



'BRIDES OF CHRIST' — Postulants in their white bridal gowns stand at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse entrance to begin Wednesday morning ceremony

Thirty Receive Nuns' Garb Of St. Joseph Sisters

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Lloyd Marshall, Blessed Sacrament parish.

Sister M. Gertrude (Marie McCarthy), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarthy, St. Cecilia's parish, Elmira.

Sister Maureen (Carol Murphy), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murphy, Immaculate Conception parish.

Sister M. Electa (Carol Spada), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spada, Holy Rosary parish.

Sister M. Brenda (Marie Dewey), daughter of Mrs. James Dewey, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish.

Sister M. Conchita (Patricia Sullivan), daughter of Mrs. Irene Sullivan, Holy Rosary parish.

Sister M. Eleana (Mary Ellen Brennan), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish.

Sister M. Germaine (Christine Durbin), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Durbin, St. Patrick's parish, Moravia.

Sister M. De Lourdes (Laura Davis), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, St. Paul's parish, Oswego.

Bishop Kearney gave the sermon at the Mass. He told the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette at the Lourdes grotto in 1858.

"It may be at some grotto of Our Lady," he told the parents, "that the call of God came to your daughter. And the great moment of Bernadette's life, possibly even a greater moment than the first visit of Our Blessed Lady, was when she

dedicated herself to God, as these Sisters have done today.

"It was not an easy thing for her to do," the Bishop pointed out. "It is not an easy thing for these Sisters. It is just as hard for them to leave you," he told the parents, "as it is for you to give them up, but they know the promises of Our Lord to those who leave all for His sake."

The Bishop exhorted the Sisters to follow Bernadette's example: "Accept God's plan no matter what it may be. Its joys and sorrows, successes and failures, and its disappointments as well as its fulfillment, and know always that wherever you may be, you will always find the Virgin Mother of God who came first and called you to the apostolic work of her Divine Son."

ASSISTING the Bishop were Reverend Edward J. McAniff and Reverend Albert H. Schnacky. In the procession, Reverend William H. Shannon was cross-bearer; Reverend P. David Finks and Reverend William A. Trott, acolytes.

Attending the ceremony were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors Leslie Whalen and John McCafferty.

Also the Reverend Fathers John P. O'Brien, Raymond P. Nolan, William L. Devereaux, Francis Donohue, O. Carm., Brendan Howlin, O. Carm., Donald E. Lux, Leonard A. Kelly, Francis J. Pezgam.

Fathers John A. Morgan, Edward A. Goulet (Boonville), Joseph L. Hogar, Richard Nangle,

'Save The Irish' Prelate Pleads People More Important Than A Language

Inchigeela, Ireland — (NC) — Bishop Cornelius Lucey of Cork said here that "saving the Irish people is far and away more important than saving the Irish language."

"And make no mistake about it," he warned in an address, "the Irish people need saving; they are emigrating at the rate of roughly 50,000 a year."

"There are a million persons Irish by birth, but not English, American and so on, by adoption and force of circumstances."

Bishop Lucey declared that to give saving the language priority over saving the people was a distortion of values. He added that "in actual fact neither the language nor the people is being saved."

"THE FACT IS," he said, "that there are far fewer Irish speaking homes in the country now than there were 30 years ago."

The Bishop said that revival of the Irish language is an important and worthwhile project. However, he contended, the methods employed so far are not working and should be discarded.

California Farmer Gets Papal Honor

Sacramento — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII has awarded the Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice to the principal benefactor of the St. Pius Seminary Fund campaign now underway in the Sacramento diocese.

The recipient is Henry J. Need, 60, long-time farmer in Sacramento County, who early in the campaign donated 100 acres of land near Gall, 25 miles east of Sacramento, for the site of the seminary. Recently he gave an additional 220 acres to the seminary drive.

Historic Delaware Church Reopened

Wilmington — (NC) — Historic old St. Francis Xavier Church, founded in 1704 two miles north of nearby Warwick, Md., has been reopened to visitors.

The church, known as "Old Bohemia" because it is situated near a branch of the Bohemia River, was one of the earliest Catholic foundations in the English colonies.

Leaflet Missal For Labor Day

Chicago — (NC) — The Mass of St. Joseph the Worker, which this country and Canada can observe on Labor Day under a special Holy See ruling — has been published in a leaflet by the Catholic Council on Working Life, 21 West Superior Street.

The council's announcement said that in 1937, more than 500 special Labor Day Masses were celebrated in various U.S. and Canadian cities. The leaflet costs 15 cents each for orders under 10 copies. The price drops as the number ordered rises.

