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New schools and new courses can never replace the basic need of a good home training.

Sociologists state that fundamental habits and attitudes - honesty, truthfulness, respect, piety - are formed in pre-school childhood. If the roots of these virtues are not "home made" there is little chance of a school succeeding in developing them.

It is also true that a child from a good home can be corrupted by companions so the vigilance of parents is a duty that is never ending.

NUMEROUS OTHER FACTORS infect the youngsters' minds these days to complicate parents' tasks. TV brutality, crude comics, jungle music - to name but a few --- make a tragic impact on children who are supposed to grow up to be polite, cultured, intelligent adults. Faced with this dilemma of what their parents, tell them and what most of the world seems to be doing, the children understandably become distracted, confused and bewildered.

There is no one simple solution to this current and growing problem.

Many parents seek in study groups to pool their mutual problems and seek by discussion to find the best answer. The answers will often necessarily change from group to group and even as individual couples apply the answers in their own homes. But the sincere effort to find a solution is the first major step to obtaining one.

As Catholic schools turn away applicants in increasing humbers due to capacity filled classrooms, parents are confronted with additional problems especially the teaching of Catholc truth and culture beyond the level the parents themselves studied these subjects.

Again the study group idea offers the opportunity for adults to learn the faith better not only for their own information but to impart it to their high school and college going offspring.



Maryknollers Bring Faith To Priest-Poor Area

Manila — (RNS) —Foreign missioners like the Mary-knoll Sister at this Manila market are working hard to preserve the Fallh that was planted in the hearts lie Directory there are only 2,938 Catholic priests on of the Philippine people more than 400 years ago by Spanish missioners. Religious orders conduct many large schools and hospitals on the islands, but there to 19,000,000.

the islands - a decrease of 255 since 1898. During this same period the population trebled from 6,500,000



To Survive In Latin America

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(This is the last of six articles on problems of the Church in Latin America written by the editor of Noticias Catolicas, Spanish and Portuguese edition of the N.C.W.C. News Service.)

By JAIME FONSECA

Spurred on by the vast and complex religious and social problems afflicting their countries, the Catholics of Latin America are realistically striving to make their Faith play a major role in their temporal affairs.

The hishops have recently deals with the means of meeting the challenge of the Prot- launched a reorganization of estant missionary effort, as Catholic charities organizawell as of spiritism and other tions to improve their work with the assistance of social

workers and other technical It also deals with new aids. The Church now assists methods of preaching and of a million persons in some religious instruction - the 4.000 institutions. Confraternity of Christian

Hopes's of an upsurge in Doctrine functions here un-Latin American Catholic life

Prejudice Abates

Albuquerque — (RNS) — A prominent American sociologist said here that nomination of a Roman Catholic for the presidency will arouse some interreligious tension, but prejudices against Catholic candidates have declined substantially in the past 20 vears.

Dr. Johan J. Kane, chairman of Notre Dame University's sociology department, told delegates to the 45th National Newman Club Federation convention that the mere possibility of a Catholic presidential candidate has already resulted in "some resurgence of the old fears, doubts and prejudices that swept American life in 1928."

The sociologist predicted

Dr. Kane concluded with

"Perhaps thats is inevitable Non-Catholic colleges and universities. "In fact, it is not at this stage of intergroup re-lations in the U.S.," Dr. Kane even near. But it is less dissaid, "and is a stern warning to all of us that hostility, tant than it was in the late forties and early fifties." prejudice and discrimination are no figments of the imag-Dr. Kane said that today's ination but real factors to be two most critical areas of concombatted incressantly and intemporary domestic relations are the field of education and creasingly."

the question of a Catholic in However, while stressing the White House. the lack of sufficient "solid empirical evidence" of public sentiment on the matter. Dr. that school situations - such Kane pointed out that availas quotas in medical schools, able data, such as Gallup federal aid to education, fringe benefits like text polls, reveal a shift in opinion since 1940. books and bus transportation

