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**Australia**  
**Laity To Reply**

Melbourne — (NC) — Priests from all Australian states will come here early next year for a conference on methods of promoting greater active participation of the laity in offering Mass.

The conference, organized by Melbourne's archdiocesan committee on liturgy and sacred music, will be held at Xavier College from January 12 to 14.

**SERMONETTE**  
 By Rev. Richard Madden, O.C.D.  
*The Mass and You*

We priests DO get into things. We are scientist, psychiatrist, social workers, educators, laborers. . . everything. But then, so are people! Anybody can be any one of these. But the difference is this. People work at these professions primarily; a priest will only work at them secondarily. His primary function is far above this. It is also far above the work of preaching, hearing confessions and baptizing. The primary and basic function of any priest, the only reason for his existence, is to offer the Holy Sacrifice. To say Mass. If he did nothing else in his whole life but offer Mass, his existence upon the earth would be justified.



So the Mass is important to us. It is that moving drama during which we priests, as the most privileged of men, can hold God in our hands each morning. We think this is pretty terrific.

But we do wonder sometimes what some of our people think about the Mass. We wonder what the Mass means to the guy who slips out the door during the sermon to catch a quick smoke. Or to the woman who strives mightily to hang to the end of the pew while everybody else goes crawling over her. Or to the high school kids who hang around during the Holy sacrifice, fooling with their paperbooks or spinning their rosaries back and forth around their fingers. And all the others starting around, waiting for the Last Gospel so they can get home again in their bacon and eggs. And, of course, Dick Tracy.

The Mass is the continuation of Calvary. So maybe when everybody goes to church next Sunday, they will get with it so intently that when Christ looks down from His cross again, He will see, because His enemies will be gone and only His friends will be there.

**You're A Younger Wife Than Your Grandmother**

Washington — (RNS) — Younger people in America are marrying at a much younger age than their grandparents, the U. S. Census Bureau reported here.

Confirming a trend toward youthful marriages that has caused discussion in religious and educational circles, the bureau said that a survey it has just completed of the marital status of the U. S. population indicates that the median age of men at first marriage was 22 years, 4 months, among couples married in 1950.

Median age of the bride was 20 years, 2 months. One-half were younger than that, one-half older.

In 1890, the median age of men at first marriage was 24 years, according to census records, and that of women was 22.0 years.

Whereas in 1890 the average young husband was four years older than his wife, the groom now averages only two years older than his spouse.

"The long-run decrease in the median age at first marriage has occurred despite the fact that the average young person of today remains in school several years longer than a generation ago," the Census Bureau declared.

"Increased economic prosperity and greater job security have probably been major factors," the bureau suggested.

At the same time, there has been an increase in proportion of persons who marry, the census report indicated. About 70 per cent of the male population 14 years of age and over is married, compared with only 50 per cent in 1890. The proportion of women over the age of 14 who are married has increased to two out of three, against only a little more than half 70 years ago.

**'Ben Hur' Wins Special Legion Recommendation**

New York — (NC) — The National Legion of Decency's special recommendation for the film version of "Ben-Hur" is another step in the agency's new program of commending what it judges the best among movies suitable for family attendance.

In March of this year, Legion officials disclosed the plan. The first movie to be named was "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness." Since that time, others have been recommended, recently including "The Last Angry Man," and "Power Against Men."

The film's story takes place during the time of Christ and the life of the principal character, Ben-Hur, and his family crosses and recrosses that of Christ.

**Priest Feeds Poor On Jubilee**

New York — (NC) — Msgr. Joseph Accella, director of the St. Anthony Welfare Center here, observed (Nov. 28) his 50th anniversary in the priesthood by offering a Mass of thanksgiving.

After the golden jubilee Mass, the 77-year-old priest served breakfast to scores of destitute men who have been forming lines at his mission center door for 22 years.

**Looking Back**  
**'Our Church' Holds Loyalty Of Hundreds**  
 By THOMAS O'CONNOR

"Our Church," was uppermost in the minds of parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester when first we were aware that the parish existed back in our high school days.

The loyal and zealous members of that parish were motivated in this way of thinking by the late Rev. Augustine M. O'Neill, pastor. Anything in the least derogatory against Father O'Neill in jest or earnest would endanger lives.

Graduates of the Immaculate School are gathering on Sunday, Dec. 13 to assist at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney and to mark the 110th anniversary of the parish. Those who turn out will have much to recall.

