

## How To Halt Smut Traffic

An estimated 1,000,000 children will receive obscene advertisements by mail this year. Within five years, the annual target figure will be up to two million children.

The ads will net a \$500,000,000 profit for the fifth racketeers — a pretty annual income for a sordid business.

U.S. SENATOR KENNETH B. KEATING told fellow statesmen in the Capitol the corrupting tide can be halted only by "forging a united front among post office officials, local officials, civic fraternal and religious organizations, all facets of the press, the parents of America, and Congress." The Rochester Senator said, "This is a task to which all men of good will can wholeheartedly dedicate themselves." We agree with him completely.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield earlier this month suggested specific steps parents in particular and citizens in general can do to protect youngsters from this growing menace.

Parents are asked to turn over to local postal authorities obscene material received through the mail, along with the envelope it came in. (Postal officials are not allowed to open first class mail even if they suspect its contents.)

Parents are advised to instruct their children about the dangers of such literature perhaps in the possession of neighborhood children and to determine the origin of such material.

Parents must also be aware that their children, though themselves not exposed to such literature, can be the pitiful victims of sex criminals who have been debauched by it. Children should be warned frequently to shun strangers and to avoid secluded spots in parks where such perverts often lurk.

A PHILADELPHIA MOTHER, Mrs. John J. O'Shea, this Monday made a stirring appeal for legislative and court action to protect children from the smut mail racket.

She cited the fact that parents cannot completely counteract the impression such mail makes on children. "An obscene picture, once imprinted on the young mind, is never wholly erased." She also cited a sex crime by an otherwise normal boy in Philadelphia who was momentarily unbalanced, according to state psychiatrists, from an obscene publication believed to have been the lad's first contact with such literature.

Mrs. O'Shea blamed adult laxity for this tide of filth swamping the minds of youngsters. She bluntly charged courts which tolerate the growing racket on the pretext of "freedom of speech and press" with "feeble-mindedness."

CIVIC GROUPS can use their democratic right to pressure postal officials, legislative representatives and court officials to curb the mail-order traffic in smut.

The price of protecting children from this threat is one that can be met only by a combined and relentless effort of decent citizens. The alternative is to expose innocent young lives to a filth racket which will corrupt their minds and morals and even destroy their lives.

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## New Germ Free Laboratory

Notre Dame — (NC) — A sterile, plastic room for rearing and experimenting with germs-free animals has been developed here by University of Notre Dame scientists.

The dome-like, transparent enclosure, measuring 10 feet in diameter and 11 feet high, is the newest technological development at Notre Dame's Leburd laboratories. For more than 25 years the research center has pioneered in the use of germ-free animals as a tool in biological and medical research.

## Counteraction

New Delhi — (NC) — A meeting of Hindu leaders here has adopted a plan to train volunteers to "counteract" the activities of foreign missionaries in some parts of India.

## Why Does Church Law Forbid The Marriage Of Cousins

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I'm a little confused about the Church's laws concerning marriage between relatives. Can a boy marry the daughter of his mother's first cousin that is, his third cousin? What is the reason for the laws prohibiting marriage between relatives like cousins and in-laws?

You've given me two questions, Jack, and I think it will be most helpful to answer the last one first. Why do such prohibitions exist? Well, they have their source partly in the facts of biology and psychology, and partly in custom. Let me explain.

What is called the incest taboo, that is, the sacred or religious custom forbidding marriage between persons related by certain prohibited degrees, is the most universal taboo known to man.

Historically, a few rare exceptions are noted concerning members of royalty when no unrelated royal mates were available to carry on the royal line. The prohibited degrees, particularly in regard to marriage with in-laws, have varied considerably, being very extensive in some cultures and relatively limited in others.

It is not difficult to understand why marriage between men and women living in the intimacy of the family circle should be prohibited.

Psychologically, it would be very difficult to live in such intimacy if they regarded each other as possible marriage mates, that is, to use a term borrowed from psychiatry, as sexual objects. Once they define their relationships as sexually neutral, they can live together in the family circle with little strain in this regard.

