

Mother's Day

America this Sunday pays tributes to its mothers. Catholics will mark the day by offering Mass, Holy Communion and special prayers for their mothers.

The Christian religion is symbolized by the sign of sacrifice.

And after the one who died on the cross there is no one who knows the meaning of sacrifice better than the mother who stood next to that cross.

Such has always been the role of every mother — to know sacrifice, its pain and its reward, better than any one else.

"We are born in another's tears and perish in our own," says the proverb.

It is equally true that we are reared and attain our status in the world through the tears and sacrifices and prayers of the mother who gave us birth.

From infancy and through the years of weaning and learning and through the proud adolescent years and through the first of grown-up years and in all the in-between years, our progress is charted and noted and made possible by the sacrifice of our mother.

IN THESE TURBULENT times good mothers are often puzzled by reputed experts who offer conflicting advice.

There are demands and invitations to take part in scores of activities despite the age-old adage that "a mother's place is in the home." It requires the wisdom of Solomon to decide the proper course of action.

There are economic pressures forcing many mothers to seek employment to bolster a father's meager wages.

There are intruding voices from neighbors with differing ideals, TV and magazines shouting down a mother's wise counsels.

Amid this welter of confusion a mother's heart aches to do what is best for her children. This in itself is a sacrifice in which she offers up her previous carefree heart out of deep concern for her children's welfare.

It is her heart which suffers most the "sword of sorrow" when a son or daughter is sucked into wayward paths inevitably doomed to disillusionment.

It is also true that, none but a mother can know the joy and inner satisfaction which glows in her heart when she sees her sacrifices bear fruit when her offspring emerge from the troubled teenage period to hold the family name high in honor, to step into the ranks of Christian married life or dedicated religious service.

THE BEST TRIBUTE to mothers this Sunday will be the humble statement every man will gladly make, "Whatever I am or hope to be, my mother's sacrifices make it possible for me."

And the best reward for these sacrifices will come from the Saviour whose supreme sacrifice on the cross has made every mother's sacrifices the coin to purchase for her an everlasting crown in heaven.

Commercialized

Catholics of the United States will help swell the number of pilgrims to two world-famous shrines both marking special anniversaries this year.

The shrine of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes in southern France is celebrating its centenary and St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada, is observing its 300th jubilee this summer.

Both shrines are annually the target of criticism for being "commercialized."

Since many Catholics from the Rochester Diocese will probably visit one or the other shrine, or have friends or neighbors making the trip, we thought you might want a few facts so you can judge for yourself.

The Lourdes shrine has no church-run shop. Nothing is sold within the "domain" of the shrine.

At the Quebec shrine, the Redemptorist Fathers do have an "official" store in a building behind St. Anne's basilica but there is no pressure put on pilgrims to go there.

At both shrine churches, offerings may be made for Masses, vigil lights, candles, or just out-right contributions, but the poorest pilgrim can pray for days without embarrassment.

Chief target for the sarcasm of critics are the religious goods shops which line the main streets of both villages near the shrines.

The thousands of average people who visit Lourdes or Quebec go there out of sincere devotion and they treasure for life the memory of praying at these spots where God by His miracles gave joy and grace to human hearts.

The average pilgrim also wants a souvenir — a statue, a rosary, some post cards — to take home as a keep-sake and for friends.

We wonder if the shrine critics have forgotten that it's an old American custom for a man to go in business for himself and for a customer to shop where he wants to.

If we believe in "free enterprise" at home, we don't think it's fair to label the same system with a nasty name when it is done near a church in France or Canada.

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Khrushchev's Big Failure

The U.S. and the other western powers are wisely insisting that if any kind of "summit" conference is held, there must be adequate safeguards against its being turned into a mere Soviet propaganda exercise, plus an attempt to bypass the United Nations, to weaken the west's armaments without weakening Russia's, and to cast into the discard the rights of smaller nations — in particular those in eastern Europe.

Thus Khrushchev apparently has been balked in a transparent plan to lure the free world into a blind alley, while surrounding the Kremlin with a spurious air of respectability, and siren-singing the west into a vodka-drinking mood of forgetting the past — including the butchery of Hungary.

