

Catholics' Conflicts Over Marriage Laws Surveyed

Pacific Palisades, Calif. — (RNS) — Catholic couples today reflect prevalent degrees of conflict between their own attitudes toward marriage, sexuality and family planning and what they feel is expected of them as members of the Church, according to the results of a national survey.

The survey, "A Study on Catholic Marriage in the United States," conducted between November 1966 and April 1967, was released here by the Marriage and Family Research Project.

The study sample, prepared by the Gallup Organization, Inc., included 1,042 Catholic households, "adequately representing those Catholics in the U.S. who identify themselves with a parish."

Communion frequency was used to separate the "active Catholic" from the "inactive Catholic." The survey also includes a study of Protestant marriages as represented by a control group of primarily church-going Protestants for purposes of comparison.

Catholics want to space or limit their children on the basis of their personal circumstances and abilities but are not at all sure the Church accepts their desires as good or valid.

Catholics feel "that the official Church does not accept the exercise of conscience. Their own views on responsible parenthood and mutual love are potentially in harmony with teachings of Vatican II."

Sex in marriage is considered important to both spouses and to the happiness of a marriage, but Church-approved methods of birth control are restrictive to the exercise of freedom of marital sexuality.

The importance of sexual intercourse in marriage was ranked "very important" by 45 per cent (some 6 per cent higher than the Protestant group).

Yet, the study points out, because the Church has historical emphasis on the su-

periority of celibacy and on procreation as the purpose of marriage, about 40 per cent of these Catholics feel "all virtuous use of sexuality should embody self-sacrifice in the form of restriction or generous procreation."

Rhythm was most frequently named as the least satisfactory method of family planning by Catholics as a whole.

Seventy-one per cent of Catholics personally approve of contraception, a majority of them (62 per cent) approve of divorce in certain circumstances. Induced abortions, in certain circumstances, won approval from 46 per cent of those surveyed.

In summarizing their study the Marriage and Family Research Project discusses the survey relative to its implications for the future. They conclude:

"Ideally, it seems that Catholics would like to retain the strength of their religious identification and seek approval and authoritative guidelines from official Church sources. There are a number of Catholics now suffering from guilt feelings or feelings of disobedience because of their beliefs or behavior, who wait for authoritative approval to return to the sacramental life of their Church."

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Worker-Priest Promised

Vigo, Spain — (NC) — A thousand workers in this northeastern port have asked their bishop to assign priest-workers among them.

"We are filled with hope by the social encyclicals, the (Second) Vatican Council, and the recent promise from the (Spanish) Bishops' Conference to assign more priests to the working classes," their petition said. "The priest's presence in shops and factories and his words and actions inspired by our own living, will enlighten our faith."

Bishop Jose Lopez Ortiz promised to send priest-workers to the diocese of Tuy-Vigo, which has 334,000 Catholics.

You Don't Have to Be Jewish

Catholic Press Features

New York — If you don't think Catholics and Jews have very much in common, just read this letter:

Dear Rabbi,

Why can't girls become rabbis? For all we know, God may be a woman.

It was signed Melissa R. Grade 5.

In "Dear Rabbi," a collection of letters-to-rabbis from children and grownups, letter-collector Bill Adler makes a contribution to religious understanding in the form of humorous things that Jews write to their rabbis.

"Of the many letter books that this author has worked on, this, perhaps, was the most enjoyable," commented Adler, who has produced such books as "Kids' Letters to the FBI," "Dear President Johnson," "Dear Internal Revenue" and "The Kennedy Will." "As a Jew and a member of a New York Reform temple, I have continually been amazed at the wonders wrought by that mortal man—the rabbi."

"Once, when I was a young man, I toyed with the idea of becoming a Reform rabbi," Adler confesses, then jests: "I never made it, and frankly, after going through the hundreds of letters for this book, I am sure that had I made it, I would have lasted more than a few months."

For, according to "Dear Rabbi" (published by William Morrow & Co.), rabbis have to answer letters like: Dear Rabbi Cantor,

We would like your honest opinion. Do you feel that a book review of the "Valley of the Dolls" is out of place at a Sisterhood meeting?

Jewish youngsters apparently ask their rabbis quite a bit about hippies. "Could you tell me where I could find out

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Dear Rabbi Solomon, Our little league team sure hopes you can come to the game on Sunday and sit in our dugout. The only way we can beat Westport is if God is on our side. — Steve W., Wilton, Conn.

