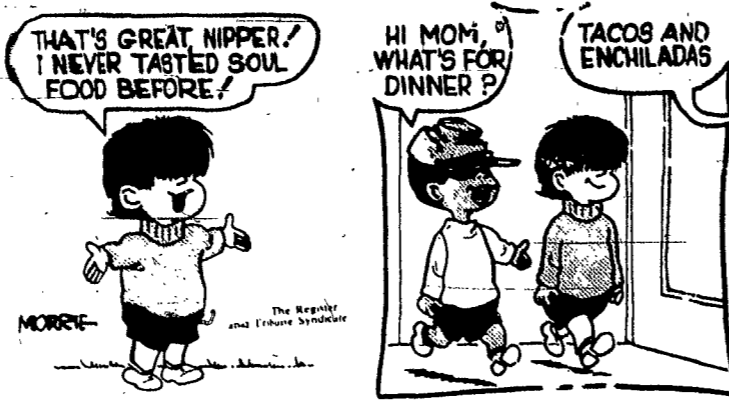
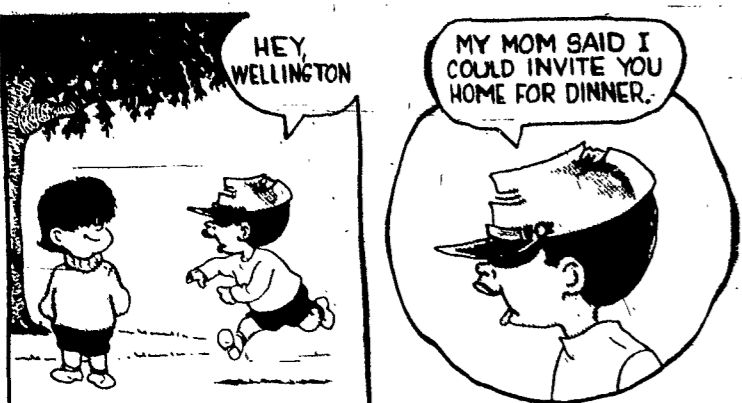


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TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

By FATHER MARTIN, C.S.S.R.

Dear Father, Your column has appeared for the first time in our Catholic newspaper. I thought the way the paper built you up for weeks beforehand that you would be with it, but the first column was quite dull.

There is my problem. I am a freshman in a large university and I am tempted to join what many people think is a radical group, but my parents and many of my friends are against it.

Our society is top heavy with selfishness, injustice, and hypocrisy and I feel the only way to change it is to shock people out of their smugness by semi-violent means if necessary.

Didn't Christ say, "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent bear it away?"

MARTHA

Dear Martha, Scripture scholars give various interpretations for the above text. The text seems to mean we must have complete dedication to Christ and His cause if we are going to attain heaven.

We have to storm it to attain it. Christ is talking about the praiseworthy violence, the bitter self-sacrifice, of those who would take possession of the kingdom.

The text has also been interpreted to mean that the kingdom of heaven clears a way for itself by violence, that is, it powerfully establishes itself despite all obstacles.

So you see, the text could have a reference to some radical groups, but I think you should examine their aims and motives carefully. Are they misguided?

Dear Father, More and more of my friends are giving up on the Church. I am getting tired of going to Confession and Mass.

Do you think that if I give up going to Church altogether but try to love God and my fellow men that I still have a good chance of saving my soul? Your reply will be appreciated.

DON

Dear Don, It would be a contradiction to give up Church altogether and still say that you love God and your fellow man. It just couldn't be. We can never love

by Morrie Turner

Hospital Unit to Begin Bivouac

The 817th Evacuation Hospital (semi-mobile) from Webster will perform two weeks of active duty at Camp Drum, Watertown, from Aug. 16-31.

The 817th will remain bivouac in the field for two weeks with the mission of operating a 25-bed field hospital in support of combat troops training at Camp Drum.

The hospital unit will undergo rigorous internal training culminating in a Field Training Examination.

This Reserve Army unit is composed of approximately 300 officers and enlisted men from the greater Rochester area.

From November 1965 until May 1968, the 817th participated in intensive special training along with other selected Reserve Forces throughout the country.

During the year, the 817th Evacuation Hospital conducted approximately forty physical examinations for personnel of all military branches in the Rochester area.

CCD Meet To Hear Fr. Rivers

Father Clarence Rivers, nationally known composer of liturgical music, will deliver the opening address at the 23rd annual New England Congress of Religious Education, Aug. 22-24, at the University of Hartford.

More than 44 topics relating to life in the Church today are scheduled to be discussed, by both clergy and laity prominent in the field of religious education.

Any one interested in attending the conference is invited to write Mrs. Rita DeVoldre, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y., 14604; phone: C716) 454-3650.