DeSapio Visits Pope Pius

Vatican City — (RNS) — Two prominent New Yorkers were received here in a special throne-room audience by Pope Pius XII. They were Carmine de Sapio, the first American of Italian origin to serve as New York's Secretary of State, and Fortune Pope, editor of Il Progresso Italiano in New York, the largest Italian language daily in the United States.

Is It 'Old Fashioned' To Spank A Child And Until What Age?

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Putting it bluntly, should children be spanked when they have proved themselves naughty enough to deserve the "old fashioned treatment"? Until approximately what age should parents feel it their duty to "paddle Mary or Johnny from the rear"? Our friends tell us our children — ages 10, 12, and 14 — are too old to be spanked. We don't agree with them. Our spankings are mild — a few little hand taps while turned over our knee. Are we wrong?

As you probably know, Allee, ideas about how to raise children shift from one extreme to another every few years.

In the late twenties, the psychologist Watson told parents to treat children like adults. "If you must, kiss them once on the forehead when they say goodnight. Shake hands with them in the morning."

"Contemporary parents took him literally, though the next generation shifted to the opposite extreme of utter permissiveness. Today parents turn to the more balanced writing of Spock and Gesell to learn about their growing children.

In spite of numerous theories and some research, we still have little scientifically verified knowledge about the long range effects of early training experience upon children. Hence, prudence prompts us to offer no general theory of the merits or demerits of spanking, rather we shall raise a few questions and suggest a few norms.

WHAT IS THE purpose of spanking? Obviously it is not an outlet for the anger or exasperation of the parent. Children are spanked with the hope of improving their behavior — as we commonly say, to teach them a lesson.

It follows, first, that some children may never need a spanking. They have a naturally docile, happy disposition which requires little more than a look or a word for discipline.

The majority, however, have their moments of rebellion, selfishness, or meanness to others when they can't be reasoned with and need to be disciplined. Likewise, in situations involving serious danger for the child or others, disobedience must be associated with physical pain, since reasoning with him has failed. It's silly to let a child learn from experience when that experience may seriously harm him or others.

Since spankings are meant to help the child, they should be used intelligently. This is to

say, a child should clearly understand why he is being punished. He obviously should not be punished for an accident, or for something he could not reasonably be expected to foresee.

Punishment should be consistent. If you spank him for being "sassy" spank him every time it happens. Don't carelessly threaten him with punishment, and then spank him only when you're exasperated.

Further, if you feel he deserves a spanking, give him his due and then let him remain by himself for awhile so he can think it over. Don't spoil the lesson by getting sentimental about it.

UNTIL WHAT age should children be spanked? I feel that depends very much upon the child. In reality, spankings are necessary because at some stages of their development, children cannot be reasoned with and their disobedience must be associated with pain or some discomfort they can grasp.

As they develop, reason and self-discipline gradually become operative and other means of securing conformity to rules become available.

OF COURSE, the final objective of the whole training process is to enable children to master the norms, rules, and controls required for mature Christian living.

Some mature more quickly than others, but the goal is the same for all. Perhaps the mother is not as important as the father in teaching children to stand on their own feet, and make their own decisions in terms of correct Christian principles. This requires the habit of reflection, self-control, and responsibility.

The main point is that you keep clearly in mind what you are trying to do as parents, that is, to help your children develop toward the independence and responsibility of Christian maturity.

GOD'S HOME FIRST, OUR'S LATER!

Sister Gladys of the Holy Cross, superior of St. Mary's Convent, Ernakulam, India writes: "We humbly approach our benefactors with a request. It is forty years since this institution has been started. . . we are now 50 sisters. . . we conduct a high school with an enrollment of 1,300 pupils. . . about 80 girls room and board with us. . . and we have an orphanage with 32 children. The sisters live in part of the school building and the school veranda is used as a chapel. In all these years we have not been able to give a proper place to Our Lord. . . all our earnings have to be used to run the school and orphanage. So, our beloved benefactors, we approach you humbly, with a request—will you be kind enough to help us build a chapel? . . . To build a chapel for these sisters will cost \$4,000. Could you help? They are asking for a home for Our Lord."

