed by more than 200,000 persons. Portrayed is the likeness of Christ standing by the lake of Galilee. But a dark transformation comes over the picture when the lights are turned off. A cross appears over the left shoulder of Jesus and glows over His head. The whole picture becomes luminous.

No scientific explanation has ever been found for its luminosity at night. It was discovered years before the discovery of radium.

Church Colleges Get Federal Grants

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Nine church-related colleges, eight of them Roman Catholic, have received grants to provide scholarships for public health service workers to receive special training. The grants were made by the U.S. Public Health Service here.

The agency said the institutions, number of scholarships each will give and the amounts of each grant were:

Boston College School of Nursing, 12, \$32,544; Catholic University of America, 9, \$33,890; Duquesne (Pa.) University School of Nursing, 1, \$2,598; Loyola University, Chicago, 2, \$3,750; Marquette University College of Nursing, 6, \$18,862; St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y., 2, 9,900; Seton Hall University School of Nursing, South Orange, N. J., 3, \$9,480; and Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Tex., 1, \$3,340.

Cardinal Pizzardo Reaches 80th Year

Vatican City — (NC) — His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, is the 14th living Prince of the Church to reach the age of 80.

Born in Savona on July 13, 1877, the Cardinal was ordained in 1903. In 1930 he was consecrated an archbishop and in 1957 was named a Cardinal by Pope Pius XI.

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PRIVATE TALK given by Father Fallon

Weekend 4

"Father, I regret seeing my football game, the arrival home after serving but the greatest was the greatest weekend."

"I am 36 years old. It is so good in my life during those years that was my first trip that I can make a treat until God is there. These words are received by Father Fallon, C.S.S.R., Superior's Notice 1 House, from an e."

It more or less feeling of most people have made their f according to Father

In Rochester, the treat houses. No men, conducted dermatologist Father Lady of the Cema maintained by the the Cenacle.

Fifty years ago, or woman in this say he had made end retreat. Today million Catholic women have made each year, some 2 another 150,000 weekends but so retreats.

THE GROWTH in retreatants has present years, of World War II. It many years ago chairman of a Holy, the Knights of Council of Catholic the Christian Mott their groups who retreat and knew experience what was talking about

Although I true today, there a large minority parish who have a closed retreat, perhaps with a truth, that once made a retreat, I

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