Mooney Athletes Physicals Monday

Physical examinations for Cardinal Mooney High School boys who expect to participate in sports will be given Monday, Aug. 18, in the school nurse's office.

Football candidates at all grade levels will be examined in the morning, beginning at 9. Those who intend to go out for soccer or cross country should report at 1 p.m.

BLACKFIARS SET GALILEO TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Blackfriars' October production of "Galileo" will be held tonight, Aug. 15, at the Strassenburg Planetarium, 663 East Avenue.

CONESUS GROUP MEETS MONDAY

The Altar Society of St. William's Church will meet in the Conesus Town Hall at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

explosion occurs. God is forgotten and His will is violated.

It's amazing too how fast your reasoning can change. Right now you are saying he respects me too much to do anything wrong; we're too much in love to do anything wrong; but soon that can change to, "Because we are in love, nothing is wrong." And that kind of philosophy is both wrong and very dangerous.

If the kissing etc., though not at first passionate and not done for an evil intention, constitutes for a particular couple a proximate or near danger of sin—this kind of activity is seriously immoral.

Ultimately, the decision rests with the couple. They know who is dangerous. They should know themselves well enough. And they should keep God in the picture. May He bless you.

School Aid To Be Topic Of Debate

Brockport—"Should children in Private Schools Receive Aid" will be the subject of a debate here Monday, Aug. 18, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 103 of the Communications Building of the State University College. The public is invited.

Pro and con discussion will be led by J. Kenneth O'Loane of Rochester, a research associate of Kodak Research Laboratories and a member of the New York State board of Citizens for Educational Freedom, and a representative of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

O'Loane is a member of the school board of Sacred Heart Cathedral and of the advisory committee of the superintendent of schools of the Rochester Diocese.

I think your concept of Christianity may be hazy. Certainly Mass and Communion and the other Sacraments are an important part of Christian living since they are the sources of God's graces. But Christianity is also a matter of living the Christ-life. Chesterton put it so well when he said that it's not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting, it's that Christianity hasn't been tried.

I'm firmly convinced that many young people have not tried Christianity; they have tried only what they think is Christianity, and so they have given up on it. As the famous Indian leader, Gandhi, said, Christianity has not failed, the Christians have. Too often young people see religion as merely an external affair and so they shake it off when it fails to turn them on. Certainly, religion is partly external, but the heart of religion is internal.

Once we realize that our whole being comes from God and depends on Him, we will gladly glorify and worship God with our whole being, body and soul. This kind of internal religion leads to external religion. Because if we truly love God we have to manifest this love in some external way. We are going to manifest it by our sacramental life as a proof of our love for God. We are going to manifest it externally by how we treat our neighbor. It's one thing to say we love someone, and another thing to prove it. Words mean nothing unless we prove them by action. May God bless you.

I have been going out with a boy, a year older than me, but I love him. I want to be with him always and I so look forward to going out with him always. I've never had this feeling before for any other boy. Is it sinful to park? All we ever do is kiss, and hold each other.

PEGY

Dear Peggy, I am almost 16 and I'm a sophomore in high school.

I think you know that you are playing with fire, otherwise you wouldn't be writing. One thing you must be aware of is that sexual emotions are not like electric lights; you just can't turn them on and off as you please. Eventually the electric current gets too strong and the

Deaths Mary Burns

Miss Mary E. Burns, sister of Mgr. Francis B. Burns of St. Bernard's Seminary died Aug. 6, 1969, at the age of 85.

The funeral was last Saturday at Holy Rosary Church. Miss Burns, who lived at 495 Glenwood, had been ill three weeks at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a retired employe of Kodak, where she had begun work in 1910. She was a member of the Rosary Society of Holy Rosary parish.

Survivors include four nephews and two nieces and several grand-nephews and grand-nieces. Friends may make contributions in her memory to Holy Angels Home.

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By Father Rich About a year ago Minnesota, admired his opposition to the war policy, stalked security after defeat convention.

His admirers — him "the hope of the U.S. Church" — were scandal of his defect and values which he promoted were tainted of his secret infidelity.

Both the Senator are qualified scholars magnetic personality they were professors Thomas College. Personally sensitive critical of cant, the with a charisma of ship.

Similarities Between Shannon and Sena Carthy really tell us we ponder their lives career - changing d non-comparable field quence of their act will scar young Ame time to come.

Although only 48 bishop for only three Shannon had reached tige in the Church. I had not been flushed.

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By Sarah We are not sup dully concerned w condition of the st we worship. But I I have always fe the churches I ha longed to, or mer

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They are very and once mastered any situation, ans' jecton and all w placent feeling o periority. The following w I mean... Suppos logue with a group ers and had to tal at one sitting: Q. What is the Church today? A. It is arrogant, structured and uni