

Invalids Pray For Unity

Lourdes — (RNS) — Prayers for Christian unity and the success of the Ecumenical Council announced by Pope John XXIII were offered by 40,000 faithful during the National Rosary Pilgrimage here to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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'The Beads'

By MARY TINLEY DALY

October well underway, daily rosary is re-established. We note that in reciting the group rosary, there's a lot in the way it is done. For instance:

1. "Well, let's get it over" technique. It begins, "N. Fr. S'n, H'y Gos" followed by a rattling off of prayers much like that done by a train caller. It would be hard to one unfamiliar with the words to distinguish "Now and at the hour of our death" from "New York, New Haven 'n Hartford."
2. The Arsen Corner. This consists of a sing-song jumble in which only the "Amen's"

AND THEN, there are the good leaders. One of the finest group rosary leaders we've ever known is a friend who would not like to be singled out. Let's just call her Mrs. D.C.C. She begins by announcing reverently each mystery so that we know on which to meditate. Her voice is pitched low, solemn, clear, devoted. One feels that the rosary means much to this lady, her fervor reflected in those who pray with her.

Recently, our family rosary has been displaced by group rosaries said by members of the family with their peers. Gladly, for instance, says here with the high school boys and girls of our parish every afternoon at 8:15.

Other family members say the rosary with co-workers or in school groups.

Somewhat nostalgically, we look back on the days when we were more "home-centered" — when the family rosary was an integral part of every day in October and May.

IT BECAME a family-solidifying habit. Also a very pacifying one if I may interject a practical note. There were sibling quarrels in those days; who washed the dishes last night, whom it was tonight, who looked somebody else's freshly washed socks, who let the top off the tooth paste and let it dribble away.

We noticed, during those many October and May, that it was hard to square off into corners and come out fighting after we'd all prayed together.

(Note to editor: that was not the real reason why we said the family rosary. It was only a by-product, albeit a most satisfactory one.)

Always, we thought then, we will keep up this custom, said on the idea that "the family that prays together, stays together."

Needless to say, a family cannot stay together physically forever if it is a normal family. But it can stay together spiritually. We hope that those years of family prayer will carry over to the newly formed homes — and those later to be formed.

Meanwhile, if family members say their group rosary with those associated closely, or say it privately — well, O.K.

THEY, AS we often have learned that in anxiety, in depression, in thanksgiving, or as a set-apart period of daily living, there is something wonderfully inspiring in "leading the beads."

Repetition of those prayers learned in childhood and meditation on the mysteries cannot fail to enrich us spiritually. Heavily indulged, the rosary, properly recited, brings untold rewards, applicable to the souls in Purgatory if we so wish.

Established by St. Dominic (circa 1205) at the instigation of the Blessed Virgin, an answer to conversion of a heretical sect, the Albigenses, in France and Italy. Prior to this, the holy and eloquent St. Dominic had had little success in preaching to the Albigenses. Instead of continued preaching, St. Dominic urged people to pray. Such a wave of faith ensued in the heretical provinces that, before Dominic's death, scarcely a trace of the sect remained.

FROM 1205 TO 1859 is a long time. But isn't there a parallel here? A dedicated disciple of athletic communism has recently visited our country — as sold on his idea of godlessness as we are on the belief in God — and more cheerfully fearless in expounding it.

The Camp David talks have ended.

Family Rosary Radio Program

- Friday, Oct. 23 — Joseph Huck, St. Helen.
- Saturday, Oct. 24 — James D'Amico, St. Carmel.
- Sunday, Oct. 25 — A representative of St. Christopher Society, Holy Trinity, Webster.
- Monday, Oct. 26 — Bernard Pilot, St. Charles Borromeo accompanied by members of Our Lady of the Genes Council, Knights of Columbus.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27 — Father Frank Valukerisius, St. George accompanied by Holy Name Society member.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 — Charles S. Zicari, St. Ambrose.
- Thursday, Oct. 29 — Frank Liot, St. Francis of Assisi.



