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Teenager Says Parents 'Old-fashioned' On Dating

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How can I convince my parents that I'm old enough to go on dates? Although I'm 16, they treat me like a child. All the other girls my age are allowed to go out several times a week. How can I meet people if I seldom go on dates? My parents are kind but old-fashioned. They say there'll be time enough for more dates later on. Don't you think they're too strict?

You have a real problem, Janie, and I don't find it hard to understand how you feel. Every girl desires to be popular. It's normal to want to have dates and to have fun with those of your own age.

You feel all the more restricted because "all the other girls your age" — you really mean some of the other girls, don't you? — are allowed to date freely. This seems quite unfair to you because you naturally like to think of yourself as one of the group.

Why do you suppose your parents take the stand that they do? You're sure they love you and want you to be happy. Do you feel that they are so "strict" because they are old-fashioned?

Let's take a look at dating from their point of view. Maybe they are having something on their side. After all, being "old-fashioned" or "new-fashioned" are loosely defined terms. The "old" need not necessarily be bad, and the "new" not be the best. Your parents are probably opposed to dating on two counts. First, they feel that you are now preparing yourself for a life so that your interest and energy should be centered on getting an education and developing your talents.

Frequent dating takes your mind from this task, and though they want you to be happy and have a good time, they feel that you should do so with them and with your girl friends.

Second, they believe that the type of association with the opposite sex which we call dating has a definite purpose which need not be your primary concern at your age. Dating is a process by which you get acquainted with eligible boys and eventually select your future marriage partner.

Since you are clearly too young to be thinking seriously about marriage, they feel that you are too young to go out

Consecration Set For Bishop-Elect

New York (NC) — The consecration of Msgr. John M. Feans as Titular Bishop of Gerace and 10th Auxiliary Bishop of New York, has been scheduled for December 10 in St. Patrick's Cathedral here. It was announced.

Diocesan Weekly Changes Format

Buffalo, N.Y. — (NC) — The Union and Echo, newspaper of the Buffalo diocese, has been changed from a tabloid to a 12-page standard size paper.

Recently the paper underwent a change in editors. Father Francis P. O'Connor was named editor-in-chief to succeed Msgr. William P. Solleder, who will be voted full time to the pastorate of St. Christopher's Church, Tonawanda.

Hamilton and Omega watches, Budget terms. William S. Thorne Jeweler, 318 Main St. East. — Adv.

Smut Profits From Billion Dollar Traffic

Cleveland — (NC) — A pithy on the part of the public and law enforcement agents has permitted a billion-dollar-a-year printed smut traffic to mushroom throughout the nation, a Cincinnati leader in the fight against pornography charged here.

SPEAKING HERE, Charles H. Keating, Jr., chairman of Citizens for Decent Literature, a Cincinnati civic group, said that "this is volume enough to prevent an entire generation." He added: "No child from college age down to the age of five is safe."

The Cincinnati attorney estimated that 75 per cent of the printed filth "reaches the hands of juveniles." He said "it invades schoolyards" and even "breeds involvement of the children themselves in the racket."

Mr. Keating, whose citizens group has been active in prosecution of obscenity cases in Cincinnati courts, showed his audience publications bought in stores in both Cincinnati and Cleveland.

WHEN DEALING with obscenity, we are demanding its recognition as a major crime against society," the attorney declared. "We are not asking for censorship nor trifling with free press. We are demanding our rights to that other Constitutional guarantee — the sanction of our society, the right to protection of police power."



ST. THEODORE CHURCH AND SCHOOL — Bishop Kearney (photo left) officiates first Mass in new St. Theodore's Church, Spencerport Road in Gates, following blessing ceremonies on last Saturday. He also erected the crucifix (photo right) in formal dedication of St. Theodore's new parish school.

Cardinal Mindszenty Room 'Miked' By Secret Police

London — (NC) — The Daily Express of London, a secular newspaper, predicts that the communists will soon be spreading "fake" reports of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and the American Legation in which he is sheltered in Budapest.

