



Today's pupils in American schools need top scientific education to keep our nation abreast with Soviet advances. POAU in newest blast would deny Catholic pupils equal opportunity with public school neighbors.

As Nation Needs Unity

POAU Stirs Bigotry Battle

The POAU Organization (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State) has openly launched a long term campaign to keep a Catholic out of the White House and to keep federal funds from aiding Catholic pupils.

Despite describing itself as a non-political organization, the POAU would block a loyal Catholic from being chief executive of the United States.

The group states as its reasons the alleged Catholic Church "boycott" against public schools, and Catholic proposals advocating public funds for "sectarian" schools.

POAU also objects to an American Ambassador to the Vatican.

Signing the anniversary statement were POAU officers including Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam described by California's Representative Donald L. Jackson as a man who "served God on Sunday and the Communist front the rest of the week." Also listed is Glenn L. Archer who has stated his opinion that parochial school children are "brain washed" and intellectually enslaved behind the "purple curtain of Roman clericalism."

With such leaders as this, and with a program so patently anti-Catholic, the POAU exposes itself as little else than a tuxedo version of the Ku Klux Klan.

If the current Congress votes in favor of President Eisenhower's proposed multi-million dollar education aid plan to expand science courses in American schools, you can expect the POAU will loudly shout for a boycott against funds for science students in Catholic schools.

The POAU, you can be sure, would prefer to hobble the President's all out drive to develop top-notch scientists rather than let a federal penny be spent to buy test tubes for pupils in a Catholic school.

We can't help but wonder if these same POAU leaders who want to close the White House and the Treasury to Catholics will also close the bombers and battleships to Catholic GI's if the day ever comes when America must defend its heritage of freedom.

It is a downright shame that spokesmen such as these POAU officials should capture the headlines and go unchallenged by wiser minds in the denominations the POAU claims to represent.

The United States as leader of the free nations in a very definitely divided world must face the challenges of Russian scientific and military progress with a solid unity.

As Americans we have a tradition of freedom to buy the car we want, go to the show we want, marry the wife we want, eat the food we want.

We resent any straight-jacketing or thought-control.

YET THE POAU CONDEMNS 30 million American Catholics as second rate citizens because we choose the school we want for our children. To call this a "boycott" against public schools is to cheat in the use of words.

If you buy a Chevrolet, nobody will accuse you of boycotting the Cadillac. If you order eggs, nobody will accuse you of boycotting meat packers. And if you choose St. Patrick's school instead of Number 5 for your children, nobody should accuse you of treason against your country, nor black list your boy from the chance of some day being our country's President.

Bigotry such as this spawned at the POAU meeting is a disservice to our country, it is an insult to freedom loving people everywhere.

In these critical hours when the famed American way of life is threatened as never before in history we need solidarity, not the divisive threat of POAU prejudice. We have a common task to produce better ballistics and better men. That is the mutual task of all American schools and all Americans.

Ten Signs Of Love In Marriage

Sunday, January 12, is the Feast of the Holy Family. Redemptorist Father Donald F. Miller in this article gives ten pointers for husbands and wives to guide them in building happy homes.

EVERY COUPLE just entering the state of marriage desires to make the love that has drawn them together endure forever.

Certainly the thought of ever "killing" love in their partner is far from their minds.

They want "to live happily ever after" in their love.

Experience proves that this is not so easy as it sounds. It is quite possible for a husband or wife to kill the love of their partner, sometimes even when their own love is still strong.

IT IS TRUE that love is essentially an activity of the free will, and that, once it is pledged in the marriage ceremony, it can and should, with the help of the grace of God, remain alive and strong forever.

But it is also true that God uses the feelings of love, or a sense of emotional attraction between two persons, to lead them into marriage, and that varying degrees of intensity, of course, should make easy and rewarding the carrying out of the duties of marriage.

