

WEE PALS



by Morrie Turner



TEENAGERS WANT TO KNOW

By FATHER MARTIN

Dear Father,
I'm writing after reading your comments to a boy last week who was giving up Mass and Confession but was still going to try to love God and his fellow man.

I just don't feel you helped this young man one bit. Confession and Mass are Church instruments used to keep people dependent on the Church. And I think many young people like myself are beginning to see through the Church. We'd rather live our religion and, more important, the teachings of Christ.

After all it was Christ himself who broke away from organized religion. It's love, compassion, sharing, giving of oneself, doing and caring. This will save us.

All the churches are becoming phonies with their "all talk and no action" attitudes and they will waste away. People with truth and beauty in their souls, with giving and love in their hearts, Church or no church, are the saints; they are heaven bound.

Dear Hippie,

The Mass and the Sacrament of Penance are no Church instruments at all. They were instituted by Christ to give worship and adoration to God, and as means of grace for our souls.

These sacraments draw us closer to God and help us to love him more. They are means established by Christ to help us to personal salvation. They are aids to help us to grow together in bonds of love as true followers of Christ, as real Christians.

Christ did not break away

from organized religion. He followed all of the precepts of Jewish law and Jewish religion. He built on to Jewish religion and perfected it. He established the Catholic Church to carry on His work.

A person who has genuine love in his heart, who tries to serve God according to the best of his knowledge and ability, can certainly gain heaven. But it would be many times easier to do so with the help of the Church Christ founded and the sacraments he instituted.

A person who deserts the Church Christ founded and the Sacraments he instituted for the person's spiritual welfare will have a tremendous struggle to keep spiritually healthy and alive.

Dear Father,

I was born a Catholic 16 years ago but to the present day I don't know what being a Catholic means. The Word itself has no feeling or meaning to me.

It's not that I don't attend Church, because I do, but that isn't enough. Because of the short period of time during the Mass, I feel much is left out. To me Sunday Mass is just a scheduled program or play. Every week it's the same routine. Everything the priest talks about is the same or it's been heard before at other times. He either talks from the Gospel or the Epistle.

I don't think it's how "mod" the Catholic Church is but how much it teaches to the people.

It doesn't seem to bother the other people about how little the Bible is mentioned in church, if ever. But it does bother me because I don't

know much about the Bible and that's one reason I go to Church, to learn about it. What do you suggest?

MARGE

Dear Marge,
I suggest you go out and buy a Bible and read from it for 15 minutes a day. Start with the New Testament first and then go back and read the whole Bible.

Once you get acquainted with the Bible you will see that the Mass is based on the Scriptures. Christ's own words for the institution of Mass are there recorded; the epistle and the gospel at each Mass are readings from the Scriptures. Even the "Our Father" is from the Bible. Once you gain familiarity with the Scriptures maybe the Mass will mean more to you.

Dear Father,

I have a rather unusual complication, which I hope you can throw some light on. I am a very, very avid fan of "terror pictures." I collect the films, magazines, records, books, posters, clippings, etc. However, my family and friends do not understand. They look down on my hobby as childish, morbid and not feminine.

Father, I never view any film or material which is trash and I really am enjoying this hobby and it doesn't affect my everyday life. Is this such a crime?

ANN

Dear Ann,
Your hobby may not be a crime but it is somewhat unusual for a young girl, or for a young boy for that matter. Usually our likes and dis-

likes, our hobbies and avocations give us some kind of an insight into our psychological soundness. The kind of books we read, the movies we see, the pictures we collect, can have a very determining effect on our thinking and behavior.

I'm not implying that your hobby means you have bizarre strains in your personality, but I think you should examine your motives carefully.

Youth Seminars Adult Retreats In Canandaigua

Five youth seminars will be held this month and next at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. Scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, they will begin on Nov. 17 and 24 and December 1, 8 and 15.

The Notre Dame calendar includes also two weekends for married couples, Nov. 21-23 and Dec. 5-7.

Reservations and information may be obtained by writing the Director of Retreats, Box 342 Foster Road, Canandaigua 14824, or by telephoning 315-394-5700.

COLLEGES PRESENT MORALITY PLAYS

Four contemporary morality plays filled with famous "ghosts from the past" will be presented by the Nazareth-St. John Fisher Drama Club in the Nazareth Arts Center Theatre tonight, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14, 15 and 16 at 8:15 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. James Falone, 35 Denise Road, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a Mass at Holy Cross Church. The Falones had nine children: Mrs. Dominic Riscigno, Mrs. Anne Behlke, Mrs. Clifford Staub, Mrs. Joseph DiMarino, Mrs. Louis Christopher, Mrs. Raymond Wagner, Louis, Albert, and Mrs. Mary LePore who died in 1963. The Falones have 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

St. Mary's Women Form New Club

St. Mary's Church has a new club organized to bring the women of the downtown parish together for religious, educational and social activities. Mrs. Sal A. Ferris is president; Mrs. Roger Iardi, vice president, and Mrs. Joseph DiPrima, secretary and treasurer.

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