-are going to become much In that year, Gallup found that 31 per cent of those polled said they would not more critical in the future. He attributed this to the stresses or increasing enrollvote for a well-qualified Cathment and soaring costs of edolic candidate. In 1959, howucation in both public and ever, only 24 per cent said parochial schools. this. Younger voters, present polls showed, are less opposed

to a Catholic than older ones. consideration of how preju dice and discrimination can "One disturbing finding of be eliminated. "We must bethe polls," Dr. Kane said, "was that more than half of gin," he said, "with the frank admission that no all Catholfics questioned single racial or religious would jump Cheir party lines group has a monopoly on to vote for a camdidate of these pathologies. In other their own faith. Perhaps it is words, America's minorities an indications, however discan be very prejudiced toward tasteful to Catholics, that the the prejudiced." remnants of a minority group mentality still survive." "The only sound basis for

fighting discrimination and The sociologist reviewed prejudice is morality," he stressed, "and the very best sources of trension between religious gromps in America motivation is a religious one. the past 10 years, and While Protestants, Catholics noted "slow but constant imand Jews do disagree theologprovement in this aspect of ically, love of neighbor and American life." the dignity of man and his

brotherhood under God are tenets common to the Ju-"The millemum is not at hand," he told the Newman Club members, students in daeo-Christian tradition.

Making Marriage Click Self Expression

By MSGER IRWING A. DEBLANC

(Director, Facmily Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

Poll Shows Catholics Don't Bloc Vote

Albuquerque — (NC) — Students polled at ran-dom during the National Newman Club Federation conventions here said they would not vote for a presi-dential candidate solely because he is a Catholic.

The 405 students were polled on five questions. The questions and results follow:

1. Would you vote for a presidential candidate solely because he is a Catholic?

2. In voting, which would influence you more: the personal integrity of the candidate or his party's policies and platform?

Integrity 263 Platform 135 No opinion7.

3. Which party's policies do you believe closer

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Democratic . . . 209 Republican . . . 66 No opinion . _ 16.

4. In the future do you expect to participate in politics beyond the minimal act of voting?

Yes. .. 220 No ... 169 No opinion ... 16.

5. Do you think a Catholic can be elected President within the next decade?

Yes.... 335 No.... 53 No opinion 17.

A total of 112 chaplains were also polled on these questions. Asked if they would vote for a presidential candidate solely because he is Catholic, 109 of the chaplains said they would not.



God Never Changes (From the prayer of St. Therese)

By the Rev. James D. Morlarty

Joe Stokes sat on the bar stool, leaning forward on his two elbows, his chin cupped in the palms of his hands. Dreamily he gazed at the mug of beer before him. He watched the air bubbles hurrying up the length of the glass to the surface and pop silently into the open air. That was the story of his life. Everything looked goode for a while. Things seemed to be rising to the top and them 'pops' just like the bubbles plans evaporated into

thin air. The priest had just advised him to resort to prayer. Wasn't prayer like asking God to change His mind? If he remembered anything from his college philosophy class was this: God was not the type to change his mind. God never changes. He is a changeless Being. Then what good would prayer do?

And then like the air bubbles rising ideas began to pop into Joe's mind.

Sure, God never changes. That's right. But every created thing changes. Seeds change into flowers and flowers give us back the seeds. Minerals change and become alive in the flowers which draw them from the earth. Grass and grain change into meat and milk. And meat and milk change into blood and bone. The stars, the sun, the moon, the earth are constantly changing. People are changing all the time.

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Maybe prayer was the answer. After all it was not asking God to change His mind. It was just asking some of these things or creatures or people or whatever' to fit into a pattern. That wasn't too much to ask. Many of these changes were taking place anyway. It was just a matter of what direction they would take.

It had never struck Joe before that so many changes were going on around him all the time. All things were changing, more or less, . . . except God.

Joe sapped his beer and tasted it twice before swallowing. Ite smiled at the simplicity of the situation. All these charges going on about him; . . . God wouldn't have to change anything after all because Joe Stokes was changing himself.

When actor David Niven To his amazement, he heard was mess officer in the Britmuch grumbling from the men, Finally he asked an old ish army, he once bought a sergeant what was wrong. special treat of expensive "Sir." the sergeant glared. this blasted blackberry jam caviar and had it served at the general mess. tastes of fishl'

Their efforts to solve such pressing problems as the ignorance and poverty of the masses and the lack

of religious vocations have received the encouragement and guidance of the Holy See.

They were climaxed by the in teaching and assisting the establishment of the Latin poor. American Bishops' Council

To CELAM belong the (CELAM), set up on the pateight cardinals, 75 archbish-, tern of the National Catholic ops and 400 bishops and Welfare Conference in the other prelates with jurisdiction in the lands south of the border. The council is direct-The Holy See's Consistorial responsible to the Consis-Congregation, which has torial Congregation in Rome.

