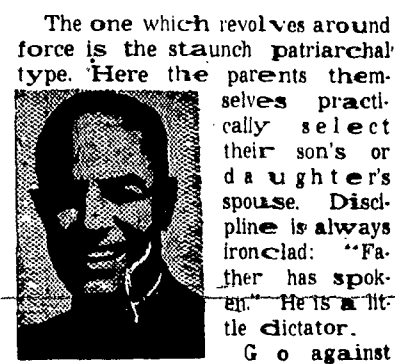


Marriages Are Rated In Three Classifications

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There are actually only three kinds of marriages, unless, of course, you speak of combinations. There is the one which stresses force, another which emphasizes the contract itself, and one which goes all out for love.



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The one which revolves around force is the staunch patriarchal type. Here the parents themselves practically select their son's or daughter's spouse. Discipline is always ironclad. "Father has spoken." He is a little dictator.

Go against him and you are ruled out of the house and, of course, the inheritance. Spanking is used often and "the patriarch" agrees with the railroad man who says that a switch often gets a delinquent on the right track!

Rules, however, are overstrict, the child is to be seen but not heard. Sex is always vulgar. Women are second class citizens. There is a strict division of labor between husband and wife.

THE MAN would never be seen helping out in the kitchen. Children are had merely for self-continuity. The happiness of the parents is not important, propagation is. This whole idea is a result of the thinking of Luther and Calvin.

Then there is the marriage which stresses the other extreme and now we see the intellectual child of Jean Jacques Rousseau. Freedom is the watch word. "Don't fence me in" is the theme song. Marriage is for personal development.

If your wife does not develop your personality as well as your secretary, then switch and marry the secretary. Adultery is not wrong; it is a positive achievement. Abortion is a matter of taste. Divorce is no cause for social exile but a proof of popularity. Don't worry about a success that hollers. Just be a howling success.

WITH HITLER the devotees of this system say "I decide for myself what is right or wrong." "If you enjoy necking and kissing, do it and don't be stupid!" Millions of girls cannot marry so why not let the boys down on morals, be promiscuous? Husbands are armistice checkbooks, wives are non-females. Sex is straight chemistry.

Wives work outside the home or are at leisure. Biking bathing suits are just fine. Going to burlesques influences the way you look at other women. "So what, the world will not come to an end!"

Men in this school of thought dare not be seen with their own wives at parties. Children do not seek the advice of their parents. The laymen contradict their Bishops. Original sin is hokum. This liberalism is at the basis of all our ills. Pope Leo XIII described it as "disrespect for authority." They say "this is life." We Catholics say "this is death."

FINALLY, there is the family pattern which emphasizes love. This is our own Christian pattern. Marriage is a vocation instituted by God. It is a means of going to Heaven. Dr. Alphonse H. Clemens of Catholic University gives a remarkable description of this in his new epoch-

making book, Marriage and the Family: An Integrated Approach. In the Church's pattern, there is, of course, freedom but there is also a fence: it is freedom within limits. It is freedom with prudence and with morals.

The husband is not the great lawmaker but a democratic mayor. He is the senior partner of the firm. His wife is the junior partner. Marriage is not a mere habit which keeps couples together, for the two are linked together by something which surpasses them.

Their valence is not one with an arrow going through the heart, but one with a cross over the heart. True Christian love is redemptive, it is associated with Christ on the cross. It is as unselfish as His love.

True Christian love does not permit a couple to become immersed in themselves. God and His children constantly keep the scene changing. This love never says, "stop! I have enough." That is the language of sex.

THIS LOVE will prudently have as many children as is possible economically, physically, and emotionally. Justice is involved. If one enjoys marital rights, there are certain responsibilities to accept children.

Just as one who is given a salary is in justice expected to work, a couple cannot arbitrarily stop having and educating children, as one cannot arbitrarily decide to get out of the armed forces when the country's good is at stake.

In this pattern a child chooses a spouse, but with the advice of his parents. In recreation there is supervision but not strict chaperonage.

Original sin has deprived man of certain qualities, but he is not depraved. Beautiful as this love is, it is not on the wedding day that true Christian love is most beautiful, nor is it on a couple's wedding anniversary. It is most wonderful in the evening of their lives. For it is at this time that they have been most deeply enriched and have developed a maturity capacity to love and be loved. This love is a prelude to Heaven itself. For God is love.

Lithuanian Churches Repaired, Say Reds

Warsaw (NC) - About 50 Lithuanian churches are being renovated, according to a report said to have been received from Moscow by the Polish Press Agency.

According to the report, two and a half million rubles (about \$625,000) were set aside for the purpose.

Among the 50 churches reported to be in the process of reconstruction by 800 artists throughout Lithuania, the best known is the Church of St. John at Vilna. St. John's is noted for its remarkable Gothic style and its subtly harmonized stained glass windows. It was built in the 15th century.



Better Listening For Man-In-Pew

Priests and seminarians from 30 states and four foreign countries are studying this summer at the Preachers Institute of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. During one of the sessions, which includes a discussion speaking Rev. Sebastian Miklas, O.F.M. Cap., is pictured facing the camera. Rev. John A. Sweeney, S.J., of Mobile, Ala., looks on. The Preachers Institute was founded by the late Father Ignatius Smith, O.P., a Dominican. Primary aim of the Institute, along with work in recording, radio and TV preaching, is Father Smith's basic idea: to make a sermon interesting to the man-in-the-pew. (NC Photos)

Liturgical Week Slates Leaders

Collegeville, Minn. (NC) - Leaders of the Liturgical movement will be the main speakers at the 19th North American Liturgical Week beginning August 19 at St. John's Abbey here.