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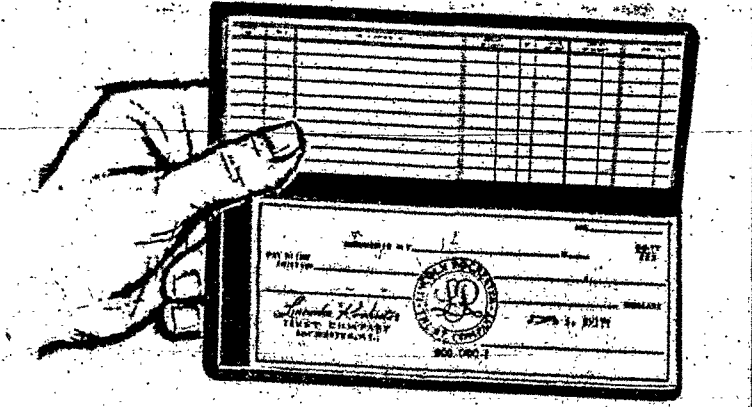
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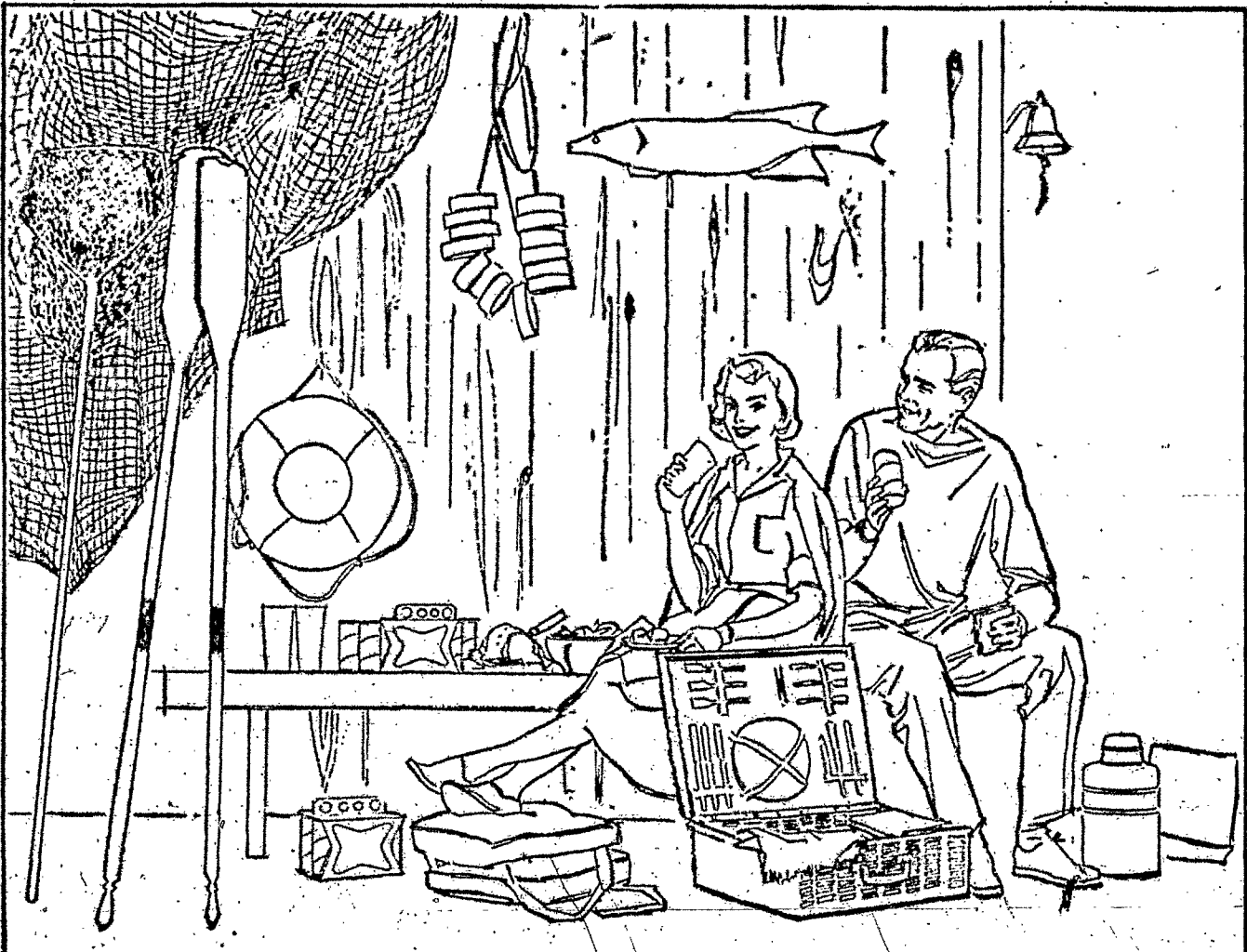


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