

Should I Give Up College To Help Support My Parents?

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What obligations do older children have to help support their families? I've saved the money I made during vacations and have earned a scholarship for college, but my father thinks I should get a job and help support the family. He says I'll marry in a few years and my education will just be wasted. I want to do what's right, though I've got my heart on going to college because I feel the training will be valuable throughout life. What should I do?

First of all, Ellen, I wish to emphasize your own mature attitude toward solving the problem for the future. It's highly encouraging to hear from girls — and boys — who know what they want in life and are willing to make the sacrifices required to achieve it.

There are several points that must be cleared up before I can help you solve your problem. Perhaps we'd best start with the moral principles involved. As you are aware, the family forms an economic unit to which all members must contribute according to their ability.

The father is the principle breadwinner, through his earnings, while the mother makes her contribution in managing the household and children are expected to help in any way they can. The children's chief contribution usually consists in helping mother, though on the farm many wider opportunities are available.

This obligation to help one's parents is clear and can cause no argument. Now your problem, Ellen, is somewhat different. Once children are old enough to work away from home, what is their obligation to contribute to the support of the family? First, the parents may justly demand that the working child pay a reasonable amount for room and board.

MOST PARENTS don't require this because they want to help their children get started in life. However, if the child continues to live with his parents after reaching maturity, such a contribution or its equivalent should be made in justice.

Must the working child contribute all of his wages to help support the family, or, as in



your case, must he forego further education in order to take a job and thus help them out?

This depends on family needs. If there is serious need because of sickness, inability of the father to earn an adequate income, or any other situation, the education of older children to help out seems clear.

However, this does not appear to be the source of your problem. Your family has managed to get along without this special help so far. The source of the difficulty seems to be your father's attitude toward higher education for girls.

He feels that this education is worthwhile only if you use it to earn money. Since you will probably marry shortly after finishing college, your education will be wasted.

I DON'T HAVE to tell you, Ellen, that a good many people take this view toward higher education for women. In fact, some college girls apparently fear this way — since they make little effort to acquire real intellectual development while putting in their time at school.

This is a serious mistake, particularly at present when

major emphasis on marriage is being placed on coeducation. These girls intend to marry college graduates. How can they become real companions to such men if their intellectual development stops just during high school?

After a few years of marriage they will probably feel like the wife who protested to her husband, "All you ever do is sit there and think you want to do anything we can both do."

HIGHER EDUCATION has many advantages. Besides helping prepare you for a useful career, it develops your intellectual powers, broadens your understanding of people and the world, widens your interests, and opens the door to vast intellectual and spiritual fields which you can spend a lifetime exploring. Equal education is not the only way to achieve these benefits, but it is the easiest and most direct.

Ellen, I feel you should make use of your scholarship. You apparently possess the talents and will profit from it. In spite of the large numbers attending college, these are still relatively rare qualities. It would really be a waste to neglect them.

Report Shows Vatican Role In UN Agencies

United Nations (NC) — The Holy See made contributions or pledges to six United Nations agencies and organizations last year, according to the newly published Yearbook of the United Nations for 1957.

A check of the yearbook indicated that the largest single contribution from the Vatican was \$10,000, given to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, of which the Vatican is not a member.

The Holy See pledged \$2,000 toward the fund for carrying out the expanded Technical Assistance Program for 1958.

The UN Yearbook also reports that the Holy See contributed to the budgets of the United Nations Children's Fund, which works to aid needy children throughout the world and to promote better living standards for families; and to the International Atomic Energy Agency, which works to promote peaceful uses for atomic energy. The Atomic Energy Agency was founded in July, 1957, with the Holy See being one of the founding members.

As a member of the International Telecommunications Union, a U.N. agency which aims at improving communications throughout the world, the Holy See was assessed and paid \$1,025. It also contributed nearly \$500 to the Universal Postal Union, which aims to promote international postal regulations and improve international mail service.

The Holy See is also represented on the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF), and contributed to the fund.

In addition the Vatican sent official observers to many meetings of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including the Economic and Social Council, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

UN Agency Cites Papal Support

Paris (NC) — The impress of two men was predominant at the United Nations educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization opened its 10th General Conference here. One was His Holiness Pope John XXIII; the other, Pope Pius XII.

The encouragement given UNESCO by Pope Pius was etched in the minds of all participating in the conference, and none could forget that Pope John had left a definite imprint on the world body. As Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, he had been the Holy See's first Permanent Observer at UNESCO.