While no married person should count too much on feelings of love as the only inspiration to fidelity throughout the years, but should rely on the conviction of obligation created by the vows made in the marriage ceremony, it is proper to say that feelings should not be neglected in marriage.

There always are individuals who seem to think that, once love has been pledged to a partner for life in the marriage ceremony, it can thereafter be taken for granted, and need be given no very marked or continuing expression.

They are exceedingly wrong. Human beings are made up of body and soul. Just as in the practice of religion, and the love of God, the body must help the soul in forming convictions and continually join the soul in expressing them toward God, so in marriage love cannot and will not be taken for granted as residing in the soul unless it be manifested habitually in external signs and actions.

The basic manifestations of love toward a partner in marriage can be readily listed, together with the warning that, to neglect them, is usually to set in motion the process that ends with the killing of all feelings of love and replacing them with distaste and even revulsion.

Wide experience proves that the signs of love here explained, which should be given by husbands and wives toward each other, are basic requirements for happiness in marriage.

Those just entering marriage, and even the long married, should ponder them thoughtfully, not considering primarily the points in which their partners might fail or have failed, but making them the basis for an examination of themselves.

The Sign of Respect
Love cannot long survive the

fallacy of a husband or wife to show, both in private and in the company or sight of others, genuine respect and esteem for their spouse.

The rules of courtesy and politeness are a basic and important means of expressing love, and the avoidance of words and actions that imply or express disrespect is necessary to its survival.

In many instances the love of a husband or wife has been destroyed because the one often made use of scornful, sarcastic, belittling remarks to the other; or because the one was frequently guilty of impolite, discourteous and boorish actions that were known to disturb the other; or because the one made critical remarks about the other to friends or even to their children; or because the one was guilty of telling jokes and humorous incidents to friends that made a laughing-stock of the other.

The same effect has been produced by habitual failure to observe the small rules of politeness and respect that are taken for granted even among acquaintances and friends.

The Sign of Words

Love between husband and wife needs and thrives on frequent assurances; it dwindles when it is rarely put into words. There are ten thousand ways in which married people can reassure each other of their love in words, from the direct statement, "I love you," down through all the varied ways in which that statement will be implied in words of gratitude, appreciation, admiration, sympathy, comfort and encouragement.

The husband who never tells his wife that he loves her (and vice versa), will eventually find that he has lost the power to love and be loved.

The Sign of Gifts

One fairly accurate definition of love is "the desire to give." It may be thought by some that, since, in marrying, two people give themselves and all they possess to each other, there is no further need of their giving presents to each other.

Such gifts need not be expensive or elaborate. But they should be marked by unexpectedness and understanding.

A gift is doubly appreciated as a sign of love when it comes as a surprise, with neither tradition nor common custom making it a matter of routine. And the gifts given to one's spouse as a manifestation of love should be marked by understanding and consideration of what will bring special joy.

The story of many wife's loss of love for her husband has been expressed simply: "He hasn't given me anything for years."

The Sign of Companionship

When keeping company and when first married, most couples cannot see enough of each other. Instinctively their love inspires them to give the sign

of true love that is implicit in the wish to be together.

IT IS STRANGE, then, that after some years of marriage, still profess to love their partners but who no longer show the least interest in being with them except when this can hardly be avoided.

They take some of their meals at the same table, sleep in the same room, and see each other long enough to discuss some of the essential issues that arise in their home. They still want their love to be taken for granted.

They defend themselves against the charge that "he (or she) doesn't love me any more," by referring to sins they don't commit, and to the money they bring in, or the work they do for the sake of the home.

But they no longer give the important sign of love that consists of seeking the companionship of the one they profess to love.

The Sign of Appearance

It cannot be said too often that love will not be taken for granted as residing in the soul unless it be manifested through the body and its actions.

One of the important manifestations of love, one that is necessary to keep a partner's love strong and faithful, is reasonable attention to one's appearance.

A wife must desire to keep herself attractive to her husband. A husband must avoid as much as possible making his appearance an object of distaste or disgust to his wife.

