

## Home Role Extends To Community

Cincinnati—(NC)—Woman's place is in the home, but a "home" takes in more than the four walls of her house.

This was the message of Msgr. Joseph B. McAllister, national director of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, in his keynote address (Aug. 24) at the federation's 47th anniversary convention here.

Msgr. McAllister, who is vice rector of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., emphasized that "women are naturally and primarily destined for the home. Their talents and capacities prepare them in a special way for building and preserving it. Their work in the home is of vast importance . . ."

"Today, home and family extend out into the community, into schools and libraries and museums, into highways, parks, and playgrounds, to the neighborhood movie and the corner drugstore.

"The modern home cannot be isolated or quarantined from the community. Home environment in its completeness must be considered, and this is largely woman's task," he said.

## U.S. Priest To Be Bishop In England

Washington — (NC) — The Very Rev. Eugene Augustine Hornyak, of the Order of St. Basil the Great, has been named Auxiliary Bishop for Ukrainians in England.

Father Hornyak is superior and master of novices at St. Josephat Monastery, Lattin-town Village (Glen Cove), Long Island, N.Y.

Bishop-elect Hornyak was born in Kucera, Bachwa, Yugoslavia, October 7, 1919. His parents still live in Kucera.

As a youth in Yugoslavia, Bishop-elect Hornyak was a pupil of Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, who was imprisoned by the Tito regime after it came to power and who died in 1960.



## Jealous Father Snubs Daughter's Boy Friend

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How do you handle a jealous father? Our nineteen-year old daughter has started going with a fine Catholic boy of twenty-three, and her father is reacting like a neglected puppy. He won't speak to the boy, makes sarcastic remarks to the girl about her "one and only," and makes it clear he doesn't want her to marry. Our daughter is a fine girl who dated little during high school and up to the present. She now holds a steady job, pays up board, and is careful to tell me about her dates. How can I get my husband to act like a normal father, or am I in the wrong?

It's truly amazing what different attitudes parents can take toward the marriage of a daughter. Some leave it entirely up to her, some scheme and plot to have her meet the "right" man, some are dissatisfied with anyone she may choose, some seem overly anxious just to marry her off, and some apparently don't want her to marry at all, though they probably would never admit it.

Since your husband seems to fall in this last category, Madge, it is interesting to speculate on the reasons for his peculiar reaction.

Why should a father oppose the marriage of his

daughter, once she has reached the appropriate age for marriage? Although he would deny it, I think you are correct in concluding that your husband really doesn't want his daughter ever to marry. If you put the question to him directly, he would probably reply that he feels she is too young to marry, or that he doesn't like this particular young man, but since your daughter has reached a marriageable age and the boy is an excellent, responsible Catholic, such answers don't sound very convincing.

WHAT AILS HIM? One possibility is that this is his first experience in "losing" a child, and he doesn't like the fact that she will pass from his control into the hands of another. Hence he regards the young man as a challenge to his power and resents him accordingly.

This is admittedly a primitive reaction, but in this deeply emotional area of paternal dominance, such reactions are not uncommon.

He may also resent the implications of her growing attachment to this young outsider. Up to this time he has been the man in her life, and he doesn't enjoy the thought of being replaced by the first young upstart to come along.

Whether they admit it or not, all fathers are pleased by the thought that they hold a high place in the affection of their daughters, and all feel at least a temporary twinge of regret when they seem to be so quickly replaced by another.

And I might add, it doesn't help soothe their injured vanity to discover that both mother and daughter are enthused about the young man! Under such circumstances, some fathers react in the same way as an older child when a new baby arrives — they misbehave just to let the family know they're still around.

Although the pattern is disappearing, some fathers still expect their older children to work and contribute to the support of the family for a few years before they marry. This custom was common among some national groups, particularly if the families were large, and the older children could find work even before finishing high school.

As long as this custom persisted, parents tended to discourage both higher education and early marriages, especially for their daughters.

Finally, some fathers take a very dim view of the morals of the younger generation. Since they mistrust the motives of all young men and apparently have little confidence in their daughters' virtues, they stubbornly oppose their entrance into social life outside the family circle. Just how their daughters are to meet suitable marriage partners is a problem such fathers thoughtlessly ignore.

It is not clear from your letter, Madge, which one of the above factors is operating in your husband's case. What can you do about the problem? First, you must try to find out what's back of his strange attitude. He may refuse, or may not be able to give you a clear answer, but you can suggest some of the above reasons and let him think about them for awhile. A little reflection may bring him around to a more balanced attitude.

Whether he changes his approach or not, your role is clear. Your daughter is old enough to start meeting young men who may prove suitable marriage partners, and she consequently needs your support.