To Entertain for Missions

MARIAN CHOIR of Blessed Sacrament Church will entertain at a silver tea on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament school auditorium. Proceeds will be used toward the Sisters of Joseph mission in Selma, Ala. From left are Marlene Sars, Monica Wels, solist, and Suzanne Dress, choir president. All are invited.

BOOK SHELF

Novels Of Faith

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA Nazareth College

- Lucine, by M. Pascal-Desque. Trans. by Gary McEoin. Kennedy '59. 220 pp. \$3.75.
- Seek The Fair Land, by Walter Macken. Masmilian '58. 308 pp.

What a joy to come on a not be in every seven, who is real novelist who has just about of the true way, discouraged, gun to say what is in her and about to leave. And there, Lucine is by Madame Desque, is Lucine, utterly modern, with a Frenchwoman of Algeria, an education that jostles her farmer's wife, mother of three children and a grandmother, and too — and an author with those minds this state terribly because to each other. There is one who justly and expressing it exact-ly, penetratingly, without one waste syllable.

HERE ARE seven nuns, real universal. This little convent of sisters who go out to nurse the sick in their homes could be set down in any country. Their community life is the greater, at least the surest gauge of success in their joint venture of giving Christ a home.

They say of this book in France and Belgium, "One of the very rare novels that may be called religious." "It bears the impress of truth"; "Nothing is so fresh, so audacious, so beautiful."

WALTER MACKEN'S tale is bitter history. Oliver Cromwell's work in Ireland, beginning with the slaughter at Drogheda and moving across the country all the way to the Isle of Rathfriland Bo Finne in the Atlantic, where priests and bishops still alive were brought to starve to death.

One little family and their friend (Dominick MacMahon) and his two little ones, and their hunted pastor Father Sebastian) live out the hairbreadth journey over a trail already burned out by the soldiery, only to confront the Cromwellian power in still more repulsive form (Lord President Coote) in Galway and on the very edge of the sea beyond the Joyce country, in their long sought "fair land."

Their days, and all the events and personages of the story, the leaders of the Tribes, Murdock the giant, the bishops, are filled with the love of the Faith, with the conviction that God was renewing a race by fire and sword that had been in a self-absorbed decline. Cromwell is the unwitting journey of a great Providence: the soul-conquest of Patrick is re-born.

Those were rough times; perhaps the high school librarian will want to assess the language and detail of some incidents for herself.

Legion Of Decency

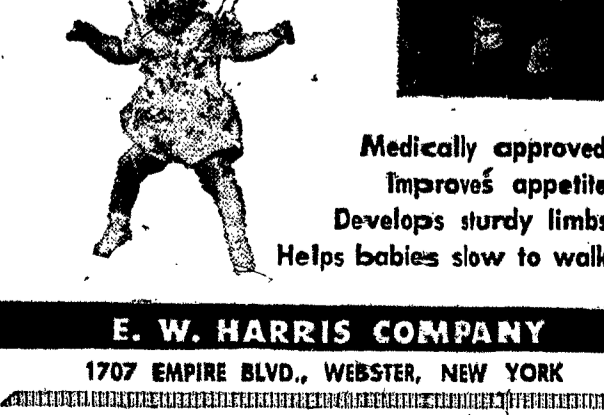
The following are the titles of films reviewed this week to be listed in their respective classification of the Legion of Decency.

- Class A, Section 1 Tarzan, The Ape Man
- Class A, Section 3 Best of Everything

Observation: The advertising on this film distorts the intention of the film maker. Odds Against Tomorrow

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Among Women

Devotion

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

October twenty-third is the feast day of St. Anthony Mary Claret, a nineteenth century saint, founder of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, popularly known as the Claretian Missionaries. Since this is also the month of the Most Holy Rosary, I am going to write today of St. Anthony Mary's great devotion to Our Blessed Lady and his dedication to her rosary.

One of his biographers remarks that without any set formula of words and ideas, Saint Anthony Mary Claret did all in, with, through, and for Mary, "his devotion to Mary, it has been pointed out, runs like a golden thread through his entire life and was part of a family tradition which he had inherited from earliest childhood.

