

# TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

**Dear Father,**

Can a person return from the dead? The reason I want to know is because when someone dies that I know real well, I always dream about them. And I always feel as though they are watching me.

I have talked to many people about this matter and most of them have confessed that at times they also have feelings such as mine.

—Ann

**Dear Ann,**

God could, of course, allow someone to come back from the dead as He did to Lazarus. But God has a purpose for every miracle. He works and ordinarily there doesn't seem to be any reason for anyone to come back from the dead. If anyone did, it would be big news all over the world. I think it would be safe to state no one comes back from the dead.

There is a lot of scientific research going on about dreams. There used to be a belief that we dreamed about rare and exotic things, but scientists are discovering that we dream about things that we think a lot about during the day; things that are very common. These events may not be ordered very well in our dreams, but they touch on everyday occurrences.

So if you dream about a person who died it may be because you were very close to him, or thought a lot about him, or think about death a lot. As I said, the things we think about during the day are closely associated with, often form the fiber of our dreams. We should not pay too much attention to these dreams and realize they are just an association of our everyday thoughts. May God bless you.

**Dear Father,**

If we are mature teenagers, why can't we see movies if they can't make impressions on us?

—Chris

**Dear Chris,**

Just about everything you see and hear makes some kind of an impression upon you, but it can do so later, especially if it is a suggestible movie. Your imagination can keep recalling associations which can prove dangerous.

A person watches too many second or third rate movies or television shows, he can easily adopt a second or third rate mentality. His own philosophy of life can become over-simplified, unrealistic and negative. Worst of all, a person can develop an indifference to moral values and to aesthetic values, values of real beauty and true art. We can adopt this kind of philosophy almost without being aware of it, and this is the real danger of teenagers' watching movies that are immoral, negative, and un-Christian. The thinking on vital subjects can be severely affected almost imperceptibly.

So, whether you think so or not, what you watch can



make a tremendous impression on you. You can't be too careful in making judgments on what is worthwhile to read or to watch. May God bless you.

**Dear Father,**

Last September, I went to the seminary to study to be a Brother. I was there only a short time when I went home because my parents were getting a divorce. Since I am the oldest child in the family, I felt I should be at my mother's side when the divorce came up.

I told the rector I would be back in two years. But now marriage keeps coming to my mind, and things like a new car, making lots of money, and so on.

I want to earn my way to heaven. So thoughts such as these keep coming into my head: "Forget about worldly

goods, concentrate on getting to heaven. Go back to the religious life." Yet I also have a desire to get married, have a nice car, do other works for God.

So what am I supposed to do? I can't go on drifting. I can't think straight anymore.

—John

**Dear John,**

There is no doubt that a person can be happily married, have a nice car and possessions, and save his soul. Marriage is a vocation and God gives the graces necessary for this calling as much as He gives graces to those who embrace the religious life or the single state.

Everyone has his own vocation and if he lives up to his calling and to the duties of his state, then God will certainly bless that person.

What you have to decide is this: what is your true vocation? This is not always easily discernible, but usually God gives a person a special attraction to the state of life that He is calling him to.

The calling to the religious life is not a command, but a counsel. God calls certain people to follow Him in a special way. Read St. Matthew, Chapter 19, verse 18. You remember the story of the rich young man. He was virtuous, had followed all the commandments. He asked Christ what else he could do, and Christ told him to sell all that he had and come follow Him. The young man was very sad because he had a lot of possessions and didn't want to get rid of them. So He did not follow Christ in a special way.

He probably saved his soul, but our Lord also warned that it was difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, probably because rich men can become too attached to worldly goods.

It's pretty much a judgment of how deeply you want to commit yourself to following Christ in a special way.

I suggest you talk this over with a priest in whom you have confidence. If you are close enough, maybe you can talk it over with the rector of the seminary you attended or with one of the Fathers or Brothers stationed there.



**ST. LAWRENCE GRADS** — In top photo, Sisters Jean Baptiste, SSJ., and Sister Hiltrude, SSJ., congratulate St. Lawrence School eighth-graders who won scholarships to Cardinal Mooney High School. In bottom photo, are mainstays of school's basketball team: from left, kneeling, Craig Michalowski, Dave Ridley; standing, Tim Bader, John Worden, John Kilger.



## A First for St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence School in Greece will award diplomas to 34 boys and girls at 8 p.m. Monday, June 12 — the first graduation class for the 10-year-old parish.

Six years ago the school opened with two grades housed in a temporary building. In 1965 a modern, well-equipped school building was occupied.

Staffing the School are Sisters of St. Joseph with Sister Jean Baptiste Heffernan as principal, Father John A. Murphy, 18-pastor of St. Lawrence Church.

