

Latin America Studies Start

Philadelphia — (RNS) — St. Joseph's College here will open an Institute of Latin American Studies in September. It is expected to be the first of its kind in the United States. The program will be directed by Dr. Joseph P. ...

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Is It All Right To Stay Out 'Til Dawn After The Prom?

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.
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Am I being hopelessly "old-fashioned" if I do not permit my son and daughter to accept an invitation to "breakfast" after their Senior Prom? It would mean arriving home about six or seven o'clock in the morning. I know it has been the custom to leave the prom party, go to some nightclub, then a ride, and finally breakfast at someone's home. I realize it is their "big night" but just can't see them staying out until seven. Please advise.

I must admit that I can only admire the energy, ingenuity and audacity of the present generation of youngsters. What bothers me in your letter, and I have similar ones from various sections of the country, is that serious Christian parents are confused about what stand to take when this situation arises.

Of course no parent likes to be considered "old-fashioned." As you say, this is their "big night" and you want them to enjoy themselves, but has your judgment and a sense of proportion, wisely disappeared among American parents?

I don't think so. It seems to me that the solid core of American parents are reasonably prudent and judicious in sitting up a situation. Like yourself, they really sense the lack of balance and propriety in many adolescent customs and practices. Why, then, do they appear so hesitant to take a firm stand on what they feel is right?

Contemporary American parents appear amazingly insecure, uncertain of themselves, and consequently in strong convictions in the face of pressure from their teenage children or the social system. Although they frequently have serious doubts about many of the permissions they grant and the conditions they tolerate, they go along more or less reluctantly because they really don't trust their own judgment.

How can they be sure they're right? Why should they penalize their children or deprive them of enjoyment when they're not absolutely certain of their position? Particularly if no obvious moral evils seem involved, they devalue their doubts with the convenient rationalization that "there isn't anything wrong in it."

Why are parents so uncertain and insecure in this matter? Well, in the first place, they have been exposed to a steady barrage of criticism from some groups of psychologists, psychiatrists, educators, and others. They are told that past methods of raising children were cruel and unscientific. They are told that the wrong approach can work irreparable damage on their children.

It is vaguely hinted that what they consider parental love may be only the manifestation of guilt or conceit. Self-hatred, while discipline represents merely the desire to dominate. They discover that even their youngsters at school are asked to write essays about what's wrong with their parents. It is surprising that some parents feel a little insecure?

Further, our society presents no consistent pattern that parents can follow.



American no longer agree on basic values or standards of conduct, because they no longer agree on the origin, nature, and destiny of man. Hence parents now face a whole series of alternate patterns of conduct, each of which is equally enjoyable, equally approved and accepted.

TEEN AGERS are quite conscious of this confusion, seldom hesitating to use it to their advantage by arguing, "Everybody is doing it." Unless parents have a clearly defined philosophy of life in terms of which they can select appropriate standards of conduct, they will tend to follow the crowd.

At the same time, because of the current stress on companionship to getherness, "pals," and so forth, many parents act as if they fear they will lose the love of their children if they refuse their requests. It's almost as if they feel they must buy their love or guarantee its maintenance by making frequent concessions.

Again, some parents give in to the nagging demands of their youngsters simply because it appears to be the easiest or least bothersome way out. It takes time and patience to teach children to

Finally, some fathers and mothers have never decided, as a lexicon, precisely what they want for their children. Each deal with the children separately on a day-to-day basis, with no concerted, formally discussed and agreed upon, overall plan in regard to discipline, permissions, studies, and life-style.

When present no united front children quickly learn to play one parent off against the other; while if there is no consistent, uniform policy for running the family, children have no clearly defined program they know they must follow, and consequently slip and snag every time their requests are refused.

I have not directly replied to your question because you knew the answer was definitely "no." Since you appeared to need support and assurance, I did it might be helpful to consider why many parents apparently act contrary to their convictions.

Once parents realize how and why they are being "taken in," I feel their good judgment and common sense will reassert themselves. Meanwhile, people like yourself must continue to hold the line courageously.

Papal Barometer

Vatican Paper Gets New Editor

Vatican City — (RNS) — Raimondo Manzini, former director of L'Avvenire d'Italia, influential Bologna Catholic daily, has been named by Pope John XXIII as editor-in-chief of Osservatore.