This bit is not a history of the graduates and former students, it is being printed to jog the memories of the alumni and alumnae about school days and personalities. Any omitted will be because the memory helping to write this should have been jogged.

Cathedral High School in the teens of the century attracted boys and girls from "the Immaculate." To recall some of them we called Neil P. Collins whose memory is phenomenal — and more accurate than ours.

Neil immediately cited Corporation Counsel Honora A. Miller as an outstanding girl graduate of "our school." Then he thought of City Comptroller Emmett Norton. David H. Shearer, diocesan attorney is a graduate.

Cathedral High students who are remembered as marching off to the first World War and whose homes were in Immaculate Conception parish included Charles McGinnis who did not return; Harold "Butch" Clark, Ward Schlotzer, Joseph Kelly and the late Master Sergeant James Kane who remained in the Marine Corps after the war. The two Quigley boys, Harold and Genald, were off to the service too. Harold is now a dentist, Genald has been with the City recreation dept.

Our personal interest in the parish had to do with our wedding in 1922 at that church. My wife, the former Helen Ryan, is a graduate of the school and the wedding ceremony included Loretta Swift also of that parish and my brother Joseph, now gone.

After the ceremony by the late Monsignor Joseph Cameron, we left the church not to find an automobile of dignity and comfort—but an old run-about decorated and manned by some Immaculate graduates. Members of the Tenites, from the Immaculate included Neil Collins, Walter T. Brannigan, the late Charles V. Bryan and Raymond F. McAdams now in Coral Gables, Fla. Ray was not a graduate but a member of the parish at the time.

Also among those playful fellows were Joseph P. (Stubby) Flynn who resided in the Immaculate parish for a time, Charles Kenning, the late William Powers who drove the car and the late William Korins and F. Leo Hogan.

The chairman of the coming reunion William Hammond was manager of the Cathedral High School basketball team in 1913.

Neil recalled that Monsignor George W. Caffery, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, El Paso, Texas and the late Rear Admiral Harold McKittrick. The present pastor, Monsignor John S. Randall reminded that Lt. General Francis P. Mulachy, U.S. Marine Corps, retired and now a lawyer in San Diego had gone to "our school. . . .

Here in the Courier Journal connection besides Monsignor Randall, managing editor—we have been told in no uncertain terms by Melvin Quinn, composing room foreman, that items from "our church" had better appear in the paper. Edward Randall of our advertising staff is a graduate of the school.

Speaking of this newspaper's tie-up with the parish it would seem very much amiss to leave out the name of a young man who was graduated from the school, went on to high scholastic honors at Aquinas and in his spare time worked in our circulation department. He is now a priest of the diocese and we can join with "our parish" in being proud of Father Daniel Brent, associate superintendent of schools.

Hundreds of others could be recorded such as the late Paul Fretmore, our financial secretary at the K. of C. when I was grand knight, a singer and athlete and Lawrence Varian, an accurate basketball player.

A radio program has time limitations, a newspaper has a space stoppingpoint. In what is left here's success to the committee arranging the reunion of "our school." The gathering I am sure will emphasize the love of parish developed through the years at Immaculate Conception, Rochester.

**Prelate Jailed By Reds Asks U.S. Share Blessing**

Maryknoll — (NC) — An essay on the meaning of America, written by a Catholic bishop who is now held prisoner by the Chinese communists, has been published.

In the essay Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., declares that by His generosity to the United States, God "invites us to give our flesh and blood to carry His spiritual blessings around the world."

Bishop Walsh, the last American Catholic missionary in Red China, is believed at present to be seriously ill in a hospital in Shanghai. He was arrested by the communists in October, 1950.

His essay was published in Maryknoll, magazine of the Maryknoll missionaries. According to a spokesman for Maryknoll, Bishop Walsh's essay was sent out of China "just before his arrest and imprisonment."

**Boys Home Gains in India**

Hyderabad — (NC) — An Indian-run by members of the Congregational counterpart of Father Gabriel. Flanagan's Boys' Town in the U.S. is now in operation under Catholic auspices on the outskirts of this city.

Named after Archbishop Joseph Gogu of Hyderabad, it is believed to be the only one of its kind in India, the boys' town now has 105 destitute boys. It started in 1955 with 102 boys.

**Novena to St. Lucy**  
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