What Khrushchev obviously has been striving to bring about is a universal pretense that the Soviet government is a government like other governments, as if the Red Army were not holding sovereign nations in slavery, and as if the USSR and the other iron curtain countries were not filled with concentration camps in which millions exist on a level lower than the beasts of the jungle.

The Kremlin's announcement that the Soviet Union was abandoning tests of nuclear weapons — but would resume testing unless other nations followed suit — fooled nobody but those who desperately desired to be fooled. President Eisenhower was accurate in calling the maneuver a gimmick.

The Soviets had only recently completed a long series of tests, needed time to prepare for the next series, and knew that the U.S. and Britain were on the eve of scheduled tests.

THE WESTERN powers rightly replied by reminding the Kremlin that the U.S. has been trying for 10 years to get Russia to agree to an honest disarmament program under UN supervision, with foolproof guarantees against secret war preparations and surprise aggression, and that the west still stands ready to negotiate such an agreement the moment the Soviets will stop doubletalking and get down to the business of establishing durable peace.

Perhaps it is too much to hope that Khrushchev can bring himself to face the international facts today.

But the facts stand — the free world has heard the Russians crying wolf (or lamb) entirely too often; we can no longer be deluded by hypocritical smiles; we are strong enough to defend ourselves; we want true peace based on justice for everybody and human rights for all humanity, and we are not going to sell out the captive peoples in any crooked deal with communism.

We are aware, too, that everywhere behind the iron curtain the communist despotism stands on shifting sands.

It is not we, but the Marxist bureaucrats who are in deep trouble. The free world grows ever stronger and more calmly united, while behind the iron curtain, the foundations of Moscow's empire of oppression are eroded, hidden but hugely, by populations restless for liberation.

Militarily, the world is in a standoff. Khrushchev finds his nuclear-missile blackmail falling in deaf ears. Something astonishing has happened. The people in the free world are not afraid of Russian threats. They have arrived at an unspoken collective decision that they prefer death — even the death of civilization — to imprisonment in the kind of hell which they have seen communism creating.

IT HAS DAWNED upon the west, too, that Russians are no more eager to be blown into atoms, or to die slowly of radiation poisoning, than any other people. They have no more stomach for starting a war of total extermination than we have. Perhaps they have less stomach for it. They would be dying for the brutal tyranny they detest; we at least would have the satisfaction of sacrificing ourselves for something worthy of a man.



The month of May is dedicated by the Catholic Church to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, May has special significance since 1958 marks the 100th anniversary of our Lady's apparitions to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. Climaxing May devotions in parish churches will be observance of the feast of Mary our Queen on May 31, a new feast inaugurated three years ago by Pope Pius XII. Photo above shows Madonna painted by famous Spanish artist Murillo.

Parable For Headlines

The Snake And The Frog

The son of a prominent actor flouted his Catholic training this week when he went through a wedding rite with a divorced woman.

It is the breeze stirring things, or something moving. It was something moving and I stood for the longest time and finally discovered it . . . a rather large garter snake was struggling with a small frog.

"We thanked God for letting us see this interesting thing, and I thought—watching how carefully and how slowly the snake extended all those marvelous muscles and worked them so subtly to inch the frog down — how like the way the devil carefully, slowly, with an almost hypnotic effect, sucks a soul into sin."

A Pagan View Of Death

'Blankness, Strangled Moans, Terror'

A few weeks ago, one of this country's leading sports figures, Herman Hickman, died after an operation.

Being a nationally known former football player, wrestler and, more recently, a sports commentator Hickman had many stories written about him by his fellow commentators in the sports field. One that was written, we take exception to. This was written by Jimmy Cannon, columnist for the New York Post on the day of Hickman's burial.

For Catholics, Cannon's statement is a clear example of a widespread, current paganism warping men's minds on the very fundamental facts of life and death.

Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, May 11 — St. Philip and St. James, Apostles (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Fifth Sunday after Easter, Creed, Preface of Apostles. (This feast will be found in older missals under date of May 1.)
- Monday, May 12 — Rogation Mass (purple), 2nd collect of St. Nereus and companions, Easter Preface.
- Tuesday, May 13 — St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop (white), Gloria, 2nd collect of Rogation Mass, Creed.
- Wednesday, May 14 — Vigil of Ascension (white), Gloria, 2nd collect of Rogation Mass, 3rd prayer of St. Boniface, no Creed.
- Thursday, May 15 — Ascension of our Lord (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface and Canon Prayers of Ascension.
- Friday, May 16 — St. Ubald, bishop (white), Gloria, Preface of Ascension. Novena for Pentecost begins.
- Saturday, May 17 — St. Paschal Baylon, confessor (white), Gloria.