UNDER THE heading: "Why I think you'll be hearing more about Mindszenty," the newspaper's star reporter, Sexton Delmer, wrote:

"U.S. diplomats, fresh out of Hungary have revealed that the Budapest secret police have managed to 'mike' the rooms occupied by Cardinal Mindszenty in Budapest's American Legation.

"He has been living there ever since he took refuge in the legation when the Hungarian rising was put down just a year ago.

"THE SECRET police, say the diplomats, managed to place one of those new Soviet 'Super Hearing Aids' in the chimney and recorded the Cardinal's conversations.

"If I were in the shoes of the Americans I would not have revealed this discovery. For now the field is clear for the Com-

Bishop Dedicates New Gates Church

The new St. Theodore Church and School in Gates were formally dedicated last Saturday morning (Nov. 9) at ceremonies conducted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Following the dedicatory rites, the Bishop celebrated the first Mass and preached the first sermon in the church edifice newly completed on Spencerport Road.

THE CHURCH has a seating capacity of 672 and the school, in operation since September, provides facilities for 400 pupils, according to St. Theodore's pastor, the Rev. Raymond J. Epping. There are 325 children enrolled in the school at the present time, he said.

The 700 families of St. Theodore's raised over \$182,000 in 1956 toward construction of their new parish unit. Total cost is over \$350,000 the pastor said.

Twenty years ago when Father Epping was named pastor of the now 33 year old parish there were only sixty-five Catholic families in the area. Rapid suburban development in the Town of Gates during the past five years demanded increased church and school facilities.

THE WOOD FRAME structure, previously used since 1924 will now serve as a social and catechetical center.

"The new St. Theodore's Church is joined to the eight room school building to permit pupils easy access for visits to "our Lord in his tabernacle home," explained the pastor.

Bishop Kearney in his sermon at the blessing rite said, "I am most happy to begin my second 25 years as a bishop-by dedicating a new tabernacle for God and a school for His little ones."

The ceremony on Saturday followed Bishop Kearney's all-

Anglicans Affiliate With Basilian School

Windsor, Ont. — (RNS) — An agreement was signed here making a new Anglican liberal arts college an affiliate of Assumption University, a Roman Catholic school conducted by the Basilian Fathers. It will be known as Canterbury College.

The signers were Dr. George Luxton, Anglican Bishop of Huron, and Catholic Bishop John Cody of London, chancellor of the university.

Bishop Cody said the affiliation was not just an experiment but an arrangement that both Anglicans and Catholics feel will benefit them for many years.

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Modesty In Dress Urged On Women By Holy Father

Style Designers Told To Restore Decorum

By FATHER JAMES L. TUCEK

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — Pope Pius XII voiced here an appeal for modesty of dress and said that clothing fashions must never provide near occasion of sin.

The Pope reminded leaders of the Latin Union of High Fashion that avoiding the danger of giving proximate occasion of sin is the absolute standard which must be preserved by fashion designers, no matter how broad and changeable the relative morals of fashion in clothes may become.

The Pope's 7,000-word discourse covered general considerations of fashions, moral problems involved in fashion design and their solution and also made a number of suggestions to the members of the fashion Union.

It was the longest speech devoted exclusively to clothing fashions made by him or any other pope.

THE PONTIFF said three fundamental reasons govern man's use of clothing: hygiene, modesty and decorum. He declared that these three principles are so deeply rooted in nature that they cannot be disregarded or contradicted without creating repulsive results.

By hygienic requirements, the Pope said, he meant those considerations concerned mostly with climate, its variations and other similar external factors. Even here, he said, climatic conditions must not be used as a pretext to justify license.

By the "natural demand of modesty," he said he referred to the obvious necessity of covering the body out of consideration for the sensitiveness of others and as a shield against disorderly sexuality.

The third reason governing clothing fashions, which is decorum, he said, responds to the innate need, especially felt by women, for submission to beauty and dignity of the person.

THE PONTIFF attacked the notion that modesty is merely the result of a particular kind of education. He said:

"The singular opinion that attributes the sense of modesty to this or that education... is a false product of civilization, a stimulus for dishonesty and a source of hypocrisy, and is not supported by any serious reason."

The Pope took note of the great influence wielded by fashion designers and called on them to use it for good. He reminded that their influence has a social impact which can actually shape public habits.

