

# Nation Has No Substitute For Mother

Dayton—(NC)—Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver asserted this "country needs mothers to do what they do best—mothering" in an answer to prevalent attacks on motherhood.

The wife of the director of the Peace Corps and of the war on poverty said if couples want to limit their families, they should do so according to their consciences and not by force either by government programs or social pressure.

Couples should have as many or as few children as they wish, she said.

Writing in a recent issue of McCall's magazine, published here, the sister of the assassinated President answered criticisms that motherhood is "rarely a fulfillment and only a bore" and that children can best be raised by teachers, Scout leaders, social workers and recreation directors.

"If mothers understand how much they mean to their children, how can they help but derive the pride and satisfaction and sense of accomplishment from motherhood?" she asked.

Mrs. Shriver disputed fears spread by the "population explosion element." She wrote:

"We are told we cannot possibly build enough homes to house an exploding population. Yet in the

20 years since World War II, we have built three times as many housing units as in the 20 years prior to the war—even though our population increased 25 per cent.

"Can we provide millions of new children with food? The acreage we have currently in farmland can raise enough food to feed the entire world. If more is needed, we could double our farmland simply by converting to farms the acres now used for pastures," Mrs. Shriver stated.

She contended that "it is preposterous to say that the quality of our life is threatened by population increases." She said there are no children in this country now or in the future who could not go to excellent schools, "if we wanted to spend the money to provide for them."

"Ours is not a problem of scarcity," Mrs. Shriver wrote. "It is a problem of lack of will and lack of distribution. We live amidst plenty, if we could only bring it forth."

"If poor people had fewer children, would it really solve the problem?" she asked. "The real challenge is to mobilize our resources to use them more fully, to spread them to all who deserve them, whether it is 200 or 300 million, or even more," she contended.

## Little Hope For Change In S. Africa

Minneapolis—(RNS)—South Africa's rulers were described here by a leading Methodist clergyman from that country as "very devout" Christians who are "convinced . . . they are doing the right thing" in maintaining apartheid policies.

Dr. Joseph B. Webb of Johannesburg, a vice-president of the World Methodist Council, pointed out that members of the ruling Nationalist Party—largely Dutch Reformed—"can be found in their churches every Sunday morning."

Since they have the support of the dominant Dutch Reformed Church in regard to segregation policies, he added, even opponents of the government leaders cannot accuse them of being hypocrites.

The clergyman saw little hope for a change in apartheid regulations in South Africa, even though most Christians in the country oppose the policy as being "inconsistent with Christian principles."

## Update Retreats To Stem Decline

Erlanger, Ky.—(NC)—Without "updating," retreats for laymen may "well be regarded as dying on the vine," a seminar on retreat preaching was told here. The warning was given by Father Camille Clifford, C.P., director of St. Paul-of-the-Cross Retreat House in Detroit, in the keynote address to the seminar sponsored by the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference.

More than 60 retreat masters and directors from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada, Great Britain and India attended the seminar, held at Marydale Retreat House.

FATHER CLIFFORD expressed the "firm opinion" that "while we have been trying to update the retreat work by building bigger and better facilities; improving on menus; employing Madison Avenue techniques of advertising and publicizing; specializing types of retreats, for example, youths, married couples, professional groups, etc.; making clubs, parishes and even dioceses more retreat-minded—we have neglected, at least in some instances, to face the very real need of updating the retreat itself."

Pointing to a decline in the number of laymen making retreats, he warned that "as long as we fall or refuse to incorporate into our retreats renewed liturgical approaches, updated theological ideas, fresh Scriptural exegesis . . . we are failing to a degree as retreat directors and retreat masters."

Father Clifford said a retreat for laymen must be "Christ-oriented, Christ-centered—in format and content it must be Christological."

The Rochester Catholic Adult Club is sponsoring a dinner-dance at the Edgewater (788 Edgemere Drive) on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 8:30 p.m. The dinner will honor Father Wood, Club Moderator, who recently celebrated his Silver Anniversary. Choice of ham steak (Hawaiian) or veal cutlet at \$3.15, or roast beef at \$4.00 (prices include tip). Make your reservations with Carmella Petote at GL 8-2336.

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GUIDONS	1-3
OM'S	1-4

**Poking Fun At Churchmen Ruled Out**

Santa Fe — (RNS) — "Religion or religious personnel" are now forbidden as subjects for humorous floats in Santa Fe's annual Labor Day Fiesta Parade.

