

Birth Control Called 'Anti-God, Man'

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law passed by the Church binding only Catholics, but "it is a law of nature binding all mankind."
The Redemptorist said that Dr. Fagley's contention that birth control is needed in the face of an expanding population is the "neo-Malthusian argument" which has "been discredited many times." He said there are many problems in feeding a vastly larger population, but the solution "lies in the fields of economics, technological advances and redistribution of the food supply."

"MANY EMINENT scientists likewise reject artificial birth control as a solution," said Father Sattler. "Dr. Karl Brandt, associate director of Stanford University's food research institute, stated last year that population absolutely cannot outstrip food production. That is not the question, he said, but whether capacity to produce will overshoot the capacity of the market to absorb and ruin farmers by low prices."

Father Sattler said that at the 1956 meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. C. B. Goodhart of Cambridge "offered biological reasons why the 18th century economist Malthus was wrong in holding that population will outstrip food supply."

And at the same meeting, said Father Sattler, Dr. G. V. Jakes, another eminent scientist, claimed that 100 years from now the world would be able to feed its probable population of six billion people.

"We ask Dr. Fagley to keep in mind that artificial birth control is repugnant to the moral sense and the family tradition of not only Catholics, but to men of good will of all nations whose birth control advocates wish to introduce their contraceptives and chemicals," Father Sattler said.

"And we ask, when the position of the Catholic Church in any matter is criticized on Biblical, theological and sociological grounds at World Council meetings, that the speakers be more competent in their fields than Dr. Fagley has been at, Buck Hill Falls."

DR. FAGLEY IS executive secretary of the commission of the churches on international affairs, a joint agency of the World Council of Churches and the In-

ternational Missionary Council. He spoke at the annual meeting of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches in Buck Hill Falls.

He took issue with the "rigid" position of Pope Pius XII in a 1950 encyclical, which, he said, held that the conjugal act "is destined primarily for the begetting of children" and that those who deliberately frustrate its natural power, commit a sin against nature and a deed intrinsically vicious and shameful.

Dr. Fagley claimed that there are "millions of Catholic laymen who disagree with their church in this matter." He called for a speedy development and extension of "effective and inexpensive" methods of birth control to stifle the "population explosion" in underdeveloped areas of the world.

Brother Andre Beatification Case Studied

Vatican City, (NC) — The beatification cause of Brother Andre of the Congregation of Holy Cross has been introduced before the Sacred Congregation of Rites here.

BROTHER ANDRE was born Alfred Bassele in Therville near Montreal, Canada, in 1845. Orphaned at an early age, he worked in Canada and the U.S. to support his family.

In 1870 at the age of 25 he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross and was assigned to Notre Dame College in Montreal as porter and barber.

In 1904 he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal in a small chapel, next to which a vast shrine was subsequently built. He died in 1937.

Brother Andre's writings were approved by the Congregation of Rites in 1953. Proponent of his cause is Cardinal Minerva, Vicar General of Pope Pius XII for Rome, and the postulator is Father Edward Heston, procurator general of the Holy Cross Fathers.



New York — (NC) — "Bon Voyage" wishes were extended to Cardinal Stritch (left), new Vatican head of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, when he departed from here last week for Rome. Shaking hands with Cardinal Stritch is Archbishop Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. Standing in the rear (l. to r.) are: Monsignor Patrick Molloy of Chicago, Cardinal McIntyre and Cardinal Spellman.

Card. Stritch Goes To Italy

New York (NC) — Chicago's Cardinal sailed from here last week for Italy to assume his new post as a top official in the Church's worldwide mission work.

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, departed on the American Export liner S.S. Independence, scheduled to arrive at Naples today (April 25).

THE PRELATE was named last month by Pope Pius XII as Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, that body in the Roman Curia which has jurisdiction over the Church's mission territories.

Cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priests were at the pier last week to bid the Cardinal farewell.

The night before his departure, some 80 members of the hierarchy, together with a number of monsignori and priests, attended a farewell dinner for Cardinal Stritch.

(Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Rochester attended the dinner as the representative of Bishop Kearney.)

Present at the farewell dinner for Cardinal Stritch were: Cardinal Spellman, Cardinal Mooney, and Cardinal McIntyre.

Also present was the Pope's personal representative to the

Church in the United States, Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, the Apostolic Delegate.

BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, Cardinal Stritch held a press conference at the Commodore Hotel at which he told reporters that he could not say whether he was leaving the country permanently.

"I don't intend to anticipate the Holy Father's wishes on that and you'd better not expect," he told newsmen with a smile.