Some 2,000 delegates are expected to attend the sessions at what is called the multiphase of the nation's organized Liturgical movement.

The week sponsored by the Liturgical Conference will be held under the patronage of Bishop Peter W. Bartholome of St. Cloud, Abbot Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., of St. John's will be the host.

Among the speakers at the general sessions will be Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul; Bishop Joseph J. Anna of Superior, Wis.; Bishop Leo F. Dworschak of Fargo, N.D.; Msgr. Martin B. Heilinger of St. Louis; Msgr. Anthony N. Muerst of Cleveland, author of "Systematic Teaching of Religion"; Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., editor of Worship magazine; and Father Edward F. Siegan, C.P.P.S., editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

87 Catholic Colleges Report Foundation Grants

Washington (NC) - Eighty-seven Catholic colleges and universities received a total of 615 foundation grants in the past two years, according to a survey by the National Catholic Educational Association.

The survey was made under the direction of Dr. Urban H. Flege, associate secretary of the N.C.E.A. college and university department.

IN JANUARY, 1957, a total of 87 Catholic colleges and universities were asked to submit a list of the foundation grants received in the past two years. Of the 107 replying 20 stated they had received no foundation grants in that period.

The 87 grant-receiving institutions reported a total of \$23,534,103 in 615 grants during the academic years 1955-56 and 1956-57. How many Dr. Flege explained that, if available data on 22 other Catholic institutions not covered in the survey were included, this would make for an additional \$1,019 million in foundation grants received by Catholic colleges and universities in the past two years.

Catholic Journalists Organize In Japan

Tokyo (NC) - The Catholic Journalists' Association of Japan was formed at a meeting held at Sophia University, Jesuit operated institution here.

Kanichi Nagashima, editorial writer for Asahi Shimbun, Japan's largest newspaper, was unanimously elected president. The association has a membership of 30.

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Vatican Radio Hits Moscow

Youth Festival

Vatican City (RNS) - The Vatican Radio took sharp issue with Soviet propaganda claims that the Sixth World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow was non-political and aimed at world peace and brotherhood.

Asserting that Communist persecution continues in Hungary and other satellite countries, the station said "it would be foolish to imagine that any show put on in the Soviet Union for foreigners has any other aim than that of propagating Communist ideologies."

Moscow Promotes Anti-Catholic Book

London (RNS) - Foreign visitors to the Sixth World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow are buying translations of a recently published book on the Roman Catholic Church by a Soviet historian, the Moscow Radio reported.

Entitled "The Vatican Religion, Finances and Politics," the book was written by Josef Lavrensky.

'Good Example, Not Controversy'

Liverpool, England (NC) - The best way to bring all of England into the Church is not by controversy but by good example, Archbishop John C. Sheehan of Liverpool said at a mass rally here.

The Archbishop, now head of the Liverpool archdiocese, addressed 40,000 persons assembled to welcome him to the archdiocese.

"Conversion like charity, must begin at home," he continued, "and before we can hope to bring God to the millions who have no knowledge of Christ and who belong to no church, we must look after our own sheep. . . . Be apostles in your own homes and among your own friends."

"Tell them that the new archbishop needs the help of every Catholic, so that we can do great things for God in this archdiocese."

Educators Say, 'Yes' Should We Teach Teen-Agers How To Combat Reds?

St. Louis (NC) - Basic facts of communism should be taught in Catholic high schools, according to Father Robert J. Healy, S.J., dean of the graduate school at St. Louis University.

He made the proposal after a Harvard conference with other educators on the pros and cons of teaching about communism at the high school level.

FORMAL COURSES in communism are necessary to acquaint with its menace, he said. "Communism is not a 'bugy-man' beset by demerol and intelligence agencies, not wide spread hysteria and fear. Most people cannot explain why they are opposed to communism. They treat it like a secret nobody talks about."

The priest who heads one of the largest Catholic graduate schools in the world was asked to participate in a conference at Harvard University, where some of the country's top educators discussed the problem of acquainting high school students with the real nature of communism.

It was the widespread conviction of those at the conference, he said, that high school teachers lack sufficient knowledge of the theory and practice of communism.

"IF OUR TEACHERS are un-informed, how are our students to understand the issues involved?" he asked. "Unless teachers are equipped to explain the issues, our students will never understand the nature of this continuing threat to the world."

He said teachers should be prepared to communicate to their students both the theory and practice of communism - how it thinks and works - to accomplish this, a "basic, solidly integrated view of communism" must be outlined and presented to the teachers, Father Healy said.



CDA Leader

Mackinac Island (NC) - New national director of Juniors of the Catholic Daughters of America, named at a board meeting here, is Miss Louise E. Collins, of Concord, N.H. A veteran of more than 20 years work in the Junior program, she is former State chairman of Juniors of the CDA and has been a member of the National Regional Board for Juniors in the New England area.

Priest To Baptize 211 Fomiosans

Talpei, Formosa (NC) - Father Ignace Rybena is looking forward to August 15 as a day of victory for the Church in the missions on Formosa.

On that day, the missionary, a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary missionaries with 211 converts. The day will witness the baptism of 211 converts, many of whom were baptized by Father Rybena who instructed the converts himself, without any help from catechists.

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