Formerly, when households were frequently large, including parents and the families of their married sons and daughters, the prohibited degrees were extensive.

Today, owing to changes in family structure and to mobility, many people scarcely know even their first cousins, so there seems little need for prohibitions on this score.

However, there is another reason for such laws. Most people have always assumed that certain parental traits could be passed on to offspring. Hence it was believed that too much in-breeding was not good. Through marriage with a non-relative, "new blood" was supposed to be mingled with the sap of the family tree.

Modern biological research confirms this general belief, but explains that heredity is transmitted not through the "blood" but through discrete units called genes contained in the parent sexual cells. Too close in-breeding, therefore, limits the variety of genes transmitted and through a biological mechanism not necessary to explain here, may produce combinations of traits harmful to offspring.

Finally, longstanding custom expressed in both civil and Church laws tends to define the degrees of relationship within which marriage is prohibited. The Church's rules governing marriage between relatives is expressed in the Code of Canon Law roughly as follows.

People may be related either by "blood" or by marriage.

Blood relatives in the direct line, that is, when one descends from another, cannot marry. Thus, marriages between fathers and daughters, grandfathers and granddaughters, and so on, are prohibited.

Blood relatives in the indirect line, that is, when neither person is descended from the other but both are descended from a common ancestor, as brother and sister, are forbidden to marry up to the third degree of descent inclusive, that is, up to and inclusive of second cousins.

Relatives by marriage cannot marry in the direct line of descent. For example, marriage between a man and his mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, and so on, is prohibited.

In the indirect line of relationship by marriage, marriage is prohibited up to the second-degree inclusive, that is, between a man and his sister-in-law, his aunt or niece by marriage, and so on.

The appropriate Church authorities may grant a dispensation from these prohibitions for certain degrees of relationship, provided, just and grave reasons exist for the marriage.

However, dispensations are never granted for the direct line of blood relatives or in the first degree of the indirect line (brother and sister). They are seldom granted for relationship by marriage in the direct line.

Hence the answer to your first question, Jack, is affirmative. You may contemplate marriage with your third-cousin since this degree of kinship does not fall within the prohibited degrees.

However, Catholic young people should understand the Church's laws in this regard long before they reach this stage of involvement.

### Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, July 19 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (green), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Vincent de Paul, Creed, Trinity Preface.

Monday, July 20 — St. Jerome Aemilian (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Margaret.

Tuesday, July 21 — Mass as Sunday (green) except no Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Praxedis, no Creed, common preface; VR.

Wednesday, July 22 — St. Mary Magdalen (white), Gloria, no Creed.

Thursday, July 23 — St. Apollinaris, a martyr (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Liborius.

Friday, July 24 — Mass as Tuesday except 2nd prayer of St. Christina; VR.

Saturday, July 25 — St. James, Apostle (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Christopher, Creed.

VR—Votive or Requiem permitted.

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## Greece Parish Underway

Work began this week to dismantle the former St. Anne's Church to be used as a church for new St. Lawrence parish in Greece. Monsignor Naughton, Monsignor Florack (in shirt sleeves) and Father Shannon and volunteer workers are shown in photo. Story, page 1.

## Delinquency Tied To Poor Reading

Washington — (NC) — There's a swing from "sight learning" to phonetic instruction in teaching reading, says a Sister whose own phonetic method has received wide attention in and out of the education world.

SISTER MARY Caroline, an Immaculate Heart of Mary nun who teaches at St. Ann's School, San Bernardino, Calif., also said in an interview here that she firmly believes there's a connection between juvenile delinquency and the inability to read or spell.

Sister describes her method — now used successfully not only by herself, but several other teachers in California — as based on a four-part mental process that she calls "techniques of attack."

"Anyone with maturity and discipline — from 7 to 70 — can acquire the skill of reading based on the four-part mental process which asks these questions: 'How does the word begin?' 'What are its vowels?' 'What do they say?' and 'What is the word?'" Sister maintained.

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