THIS MEANS that even in the privacy of the home a wife should make an effort to be neatly dressed, and personally clean and nicely made up at all times. It is not a good excuse for her to say that she has so much work, and so little time and money, that this is impossible.

Many a wife who makes this excuse can and does make herself attractive when she goes out into the company of others. She does not have to look "all dressed up" at all times at home, as if she were always entertaining company; but she must keep herself neat and clean and attractive if she wants to hold her husband's love and to keep it from wandering off toward others.

In the same way, a husband makes a great mistake if he thinks that marriage entitles him to be slovenly, dirty, unkempt and unshaven around his home.

Here again there are extremes to be avoided, and the comfort of home need not be

The Sign of Religion

It is religion alone that brings out the full attractiveness of a human being.

It is capacity for religion that makes a human being unbridgeably higher and nobler than brute animals. It is religion alone that provides the motives and sanctions and practical precepts for the practice of the virtues that appeal most strongly, over the years, to the love of another.

A man or woman without religion is like an animal, with this special feature in the likeness, that the man or woman is obviously meant to be something much higher than the animal, and remains like an animal by choice.

More animal attraction may sometimes lead to marriage, but when it passes, as it always does, then love passes too, and usually some other animal attraction is sought and satisfied.

The Sign of Sex

Among all the other manifestations of love that are required to keep it alive in one's married partner, there is a very important one of the right attitude toward and right cooperation with the use of the privilege of sex.

The marriage contract essentially consists of the mutual transfer of the right to use the body for those actions necessary for the procreation of children, and, with the acceptance of this right, the promise to do all the other things (such as are listed above) to make married life happy.

Primarily the use of the privilege of sex has for its purpose the procreation of children. In subordination to that essential purpose, it is also intended to be an expression of love and total union between husband and wife, and a great help to the avoidance of sin.

For a husband to be unreasonably demanding and unconcerned about any consideration but his own selfish pleasure in this matter is a sure way to create disgust in his wife.

For a wife to give in to what she knows to be a false sense of shame in this regard to refuse her cooperation for selfish reasons, to speak scornfully to her husband about this important part of marriage, is a simple way to "alienate his affection."

This remains true even after many years of married life. And the same demon of selfishness is at work destroying love, when one partner to a marriage demands that the other even offend God by cooperating in sins of birth-control. If the desire to do this is mutual, mutual disgust with each other is usually the final result.

No husband and wife will find that they can hold the love of each other if they seek to manifest it in ways that deprive them of the love of God.

This article available in pamphlet form from Redemptorist Fathers, Liguori, Missouri.

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A Word To Nikita Khrushchev

Nikita Khrushchev was right when he said, in his letter to a British magazine, that nuclear war could start "by the merest chance — say, for instance, as a result of an incoherently understood order."

But Khrushchev should try to realize that everybody now knows that this danger hangs over the world because the Soviets hung it there, and keep it there. Nobody can remove it but the Soviets. — or God.

The Soviets cannot remove it by mere talk. They alone are responsible for the fact that their words fall on deaf ears. The free nations long since learned that what the Kremlin says is not what the Kremlin means.

THE TERM "peaceful co-existence" evokes deliriously sad laughter. There is a point beyond which nobody, no matter how simple minded and trusting, can carry gullibility. That point has been passed.

After all, 40 years is long enough for the most starry-eyed innocent to grow into realistic maturity, and to hand his reason down to the next generation. And for 40 years the Soviet Union has been plotting against us.

A hundred years ago, the communists announced their determination to overthrow all

governments. In seizing power in the USSR, they did not alter that purpose by one jot or tittle. Their declaration of war against free peoples stood exactly as written.

THE COMMUNISTS can have peace with justice the moment they want it. But they must show that they want it and are not simply playing the old game of using the word "peace" as one method of undermining other nations.

Probably it is difficult for Khrushchev to understand the temper of the free world. But he ought to try. It is a fact that we have profoundly determined that no price is too high to avoid enslavement under atheist despotism.

