

Ignorance Cited In Rhythm Use

Washington—(RNS)—Nine of 10 practicing physicians in this country who counsel—and 98 per cent of couples who practice—the rhythm method of family planning, “don’t know enough about it to place confidence in its effectiveness.”

This charge was made by Dr. John Wilke of Cincinnati, one of the several hundred Catholic physicians, priests, and marriage counselors attending the International Symposium on Rhythm here.

“This was but one of several admissions by speakers who said that some authorities on the rhythm method know little more about the reproduction cycle of women than was known 2,000 years ago.”

A general appeal was sounded by numerous speakers that Catholic physicians in particular combine their efforts, provide clinical test data for study, and make serious attempts at solving the mysteries of pregnancy, keeping it within the normal framework of teachings prescribed by the Catholic Church.

Dr. John Boses of Providence, R.I., said “curious explanations and advice to abstain for a few days before and a few days after



Participants in a theology symposium discuss the rhythm method of family planning in the nation's capital. Dr. Benedict Duffy of Rochester, N.Y., is seen with Father Martin Baker of Mt. Saviour Monastery, Dr. John Marshall, keynote speaker from London, England, and Father Gerald Drann, director of the Family Life Bureau of the Rochester Diocese.

Layman Reads Mass Scriptures

St. Louis—(NC)—A layman is reading the Epistle and Gospel at Mass here, rather than the priest.

Presentation of a weekly televised Mass from a KXVI studio prompted Father Francis J. Matthews to ask Joseph Cardinal Ritter's permission to have the lay lector replace the priest as the reader of the Epistle and Gospel.

Father Matthews, director of the Catholic Radio and Television Apostolate, believes the idea of what is going on at Mass can be better communicated to a television audience if the priest-celebrant of the Mass stops and listens to the lay reader's Epistle and Gospel instead of reciting them himself in Latin as usual.

'Vernacular' For Deaf

Newark—(NC)—Projects active in work among the deaf have sent a petition to the Vatican asking consideration be given to deaf persons for participation in the revised liturgy.

Father John P. Hourihan, director of the Apostolate of the Deaf of the Mount Carmel Guild, social welfare agency of the Newark Archdiocese, disclosed the petition at a Commission breakfast for the deaf.

He said the petition asks that the deaf and priests who work with them be permitted to use sign language in those parts of the Mass where the vernacular is to be spoken.

Church Gains In Iraq Cities

Baghdad—(NC)—The Christian “island” in this Moslem land has torn loose from its centuries-old base and shifted to new surroundings—and new problems.

For hundreds of years the Christian population of Iraq lived in the mountainous north-west region. Since World War II the Christians, numbering about 800,000 Catholics and 800,000 others in a land of 6,000,000 people, have migrated to the large cities of Baghdad, Basra and Mosul.


The clergy have faced heavy burdens in providing for the religious needs of the Catholics in these cities, who have never been adequately prepared for the new urban life.

AMERICAN JESUITS, who had come to Iraq in 1932 to open a high school, have been of great assistance. While expanding their educational work over the years, they have also developed their parish activity.

A recent survey showed that they celebrate 16 Masses each Sunday in 11 churches or chapels. They supply confessors at all the Masses, and preach sermons at most of them.

As in other parts of the world, the principal problem here is the growth of native vocations to the priesthood and religious life. At present, three American Jesuits are celebrating Mass in the Chaldean Rite, but the Iraqis are now training in the U.S. and Europe, and will be able to take

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First Saturday IFCA Mass Set

Bishop Kearney will celebrate First Saturday Mass for the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae at St. Agnes High School chapel Saturday, Nov. 7, at 8:30 a.m. Reservations for the breakfast following may be made with Mrs. James Fahy, BR 1-0008, or Mrs. James Hall, GR 3-0029.

Concert Set At Academy

Billed singer Earl Spicer of New York will present a concert at Sacred Heart Academy Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7:45 p.m., sponsored by the school's Fathers' Council and Mothers' Association.

Priest Barred - Race Topic, Minister Invited Instead

Los Angeles—(RNS)—Father and ironic that local Catholic George M. Ingrisano, local Carmelite superior and acting pastor of St. Raphael's Church here, was barred by Los Angeles archdiocesan authorities from speaking to a Catholic group on moral issues involved in segregation and housing discrimination.

The priest was to speak to "Pomona Catholics Against Proposition 13," a group opposing a California constitutional amendment which would nullify all existing fair-housing laws and bar the legislature from reenacting such laws without a public referendum.

After Father Ingrisano was forbidden to address the group, the Catholic organization, an unofficial body, invited Dr. Pierce Johnson, a Methodist minister from Claremont, as guest speaker.


James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, had earlier described Proposition 13 and the entire subject of housing discrimination as a "political" rather than a moral issue.

The priest confirmed that he received a telephone call from Msgr. John Rawden of the archdiocesan chancery who asked for an explanation about the scheduled appearance. When Father Ingrisano informed the chancery that as local superior of his order he did not require permission to speak to a Catholic group on a moral issue, the chancery, it was reported, informed Carmelite provincial superiors in Chicago that the priest would be expelled from the diocese if he delivered the talk. Later, it was said, the Carmelite provincial suggested that Father Ingrisano cancel his appearance.


Commenting Mrs. Warren Miller, chairman of the Pomona Catholic group, "When we could not get proper moral guidance from our church, we felt compelled to invite a non-Catholic clergyman who would give us a Christian understanding of a crucially important moral issue."

Emil Seliga, president of the Los Angeles Catholic Human Relations Council, also an unofficial agency, issued the following statement: "In the light of the clearly articulated statement by five Catholic bishops of California, all condemning Proposition 13 as contrary to Christian teachings, it is distressing


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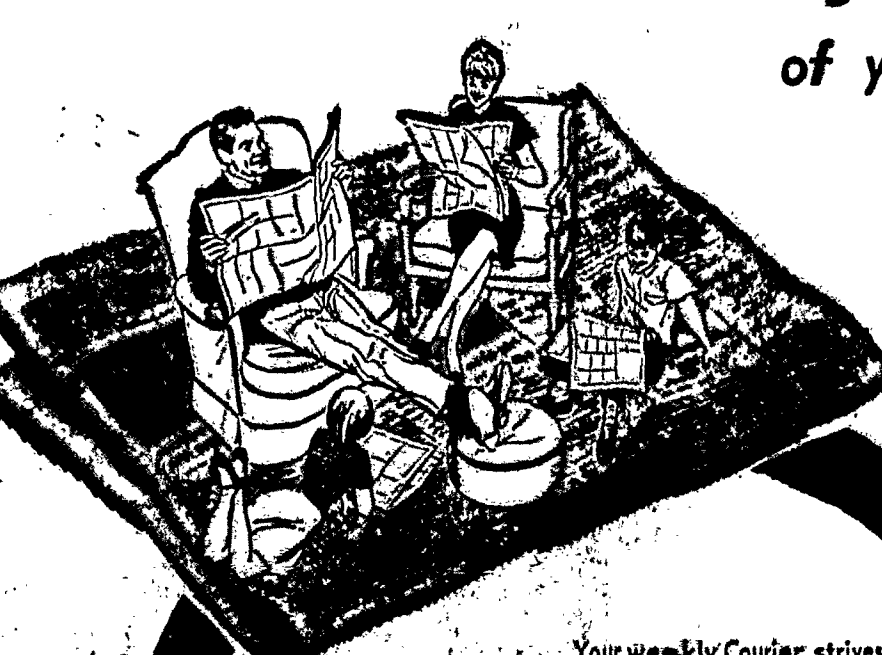
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