You must also help your daughter develop a realistic view of marriage and its implications for selecting a partner.

## Diocese Has Eight Priests

Washington — (NC) — "There are eight parish priests in my diocese," remarked the bishop of Amadiya, "including myself."

The bishop from northern Iraq who was visiting here years a crew cut and is not yet 40 years old. He is the grandson of a Nestorian priest. When he knocks at the heavenly gates he will be able to

speak with St. Peter in the apostle's native tongue — in 13 other languages.

Bishop Raphael Bidawid (the surname means House of David) spoke quietly but enthusiastically of his work as a young Catholic, Nestorian Christian and Moslem.

EVERY SUNDAY, except when winter locks the mountain passes, he and two armed

guards set out on muleback from the garrison town of Amadiya. His mission is to bring the Mass to two of the six villages he serves as parish priest. The trip takes all day through country he describes "like the Bavarian Alps." A 7,649-foot mountain keeps silent watch over his journey.

The guards are provided by the Iraqi government to protect the bishop against bears, panthers and tigers.

There are virtually no roads. Because the diocese is in border territory, flanking Turkish Anatolia, the Iraqi government prefers that foreign missionaries not work there. Bishop Bidawid is alone in his house in Amadiya, sees his priests but rarely and is able to get to confession only three or four times a year.

The diocese lies in the roughly defined tribal area of the Kurds which extends into Turkey, Iran and the Soviet Union. All its Catholics, including Bishop Bidawid, are descendants of Nestorian Christians who have been separated from the Holy See and its teachings since the fifth century.

Through the oak clad mountains of his diocese rush the headwaters of the Tigris River, which joins with the Euphrates in a slow journey through the plains of Mesopotamia to the south. This area spawned the mightiest cultures of early history and some hold was the birthplace of man himself.

The Kurdish farmers of his diocese belong to one of the few surviving peoples of pre-Christian times. About the seventh century before Christ they allied themselves to the Medes, another warlike mountain tribe who became rulers of Persia. The Kurds produced the most celebrated adversary of the Crusaders, the Sultan Saladin.

For centuries they were the prototype of the Moslem warrior, with shaven head, long mustache and weapons thrust through the belt. Today they number about three million.

There are 10,000 Nestorians in Amadiya diocese, and 90,000 Moslems. Conversions among the Nestorians have been sparse, hindered by 1,500 years of theological enmity.

Bishop Bidawid's grandfather David, the Nestorian priest, was converted by Dominican missionaries. The Dominicans came to Kurdistan in the middle of the 18th century.

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## Refugees Repay Aid

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Edward B. Marks, executive director of the United States Committee for Refugees, provided interesting documentation of the gratitude of 75,000 Cuban refugees who have found haven in the United States.

One of the inspiring aspects of the relief program for Cuban refugees, he told delegates to the convention of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, is that "many of those Cubans who have found jobs are voluntarily repaying the government and sending letters of thanks with their checks."

"Still more," he added, "are returning their last check and asking that no more be sent."

Two persons in Christ, human and divine, instead of two nations as the Catholic Church from the Holy See and its Mary the title of Mother of God.

Bishop Bidawid points out that the Nestorians, who once boasted some of Christendom's finest scholars and a mission in the effort that reached into China, now pay little attention to study. Their bishops are chosen on a hereditary basis without regard for personal merit. Both Nestorian bishops who reside in his diocese were consecrated at the age of 18. (Bishop Bidawid now 38, was consecrated at 35.)

The bishop sees schools as an important means of contacting the Nestorians. He plans six or seven schools in central Persia. He points out that schools taught by Catholic missionaries in Baghdad are considered among the best in Iraq and are attended by many Moslems.

Bishop Bidawid is visiting members of the Chaldean Catholic community in the United States. Most of them are Iraqis who have settled in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and cities in Connecticut, California and Florida.

He has been traveling with his cousin, Father Thomas M. Bidawid, who is pastor of the Chaldean Rite Church of St. Ephrem in Chicago. Father Bidawid was instrumental in the conversion of a Nestorian community and its pastor in the San Francisco area earlier this year.



Bread in a Kitchen

Lawrence, Mass. — (RNS) — Bishop William J. McNaughton, M.M., like most homecoming sons, seems to prefer the kitchen as he is reunited with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William J. McNaughton. Good reason for it, too: Mother's cooking is supplemented by Dad's baking. Mr. McNaughton, a retired baker, takes from the oven a loaf of bread similar to those he baked for the offertory procession that attended his son's consecration here as a bishop. A Maryknoll missionary who at 34 is one of the youngest prelates in the Catholic Church, Bishop McNaughton will soon return to his post at Incheon, South Korea.



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