"IMPELLED BY grace," writes his biographer, "he has been as a child to Mary's altar, where he prayed with a recollection and a devotion which many an adult envied. In his child-like simplicity he fancied a cord over the altar to heaven and carried his prayers to the throne of the blessed Virgin."

In his autobiography, the saint himself declared, "Through the rain fell in torrents, I visited daily the picture of Our Lady of the Rosary in the Dominican church at Vich, (where he was a seminarian).

"THE ROSARY was by preference the exterior form of Father Claret's devotion to Mary. He recited it as a child, as a student, as a priest; in a word the rosary was his constant companion in life until it fell from his hands in death. Although a very busy missionary and archbishop, he knew how to find time to recite each day without fail his three rosaries.

"It is touching to read in his notes how he, an aged feeble man, renewed his resolution to pray every day three rosaries. How many he said when alone on his missionary tours as he passed from place to place! He preached this devotion up and down the country, and renewed it among the Spanish people.

"In every mission he delivered a special sermon on confidence in the Blessed Virgin; he spoke of her maternal goodness, her readiness to help, her compassionate love.

ON ONE occasion when a religious sent him a detailed account of the needs of her soul; he answered her with laconic words, "Read St. Alphonsus Liguori's 'Glories of Mary' and then continue quietly on your way."

In answer to a query whether or not he was laden with the cares and annoyances, the saint answered, "I all do not allow myself to be disturbed. It is a question of some weighty decision or important matter, I pray about it, seek advice and then act according to principles of prudence. When the affair is over I neither trouble myself nor do I think about any more about it."

College Slates

Ladies In Retirement

"Ladies In Retirement" has been chosen as the Nazareth College Fall Play, to be presented in the college auditorium, Friday evening, Oct. 30.

Rehearsals are under way under the direction of Miss Mary Ann Stockbeck. Miss Gail Place, junior, and Elaine Klingler, freshman, will play the leading female roles with David Charlton as the lone male member of the cast.

Charlton, an employee of Eastman Kodak Company, is associated with the Catholic Theatre and with Music Theatre. He was the lighting technician for the past summer's production of "Boyfriend." Before coming to Rochester, he spent a season with the Fort Wayne Ballet Company and three seasons with the Ft. Wayne Civic Theatre.

Other members of the cast are Kathleen LaDella, Diana Guerret, Jean Dooscher and Sue Allegrini.

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Film Planned

On St. Patrick

London — (NC) — British producer, Desmond O'Donovan has gone to Dublin to plan a million-dollar film life of St. Patrick.

The film, "The Shamrock and the Snake" will be shot in Ireland mainly in the new Ardmore Studios at Bray, County Wicklow. It is scheduled for showing in about 18 months.

Sets will include the great palace of the High King at Tara where St. Patrick had his first major clash with the Druids. Thousands of extras will be used to take part in mass scenes as chariotiers, warriors, horsemen and sailors.

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WHEN WE WERE YOUNG—but not nearly so gay—we did not realize that in wearing our elder's clothes on HALL-OWEEN we were inaugurating the FEAST OF ALL HALLOWS, the first day of the MONTH OF ALL SOULS, all of whom desire to be WHOLLY HALLOWED. YOUR POOR SOULS—your deceased relatives and friends—don't forget your prayers—will appreciate your November Masses. Your Mass offerings NOW will make possible the OFFERING OF THE MASSES IN NOVEMBER.

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"She would pray for this one's sore complaint or that one's hurt hand." So "John O'Brien" describes an Irish Mother's "TRIMMINGS ON THE ROSARY" in "Around the Boree Log." Our October Rosary asks God's kindly care for the "hurt" souls and bodies of our refugee children. THE SORELY-NEEDED complaint-receptive ears of SISTER MARIA-MAGDALENA and SISTER ADELE-MARIE will be available with the SISTERS IN MAADI, EGYPT if you NUMBER AMONG YOUR "TRIMMINGS" an offering of \$150 a year for the two-year novitiate of each of them.

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