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A LISTING OF the depart-

ments of CELAM gives an

idea of the wide scope of its

1. The Propagation and De-

THE CATHOLIC

charge of the government of It is headed by Archbishop dioceses, has spelled out its functions as follows: Miguel Dario Miranda of Mexico City. • To study the problems of The general secretariat of

common interest to the CELAM established at Bogota, Church in Latin America with Colombia to implement the the aim of seeking their propcouncil's resolutions is header solution. ed by Msgr. Julian Mendoza. a Colombian priest with wide

• To seek a timely coordiexperience in coordinating nation of Catholic activilles movements of the lay apostoin order to secure greater late. Other priests from Coefficacy. lombia and from Argentina.

• To promote and sustain Brazil, Costa Rica, Paraguay, those projects, initiatives and Peru and the U.S. cooperate works that directly or indiwith him there on a full time rectly concern the common basis, welfare of all Latin America. In fulfilling its functions CELAM has conducted a study

• To carry out those tasks especially entrusted to it by the Holy See.

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lion Catholics under its care. CELAM had its inception It has compiled realistic re-ports by dioceses and counat the International Eucharizstic Congress in Rio de Janeiro tries on their most pressing in 1955 and was formally problems. Its surveys have established in 1956. Since brought in willing responses then its three annual meetfrom every quarter, an indicaings have laid down a vast tion of the new spirit of coprogram in detail. Last year operation throughout these the delegates of the national territories. bishops, clergy who make up the steering board of CELAM At Bogotas the secretariat met in Rome, a significant works with an Institute of Remove toward a closer scruligious Sociology. There has tiny of its airns and work. been a series of regional and Inter-American meetings in

Knowing that Latin Amerthe fields of seminaries, eduica suffers the vicious circle cation, press, religious conof a languid spiritual life begregations, family life and cause of the lack of priests and a distressingly low number her of ordinations because of that languid spiritual life, the bishops made a determined effort to break this circle and labors: thus spearheaded an amaling recovery in vocations with fense of the Faith department' tin America. the help of missionaries from the U.S. and Europe.

CELAM is also giving Catholics a united front to meet the onslaughts of secularism, communism and Protestant fringe sects' proselitizing.

It will also bring renewed efficiency in the methods of combating religious ignorance, in spreading the desire for religious life and vocations among the youth, in the difficult task of bringing about social reform in induzstry and agriculture and in gathering material resources for the vital works of mercy

der the direction of a Maryare justified on the past. knoll priest-, liturgical moveevents alone. By 1900, after ment, Catholic missions and the communications media: severe civil and religious struggles, there were in Latin p r'e s s, radio television, America 120 dioceses; sixty movies. years later there are 436. 2. The Diocesan and Religious Clergy and Institutes de-

Today, rather than stress ment is entrusted with allairs the negative aspects of the relating to both native and problem facing the Church in foreign clergy, vocations, semtheir area, the Latin Amerinaries and pastoral methods ican bishops have launched a in parish life. This departpositive effort, recalling Pius ment prepared the first con-XII's warning against the gress of rectors of Latin tendency to underestimate American seminaries held in Rome last year, which discuss-Catholic resources in what he called the springtime of the ed ways of giving a deep and solid spiritual formation to the Church. seminarians, as well as mod-

The month before he died ern and useful intellectual Pius XII said:

"Latin America ----3. The Education and Youth that department deals with the formidable Catholic bloc built whole Catholic educational efby the missionary zeal of the fort in Latin America, includtwo lberian nations to their ing parents, teachers and stuown great honor and to the benefit of the Church - repdents organizations. A special concern has been the spiritual ' resents today in all fields, assistance to Latin American especially in the field of religion, one of the great hopes students in foreign countries, of tomorrow because of its proportions and population, 4. The Lay Apostolate dethe strength of its faith, and partment is devoted to all

secure. Dr. Bruno Bettelheim of Chicago Umiversity entitled his latest book on youth, the splendid future it "Love is Not Enough. promises." sense of his fitle is that intelligent assistance is needed