He told the designers that "in style, more than in any other activity, the people wish to be guided... It is necessary therefore that your actions should be proper."

"Among those, furthermore, who at present time are with great effectiveness guiding public tastes, are celebrities especially in the world of the theater and films."

The Pope urged the designers to try to bring at least a few of the top personalities over "to the good cause."

Some challenge the fact that "such an exterior contingency and relative fact as fashion" could really involve a moral problem, the Pope noted. But, he said, science, politics and similar activities, the subject is man, who cannot escape from directing these activities to his ultimate and supreme end. He added:

"THERE IS, therefore, a moral problem of styles, not only in that they constitute a general human activity, but more specifically in that this activity

Man Surprises Missioners With Cash For Chapels

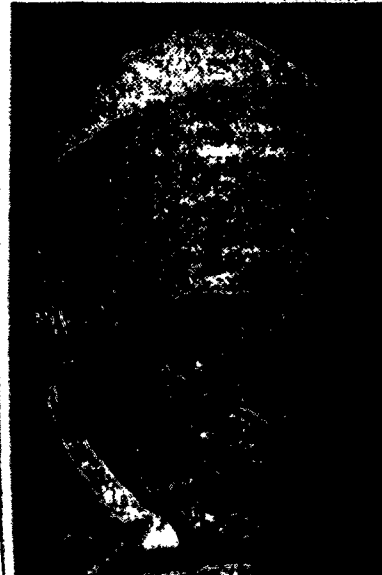
Washington — (NC) — An elderly man knocked on the door of the Divine Word Fathers' College here, handed a priest two unsealed envelopes and departed.

But in the few seconds it took him to carry out his unusual errand, he had provided two chapels which Catholics in mission lands will use for many years.

Each envelope contained \$1,000 in cash. The first, in which there was a \$1,000 bill, contained a note asking that the chapel built with the money be dedicated to St. Jude.

The second envelope, containing two \$500 bills, had a note asking that the chapel put up with these bills be dedicated to our Lady of Lourdes.

Divine Word College houses members of the missionary community doing post-graduate work at the nearby Catholic University of America.



POPE PIUS XII 'Sin and Scandal'

is carried out in a field which entails, or is at least very close to, evident moral values and serious moral problems in so far as the aims of styles, beauty, elegance, etc. are more exposed by being supported by the wicked temptations of a fashion designer's artistic and national sin, and of being changed into occasions of sin and scandal."

"The Church, however, does not oppose or condemn styles when they are meant for the proper decorum and ornamentation of the body. But she never falls to warn the individual against being easily led astray by them," the Pope said.

"This positive attitude of the Church derives from reasons far higher than the mere esthetic and hedonistic considerations which have been elevated by a return of paganism," he said.

"She knows and teaches that the human body, which is God's masterpiece in the visible world, and which has been placed at the service of the soul, was elevated by the Divine Redeemer to the rank of a temple and an instrument of the Holy Spirit, and as such must be respected.

"Its beauty must therefore not be exalted as an end in itself, much less in such guise as will defile that given dignity."

AMONG THE sources of in-moderate styles the Pope listed three in particular: evil intentions of the fashion designer; immodesty of the one who wears the garment and an inordinate desire for luxury.

He said the restoration of morality to fashions must begin with those who design and those who wear the fashions.

He added that the cut of a garment must not be suited to the taste of an already corrupt society but should be based on the aspiration of a society which prizes the dignity and seriousness of its public morals.

"No less harmful," the Pope continued, "are the excesses of style when it assumes the task of satisfying the thirst for luxury... where moral conscience does not succeed in moderating the use of riches, even if they are honestly acquired. Either frightful barriers will be raised between classes or the entire society will be set adrift, exhausted by the race toward the utopia of material happiness."

SO STYLE MIGHT "follow the right road and attain the end of being the faithful interpreter of civilized and Christian tradition," the Pope suggested the following guiding principles:

"The influence of fashions for good or evil must not be underestimated."

"Style should be dominated and controlled instead of being abandoned to caprice and arbitrariness."

"Moderation should be exercised in the entire field with the conviction that society has the best quality of art."