

### Lutherans OK Supervised Dance

St. Louis—(RNS)—Lutherans in parish houses was opposed, but was condoned for schools and private homes, if approved by parents.

Social dancing should not be allowed under conditions "which provide easy opportunity for engaging in immoral acts," the statement said, urging that each congregation face the question openly and frankly.

Times and places where social dancing is permissible were limited by the conference. Dancing

## Now That Our Children Are Grown Up, Our Marriage Seems To Be Meaningless

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Is it possible for couples to grow apart rather than together during marriage? Our last child married a few months ago, and now, not only our home but our lives seem terribly empty. I guess we were so busy with the children we didn't have much time for each other. Joe has worked very hard, but most of his interests are his own. We just don't know how to enjoy things together anymore. What can we do?



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## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE WORLD TODAY has three kinds of missionaries, that is, men who are on fire with an idea, either true or false.

THE COMMUNISTS are missionaries. Every member of the Young Communists League is bound to talk Communism in every conversation. The Communist leaders have stolen Pentecostal fires, but instead of burning upward to light a world, they burn downward as the fires of hell burning to destruction.

THE MUSLIMS are missionaries. The 400 million of them in the world accept only one rule of life and are almost all impervious to every spiritual influence of Christianity. Consider Africa! In twenty years the number of faithful increased by ten million and during the same period the number of Moslems increased by 36 million. Every Moslem merchant is a missionary. Nasser invites all black Africa to unite itself under the leadership of the Moslems.

IN BRIEF, Communism is centering its attention on Asia; Moslemism on Africa. The future of the world centers about these two continents.

WE CATHOLICS are missionaries too. We have not the spirit of Marx, nor the spirit of Mohammed, but the Holy Spirit to guide us, who are therefore heavenly missionaries. Now, why is it that we who are heavenly missionaries have not the zeal and spirit of sacrifice of these earthly missionaries?

MAYE WE CATHOLICS SAID to Christ: "Come down from that Cross and we will believe?" Has organization supplanted sacrifice? Why should Communists and Moslems be on fire while so many of us barely flicker? At the altar-table we receive the glorified Christ into our souls while at the dinner table we rarely if ever, mention His Name or seek to win a soul to His Sacred Heart.

OUR LORD SAID: "I am come to cast fire upon the earth, and what will I but that it be kindled?" (Luke 12/49) Fires we shall have, but the Lord wants us to have them here, not in Hell. It is fire that makes martyrs brave, priests zealous, bishops saintly and the Church Missionary. Our Lord did not come to deliver a message but to save the world.

ARE WE ON FIRE? We talk about lighting candles, when it is holocausts like Africa and Asia we should be kindling with our sacrifices. The Seventh Day Adventists average \$33 per capita, to bring their Adventist Gospel to missions; last year we gave 30¢ per capita. In the Name of Him Who brought fire to the earth, and the Holy Spirit Who guides us, make a daily sacrifice, a tiny one, to prove that you love all people. Send it to His Holiness Pope John XXIII, for the spread of the Gospel of Christ, through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU TO YOU who read our appeals and so often answer them. Will you help us? We can sell your old gold, diamonds, precious pearls and gems, sterling silver pieces. The money we receive from the resale of your old jewelry is sent to Mission lands in the form of food, medicine, school and building supplies. Don't leave those old jewels in a forgotten box—send them to us and perhaps they will do more good than they did when brand new. Be like the Wise Men and give Him a gift of Gold at Christmas time—gold because He is Our King!

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Your problem is not as uncommon as you may think, Rose. To some extent, it is a new problem.

Owing to the earlier age at marriage, smaller families, and increased average length of life, the average couple marrying in 1950 could expect to have 41 years of married life together. Under present child-bearing patterns, this means that they would have 14 years together after their last child had left home and married.

This represents a remarkable change in the traditional family cycle. For example, couples marrying in 1890 could expect only about 31 years of joint survival, and there was a fifty-fifty chance that one of the partners would die at least two years before their youngest child had married.

These figures suggest that your problem may become an important one for many couples.

How does it happen?

Well, Rose, I think you pointed out the common source of the difficulty. The average family cycle places heavy demands for adaptability upon the couple. They start life together in the narrow circle of a loving twosome.

Once children arrive, father devotes increasing energy and interest to his job because he now has added motives to succeed, while mother is fully absorbed in the thousand and one details related to bearing, rearing, and launching her brood in life.

Husband and wife are busy in separate activities; perhaps too busy or too fully absorbed to pay much attention to each other.

Of course they love each other and cooperate unselfishly in the task of raising their

family, but they tend to take their own companionship for granted, as if it remained as it was at marriage. But whether they know it or not, they themselves are changing. Extending interests and experience are maturing them.

They are growing, but separately, not together.

They may not discover this until they have launched their last child and turn to survey their empty nest—and themselves. Then they may discover, as you have, Rose, that time and unshared experience stand between them.

In some measure this is inevitable. What can you do?

First, don't make the mistake of some who find their own marriage now so empty that they seek something to do by trying to run their children's marriages. Your children should remain dear to you, a constant source of love and happiness, but they must be allowed to face their own problems and lead their own lives.

Recognize the fact that, in a sense, you and your husband are starting a new stage in life. You are now together again as the original twosome

of the first stage in your family cycle.

Then you were happy and contented with each other's companionship, you can be so again if you make the effort.

What should you do? Above all, start doing things together. Rebuild your social life as a couple—there are others facing the same needs as yourselves. If your finances permit, take trips together on your vacations. This can be so helpful because you learn to plan and share new experiences together, thus recapturing the couple feeling of early marriage.

Rose, these are the golden years in which you are given the opportunity to draw closer to each other and to God by experiencing the fullness of that unity which you initiated at the altar.

### Belleville Plans 'Survey Of Souls'

Belleville, Ill. (NC)—Bishop Albert R. Zurolo of Belleville, has called on the Diocesan Councils of Catholic Men and of Catholic Women, to conduct a census of the diocese in March, 1959, in a program entitled "Catholic Survey of Souls of Southern Illinois."

The survey will be made principally to establish a useable, standardized census in every parish; to study present and future needs for building programs, and to collect information concerning the religious practice and social background for the Catholics in the diocese so that this information can be scientifically studied.

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Bonnie Tremayne, Fairport High School Junior will speak on the "Teen-Age Apostolate" and problems to be analyzed pertaining to the topic will be assigned to the various groups by Rev. John A. Morgan, group discussion leader. Rev. John J. Hempel will summarize the afternoon sessions and prizes will be awarded by Rev. John J. Steger.

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