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

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:

"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 ad-

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 than 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

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

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

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The U.S. and the other west ern powers are wisely insisting that if any kind of "sum-

mit" conference is held, there must be adequate safeguards against its being turned into a mere Soviet propagan. la exercise, plus an attempt to by-

pass 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 Thas 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 Eremlin'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 testings.

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 ouselves; 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, hiddenly but hugely, by populations restless for liberation.

Militarily, the world is in a standoff. Khrushchev finds his nuclear-missile blackmail falling n deaf ears. Somethling astonishing has happened. The people in the free world are not afraid of Russion 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 sary 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 ac- it is the breeze stirring things, tor flaunted his Catholic training this week when he went ' through a wedding rite with a divorced woman.

Newspaper reports said the two "have been keeping company for several months."

THE FOLLOWING report of a mother's conversation with her son as printed in a recent issue of the Torch. Dominican magazine, can serve as an eloquent commentary on any Catholic who lingers with occasions of sin "for several

"My son, Stephen, and I were coming back from the mallbox yesterday and I heard a rustling by the side of the lane. I can tell immediately if

or something moving. It was something moving and I stood for the longest time and finallarge garter snake was strugling with a small frog.

"We watched for about an hour, and went home, had lunch, and came back and finally saw it swallow the frog down. Because he was in the midst of his meal, he would not run away and we didn't disturb him so he let us

"We talked about how this pattern of victim to prey is in our world because of original sin, and wondered how they would have fed if the harmony between them had not been

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

"When he had the trog by one foot, the frog struggled . . . slowly, surely, he got the other foot . . . then up over the larger part of the body, and finally all. Like venial sin, slowly, small little steps by way of venial sin, till more grave, till mortal, fill the soul is finally swallowed up."

-Mary Reed Newland

A Pagan View Of Death

'Blankness, Strangled Moans, Terror'

By FRANK KELLY

Daily Mass

Calendar

Sunday, May 11 — St. Philip

and St. James, Apostles (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of

Fifth Sunday after Easter,

Mass (purple), 2nd collect*

of St. Nereus and compan-

Tuesday, May 13 - St. Robert

Thursday, May 15—Ascension of our Lord (white), Gloria,

Prayers of Ascension.

Pentecost begins.

-omitted at High Mass.

Gloria.

Creed, Preface and Canon

ions, Easter Preface.

tion Mass, Creed.

May 1.)

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.

In this particular column, Cannon stated "death is a fear and agony and a loneliness no. one can comprehend."

We doubt this. Thousands of people are left in a state of shock everyday by the death of." a loved-one. Sure there is a certain amount of agony and grief associated with death, but most people can comprehend it.

As all Catholics realize, our purpose on this earth is to seek eternal salvation in Heaven. This stay whether it be for 46 days, 46 months or 46 years, is only a temporary one. And, each one of us realizes that by dying, we are only going to our eternal reward-be it Heaven or Hell.

DEATH SHOCKS everyone of us for a certain time but Catholics bear with this shock because of the promise of a future deathless life and in this way comprehend God's desire to take a loved one,

The second thing we take exception to in this particular column was the statement that death "is a wicked blankness and strangled moans, it is the absolute terror."

This may be true in certain. very fundamental facts of life cases for certain individuals and death. for those who do not compre-How can anything God or-

hend God's purpose for us on dains for every human be considered an absolute terror? For Catholics, Cannon's state-God has given each one of us life and He makes the decision ment is a clear example of a . widespread, current paganism when to take it away. warping men's minds on the

But the life He takes away is as nothing, because He promises to those who serve Him a future deathless life, to be with Him always.

A THIRD point that Cannon makes in his article is his criticism of God's taking life away from Hickman because Hickman was such a fun-loving individual—the proverbial life of the party.

Creed, Preface of Apostles. For this reason he states, (This feast will be found in older missals under date of death gets no breaks from me when such as Herman Hickman is taken." Monday, May 12 - Rogation

Cannon states that he is sorry Hickman is gone because "he made me laugh. That's enough for me."

Bellarmine, bishop (white) Hickman is well-known to Gloria, 2nd collect of Rogathe American public for his achievements in the sports field, both as commentator and Wednesday, May 14 -- Vigil of participant. We think that he Ascension (white), Gloria, 2nd collect of Rogation Mass, deserves the national recognition that he has been given. 3rd prayer* of St. Boniface,

> But, we doubt however, that he would be very pleased if his only accomplishment remembered after his death is that "he made me laugh," as Cannon stated.

Friday, May 16 - St. Ubald, The columnist's statement is bishop (white), Gloria, Preface ridiculous. We think that Hickof Ascension. Novena for man would agree and would rather hope that his friends would have been more im-Saturday, May 17—St. Paschal pressed with his character and Baylon, confessor (white) his contributions to manking than the fact that he could make men laugh on occasion.

Glacier Priest

Sees World In Confusion

By AL ANTCZAK

(N.C.W.C., 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

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

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

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

"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 parka 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 # 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 suf-"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 250,000 still photos, "some shots 55 years ngo," he said. "They've never been cata-

logued 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 lioped some realistic plan for Arctic inspection would be worked out from the proposal made by President Eisnhower.

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

"Any prospective attack or defense, will come from the Arctic," he commuted, "The U.S. has done some wonderful



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FATHER HUBBARD Twenty-five years in Alaska

reconnaissance up there. Se have the Russians."

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

The priest who has probed the world's far corners in 50 years of scientific work said that "the world is now trying to run itself with dark intellects and weak wills. It is very much in need of grace and the sacraments."

During the TV show "This Is Your Life," Fr. Hubbard was surprised by the appearance of close friends from various phases of his life. Ralph Edwards' show flew in Mrs. Anton Lang, widow of Anton Lang who played Christ in the Oberammergau Passion Play. Fr. Hubbard had befriended the Langs during his time in. Europe in the 1920's.

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.

Strange But True

