By JOHN A GREAVES

London — (NC) — The question of Catholic schools In Britain may be a major issue in the general election. most people expect within the next year.

Neither of the two big political parties. Conservative or Labor, can now afford to ignore the powerful Catholic vote and Catholis are urgently pressing for increased government grants for the building of their schools.

Catholics have been given a big boost in their campaign with the recent decision of the Church of Eng. land — which also runs some schools of its own inside the free national education system — to press for a similar higher grant.

State schools teach — or are supposed to seach — a rague non-controversial Christianity based on the Bible! Church groups wishing to have schools where their children will be taught a more definite belief must, if they wish to have such schools maintained inside the national system, show that they are needed in a particular district and then provide 50 per cent of the money for building

The only church which seriously worries about this is the Catholic Church, which puts up its own schools wherever it can at great financial sacrifice. The Anglicans also put up some strictly Church of England schools, but they have much more money.

Now Anglicans and Catholics are asking for the government's share in the building grant to be raised from 500

The other big churches here are strongly opposing the increased aid, which they claim would use taxpayers' money to maintain denominational teaching, they forget that Catholics pay full faxes on all state schools as well as profide the extra cash for their own, and that if the Catholics did/not build their/schools, the state/would have to build them to accommodate the children in-

Many non-Catholics on the contray, including some Members of Parliament, believe the church schools are a definite check on increasing juvenile crime.

If the present Conservative government refuses the churches' plea for more help, many of its supporters are reported to be afraid that the Catholic bishops will issue a statement denouncing their attitude.

Both Conservative and Labor party experts are reported to be concerned at the possible effect of a religious controversy over schools at election time,

Father Francis J. Ripley, superior of the Catholic Missionary Society, a group of priests devoted to conver-aion work, told a Catholic rally in Glasgow, Scotland, that the present government is devising all kinds of ways and means to prevent a rise in juvenile crime, while ignoring the only one which could succeed.

"In a nation in which churchless parents send their churchless children to be taught by churchless teachers in a churchless atmosphere in a churchless school, only dire catastrophe can rightly be expected," he declared. "With the growth of materialism men have become entangled in a multiplicity of problems from which they are striving in vain to free themselves. The only way to freedom is the teaching of Christ."

Making Marriage Click

Face Up To Loneliness

By MSGR, IRVING A. DeBLANC

Possibly the most devastating disease of our times is just plain loneliness. There is perhaps, no condition so acute and so universal as loneliness. Everybody at some time or another is subject to

lts ravages. Doctors cannot sure it. Only the victim himself can do so.

Some flee it, some fight it. some forget it. The most Succes's ful. however, simply -face it. There is no mass solution. Earh one of us requires an indiridumi

remedy



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family can break through this

It is only then that some open up into the outside world; them loose. Some thus wait for catastrophe to be Christian!

recognize and help the lonely child. They know that the best safeguard against loneliness is to start early. They teach the child to have a full life. But only an individual approach is going to help. A good teacher gives generously of himself in time: in patience, in sympathy. in understanding,

The incidence of loneliness is higher among the unskilled and underpaid workers. This is especially true of women,

Evening institutes for furthering adult education is, therefore a growing need. Such practical subjects as millinery, film-appreciation, interior decoration, glovemaking, cookery, electronics, fir the need, Religion, sociology, psychology, languages, refresher courses, are also a great help for older women who must be gainfully employed through necessity. This gives a second enance in education for those who left school in their early teens.

Unfortunately, the lonely person is often not one who easily makes friends. He snubs and hurts, those; who would befriend him. Others must implerstand this and not be discussed

Just a klind volce, however, can help arrest a growing lone. liness which might be on the verge of becoming incurable. As a gloomy day affects us differently then a bright day, so also does a bright personality in contrast to a gloomy



he Forty Hours Devotion

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praiseand all thanksgiving he every moment Thine.

This short prayer learned in childhood summarizes the main relea of the Forty Hours devotion.

Parishes of the Diocese take their turn week by week each year in scheduling this devotion which honors Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.

As the Catholic Church launched into a new liturgical year this past Sunday, Sarroll Heart Cathedral tool its place as first of the parties to conduct the Forty Hours rites.

With but few exceptions: from now until the lose of the liturgical year next Nevember, each wirekand not find one even Christmas falls to jar " faithful Catholics making the parish after another filled with Forty Hours,"

With 1950 design and by Bish. Teachers in schools ofters on Kenney as a Eucharistic Years the Form Hours de-Votion is expected to be attended even better this usual.

> Why do our churches hold this devotion? How did It originate? What is it supposed to accomplish? How should Catholies take part in their parish. Forty Hours? These questions inevitably come up when a pastor announces the devotion for. his parish ...