Daily Mass Calendar

lie Action groups for men, Sunday, September 13-Sevwomen and youth, there luncsubstitute for the home. enteenth Eunday after Pention in Latin America the tecost (green), Gloria, third orders, sodalities and Creed, Trinity Preface. the Legion of Mary: There Monday, September 14-Exal-

are also specialized groups like the Christian Family tation of the Holy Cross red), Gloria, Creed, Pref-Movement and cooperatives ace of the Cross. and associations for students, doctors, professors, lawyers Tuesday, September 15-Sev-

and other professional men. en Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (while), Glo-5. The Social Action and ria, 2nd prayer of St. Nico-Charities department is conmedes, Sequence, Creed, cerned with social and indus-Preface of our Lady. trial relations, social reform,

Wednesday, September 16 the problem of alcoholism Ember Weinesday (purand the "culturalization" of ple), 2nd prayer of St. Corthe 30 million Indians in Latnelius and St. Cyprian, 3rd of martyrs.

up faster than ever. So mere presence at home is not Thursday, September 17 -Stigmata of St. Francis enough for parents to do a good job. (white), Gloria.

Friday, September 18 - S.t If parents do not represent Joseph of Cupertino love, understanding, and common sense, they can spend all (white) or Ember Friday day at home and be even a. Mass (purple). nuisance if not a detriment. Saturday, September 19 -Concerning self - expression,

Ember Saturday (purple) or St. Januarius martyr (red).

Sign on a datry in New Orleans, La. "Our cows are and self - discovery. Even

not contented. They are al- when just a lew months old, ways striving to do better." a child's playpen should per-

"As a mother I am being mit enough freedom for him frustrated in my efforts to to make his own discoveries. save Johnny from frustration. The normal child who learns My maternal wind shield has by himself to sit or stand at doubts as thick as mashed his own pace will take a litpotatoes. How can I be sure the longer to do so, but will I am going im the right direcbe more balanced and will tion?" Mrs. B. M. walk straighter.

2. One of the greatest things, a child in a decent In the last column. Mrs. home can have is time on his B. M. we inesisted that chilhand to dream, to imagine, to dren need love, especially make things. Even in early when they do not deserve it. childhood silence and solitude Today, as a part answer to are a must. Constant loud your question, we will stress radio, TV, or sudden noises child's need for self-exprescan make a child nervous. It sion as one need among many. is wise to walk with a child This does not mean that he in the quiet sections of a

may take up a knife and rip park or garden. Solitude is the wallpaper off the living needed early in life but, of room wall while his mothe course, not enough to make smiles, pats him on the head him unsociable. and says, "If your feel you Until a child can meet reality, must, darling_ go right ahead." he must live in a certain fan-That is not self-expression,

that is self-destruction.

own and other insights.

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There is m larger gap be-

tween generations these days

maybe these few principles

will be of interest to you,

needed for self-expression

1. Liberty within limits is

Mrs. B. M.

because children are growing

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tasy. There are, however, dangers for the adolescent who PARENTS MUST be in firm day-dreams about the purely control if they and the chilfantastic and the completely dren are ever to be happy and impossible.

3. Sympathetic reassurance from adults is needed when The children are seized by anger. fear, rage, or grief. These emotions often impel violent reactions. One of the most for a child to discover his important of life's tasks for a youngster is to learn how To do this his parents must to manage these emotional guide him coenstantly. That is situations. He must learn to one reason why all public free himself from panic.

agencies combined cannot If a child is afraid of the darkness, someone he trusts Children meed help when may walk with him in the they need it and not on an restful quiet of the dark and eight-hour basis. Helpful as not only show him how to they are, public agencies can avoid breaking his neck by no more take the place of parstumbling over something he ents than scattered showers cannot see, but actually take the place of a reservoir. demonstrate genuine calm and fearlessness. Helping to develop self-ex-

chance. It is a matter of re-• A man dashed out of his ligion, discipline, hard work, office to put another nickel curiosity, imagination, and a into the parking meter. Just genuine love of learning on as he arrived, he saw a man the part of parents and childropping a nickel into the meter for him.

> "Hey," he said. "You dropped that nickel into the wrong meter. That's my car.' "I know," said the man. "You would have gotten a ticket in another minute or two.'

The car owner hastily gave the man a quarter in gratitude: "Thanks a lot," he said. "Do you do this often?"

"Happens pretty regular," the seedy character replied.

Then he added, as he turned away, "Sometimes I even get a half a dollar."

• Pretzel: drinking man's filter,

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