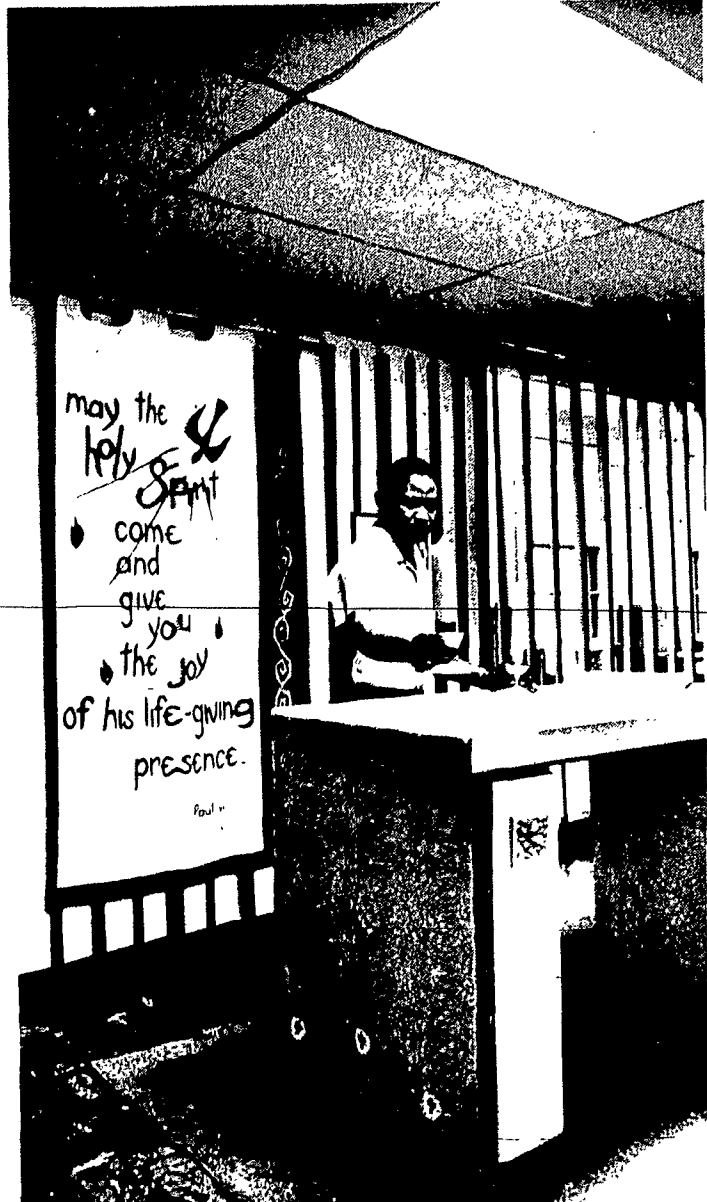
Film Acclaimed Even with Suicide

New York — (GPF) — More movies than you can remember were rapped by the old Legion of Decency because of a suicide at the end, as in "A Star Is Born," when James Mason walked out into the Pacific.

In "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," a new film based on a novel by Carson McCuller, the central character kills himself, but this time, the Catholic film office has de-

ided, "suicide is a necessary element in making explicit the significance of how people fail one another and the despair which this engenders."

But then, "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter" is one of the unusual films of the year, the story of a deaf-mute who tries to bring love, understanding and help to people in a Southern town—whether their problems be mental illness, racial hatred or adolescence.



Chapel Marks Pope's Words

The new Chapel of the Holy Spirit in St. John St. Hugh Parish House of Boston's predominantly Negro district is decorated with a banner celebrating a quotation from Pope Paul VI—"May the Holy Spirit Come and Give You the Joy of His Life-Giving Presence." The chapel was designed by Robert Gray of Liberia, West Africa, who resides in the parish. Marvin Colbert, president of the parish council, is shown arranging altar candles. (RNS)

Cardinal Shehan Heads New Hospital

Baltimore — (RNS) — A joint project of the Roman Catholic Baltimore archdiocese and the John Hopkins Medical Institutions came into reality with the dedication here of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Good Samaritan will provide medical research and hospital care for a wide range of chronic diseases.

Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore, concelebrated a Mass with four priests in the hospital's non-denominational chapel before officiating at the laying of the corner stone.

The hospital was established through a bequest of the late Thomas O'Neill, who also provided for the construction of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore. The will provided that the Archbishop of Baltimore must be president of the hospital's board of trustees. However, treatment and research will be under the direction of John Hopkins personnel.

'Man's Rights' Peace Day Theme

United Nations, N.Y. — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop John J. Dougherty of Newark, Chairman of the Bishops' Sub-Committee on World Justice and Peace, celebrated a Mass for Peace at Holy Family Church here Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the third anniversary of Pope Paul's plea for peace made during his visit to the United Nations. Holy Family Church was established to serve the UN community.

In Washington, meanwhile, the Apostolic Delegation in the United States made it known that the Church's theme for this year's observance of the "World Day of Peace" Jan. 1 would be "The Advancement of Man's Rights, the Route Toward Peace."

College To Have Five 'Parishes'

Emmitsburg, Md. — Mount St. Mary's College will be divided into five "parishes" this year.

Each of the five residence halls, equipped with a chapel, will have a chaplain. The college has 945 students.

The new program is being developed by Father Daniel Nusbaum of the Albany, N.Y., diocese, the women's college announced.

Federal Aid Challenged

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Federal aid to church-related colleges is the target of a test case now before the U.S. District Court here.

The suit, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union, has been brought by 15 Connecticut taxpayers against state and federal officials.

It seeks an injunction to prevent grants totaling nearly \$1 million from reaching Fairfield University in Fairfield, Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, Albertus Magnus College in New Haven and Amhurst College in South Woodstock. All are Catholic colleges.

Most of the plaintiffs are on the faculties of the University of Hartford Trinity College and Wesleyan University.

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THE PRO World Fund

By Barbara Ward

If the rich nations really wish to avoid the risk of contaminating international development projects with short-run national interest with selfish maneuvers in the deers power politics game, there are many alternatives. They could more use of full-scale international agencies.

In the Atlantic world, the instrument of multilateral action is the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). It has its own Development Aid Committee (DAC) and each year it issues a very thorough report on what member-governments have been doing in the field of economic assistance.

It underlines the problems that already loom up — for instance the steady growth in the debt by poor lands to their wealthy neighbors. It suggests strategies dealing with obstacles — and necks. It tries to produce figures that relate one nation's aid contribution to another's.

Above all, it tries, in private encourage laggards and shameless generous.

Another of its functions is to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in setting up what are known as Consortia or Consultative Groups to put together and oversee, the Bank's chairmanship, multi-program aid to particular countries.

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By Father P. David Fink

Even a casual reader of the newspaper is by now aware that issues in the 1968 presidential campaign is something referred to as "crime in the streets," "lence and civil disobedience," and order.

But I fear that on the lips of many of the electorate, the "law and order" means: "contain the ghettos, suppress the black mill the hippies, the yippies, and a wearing a beard, or sporting long hair."

Our nation is passing through very critical time. We have been fronted increasingly during the five years with a constantly existing social revolution among the especially the Blacks. The you ever greater numbers are loudly testing a war that nobody wants. In the 1968 presidential reported incidence of crimes, crimes of violence and various tacks on private property.

All this, as Walter Lippman writes, has a tendency to move national mood away from the idealism of the last 40 years and to relatively speaking, a more conservative posture at home and abroad this national shift there is a danger that racists and reaction will play upon the anxieties of electorate for their own ambiguous purposes.

As such a critical time it is bent upon the Church through Bishops to exercise with part strength the reconciling minister the Gospel. People must be help examine these hoarse cries for order.

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The Pope's Week

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope VI received in audience Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit, president of the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops (Oct. 5).

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope offered a private Mass of suffrage in the Vatican grottoes Wednesday to mark the 10th anniversary of death of Pope Pius XII (Oct. 4).

Beirut, Lebanon — (NC) — A million Cardinal de Furstenberg, fact of the Congregation for Eastern Rite Churches, presented a \$10 gift from Pope Paul VI to the papal Mission for Palestine. The is earmarked for emergency relief to refugees of the Arab-Israeli

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope VI has accepted (Oct. 4) the resignation of Bishop Manuel Moll y Sa of Tortosa, Spain, which was accepted because of the prelate's health

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