The Soviets do not want nuclear extermination any more than we want it. They should make the effort to arrive at a realistic appraisal of our state of mind, but they growly overestimate how far they can push us.

If we can judge by Khrushchev's statements to William Randolph Hearst, he is gravely mistaken about us. He boasted that communist soldiers are better than free world soldiers because "free world soldiers have no ideal for which to die."

THIS IS a dangerously erroneous state of mind for the man who occupies the top position in the Soviet Union. He is fantastically wrong. Rather than simply talking, he would be wise to take steps to discover the reality.

The reality is that we are entirely prepared to face even the colossal catastrophe of nuclear warfare rather than surrender to communist conquest. If Khrushchev does not realize that hard fact, he is living in a dream world.

He does not share our faith in God and our reverence for human beings made by God in His image and likeness. But that need not stop Nikita from understanding that our faith and reverence are inflexible.

WE KNOW FROM the communist manifesto, and from the writings of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and the others, where the communists stand and what their purpose is, no matter what doubletalk they may now and then utter for tactical reasons.

Equally, Khrushchev can discover what our hearts are set upon. He need only refer to the Declaration of Independence, to Magna Charta, or to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

These great statements stand as written, and we stand with them, whether for life or for death, whether for a splendid future upon an earth of peace, or for a world devastated by the new weapons.

We have two great comforts. God has prepared eternal places for those who stand immovably for truth and justice. And human freedom can survive a nuclear holocaust. Communism cannot. Atomization is the total contradiction of totalitarianism.

Blood Program's 10th Anniversary

The American Red Cross regional blood program will mark its tenth anniversary this Sunday.

During the years since 1948, 425,000 pints of blood have been collected and distributed in the 12 county area of the Rochester Red Cross.

Priests, nuns, and parish groups have regularly contributed blood in this Red Cross life saving program.

Bishop Kearney has described the program as "a twentieth century expression of the corporal works of mercy."

He has endorsed the program and consistently encouraged support of it.

Red Cross officials report that St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminarians are "on call" for any emergency cases when the blood bank supplies run low.

THE PROGRAM is a guarantee to residents of this area that they may obtain blood or blood derivatives as needed and without cost.

Success of the program in its first ten years is graphically proved by records which describe lives saved, health restored in literally hundreds of cases.

Children given a new lease on life, accident victims snatched from inevitable death, patients recovering from surgery, aged people in need of healthier blood — the many is a panorama of human suffering relieved through the Red Cross blood program.

So hats off and sleeves up!

We salute the Red Cross on this anniversary of its special service.

Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, January 12 — Holy Family (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Creed, Preface of Epiphany.

Monday, January 13 — Baptism of Our Lord (white), Gloria, Creed, Epiphany Preface.

Tuesday, January 14 — St. Hilary, bishop (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer* of St. Felix, Creed.

Wednesday, January 15 — St. Paul, hermit (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer* of St. Maurus.

Thursday, January 16 — St. Marcellus, Pope (red), Gloria, VR.

Friday, January 17 — St. Anthony, abbot (white), Gloria.

Saturday, January 18 — St. Peter at Rome (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer* of St. Paul, 3rd* of St. Prisca.

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

Some Color

A man returning from his vacation complained that it had rained continuously every day.

"You must be exaggerating," commented a doubting friend. "How do you explain your magnificent sunburn?"

"Sunburn? Nothing," grumbled the vacationist. "That's just it."



Family Sunday

My Dear People:

The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated on next Sunday, January 12. Again may I ask that you sanctify this feast by the beautiful custom of the Family Communion.

This tribute of the Family Communion is an outstanding event in the spiritual life of our diocese. Its continuation this year will again bring the blessings of the Holy Family so abundantly into every parish and home.

Let us join together again in this devotion this year. It will be an assurance of God's blessings in the New Year, which is the sincere prayer of

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ

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