

BOOK SHELF

**Our Lady
In Catholic Life**

St. Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College
OUR LADY IN CATHOLIC LIFE, by Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D.
Macmillan '57, 96 meditations in 408 pp. \$3.95. At Tucker's,
Bran's, and other Catholic bookstores.

To turn your days Mary-color, to slip the peace of Mary between all the pages of a busy life, you need this book. It is designed for daily use, with meditations for Our Lady's feasts and on the titles of her Litany so lavishly worked out for the book when meditation time came.

THE METHOD OF PRAYER has a touch that is unique, direct as a child would be: Seven or eight little paragraphs in ten-point give the Background of the particular feast or title; then the prayer of several pages begins at once, and you find yourself repeating to Mary the information of that Background, with what ever comment and reflection and aspiration the loving soul would naturally make.

It is a companionable, homely method. It is as if you tell Mary the news she has known for centuries the discovery you yourself made long ago, and as if she then inspired you with her view of it.

The closing poem or indulgenced prayer varies throughout, and ranges from famous hymns to the most commonplace "father's" unliturgical hymns of childhood, which prove not to be commonplace in Father Lovasik's context.

THERE ARE forty-two meditations for Our Lady's forty-two best-known feasts. There is of course no day in the year without its Marian event recorded in history, but some of these events are little known outside the town or village of their occurrence and even some of these are shrouded in time upon time.

Then come the meditations on the familiar titles of Our Lady: the House of Gold, the Tower of Ivory, one after another, they give rise to beautiful memories and thoughts - forty-nine titles to be explored. These are followed by a trinity of treasurer: a meditation on the Hall Mary, one on the Hall Holy Queen, and one on the Magnificat.

A brief last section of the book gives various beautiful forms of entire consecration to Mary. A year with this book could mean true devotion to Our Lady, our Gate of Heaven.

**Court Action
To Ban Smut
In Vermont**

Burlington—(NC)—The time has come for a court test of obscene literature in Vermont, State Attorney General Frederick M. Reed declared here.

Although admitting that cooperative movements against pornography might ultimately solve the problem of obscene magazines, he said his department would proceed toward quicker and firmer methods.

"We feel the time has come for a court test of these magazines," he stated. "We think the period of mere cooperation has come to an end. We are already gathering evidence and will soon present our material to a grand jury seeking indictment of the big operators. There is no reason for a prosecutor to define what is obscene. We'll leave that up to the jury."

"Nevertheless," he added "if the dealers in Chittenden county can cooperate and work to keep certain magazines off the stands, that certainly is a fine thing."

Mr. Reed said he would wage his crackdown on big distributors under Vermont's old obscenity statute as amended by the 1957 State Legislature. This act provides for a \$200 fine for persons importing, publishing, selling, lending or circulating obscene or indecent literature or literature that tends to corrupt the morals of youth.

**Jesuits General
Notes 50 Years**

Rome—(RNS)—Delegates to the general congregation of the Society of Jesus here marked the 50th anniversary of the entrance of the Jesuit General, the Very Rev. John B. Janssens, S.J., into the society.

Father Janssens, a native of Malines, Belgium, was elected General in 1946. He was the fourth Belgian named to the office in the society's 423-year history. He last Belgian was the Rev. Peter Beckx, who ruled the order from 1864 to 1886.



San Marino—(NC)—Sister Veronica remains in classroom despite communist government order to close her school.

**Nun's Defiance Threatens
Red Power In San Marino**

San Marino—(NC)—A government order to close the only Catholic school in this communist-controlled republic and defiance of the order by a 75-year-old nun seriously threaten Red power in this tiny state.

The communist government here dissolved the country's Grand and General Council rather than risk a possible defeat in a vote on the school question. They also immediately issued a call for new elections to restore the communist majority in the council.

The Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats, replying by denouncing the moves as illegal and setting up a rival executive council.

**Churches Boost
Property Values
Says Mayor**

St. Louis—(NC)—Kansas City (Mo.) Mayor H. Roe Bartle has defended church construction in residential subdivisions as a factor vitally necessary for community development.

ATTENDING the annual meeting of the Missouri Municipal League here, Mayor Bartle took strong exception to those who protest against new parochial schools because they would allegedly destroy property values.

"We have to have churches and schools in order to really make a community," the Kansas City executive told the state organization of mayors and city officials. "And as far as depreciating values, churches and schools will improve property values rather than tear them down."

Mayor Bartle, who was elected president of the league, commented on the recent Creve Coeur case in which Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis intervened as a friend of the court when Creve Coeur officials tried to exclude a Jewish synagogue from the area by its zoning laws.

Such action could have been avoided by "foresight" in drawing up the original zoning ordinance, said the Kansas City mayor.

**GI's Help Build
German Church**

Marburg—(NC)—American GI's stationed near here have sped up considerably the building of the first church to be erected here in the past 500 years.

Working with bulldozers and tractors, members of the U.S. 3rd Army Engineering Battalion did a ground-leveling job which it is estimated, would have taken several months to finish without heavy equipment. The GIs did the job in three days.

Fathers Johannes Ruetzel and Gregor Nuelling, who will be attached to the church, were greatly moved by the generosity and hard work of the Americans.

**Toledo Educators
Urge Three Year
High School Course**

Toledo—(NC)—Two Toledo educators have expressed their belief that high school curriculum can be reduced, without scholastic harm, from four years to three.

At a time when other proposals for coping with the problems of the soaring school population are being aired, Msgr. Norbert M. Shumaker, diocesan superintendent of schools, said this revision would accomplish a 25 per cent economy.

**Paulists Staff
Boston Center
Of Information**

Boston—(RNS)—A \$1,500,000 Catholic information center will be dedicated here by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston on Oct. 13. The unit, to be staffed by the Paulist Fathers, is located within a short distance of the Massachusetts state capitol building on one of Boston's shortest streets in the historic Beacon Hill district.

It will be dedicated in memory of the late Paulist Father James M. Gillis, noted writer and lecturer.

A CHAPEL in the center was donated to the Paulists by Archbishop Cushing in memory of the late Bishop Edward F. Ryan of Burlington Vt., a former pastor of Holy Name church in Boston.

The new building, in contemporary design, is constructed of jagged red brick and white sandstone and conforms with the Bulfinch architecture of the state capitol and other colonial structures on Beacon Hill.

In addition to the chapel, which seats some 600 persons, the center includes an auditorium, conference rooms and living quarters for the Paulist Fathers. The Paulists conducted an information center on the same site for more than a decade.

However both he and Msgr. John L. Harrington, principal of Central Catholic High School here, in expressing favor for a shortened high school period, agreed that an obstacle to the plan is that it must be adopted generally, rather than piecemeal and gradually.

Msgr. Harrington, who heads a school that enrolls more than 2,000 boys and girls, said proposals for double-shifts and for full-year use of school buildings are impracticable.

The two educators expressed their views on questions raised in the Toledo area.

Total enrollment in the schools of the Toledo diocese for the present term is 45,530. There are 38,379 children in 102 elementary schools, an increase over last year, and 7,151 in the high schools, an increase of 514.

About 71 per cent of the eighth grade graduates in the city of Toledo have been enrolling in Catholic high schools, and about 51 per cent of those graduating from the parish schools in the diocese outside Toledo.

On the eve of a campaign to raise \$1.5 million for another high school in Toledo, both Msgr. Shumaker and Msgr. Harrington said the need is for a general high school, rather than a vocational high school, favored by some.

Even those who will follow a trade path benefit more by first getting a general high school education, the two educators said.

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