The announcement was made by the Vatican Radio, which said that the Pope had accepted the resignation of Count Giuseppe De Tora, director of the paper since July, 1959, and appointed him director emeritus.

SIGNOR MANZINI, a native of Bologna, was born in 1901, and is well known as a writer and an editor.

He attracted national prominence during the war when he temporarily suspended publication of his paper rather than follow orders to print articles upholding Nazi-Fascist occupiers as defenders of Christian civilization. He has been a close associate of Giuseppe Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, one of Italy's most social-minded prelates.

Founded in 1861, Osservatore Romano is not an official Vatican organ, but it nevertheless

Judge By Ability

New York — (RNS) — A statement based on a consensus of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders branded "injecting elements of a candidate's faith not relevant to the duties of the office he seeks" as an unfair campaign practice.

The statement was released here by the Fair Campaign Practices Committee, which sponsored a two-day meeting of the religious leaders in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with the National Conference of Christians and Jews to weigh principles which should govern the discussion of religion in the 1960 election campaign.

Charles P. Tatt of Cincinnati, chairman of the committee, said that as a result of the "full, frank and friendly" discussion, his group felt that it "can lay down some simple principles which we hope will commend themselves to American voters."

On of these, he said, was that "a candidate should be judged by his qualifications for the office he seeks and by his position on issues relevant to that office. He may properly be questioned about such issues and the bearing of his religious faith and conscience upon them. A candidate's religion is relevant to a voter's decision, but only so far as it bears on such political issues."

Another principle, Mr. Tatt said, was that "no candidate for public office should be opposed or supported because of his particular religious affiliation. A campaign for public office is not an opportunity to win for one religion against another."

Daily Mass Calendar

Priests of the Rochester Diocese whose names are listed below died on the date indicated. Your prayers are requested for them.

Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday (purple), Creed, Short Gospel may be said at a priest's second Mass.
Monday through Saturday, April 11 through 16—Mass and special Holy Week rites as in new Ordo (ritual book) issued by Vatican in 1955.

Wednesday, 1944—Rev. Stanislaus Supa; Friday, 1960—Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell.

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GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Human love often makes its own little tests; for example, a father tests his love for his child by drawing out the child's affection; the lover tests his love for his wife by leaving her and seeing if she will be coaxing to stay. One wonders if God does not do the same with us. Three instances in Scripture illustrate this.

The first instance is in the story of Jacob and Esau. Jacob had just returned from his sojourn in Padan Aram, and Esau was coming to meet him. Jacob was afraid of Esau, and he sent messengers to Esau, saying, "I have been with Laban for 14 years, and I have become rich. I have 140 camels, 1,000 head of cattle, 700 head of sheep, and 100 women. I have become rich, but I have nothing to offer you. I have become rich, but I have nothing to offer you. I have become rich, but I have nothing to offer you."

Countless are the times you have read this column. You put before you Christ walking through Mission lands, stretching out His hand, which on this earth represents the Vicar of Christ. How often have you hidden Him away with a sacrifice? You love the things which you read here and grieve that you cannot do more to make a donation. We ask you to be a Saint of Ours — to take up the Cross of Christ as He walks the Mission Road. Do not let Him pass by. Offer Him your love by sacrificing something for His Mission through the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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Secret Rites Ordain New Priest In Hungary

Vienna — (RNS) — Students who were expelled from the Catholic seminary in Budapest last year for refusing to pledge allegiance to the Hungarian Communist regime have been secretly ordained as priests, according to the official publication of Opus Dei, an organization of pro-government "peace priests" in Hungary.

Katolikus Szó, a fortnightly, reported that the secret ordinations took place shortly after Bishop Ladislav Hied, Apostolic Administrator in Esztergom, reported that one of the expelled students was ordained in the Esztergom archdiocese — the See of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, now in asylum at the American legation in Budapest — "without the required preliminary conference" with state authorities.

"As far as we know," the journal added, "a similar ordination took place in the Szekesfehervar diocese," but it did not specify when.

Katolikus Szó denounced the "rash act" of the bishops concerned as a threat to Church-State relations. It said the ordinations would encourage those people "whose behavior as citizens is a source of many difficulties."

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