# Clergy Paper Hits Craze For Astrology

Rome - (NC) -A nationa monthly magazine for Italiar priests has published an article deploring the widespread prin ing of horoscopes in Italiar newspapers.

THE ARTICLE in "Rivista del Olero Italiano"-Review o the Italian Clergy-stressed the moral responsibilities that ac company what it called "horo. scopomania." --

The magazine stated in ef fect that a person commits serious sin, at least-materially. if he believes that the future of man can be known through the influence of the stars and that the value of a horoscop infallible and determinant

It also pointed out that a person still leaves himself open to an occasion of sin even if does not believe in the infallibility of a horoscope, but merely consults it as an amusing curiosity of a means of finding surprising coincidences.



### March 8th, Date To Aid Needy

New York - Monsignor John E. Maney, at right in photo, chancellor of the Rochester Diocese, attended a meeting of 25 diocesan directors to plan the annual mid-Lent Bishops' Relief Fund Appeal to aid the world's needy, The collection will be taken in parish churches on March 8th. Cardinal Spellman prosided at the meeting. Photo shows, from left, Msgr. Edward-Swanstrom. director of the aid program, the Cardinal, Msgr. John McCarthy of New York, Msgr. Julius Szabo of Buffalo and Msgr. Maney.

tween the spouses becomes a sign or symbol of the super-radural bond between the

Since Christ has maile this

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sign, that is, a sign that effects the grace that it sig-nifies, the marriage bond

becomes an instrument of

grace for Christian spouls.

St. Paul reminds us. "this is a great mystery." Think about it now, for it gives your human love a new di-

mension and an added depth.

Marriage Course

In High Schools

New York - (NC) - Teach

ers in Catholic high schools

here will return to the class-

room to learn how to prepare

their students for the vocation

The New York archdlocese

has announced a six-week

course on "The Marriage Prep-

aration of High School Seniors,'

which will dutline the attiludes,

methods, content and literature

that are important in a good

marriage program.

Christian and Christ.

## Marriage Rite Lifts Human Love To Share In God's Love

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J. Assistant Professor of Sociology At St. Louis University

Ever since Jim and I were emgaged, we've been trying to get a deeper understand ing of the meaning of marringe. We've discovered plenty of books on marital adjustment, family problems, conjugal relations and raising children but very little on the spiritual nature of marrimge in particular, we'd like more about the sacrament. Could you write something about that?

Belore answering your re quest. I want to commend you for the common sense approach you are taking towaxd your marriage.

If more engaged couples spent their time and energy trying to acquire a better understanding of the step they are about to take, they would avoid a good many routine problems before and after marriage, Maybe this is asking too much of the moderre juvernijes to the altar.

Now to your request.

Although marriage existed as a natural institution from the very beginning of the human race, Our Lord mar-velously increased its excellence by making it one of the seven sicraments or primary chamnels of grace through bers of His Mystical Body.

What do we mean when we say that marriage is a sacrament? It will help us grasp the full significance of the answer if we review briefly what we know about a sacrament in generali

As you have been taught, Christ continues His redempfive work in space and in time through the Church that He established to teach His message of salvation and to dispense the graces that He merited. This dispensation of grace to men is carried out primarily through the sacra-ments.

in other words, Our Lord instituted a set of permanent rites, called the sacramental system, that constitute the channels through which He sanctifies His mebers in the Church These channels or acraments are certain transactions of such a nature that they are visible signs of comething spiritual and cause, confer, and contain what they signify.

Herice a sacrament may be defined as an outward, sensible sign instituted as a permanent rite by Jesus Christ to signify and effect by di-vine grace the sanctification of men. For example, the pouring of water on the head of the recipient in the sacrament or rite of baptism sig-nifies the inner cleansing from sin and, in conjunction with the words of the rite, confers supernatural life up-

In making Christian mar-riage a sacrament, Christ-ordained that the marital



the sanctification of the marriage partners.

In other words, when each of you received your partner's pledge of love, expressed in the simple "I will", of the marriage contract, you also receive the gift of Christ's divine love, for He has made your human love in this rite the sign or symbol of His own gift.

Likewise, in giving your own pledge of love, your love becomes the symbol or sign of Christ's love for your partner. This means that you are ministers of the sacra; ment, one to another. The mutual gift and reception of your "I will" is the sign of the gift and reception of Christ's divine love for you.

As St. Paul tells us, marriage is the sign or symbol of Christ's union with His Church. When two Christians are joined in marriage, theirunion renders visible that more profound, supernatural union of Christ and His Mystical Body.

