Restrictions

Berne—(NC)—Augustin Lusser, a Roman Catholic member of the Swiss legislature, urged the Swiss government to end the century-old restrictions against the Catholic Church in this country.

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Nun's Dad Speaks

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Our recent column about Ginny joining the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth brought word from parents whose children are on their way toward the religious life or contemplating such a step.

One reader sent a pamphlet "**Our Daughter Is a Nun,**" written by Julien Caestecker of Chicago, with imprimatur of the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch. The correspondent who sent it noted that though there is much written about religious vocations for men, "there seems a dearth of material aimed at helping parents understand vocations given to their daughters."

To share the story of parents' cooperation with a daughter's vocation, we should like to call attention to this sincere and beautifully written script.

At the age of 19, Mr. Caestecker's daughter asked him to talk a walk with her one evening. During the walk, she revealed she was seriously contemplating becoming a Religious. Mr. Caestecker admits being surprised with "the electrifying news" but he was not "shocked or disappointed." Nor was his wife.

'Deep Joy To Us'

"The quiet accepance of God's will has brought deep joy to us," writes this father of a nun, "and to our entire family. We gave back to God our daughter, a soul He had lent us for a while to love and protect but still belonging to Him—and because He is God and can never be outdone in generosity, He has already rewarded us a thousandfold."

The author tells of the weeks preceding their daughter's departure—so like our own experience and that of other families in that precious preparatory period. He also speaks of early visits with their daughter at the novitiate, becoming "absoultely convinced that our daughter was in most sympathetic and loving hands."

Regretfully, this father comments, "I am sorry to say that some parents were deliberately staying away from the novitiate because they did not approve of their daughter's decision to enter the convent. This feeling of separation from family caused their novice daughters many sad moments at a time when 100 per cent moral support from home was most needed.

"Occasionally, I had an opportunity to spend a few moments in conversation with these disapproving parents. My suggestion to them was always to be more objective—to think more of their daughter's happiness, less about themselves and their own loneliness."

Loneliness Fades

The same refrain of loneliness for a child embarking on the religious life is echoed in other letters sent this column. We are cheered by Mr. Caestecker's words: "Every time we went to the novitiate it was a thrill to see our daughter coming to meet us, her face wreathed in smiles. Our trips home were also a source of contentment because of the conviction she had selected the right vocation . . . We knew she was closely united to us and the entire family in her daily prayers."

(That "face wreathed in smiles" reminds us of visits to our own bouncy postulant—herself tearing across the lawn—black skirt, black cape, black veil flying, "Ya-hoo! Good to see you! How's everybody?")

From postulancy to fully professed nun is a long, long way; but, as the saying goes, the longest journey starts with a single step.

Back to Mr. Caestecker: "We have never for a moment regretted the decision given to our daughter during that evening's walk a few years ago. Today she is a happy Religious of the Sacred Heart doing her part in the tremendous field of furthering the Catholic education of youth. We have not lost her love and affection, rather she is more strongly attached to the family, and more deeply interested in anything that concerns us than if she had married and had family problems of her own. We have no worries about her present or her future, surrounded as she is with a loving superior and community of devoted friends. For our part, as a result of our daughter's example and prayers, we feel that our faith and the faith of our family has been deepened."

No wonder 400,000 copies of this pamphlet have been distributed to all parts of the world during the past 10 years.

They Were Wed in Rites

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MRS. RONALD SANFILIPPO

Sanfilippo - Marcello

Miss Anna Marcello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marcello of Rochester, an Ronald J. Sanfilippo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sanfilippo, were married at St. Anthony's Church, Saturday, Nov. 6.

Rev. William C. Charbonneau officiated.

Maid of honor was Miss Antoinette Fallone. Bridesmaids were Linda Domenica, Joyce Burak, Rose Zona and Angela Siciliano. Anna Maria Caricchio was flower girl.

Best man was Thomas Lauricella. Ushers were Vito and Benny Marcello, Bruno Fallone and Jerry Siciliano. Gary John Sanfilippo was ringbearer.

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MRS. EUGENE GUERRIE

Guerrie - Clair

Miss Sharron Lee Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Clair of Romulus, and Eugene Guerrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Guerrie of Geneva, were married at St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, Saturday, Nov. 6.

Rev. Phillip Lioi officiated.

Maid of honor was Miss Suzanne Chimera. Bridesmaids were Patricia Clair and Kathy Guerrie.

Best man was Thomas Di Sio. Ushers were John Acallano and David Cacimas.

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MRS. JAMES G. HUBBELL

Hubbel - Brown

Miss Linda Marie Brown, daughter of r. and Mrs. Mahlon T. Brown of Rochester, and James G. Hubbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hubbell of Avon, were married at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, Saturday, Oct. 9.

Rev. Thomas M. Reddington officiated.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Sharon O'Donnell. Bridesmaids were Lynne Royce, Mary Ellen DeSino, Deborah Swanka and Bette Barczak.

Best man was Patrcik O'Donnell. Ushers were Glenn Walters, Steven Parsons and Romer Dey.

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Napier - Fox

Miss Jane Ellen Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford S. Fox of Lakeland, Florida, and William J. Napier, son of Mrs. Charles W. Napier and the late Mr. Napier of Brighton, were married at St. Joseph's Church, Lakeland, Saturday, Nov. 6.

Rev. William J. O'Fararell officiated.

Maid of honor was Miss Barbara Blair and John H. Napier was best man.

Ushers were Air Force Captain Thomas J. Hally, C. Thomas Eagle, Charles Napier and Robert Kleisley.

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MRS. JOHN M. CONIFF

Coniff - Kowalski

Miss Susan Ellen Kowalski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kowalski of Rochester, and John M. Coniff, son of Mrs. Bernard Coniff and the late Mr. Coniff, were married at St. Andrew's Church, Saturday, Nov. 13.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl officiated.

Mrs. Judith Aiello was matron of honor and John Aiello was best man.

Stepping Out to the Seton Ball---

will be these six ladies, all part of the Crowley clan. With Mrs. Harry B. Crowley, Sr. (fourth from left) are her four daughters, Mrs. William T. Howe, Mrs. James E. Segerson, Mrs. William T. Whelehan and Mrs. Robert T. Howe, and on the far right, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry B. Crowley Jr. Baby sitting arrangements to get everyone to the Seton Ball on Saturday, Nov. 27, will be some operation. The senior Crowleys have 45 grandchildren!

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Kodak Gives $7,200 To Nazareth College

Nazareth College has received $7,200 as its share in Eastman Kodak Company's aid-to-education program.

Nazareth is one of 86 privately endowed colleges and universities that will share in direct grants of about $390,000. The local college has received a total of $55,000 in grants since the program's inception in 1957.

The grants are based on the number of graduates of educational institutions who joined Kodak five years ago and are presently employed by the company. Kodak grants $600 for each full year of academic work completed at a privately supported, accredited school from which he or she received either a bachelor's or a graduate degree.

Three Nazareth College graduates presently meet the requirements for the grant. They are: Anne Boylin, a secretary at Kodak office; Prudence Costich, a chemist at Kodak Park; and Elizabeth Raetz, a secretary at Kodak office.

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