

# Whites Harass Negro On Way From Communion

New Orleans — (NC) — Archbishop Joseph E. Rummel of New Orleans has pleaded for "conciliation" and "peaceful coexistence" between whites and Negroes following an interracial fight outside a Catholic church.

The fight followed an incident at the Communion time of a Mass.

The Archbishop said he was "shocked and grieved" at news of the fight which occurred after 9 a. m. Sunday Mass at the Church of St. Joseph the Worker in nearby Marrero, La.

Three Negro men were hospitalized after being mobbed and beaten by at least 10 white men as they left the integrated church. Two of the Negroes — James Jackson, 19, and Oneal Dumas, 35 — were released after treatment of deep face and head cuts.

Marrero police blamed the violence on a magazine article on racial integration in the parish. The article, entitled "How Negro Kids Integrated Louisiana Catholic Church," appeared in the March 8 issue of Jet Magazine, a Negro weekly published in Chicago.

The article, by Marc Crawford, said teenagers in the parish had led the way in promoting integration.

AN ACCOUNT of the violence was given by James Jackson. He said he and his brother Lionel had taken seats in the front of the church for the first

# Negro Catholics Top Half Million

Washington — (NC) — There are 695,155 Negro Catholics and more than 120,110 Indian Catholics in the United States, according to a report issued here.

The report was compiled by the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians, and distributed by Father J. B. Tinnelly, of the Society of St. Sulpice, who is secretary of the commission.

According to the commission's report, the new total for the number of Negro Catholics represents an increase of about 20,000 over the number reported a year ago. The report states that Catholic Indians increased by about 3,000.

The report gives the following other statistics on Negro Catholics:

- Negro converts numbered 11,802 in the past year.
- 497 churches and 342 schools serve entirely Negro congregations and Negro pupils.
- More than 90,755 Negro pupils are enrolled in Catholic schools, an increase of nine per cent over the previous year.
- 719 priests, 2,000 Sisters and several hundred lay persons are exclusively engaged in work among the Negroes.

The five States with the largest number of Negro Catholics are listed in the report as follows: Lafayette (La.), 75,000; New Orleans, 70,000; Washington (D. C.), 57,022; New York, 49,604; Chicago, 42,000.

The commission's report gives the following information on Indian Catholics:

- Missionary work among the Indians is being carried out in 39 States and the Vicariate Apostolic of Alaska.
- More than 175 priests devote themselves exclusively to Catholic Indians and to evangelizing the non-Catholic ones.
- 415 churches and chapels are being maintained for the benefit of Indians.
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# Why Does The Church Stress Babies Instead Of Natural Love?

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

Isn't the Church's constant insistence that procreation is the primary purpose of marriage just a carry-over from our rural past? When the death rate was high, it was necessary to stress the obligation to procreate. Today we face the "baby boom" and the rise of divorce. Wouldn't it be better to stress marital love and companionship?



A good many people are asking the same question. Bill Frankly, this disturbs me a great deal because it reveals a serious misunderstanding of the Church's teaching.

We can all agree that conditions have changed since Catholic doctrine of marriage was first formulated.

As country after country converts to industrialization, families move from their stable rural setting into a changing urban environment. The remarkable success of modern medical science in rapidly lowering the death rate has resulted in unprecedented increases in population for many countries.

After World War II, early marriage, prosperity, and several other factors have produced an amazing "baby boom." Indeed, as one worried editor headlined his comments on the subject, "Big crop March babies flood hospitals."

Is the Church's traditional doctrine on marriage no longer pertinent? Well, Bill, before answering that question we must make certain that we clearly understand what the Church teaches.

In the first place, it should be emphasized that it is misleading and incorrect to say the Church teaches that procreation is the primary purpose of marriage. According to the official definition given in the Church's canon law, the primary purpose or end of marriage is the procreation and education of children. This "and" is important.

The tendency carelessly to define the primary purpose of procreation, even though education may be implied, stresses only one aspect of the primary end and leads to a misrepresentation of the Catholic position. As a result, non-Catholics sometimes conclude that the Church is interested primarily in numbers, while Catholic couples may pass over lightly their very serious obligation to establish the type of home or domestic society in which their children can reach Christian maturity.

