

### Rexville Parish Reports Events

Rexville—The Young Men's Adult Choir from St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Hornell sang the High Mass Sunday, Oct. 28 in St. Mary's Church. They were accompanied by William Loree, organist.

FIRST SATURDAY devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will be held Saturday night in the Church at 8 p.m.

Election Day dinner sponsored by the Allar and Rosary Society will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

### Rosarians Hear Elmira Curate

Bath—For the Nov. 1 meeting of St. Mary's Rosary and Allar Society, the Rev. John P. O'Malley, pastor, introduced guest speaker, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, Elmira.

FATHER O'BRIEN is the author of several books and is National Chaplain of the Priests' Eucharistic Holy Hour League.

Refreshments were served by a committee headed by chairmen Mrs. Michael Mangano and Mrs. Jerry Lambiente.

## My Husband Spends More Time With Neighbors Than At Home

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S. J.  
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How do you deal with a husband who won't spend any time with his family? Almost every evening after dinner he runs over to the neighbors and stays several hours. If they're home weekends, he's there in the daytime, too. My daughters say, "Wouldn't you think Dad would have more pride than to go to the neighbors all the time and drink their beer?" Recently our son asked, "Where is Dad? Oh, foolish question!" Is there anything I can do?

ing, golfing, doing odd jobs for others, or are constantly involved in various community activities.

Why do some men seek escapes from home and family? An obvious answer, of course, is that these activities mean more to them than the companionship of their wives and children. This is correct but doesn't explain very much, for we would like to know why family life does not appeal to them.

There are several reasons why husbands spend little time with their families. Some men seem incapable of enjoying real companionship with women. To their way of thinking, women and wives are necessary and have their purpose, of course, but they are so different and live in such a different world from men that they can offer little in the way of real companionship for their husbands.

Such men never bother to learn what their wives may be feeling or thinking and are equally uninterested in trying to understand their children. It is not surprising that they spend little time at home.

On the other hand, some wives are little prepared for mature masculine friendship. Their interests are narrowly feminine, and having focused all their attention on house-keeping, children and local gossip, they seem strangely unaware that their husbands have wider concerns. Like the type of men mentioned above, such women are not really interested in their partners' thoughts or feelings, yet become resentful when their husbands are silent or seek an escape.

Some couples enjoy considerable companionship at the beginning of marriage, but grow apart during the busy child-rearing stage. Neglecting the need to communicate,



to share, to do things together as a couple, some mothers lose themselves in their children, just as some fathers become utterly absorbed in their work. Unconsciously, each partner may gradually develop a "life" of his own and past companionship becomes only a memory.

What has happened in your marriage, Hilda? Did you once enjoy a companionship that no longer exists? If so, you have some shared experiences upon which to rely. Did you ever enjoy real companionship with your husband? If not, try to discover the reasons. Perhaps he is the type I mentioned above, but it may also be that you have been narrowly self-sufficient, ignored his interests, or failed to make him feel significant within the family circle.

What can you do? Since the present pattern seems firmly established, it will not be easy to change. Start by finding things you can do together as a couple or family,

such as visiting relatives or friends, making trips and so on. Show a sincere interest in his work, his friends, his outlooks and views.

Make a real effort to "tie" him into the family circle by consulting his opinion and tactfully directing the children to seek his help and cooperation.

If all else fails, you might try talking it out, suggesting that somehow you both have failed, and both must make every effort to develop the companionship God ordained for marriage. Why not make a fresh start, relying on the grace of the sacrament to give you the insight and strength to become true Christian helpmates?

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Your letter describes a curious family situation, Hilda, though at this late stage it's not going to be easy to do much about it. If it's any consolation to know that you have company in your distress, I might point out that your husband's pattern of conduct is not as uncommon as you seem to think.

Some men apparently find slight satisfaction in the company of their wives and children. They spend as little time at home as possible, and though they may not be drinking beer over in their neighbor's yard, they are either playing cards, talking with "the boys" fishing, hunt-

The intimate companionship that normally can develop only within the family circle constitutes one of the major benefits of marriage. Indeed, when people marry it is primarily this companionship that they seek, while at the same time it furnishes the only adequate basis for the long and exacting task of Christian parenthood.

Hence marital companionship not only answers basic human needs, it is a positive obligation stemming from the very purpose of marriage. Since experience shows that such companionship does not develop or endure automatically, this means that husbands and wives must sincerely co-

## Textbook Plan Tested

Portland — (RNS) — The Oregon Supreme Court heard oral arguments here in a case that will test the constitutionality of a state law which permits school parochial schools for purchase

districts to provide funds to be hampered in the free exercise of religion, nor excluded from benefits common to all because of religion."

Circuit Court Judge Ralph M. Holman ruled in February that the practice was constitutional, a decision, he said, that was "required . . . as a result of the majority opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court." He cited the high court's ruling in the Everson case of N.J., wherein furnishing bus transportation to parochial students was ruled constitutional.

The office of Oregon's attorney general filed a brief with the Oregon Supreme Court stating that "while the First Amendment of the federal constitution prohibits an establishment of religion, it likewise commands that citizens shall not Roman Catholic religion."

The appellants brief charged that all subjects taught in parochial schools are permeated with religion and therefore support of the Church becomes support of the Church.

Despite his ruling that the law was constitutional, Circuit Court Judge Holman had disagreed with his own decision. He said that while he felt he must follow the Everson case decision, he believed "the role of the Church in conducting the school is to permeate the educational process of the child with the precepts of the Roman Catholic religion."

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