Following is a brief, outline of the ceremonies, significance and history of this well known Catholic custom,

THE DEVOTION takes its name from the fact that the Blessed Sucrament is placed in the monstrance, a gold, sunshaped display race, and "exposed" in this fashion for an approximate 40 hours,

Actually the exact count in most parishes averages out to about 37, hours, Many European churches and some Amerlean churches conduct the devariou straight through for 40 consecutive hours. Most Amerlean churches, however, interrupt the devotion during the night hours.

Why the "forty" hours?

The number 40 occurs fre quently in Scripture - the Flood is reported as lasting 40 days. Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Commandments, the brackites journeyed 10, years on their trek to the Promised Land, Our Lord last

ed 40 days at the start of H's public life and remained on earth 40 days after His resurrection. It is also said that He was 40 hours in the tomb fol lowing His crucifixion.

Christians from the first centuries sought cluss in Scripture to guide them in their public and private prayers and rituals. The 40 day fasts of Mores and Gur Lord determined the length of Lenf-40 days of penance.

The Forty Hours devotion developed as a "little Lent" during the late Middle Ages when critical times indicated. a need for more intense prayer and penance. The devotion also series as a "longer Holy Thursday" when Eucharistic devotion is cut short by the dawn of Good Friday with lie emphasis on the sufferings and death of the Saviour.

Milan seems to be the birthplace of the devotion and that. city's famous archbishop. St. Charles Borromeo, did much to popularize it.

Milan in mid-sixteenth reptury was a double target for Reformation onslaught from the north or from Turkish attack from the smilleast. It was also a city with a reputation for widespread immerality. during the carnival season before Lent. .

St. Charles promoted the

tion to save the city from its year. Today we call that 'rile. enemies and to make repara. "Benefiction of the Blessed" tion-do" the sins of its own : Sacrament."

Milan also is considered the the charting of the Litany of day by Sunday in the various per arce parishes of the diocese.

St. Philip Nerl and St Igna devotion with special Andulthus Loyela inaugurated simil. gon es a plenary indulgence lar devotions in Rome and me he gained by Confession Pope ('lement XIII drew up a ar thomastion, by attending standars of program in 1:31 / the opening or closing rite and

His detailed instruction even specifies the number of can. Ro my in the church, and by altar and ralls for relats rd adorers so there will be no in terruption in prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacramont.

ends with Mass in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and both Masses are to be followed by a procession if at all possible on the inhetween day a Mass for Peace is to be offered.

The concluding rite of the Forty Hours devotion, according to Pope Clement, was to include the singing of the hymn "Tantum ergo" and the first's making the sign of the stories in the Courier Journal cross with the monstrance to. bless the people.

Its own to be used on many ance at Holy Mass and recep-Forty Hours custom as a peti- other occasions during the tion of Hely Communion.

Pole Clement also prescribed city where the practice began the Saints, the Church's tradiof rolating the devotion Sunt Haral player of polition, and

The Church has enriched the which remains in force to this praying for the Pope; partial indulgence may be gained by Visiting the church where the decetion is held, by saying the the stand we double whoth kniest to the shoot genuftertion when entering or leaving the church,

Figh week this newspaper The devotion begins and Profishes the names of church es, chapels or institutions of the funcese scheduling Forty Hours at that time. During this coming Eucharistic Year, fare des and individuals might the practice of masses a Sudday afternmon Introduce to some nearby par-Ishashin Forty Hours is being tring

We are also use this weekly as a counder of resolutions made at Forty Hours in our home parish when we prom-This: concluding ceremony ised ourselves a more devout soon became a separate rite all, and a more frequent attende

JOSEPH

Let The Rains Fall

I suppose the trouble was that St. Joseph, being a carpenter, and a good one, shud-

tho ughtof my making a shrine in his honor. Oh, I have no doubt that he thought

kindly of me miter I bro a ched the idea to Joseph Beler through the vell that lies between earth and heaven.

Probably he remarked to Jesus and Mary in one of their family gatherings that I deserved some kind of mark on the credit side for good intentions. But he seems to have put down his doot against the shrine itself.

After all, it is well bruited about in celestial circles that there is no telling what monstrosity will emerge from a meeting of hammer, nails, saw and Breig.

HOWEVER THAT may be the fact is that the years fell from furture to past like leaves from a calendar, and the shrine remained only a promise.