Further, we must be clear about the term "primary," which indicates the purpose that constitutes the specifying note or quality of marriage — that is, the quality which distinguishes it from all similar societies.

For example, how does the marriage of a husband and wife differ from that

formed by sister and brother, another and son, uncle and niece, housekeeper and boarder?

Obviously, its distinguishing or specifying quality is that it alone confers conjugal rights and is established for the procreation and education of children. Hence the term "primary" purpose in the definition is not affected by changing social conditions. It gives us the specifying or distinguishing note of marriage wherever it may exist.

Finally, the Church teaches that related to this primary purpose are other secondary purposes, namely, mutual help and the allying (or "wedding") as one confused student wrote (in an exam!) of concupiscence, here again we must be clear about the meaning.

Both primary and secondary purposes constitute real factors of marriage, and the terminology tells us how they are related to each other. Thus the term "secondary"

signifies that "mutual help" and the "allying of concupiscence" exist so that "procreation and education" can be more easily and fully achieved and are consequently subordinate to them.

They are important but "secondary" in the sense that they serve the primary purpose.

These formal definitions do not constitute the whole of Catholic doctrine on marriage. They merely spell out the essential qualities of marriage considered as a natural institution. Above all, the Church teaches that the marital union is a symbol of Christ's union with His Bride, the Church.

Yes, Bill, I agree with you that marital love and companionship should be stressed, but these must be understood in terms of the purpose of marriage, and marriage itself must be appreciated as a holy vocation if the plague of divorce is to be checked.

Presiding at the annual Red

# Rio Plans Holy Week Rite In Stadium

By REV. CONALL O'LEARY, O.F.M.

Rio De Janeiro — (NC) — To reach the many people in this predominantly Catholic city of three million persons who cannot or do not fulfill their religious duties, a huge outdoor Holy Week religious pageant will be staged for the second year in a row.

The aim of the pageant is to reach the large number of Catholics who miss Sunday Mass. Archbishop authorities estimate that even if every baptized Catholic in the city wanted to go to Mass on Sunday, more than a million would be unable to do so.

Since there are not enough priests or churches to serve all the people who should attend Mass, Church authorities in Rio evolved the idea of mass religious observances to bring the rites and activities of the Church to the people.

And because the Church has so little daily or weekly contact with the majority of the faithful, they decided that at least once a year the whole population should be made conscious of the Church in their midst in a dramatic fashion.

Organizer and inspiring influence of these giant outdoor dramatizations of religious ceremonies is Auxiliary Archbishop Elder Pessoa Camara of Rio de Janeiro. The first was produced last year on Palm Sunday in the city's football stadium which holds 120,000 persons. To keep interest alive it was also decided to vary the day and ceremony from year to year.

This year's pageant will dramatize the Good Friday Liturgy of the Church.

The ceremonies will be held at night and will begin with the chanting of the Passion in Portuguese by three priests, Cardinal de Barros Camara, Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro, will celebrate the Mass.

The climax will be the unveiling of the crucifix, when a large number of men will enter the field, carrying on their shoulders a huge cross. As they circle the field, two voices will

be heard over the loudspeakers, chanting in Portuguese: "O my people, what have I done to you? Or in what way have I saddened you? Answer me!"

Then the Mass will continue to the end in the usual way.

After the Mass there will be the traditional Brazilian funeral procession with a statue of the dead body of Christ. During this procession voices over loud-speakers will urge the people to go to Confession and receive communion.

The Caricatures — as the inhabitants of Rio de Janeiro are called — who cannot attend personally will be able to watch the whole ceremony on live-broadcast of television. Those who live beyond the range of television will be able to listen in on radio.

# Catholic Colleges, Topic For Bishop, Layman

Washington — (NC) — A bishop and a layman will trade notes on the goals of Catholic higher education and the resources available to meet them at the upcoming Catholic educators' national convention.

The National Catholic Educational Association which will hold its 56th annual convention in Atlantic City, N. J., March 31 to April 3.

The addresses will be delivered by Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh and Dr. Urban H. Flanagan, head of the department of education of De Paul University, Chicago.

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