Just as husband and wife in a consumated marriage, become "two in one flesh," so Christ and the members of His Mystical Body become one through baptism. Just as union with Christ confers grace upon His members, so the union of husband and wife becomes the effective in strument through w h i c h Christ confers grace upon Christian spouses. Thus, as husband and wife, you are instruments of Christ's grace to each other.

It will help to understand this sacrament if you recall that at baptism you were Christ's Mystical Body. This involves your personal, total, and definitive dedication to Him. But marriage also involves a personal, total, and definitive dedication of self to one's partner.

" Now there is no opposition between these two bonds in

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## **Protestants** Focus Study On Catholics

completing a four-and-ahalfmonth course at the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute in Bossey near here, during which they focused their attention on the Roman Catholic Church, were freed to bring a "new almosphere" to their denominations' Christian unity efforts.

DR. HANS WOLF, director f the institute, in a closing ecture told 42 students from 11 denominations in 21 countries not to return home "solf-

He said Christians felt some 'expectancy" over proposals to VCC and the Russian Orthodox Church and over the forthcom-ing Ecumenical Council to be-convened by Pope John XXIII

hree Catholies: Prof. J. G. A Willebrands of Warmond, lloI-land, who spoke on "Roman Cacholic Ecclesiology," with pecial reference to the theme: Christ and His Church"; Abber Paul Coutourier of the Sem-inaire de Missions, Le Puy, France on "The Roman Calho-lic Conception of Missions" and bbe Villian, Residence de Missionaires, Paris, on "Roman Catholic View of Ecumenism"

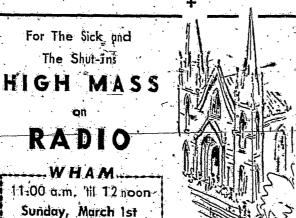
### Half Fare During Lent

North Tonawanda — (RNS) - The Wurliver Park Taxl Co. here announced it will charge Sundays during Lent.

The Babe of Bethlehem needed motherly hands to assist His Helplessness. The Child of Nazareth needed foster-fatherly hands to teach Him roster-fainery names to teach nime carpentering. The victim of Calvay needed friendly hands to prepare his sacred body for burial.

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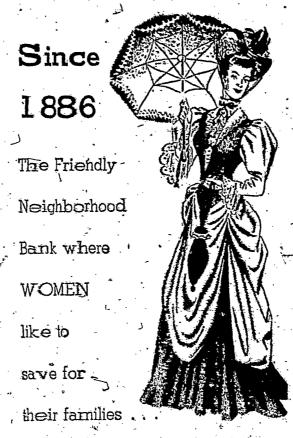
Klinge, Germany — (RNS) — Rather Heinrich Magnani greets some of the orphaned post war children who live with a sense of "belonging" here in a community of their own. Founded ten years ago by Father Magnani, the village has a score of family-type homes, in which the youngsters live with a volunteer "mother o supervise them, several farm buildings, a schoolouse, a chearch and a community center. More than 50 per cent of the children come to Klinge as orphaned refugees from lands which were once part of Eastern Germany, but are now under Polish or Russian control.

### Pope John Cited For Aid To Jews

Washington—(NC)—An arti- Record at the request of Sencile lauding the part Pope John Richard L. Neuberger of Ore-XXIII, as Msgr. Angelo Ron gon.

calli, look in assisting persecut-ed Jews in World War II has been inserted in the Congres-

. The article states that "among the many pious and good Christians who have The article, written for the helped Jews during [the] most Jewish Newsletter by William tragic years of nazi persecution, Zukerman, was placed in the Monsignor Roncalli stands out."



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# Laymen Plan Meet In Detroit

plosive convention," said Martin H. Work, executive director, in discussing plans for the 1959 bien right meeling of the National Council of Catholic Men in Detroit from

In the main, Mr. Work said of men with the apostotic urge he convention will be a huge to put such machines into orkshop in which the efforts representative organizations nation, nationally known au convention has been planned as thorities in various fields and a saiellite launching effort detop figures in every phase of signed to put into orbit a American Catholic life who will galaxy of conventions concernserve as speakers, will pool ed with the idea of the Layman

in Calholic Action fulfilling his "This new concept of a confamily, parish, community and ention involves the explosive daily work." ques into all quarters of the

Judge David A. McMullan of ques into an quarters of the the invente division of the country," the NCCM executive Missouri Circuit Court, who is NCCM president, said that two

"In a sense the 1959 biennial

"The convention will serve as years of preparation have gone master plan of Catholic lay into the plans for the Defroit eaders for the benefit of all convention. The sessions have Catholic men. Compressed un been geared to altract some der high pressure into a three 2,000 leaders from among the day meeting, it is the hope that 9,000 organizations -affiliated it will explode into similar but with the NCCM which represmall meetings in as many different a total of mine million ferent areas as there are groups Catholic men.





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