A number of the opening addresses of the conference made special note of the work of the two pontiffs.

'Prayers Answered' Says Arctic Priest



FATHER CUNNINGHAM polar prayers answered

Washington (NC) — "All our prayers were answered by the rescue."

These are the words of Father Thomas P. Cunningham, a Jesuit missionary and one of the world's experts on Arctic pack ice, after a rescue plane swooped the priest and 19 other men from an ice floe on which they were stranded near the North Pole.

Father Cunningham's words were relayed here by Air Force officials who reported after the arrival of the men in Greenland that their conditions were good, despite being on the crumbling ice island for six days.

The 20 men, scientists and Air Force personnel, had been camping on the ice floe about 300 miles from the North Pole to gather data on the International Geophysical Year.

In a series of violent storms, the floe broke in two, separating the men from their landing ship. For a time, it appeared they would have to cross about a mile of open water to get to the runway. But extremely low tempera-

tures froze the water and they were able to run across.

Father Cunningham, 52, is a missionary to Eskimos, working out of Point Barrow, Alaska. His knowledge of Arctic ice packs, gathered through years of travel in his missionary area is well known.

He was retained by the Alaskan Air Command as a civilian consultant and spent several weeks on the floating ice floe, the most hazardous project of the Geophysical Year studies, being made in the area.

The priest was one of three men who made the initial landing on the floe in 1957.

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Vietnam Reds Expel Missionary Bishop

Saigon (RNS) — A French-born bishop was among five Roman Catholic missionaries recently ordered expelled from Communist North Vietnam for alleged anti-state activities, reports from Hanoi disclosed.

The reports identified the prelate as 53-year-old Bishop Andre Reginald Jacq, Coadjutor to Bishop Felix Hedde, Vicar Apostolic of Langson and Caobang, who also is French. Both bishops belong to the Dominican Order.

Bishop Jacq, a native of Soerres, near Versailles, is the first bishop ordered expelled from the country by the North Vietnam-Communists. However, in recent years several vicars apostolic, along with hundreds of priests and religious, have been jailed or put into concentration camps.

The Hanoi reports said Bishop Jacq had been charged with committing acts "harmful to the security and public order of the Republic." They did not specify what the alleged offenses were.

CATHOLIC SOURCES here said they were unaware whether or not the bishop had already left the country. They described him as having been highly respected and well liked among the people for whom he worked.

ordered expelled by the Communists in the North were Father Thomas Cote, C.S.S.R., 62, and Father Denis Paquette, 45, both Canadians; and two other priests, so far identified only as Abbot Nordeux and Abbot Gilbert.

Reports in recent months disclosed that anti-religious programs have been strongly intensified in North Vietnam and new methods of repression are being tried out. Before Vietnam was split into two separate states in 1954, the bulk of Vietnamese Catholics lived in the northern part of the country now ruled by the Communists. Of the 1,200,000 who formerly lived there, 700,000 have fled to South Vietnam despite strenuous Communist efforts to stop them.

Poetry Medal
New York (NC) — A. M. Sullivan, author of "The Three Dimensional Man" and many books of poems, received the annual Medal Award of the Catholic Poetry Society of America at a dinner-meeting of the society here.

Nun Urges School Letters For Classroom Work

Indianapolis — The awarding of school letters for academic achievement was recommended here by a panel of speakers at the annual Teachers Institute sponsored by the Indianapolis archdiocese. Sessions of the two-day institute, held at Secchia High School, were attended by some 600 elementary and secondary teachers.

The original recommendation for awarding school letters as a spur to scholastic excellence was made by Sister Mary Janet, of the Sisters of Charity, principal, St. Mary's High School, Lansing, Michigan.

Sister Mary Janet told her audience that she has introduced the awarding of letters to top scholars in her own school, and the experiment has been quite successful.

"THE ATHLETES resented the idea at first," Sister Mary Janet said, "but they get accustomed to it very quickly."

Sister Mary Janet expressed the opinion that school letters should be awarded also for achievement in such extracurriculars as choir, glee club, band, laboratory projects and the like.

Niagara Seminary Selects New Site

Bethlehem, N.Y. (NC) — A 200-acre site fronting on the Hudson River has been selected for the new Our Lady of Angels Seminary.

At present the seminary, conducted by the Vincentian Fathers, is located on the campus of Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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