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Occasionally someone will ask a priest or seminarian as fully as possible into the auconcerning his long years of training, "Does it take that gust sacrifice. They must show concerning his long years of training, "Does it take that them how they can prepare long to learn how to say Mass?" Learning the mechanics them how they can prepare their minds and hearts for of the Mass, of course, takes no more than several weeks, union with Christ by an abbut the question does reveal a sort of intuition about solutely intent hearing of the what is the most important thing in a priest's life.

The priest is essentially a Sacrifice of the Mass for it is every Mass. then that he is the Sacred Giver, the sacerdos.

TO UNDERSTAND this, it reconcile it and man with God. Calvary. Man had disorientated himself from God and from the world by his deliberate rebellion disobedience to God. He had rejected the will of God in favor of his own will. Jesus, from the earth would adhere perfectly to

That sacrifice of His will cul- the spirit of it? minated in the perfect offering of His life on Calvary and be-

centuries past. But the wisdom atc. and the power of God devised a way in which all men of all times could join themselves to the sacrifice of Calvary.

tical with Calvary, though the

priest when he offers the Holy at the end of the Canon of

The fact of having Jesus Christ offer Himself to the Fa-It is in the Mass that he is the instrument of Christ's perfect, redemptive sacrifice, that he is the mediator between God and man in the here and now, the twentieth century.

Christ offer Himself to the Father on our altars is a thing of wonder, almost too much to grasp. But it is important that we not forget that for it to have meaning in the life of an individual, that person must actively join himself to the Sacrifice. Simply being there is of points. fice. Simply being there is of no might be well to review the necessary significance, any theology of the Mass. Jesus more than it was for the Phariat Mass they are giving them-Christ came into the world to sees or the Roman soldiers on

The bishops at the Vatican so began their work with the renewal of the Liturgy. How can we make the Mass more meanvery beginning of his life on ingful to the people? How can we get them to appreciate more ant, priests must get across the the will of His Heavenly Father. what is going on so that they idea that the offering we make

did the evil of man's sin and tion of the people. The priest selves all day and all week, that enabled man to be reconciled had more or less isolated himwith God. But in order for that self from them by language, with God. But in order for that sell from them by language to God and to one another, that perfect sacrifice of Christ to having his back to them and have any effect in the lives of having a rail separate him from having h have any effect in the lives of having a rail separate him from by making the Sacrifice of them. One could easily get the Christ effective in every nook Jesuit Order are now under by a future general congregation. joined to that sacrifice of Jesus. idea that the Mass was some kind of magical formula, the They would have to offer their effect of which was infallible wills in union with Him, give as long as one was there. It is their total selves to God. Obtrue that the Mass has an inviously this could not be done fallible effect of uniting us with physically - Calvary is twenty God, but only IF we cooper-

ing between ourselves and God hood more effective, more dy subsequent statements by Pope was referred to a study commade possible by our Brother Jesus Christ. It is essential that there be a response of love on our part or the whole thing is He projected Calvary into there be a response of love on time and space through the Sac our part or the whole thing is rifice of the Mass which is iden meaningless at least as far as we are concerned.

Through the Mass, then, peo they were not in a position to a senate or council of priests in legislative assembly and comreach out to God and find His dynamic way? That is why the love and grace in and with promotion of the new Liturgy Christ offering Himself through is so important for both priests diocese will elect 18 of their the instrumentality of the and people. In fact one could number to represent them in Among decisions already honor and glory. This we say iple into active loving partici- through another channel.

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pation in the Sacrifice of Mass. The Sacrifice

It has been theorized that the large increase in the number of extra devotions, particularly novenas, was nothing more or less than the demand of the f the Mass less than the demand of the people that they have a bigger part in religious worship. Unfortunately it was a poor substitute for the greatest and central act of Christian worship.

What must be done? Priests must teach their people to enter Word in the first part of the

Priests must show them how they must have love and solidarity with their fellow Christians and their fellow men as

People must be taught that selves body and soul to God. They must be taught over and over that Communion is the na-Council recognized this fact and tural development of that love and makes complete their union with Jesus and with one an-

Finally, what is most importwill enter more completely into at Mass is only the beginning and must be carried right back of His life on Calvary and because He was God-man, He under the cause He was God-man, and corner of their lives.

> The Vatican Council has open-ed a glorious door to the priesthood of our time. It has given The objective is to expand It is essentially a love meet time, to make their own priest tives of the Vatican Council and ternal structure of the order,

#### Priests Senate

and a human priest becomes the instrument of the offering.