Of his appointment, he said simply: "There is no doubt that the Holy Father wanted to honor the United States by placing an American Cardinal in the Curia, and that was the important thing, not the fact that I was the one selected."

HE SAID HE expects to find his new position especially challenging because he believes it is the Christian missions that have fostered an awakening among peoples in underdeveloped areas.

"Whenever you teach people the dignity of man and our Blessed Saviour," he said, "it helps instill in them a desire for freedom, equality and a dignity. They want their rights."

"If you teach Christ Crucified and also teach any man his inherent worth and his dignity as a person, you will make progress in the missions. You always will," he said.

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Catholic Nurse Officer Heads Navy Corps

Washington (NC) — Capt. Ruth A. Houghton, U.S.N., a member of the National Council of Catholic Nurses, will take over her new post as director of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps on May 1, the Department of the Navy announced here.

CAPT. HOUGHTON'S appointment as director was approved on February 17 by Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates, Jr. She succeeds Capt. W. Jackson, who is retiring.

Capt. Houghton is a graduate of St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Lowell, Mass., and was appointed to the Navy Nurse Corps on June 1, 1933.

SHE RECENTLY completed requirements for an MS in nursing education at the Catholic University of America here.

Capt. Houghton had overseas service in Sydney, Australia; Alton Bay, New Guinea, and Hawaii. She wears the American Defense Service Medal with a star, the American Campaign and Asiatic Pacific medals, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Brooklyn 'Tablet' Marks 50th Year

New York (NC) — The Tablet newspaper of the Brooklyn Diocese, celebrated its 50th anniversary by publishing a 16-page edition.

Launched in April, 1908, as a 16-page tabloid with a circulation of about 13,000, the Tablet now averages 24 standard-sized pages a week. Its anniversary issue ran to more than 170,000 copies.

Started by laymen, the newspaper was purchased by the Brooklyn diocese in 1924. Its first president was Msgr. George W. Mundelein, who later became Cardinal-Archbishop of Chicago. That same year, Claude M. Becker was hired as the paper's first business manager, a position he still holds at the age of 81. Patrick F. Scanlan has been managing editor for more than 30 years.

Lourdes Bishop Tells Proper Use Of Shrine Water

Lourdes — (NC) — A notice covering the proper use of Lourdes water and the sale of religious articles — at Lourdes has been issued by Bishop Pierre-Marie Theas of Tarbes and Lourdes.

LOURDES WATER, the Bishop wrote, should be used according to the words of Our Lady of St. Bernadette, when she said, "Go and drink at the spring and wash in it." To save the water, therefore, in any sort of religious container, instead of using it to drink or for bathing, the Bishop said, would not be respecting its purpose.

The water should never be sold nor should it be contained in any object, pious or otherwise, which is sold. The Bishop said that he was referring to rosaries, crucifixes and other pious articles which are sold containing some Lourdes water.

It is an abuse to ornament such things as ash trays, perfume cases, perfume bottles and the like with the picture of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Bishop said. In most instances, this picture is added simply to make the object more easily sold.

BISHOP THEAS' directive ended with a caution to merchants who advertise religious articles for sale as being already blessed. Such advertisements, he said, are wrong in two ways:

1. Religious articles should not be blessed in stores before they are sold.

2. Such advertising is motivated by a hope for gain, not from any sense of piety or devotion.

48 Maryknollers To Be Ordained

Maryknoll, N.Y. (NC) — Forty-eight seminarians will be ordained as priests of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll) on June 11 at Maryknoll Major Seminary here. Cardinal Spellman will be the ordaining prelate.

The following day, 50 seminarians, priests and Brothers will take part in Maryknoll's 41 annual departure ceremony. The seminarians have been assigned to remote stations on four continents.



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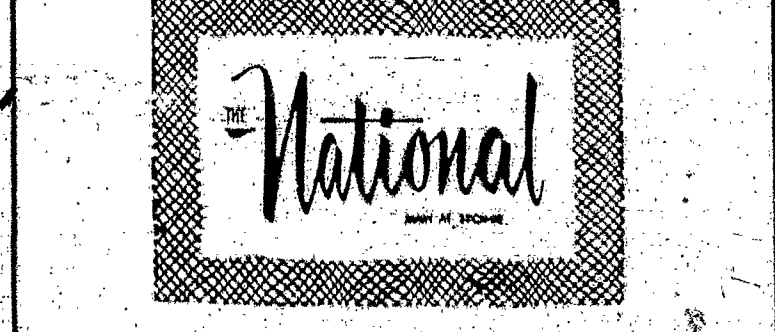
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