Once I did actually succeed In getting a small statue glued somehow to a log under a rose rellis in the back vard; but the zains came, and the winds blew, and you know what hap Dens to houses built on sand and to shrines constructed secording to the formulas of a rman who is totally incompetent to do anything except put words down on paper, one after another,

Well, sir, I dld the ghly thing Fiat seemed practicable; I com-Fromlers by putting a statue - I the woodworker, of Nazareth on the mantel in the living room, and explaining that I would try to make it up by strilling, something now and then about the holiness with which he embraced the life of sacrifice to which he was called, and about the fact that no hrusband and father ever really grasps the nobility of being a I ather and husband until he has thought long and hard ron the exemple of this per-Tecl husband father who, physfeally was neither, but spiritwally sublimely both."

THAT SEEDIED to be all right; it would do. I told mysell. And that was the way it was for another year or two. until one day the young hus. hand and father next door, who is not a Catholic but you would boast about him being one if he were, came in one day with a huge glass globeor rather half-globe - and invited me to guess what in the world it was

I said it must have fallen from a flying saucer or some kind of space craft, but final. ly he let me in on the secret it had been the cover of one of those big are lamps which used to light the streets of our cities. It had been used in an exhibition, and then they were. going to throw it away, so he atched on to it.

He brought it into our how because he and his wife had said to each other that to would look dandy with one of our medonina statutes imide, and maybe a they light for illumine

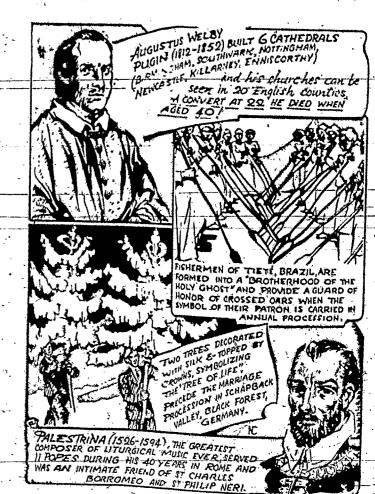
No final conduction was reached at the moment, and I took it that the subject must have been dropped, at least for the time being.

But one evening I came is from giving a talk somewhere, and sat down to watch a week ern on TV, and just when the here was up to his eyes in trouble, Linda (she's Sam's wife, and Sam is the neighbor I've been talking about) poked her head in and asked could r go over to their house right

SO OF COURSE I thought something had happened to one of their children, and T went galloping next door, I was directed into the basement and there were Sam and my wife, and Linda right behind me and Sam had cadged a huge log when the fellow ross the street cut down a ree, and he had fitted my statue of St. Joseph on the log. under the glass hemisphere, with a concealed light shining on it, and Im telling you, if was just what the decler

It is in place in our back yard now, with wires running underground, and all we need do is turn a switch, and there is our illuminated St. Joseph shrine, and the rains can come, and the winds blow, but this is no house built on sand. And Sam is going to rig another wire so that our back yard shrine of Joseph's Lady will be lighted up, too, and that's the story. Joseph has his shrine, and his corpenter's soul is at peace with, it, which it could hardly have been if I had muddled the thing through.

Strange But True



Prayer Octave Set For Church Unity Garrison, N. Y. - (RNS) - souls into the unity of the O Boyle of Washington, D. C.

Special Masses, devotions and Church." prayers for religious unity will be held in Catholic churches throughout the world during the annual Chair of Unity Octave observance, Jan. 18-25.

Formerly known as the Church Culty Octave the observance was started in 1908 by Father Paul James Francis, S.A., founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Alonement here, which has promoted the octave since then. It begins each year on the Peast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome and closes on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

In announcing plans for the week, Father Titus Cranny, S.A., national director of the Octave, said that Catholics "are becoming more aware of the problems of unity and of the need of prayer to bring

"The Octave was never meant for only a select lew: it, should appeal to all the faith churches across the country. winning souls for God," he In the Rome observances,

Since 1927 the Octave has been observed in every diocese of the United States. It also is marked in some \$4 other coundinal Agagianian, Pro-Prefect Among prominent churches

where unity services will be held are Westminster Cathedrai, London; Church of the Gesu, Rome; National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, sist of prayers for the inten-Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

Cardinal Spellman of New York will preside at a special Mass in St. Patrick's on Jan. 18; and Archbishop Patrick will celebrate a Mass at the Marian shrine.

Other Masses and special de-

several cardinals are expected to participate, including Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals; Gregory Peter XV Carof the Sacred, Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith; and Micia Cardinal Canall, Pro-Dean of the Sacred Col-

The services in general contions of the Octave, a sermion on the theme of religious unity and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

INTENTIONS for the eight days are

"other sheep" to the fold of St. Peter the One Shepherd.

Jan. 19. - Return of all Orl. votions also will be held in ental separatists to commun ion with the Apostolic See. Jan 20 - Submission of An

glicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ. Jan 21 - That the Luther. ans and Protestants of Conti-

nexital Europe may find their way back to the Holy Church.

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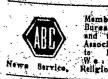
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