HOW MANY times have peotons bishop Leo Binz announced he out of it."? How could they if has authorized the formation of the Mass then were recommitteed in early September, is the order's highest becomes the out of it."? How could they if has authorized the formation of the order's highest becomes the order's highest becomes the order of the order's highest becomes the order of the order's highest becomes the order of the o

The 456 priests in the arch-world.



### **CFM Founders Honored**

Notre Dame, Ind. — (RNS) — Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Crowley of Wilmette, Ill., founders of the worldwide Christian Family Movement, receive the 1966 Laetare Medal from Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame University. Presented annually by Notre Dame to an outstanding American Catholic lay man or woman, the award was given to a couple for the first time this year. The Crowleys were honored for their dedication "in a truly apostolic spirit to the strengthening and invigoration of family life everywhere."

# Democracy for Jesuits

By FATHER ROBERT A. GRAHAM, S.J.

Special Correspondent

ditions of modern times.

major problems at the provin-tion of the traditional distinccial or district level. As a result of the vote, the between those with solemn vows

consideration by its General tion. Hitherto, formal discussion Congregation or Chaper in ses. and recording of opinions on such issues remained reserved for the Roman Chapter.

them the opportunity to expand the basis of responsible partici. A companion proposal, how vastly the dimensions pation in affairs of the order ever, which envisaged a more of Christ's sacrifice for our This is in line with the direc-revolutionary change in the ingious communities to the con- ous categories or grades of the order, with resulting differentiation of rights. The committee

> A third proposal yet to be prises 225 delegates from all acted upon is a reform of the Jesuit provinces throughout the method for determining eligibil-

tions introduced by St. Ignatius local assemblies, or provincial and those with simple vows.

#### Communion From Nuns

Vatican has given bishops the faculty to allow mothers superior of convents to distribute Holy Communion to their communities when no priest is of his return is uncertain.

tended primarily for mission and not in public.

Vatican City — (NC) — The lands where there is a great shortage of priests and applies when a priest is not available "for several days" and the time

A mother superior may give A document called a "reserv! Communion in such cases both ed instruction," issued by the to herself and to members of Congregation of the Sacraments, her community, but she must specifies that the ruling is in do so in the convent chapel

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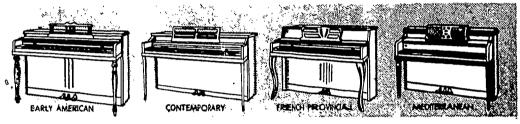
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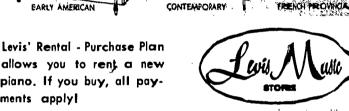
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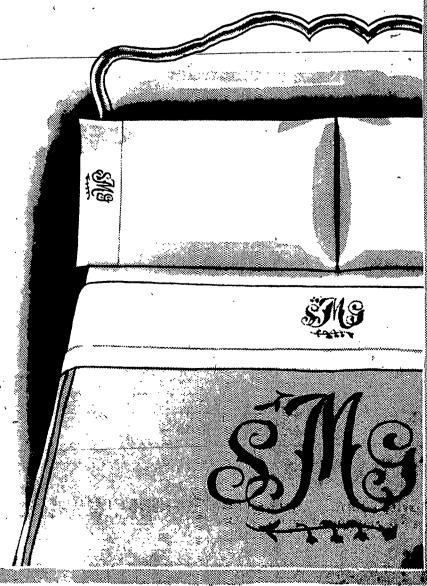
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Legion of

By GERARD McM.

"The people who lieve, the people who the old, the dying, erable, the depresse . . We must cemed! We must tr others as the Blesse saw her Son." So sp Columban Father W McGrath to the four members of the Legion attending the Legion last weekend at Naza

Father McGrath traveling across Ame rapid pace; he is a bi tive man.

he was imprisoned by two years and eigh under circumstances others around him or

The three day Co underway Friday eve 14, at the Trenholm where Legion Counc the Rochester Dioces of New York State Garvin, New York Senatus representati on dedication and Father McGrath add Council officers and fifty priests, spiritua of Legion praesidia.

Main Congress sess Saturday morning a College. Attending w members of the L other interested perso ing three Protestant

After the main a Father McGrath, the the Congress, "Mary Legion in our World," was further at a variety of indivi shops throughout th

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