

At Holy Mass

Upsurge Reported In Laity's Role

Washington — (NC) — A "very definite upsurge of interest and an increase in the work of the liturgical apostolate" took place in this country during the past year.

This was the conclusion of the Bishops' Commission on the Liturgical Apostolate in its report to the annual meeting of the U.S. hierarchy.

The report attributed much of the development of the liturgical apostolate during the past year to the influence of the instruction on lay participation in the liturgy, issued in September, 1958, by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

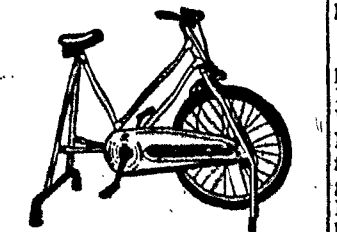
The commission declared that this document has with good reason been called the "last will and testament" of the late Pope Pius XII.

According to the report, the commission in January, 1959, urged the U.S. Bishops to put into effect the recommendations of the instruction as soon as possible. At this time the commission informed the Bishops that the dialogue Mass, in which the congregation recites some of the liturgical prayers, "has the approbation of the Holy See" and is "definitely recommended and desired."

A "most encouraging" aspect of the liturgical movement, the report stated, has been "the widespread favorable, often enthusiastic, reaction of the laity."

Other notable events of the past year, it said, were in the 1959 North American Liturgical Week held at the University of Notre Dame in August, and the first southeastern regional liturgical week, held in Charlotte, N.C. Many clergy, religious and laymen attended both meetings, and their response was enthusiastic, the report stated.

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Vera's Victims Aided By Church

Nagoya — (RNS) — The Very Rev. Francis Babulik, Vicar General of Nagoya, Japan, and Spanish missionary Sisters stand with some of the children who lost their parents when typhoon Vera swept through the country. More than 4,000 persons died or are missing, and millions of dollars' damage was done. Father

Babulik is well known among American Slovaks and particularly in the Paterson (N.J.) diocese where he was formerly a curate at St. Mary's church in Passaic. Father Babulik's appeal for immediate help for the victims of the typhoon has already brought response from many Catholics in this country.

Birth Control Question

Episcopal Prelate Distorts Catholic View

New York — (NC) — A Catholic family life expert has accused the Episcopal Bishop of California, the Right Rev. James A. Pike, of "oversimplifying" the Catholic position on family limitation.

Episcopal Bishop of California, the Right Rev. James A. Pike, American society, and that contraception "now hope to convince Catholics that the Church ultimately will abandon its opposition to contraception."

Making Marriage Click

Family Fears

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC
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Almost every day I see more worries in family life. Juvenile delinquency is sky high, alcoholism is growing, infidelity is winked at. Many husbands need two jobs to make ends meet. Two out of every ten children will be treated as mentally ill and so on. We try hard, but it is more and more trouble to be parents. How can I avoid being thoroughly discouraged? M.U.

There is one thing sure, M. U., what you worry about will almost surely never happen, this is universal experience of mankind. Family holiness is not the answer to all basic problems but it is a basic answer, one that is most neglected.

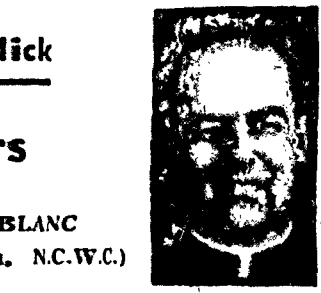
There is only one kind of holiness. Our Lord summarized holiness and defined it in one sentence. It is love of God and love of neighbor. There are, however, different paths to holiness. The path of a priest is certainly different from that of a husband, the path of a Carmelite nun differs from that of a mother.

God expects us to complete His work. In a sense, He depends upon our free will cooperation. Remember, however, that God the Father was specifically the Creator, God the Son, specifically the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier. Parents cooperate with God when they help to "create" human beings. Because they are giving birth to a creature with free will intelligence, marriage is not to be entered into by instinct. The flesh alone is not involved.

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have been asked specifically, to cooperate with God the Creator just as priests have been given the task of cooperating in a special way with God the Redeemer.

All of us share the work of God, the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier. Parents cooperate with God when they help to "create" human beings. Because they are giving birth to a creature with free will intelligence, marriage is not to be entered into by instinct. The flesh alone is not involved.

That would not be human cooperation with God, that would be animal instinct and passions would dominate instead of reason.

To define conjugal holiness we must distinguish between false love and true love. False love reduces the loved one to an instrument of pleasure. That is why a boy and girl on a date who do not restrain their passions and show mutual respect do not have love, but only instinct. Marriage requires a capacity for love. No one is born with that capacity — it has to be learned.

To love is to forget oneself for another, it is to sincerely wish him or her well, it is to sacrifice oneself for his or her growth. To love and seek no return is a sign of maturity. This love has no undue possessiveness, no jealousy, no rivalry. It exerts no power over another, it does not consist of an insatiable need for affection.

IF ONE IN LOVE is slightly rejected, this does not create anxiety. Holiness is the highest degree of this maturity because then one goes outside of self. One must be able to love and yet take rejection. Our Lord is an example of this.

Conjugal love is at the root of family holiness. Having children is an essential desire of a Christian couple and God has guaranteed the help you need to perform all the duties of the vocation.

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Vatican Library On Microfilm

St. Louis — (NC) — The Pius XII Memorial Library, containing the Western hemisphere's only copies of the Vatican Library's priceless manuscripts, was formally dedicated here in two days of ceremonies.

Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, officiated at the dedication of the \$4,250,000, air-conditioned structure which will be the central library of the Jesuit Fathers' St. Louis University.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower commended the library in a message which praised the Vatican collection as "one of the world's primary sources of information on the history of Western thought."

"Access to it," he wrote, "will be immensely valuable to all who wish to delve more deeply into the fundamentals of our civilization."

THE PROJECT of microfilming the Vatican library documents had its inception in 1950 when Father Louis J. Daly, S.J., a professor of history at the university, suggested it.

The Knights of Columbus donated about \$300,000 for the microfilming and Pope Pius XII gave permission for camera crews to photograph the documents, some of which date back to the early Fathers of the Church.

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