Glacier Priest Sees World In Confusion

By AL ANTICZAK (N.C.W. News Service)

Hollywood, Calif.—From the summit of his 70 years, Jesuit Father Bernard Hubbard, sees great confusion in the world he has explored for half a century.

The "Glacier Priest" was here for a few days to participate in NBC's nationwide television program "This Is Your Life" which presented (April 30) the story of his life.

His face showing the reflectiveness of a man who has spent much time in northern solitudes, Father Hubbard answered questions unhesitatingly in the study of Blessed Sacrament rectory.

"We're in a great state of confusion. We're letting a few Sputniks and a lot of firecrackers hinder our mental process," he said. "People are practically ascribing preternatural powers to these devices."

"True, among them are the most destructive weapons we have had, but Almighty God has His way of taking care of things."

"I'm not nearly so concerned about war and foreign policy as I am about the moral breakdown we are experiencing. There is a great deal of confused thinking, lack of morality and lack of respect for authority. We see it, for instance, in so many and so revolting teenage crimes."

Fr. Hubbard, whose photograph in a park is familiar to most Americans was tall and trim in his Jesuit cassock.

"Twenty-five years in Alaska either kills you or makes you so tough nothing can hurt you," he said whimsically. "I figured some day I'd break a leg and be out of commission for awhile, but I never thought the roof would fall in."

The roof fell in three years ago when Fr. Hubbard suffered a stroke.

"After the stroke there was only one thing I wanted to do: say Mass. God's been good to me. I can say Mass," he said.

He regained partial use of his left hand and said he takes daily exercise with Santa Clara University's trainer Henry Schmidt.

FATHER HUBBARD is now devoting his time at Santa Clara to editing the 1,500,000 feet of film he has shot in his travels, plus his 20,000 still photos, some shots 55 years ago," he said.

"They've never been catalogued before," the Jesuit commented. "I'm editing them now and hope to make educational, scientific and travel films for schools. The films include not only the Arctic, but a wide range of subjects from the Oberammergau Passion Play to World War II."

The Jesuit explorer said he hoped some realistic plan for Arctic inspection would be worked out from the proposal made by President Eisenhower.

Air, radar and land observation could detect any war moves in Europe or over any land mass, "but it is impossible to do anything with the moving jigsaw puzzle of ice that is the Arctic," Father Hubbard said.

"Any prospective attack or defense, will come from the Arctic," he commented. "The U.S. has done some wonderful reconnaissance up there. So have the Russians."

Fr. Hubbard does not believe war will come, "but you can never tell when madmen are at work and God is out of the picture."

Others who appeared included Rod and Ken Chisholm, and Ed Levin, his companions on various Alaskan explorations. Another surprise guest was Charlie Mayac Fr. Hubbard's former Eskimo guide.

Final guest was Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer who came from his home in Boyds, Md., to pay tribute to Fr. Hubbard for "early alerting our soldiers to the dangers of communism, not hysterically, but in a common sense way that was grasped by our soldiers."

Fr. Hubbard is still an outdoor man.

"In three weeks I'm going back to Alaska," he said.

61 CARDINALS HAVE DIED DURING THE PRESENT PONTIFICATE AND 56 HAVE BEEN CREATED. THE 32 CARDINALS CREATED AT THE 1946 CONSISTORY WAS A RECORD.

5000 CURES HAVE BEEN RECORDED AT LOURDES MEDICAL BUREAU SINCE 1858. It has been officially attested, miraculously by ecclesiastical commissions.

THE PEACE OF WESTPHALIA SIGNED IN OSNABRUCK, GERMANY, IN 1648 ENDING THE 30 YEARS WAR, WITH THE PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS IS STRONGLY COMMEMORATED IN OSNABRUCK ON OCTOBER 25 EACH YEAR BY 1000 PARADE RIDING HOBBY HORSES.

St. Norbert Catholic Church is a remarkable example of modern architecture being developed in Post-War FRANCE.