Fiesta board members passed this rule at a meeting in preparation for the 1965 parade, which traditionally draws visitors from throughout the country for a weekend of parades, dances, parties and other events.

"We shall not undertake censorship, as such," explained Joe M. Clark, board president, "but we will try to circumvent floats which might be construed as sacrilegious."

"Various spectators found one entry offensive in the parade of the Fiesta last year," he said, "and we are attempting to prevent such occurrence in the future."

The entry to which Mr. Clark referred "mocked Roman Catholic Archbishop James Peter Davis for establishing a second home in Albuquerque, implying that the Archbishop of Santa Fe did so to join the Albuquerque Country Club and play golf. (Albuquerque is part of the archdiocese.)"

**25 Years Ago**  
(From files of Catholic Courier, August 15, 1940)  
State Commissioner of Education Ernest E. Cole in Albany handed down a decision to provide bus transportation to St. John the Evangelist School, Spencerport from District No. 12, Town of Ogdén.

Two newly ordained Basilian Fathers who were to celebrate their First Solemn Mass in their respective parish churches were Rev. Robert M. Fischette, C.S.B., and Rev. Leo J. Klem, C.S.B.

Retired Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco and a native of Rochester observed his 80th birthday at a dinner in Rome, Italy.



## St Ambrose Men Plan Retreat

Checking possible retreatants in the vestibule of St. Ambrose Church are Bill Cassidy, Norman Melntel, Mike Pettito and Dick Barry, chairman of the Men's Retreat Committee. Twenty-five men from the parish attended a meeting on Aug. 2 headed by Monsignor Arthur Ratigan, their pastor, to promote a retreat for over 100 parish men. The retreat will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat House on Oct. 1, 2 and 3.



## County Fair Opens Monday

The slide of death will be a spectacular feature of the week-long Monroe County Fair scheduled to open Monday, August 16. One of the exhibits will be an ostrich egg scheduled to hatch during the Fair week. Numerous farm and industrial exhibits will be on display.

## 'We Oversold' the Idea Of 'Unchanging' Church

Nelson, B.C.—(NC)—Changes in the liturgy may have come too quickly for people to absorb them, a specialist in liturgy suggested at a press conference here.

"I think we oversold the idea of the unchanging Church," said Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., editor of Worship magazine and professor of theology at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., who was named for the annual Cardinal Spellman Award as the outstanding theologian of the year.

The result, he said, was that "people were not prepared" for such changes as the use of the vernacular and the celebration of Mass with the priest facing the congregation. This unpreparedness, he said, caused some of the initial objections to the changes.

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## Ex-Catholic, Now Atheist Asks Where's Hell?

San Francisco — (RNS) — Attorney Vincent Hallinan renewed his challenge to the Roman Catholic Church to point out on a map the location of heaven, hell and purgatory at a superior court hearing here.

The self-styled "outrageous atheist" has charged the Church with fraud in contesting the will of David F. Supple, who died at 81 in 1960 and left the bulk of his \$200,000 estate to 35 Catholic charities.

Hallinan, once a Catholic, claimed the Church had frightened Mr. Supple into the be-

liefs with teachings that he could "buy his way into heaven." The lawyer has been attempting to break the will, without success, since 1961.

Originally, he represented John Smith, a grand-nephew who was left out of the will. Mr. Smith died last year, but one of Mr. Hallinan's sons purchased a portion of his alleged interest in the estate and the court action continued.

The Catholic Church "invented hell long after the death of Christ," Hallinan argued in a 40-minute summation at the hearing, "but it got so scared of what it had done, it invented purgatory as a middle ground."

At a previous hearing he was denied the right to ask Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco to point out on a map the geographical location of heaven, hell and purgatory on a map of the universe.

"I'd like to see any educated man, from a priest to a bishop, sit in this courtroom and say he believes in the nonsense of heaven, hell and purgatory," Hallinan said.

"I do not think they think these things are true," he claimed. "They know it is illusion and fantasy."

## No Gaelic In Summer

Belfast — (RNS) — Gaelic spokesmen here have protested the decision of Bishop William Philbin of Down and Connor to suspend Masses in Gaelic during the summer.

There are about 2,000 Gaelic-speaking Catholics in Belfast and their spokesman said they felt they had a right to hear Mass in their own language in their own country.

U.S. Loan  
Washington — (NC) — A \$2,350,000 college housing loan for a dormitory-dining addition at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., has been made by the Community Facilities Administration here.