St. Lawrence School now has an enrollment of 338 pupils in grades one through eight, with an incoming class of 41 for 1969-70 and a waiting list for some grades.

## Fisher Students Elect Dugan Senior President

M. Kevin Dugan, an English major at St. John Fisher College, has been elected president of the Senior Class for next year.

Dugan, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Dugan of 126 Wheelbarrow Drive, Greece, is a graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School. In college he has been on the varsity basketball team three years, and has played intramural football, baseball, volleyball and golf.

After graduation, Dugan expects to continue in graduate school and will either teach or enter sales.

Elected vice president was James J. Swartz, 20, son of Mrs. Carmella Swartz of 308 W. Water St., Olean.

Swartz, a sociology major, is a graduate of Archbishop Walsh High School in Olean. Active in intramural football and softball, he is a member of the Social Affairs Commission, the



M. KEVIN DUGAN

Sociology Club, and is a student adviser.

Charles J. Cole Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cole of 6659 West Main Road, Lima, was elected secretary-treasurer of the senior class.

An accounting major, he is a graduate of Lima High School. A member of the Accounting Club, and Young Democrats Club, he has played both intramural softball and football.

## Auburn Man Takes Final Vow As Maryknoller

Maryknoll, N.Y. — Brother Joseph Vail of Auburn gave the Maryknoll Fathers his final oath last Sunday, May 18, in ceremonies here.

He was in a group of seven Brothers, two of whom await overseas assignments.

Brother Vail is the son of Mrs. Mary-Vail of 7-Button Street, Auburn, and the late Joseph Vail. Before entering the community in 1961, he served in the Marine Corps for two years and was a student for one year at Rochester Institute of Technology. He is acting director of the Maryknoll Photo Lab here.

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Such, of course, is being done to relieve the poverty and suffering of those in the mission lands. Native priests are being trained; educational and medical facilities are being improved; missionaries are receiving support. It can be said without reservation that little would have been accomplished without your help.

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**McQuaid's rambling** came up with one of the performances last Friday at Parker Field, Elmira, they captured seven-of-races and set a meet record in winning the 18-nal Elmira Relays.

The Knights, paced-sprint relay team that lished a pair of track, me school records, piled up a possible 40 points, by the old mark of 83 set 1-ago by Williamsport. The race McQuaid did not to the mile medley, in-Aquinas clocked an outst-3:36.6 on a 50.1 lead-off

The relays annually the outstanding track to Western New York. Spc by the Aquinas alumni under the direction of Cyril F. Carter, C.S.B., a athletic director, the re-l the largest track event kind in upstate New Yo

A three-school strug-gles for the title among-ing champion McQuaid High, All Hallows of B and Christian Brothers emy of Syracuse.

Last year the Knights l to the title, taking 15 places and three seco amass a total of 45 Christian Brothers Acad Syracuse came in secon 21 points. Third place w by Madison High with 16

Five men from this are on the varsity golf t St. John Fisher College They are:

Edward Donohue, 20, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D of 98 N. Country Club Rochester. A sophomore a graduate of McQuaid School and a communic St. Louis Church.

Nicholas Habes, 18, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas of 91 Brookdale Park, quit. He is a freshman graduate of Bishop K High School. He is a cor of St. Cecelia Chur

Craig Palmer, 20, son and Mrs. Ralph Palmer

**Kearney To 7 W**

By TOM DOMALSA

Bishop Kearney contin its drive for champions both the City-Catholic an-olic baseball leagues v four-game sweep last we Zimmerman one-hit M: 5-0. To lead the Kings seven-game win streak, the record set in 1958.

Kearney also defeatec roe, 4-0, Aquinas 1-0, M: 5-0 and Franklin, 5-2 Kings' overall record j to 19-3, in City-Cathol-ic stands at 9-1; and in-lic competition, 2-1.

Larry Rogers hurled a against Monroe Tuesday sixth, Jim Zimmerman ce in relief of Rogers to final Redjacket uprising

Dera Fitzpatrick won hi in shutting out Aquq Wednesday. Steve Wern-gled home the winning.

**Diocesans**

Four diocesan men-1 the varsity tennis team John Fisher College. The

Christopher Connel freshman, son of Mrs. Cl Connell of 509 Lake St., and James F. Connell o York City. He is a grad Thaca High School and muncipal of St. Cather Siena Church.

Henry C. Lockwood, 2 for, son of Mr. and Mrs ert Lockwood of Talmad;

**ST. AGNES SENIO: WINS FLYING COU**

A series of flying leading to a solo flight h won by Marguerite O'Bri a senior at St. Agnes School, on the basis of an and personal interview.

Marguerite received membership in the Row Flying Club, sponsor of t nual award. She is the ter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil C of 46 Brookview Road, She plans to attend I Community College.

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