



## ALL IN THE FAMILY Sarah Child

Thinking that the first of the year was a good time to write something about resolutions, I checked "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" to see if anybody had said or written something particularly pertinent on the subject.

I could find nothing that dealt with resolutions made specifically on New Years. But I did make some other interesting discoveries, the first being that people obviously talked more about resolve a century or two ago than they do today and that many of those people who did were named John.

For example John Selden (1584-1654) cautioned: "Never tell your resolution beforehand."

An English jurist, Selden had a lot of other things to say, although not about resolve, that we would do well to heed, such as:

"Tis not the drinking that is to be blamed, but the excess" and "Marriage is a desperate thing" and "They that govern the most make the least noise" and "Pleasure is nothing else but the intermission of pain."

If you find Selden somewhat dreary and want something a bit lighter perhaps you would prefer a resolution that the English poet Dryden once made to adapt as

your own. He wrote, "I am resolved to grow fat and look young till forty."

On the other hand, if fat is one of the things you would rather resolve against perhaps you'd rather ally yourself with the mood of 18th Century writer Jonathan Edwards who wrote 70 resolutions including "Resolved never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."

Having been partial to "Little Women" author Louisa May Alcott since I was eight I was delighted by a resolution that she made, one which might be embraced by the 20th Century women's libber to wit: "Resolved to take Fate by the throat and shake a living out of her."

Researching the resolutions I came across something written by John Wesley, founder of Methodism who labeled the following a "Rule" rather than a resolution. Still for those who've made no resolves for the new year, and want some guidance they could do worse than the following:

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.



### Christmas Educational

Holy Name's Christmas Eve Family Mass was especially meaningful to some 50 adults and children who had taken part in the parish Advent Adult Educational Four Seasons Program.

At offertory time these persons

## Unit Named to Draft Catechetical Directory

**Washington, D.C. [RNS]** — Four Roman Catholic prelates, three lay Catholics, two nuns, two priests and a Brother were named to a special committee responsible for the drafting of a National Catechetical Directory for the U.S. Catholic Church.

The committee is headed by Msgr. William H. Paradis, former episcopal vicar for Christian Formation in the Manchester, N.H., diocese. It is designed to develop norms and guidelines for the teaching of religion to Catholics in the U.S.

The prelates named were Archbishop John F. Whealon of Hartford, Conn.; Bishop Mark J. Hurley of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Bishop William D. Borders of Orlando, Fla.; and Bishop Kenneth Povish of Crookston, Minn.

Msgr. Paradis characterized the directory as a project that is one

presented home-made ornaments for the church Christmas tree. The ornaments were crafted as part of the education program.

Each session of the program started with a family dinner, followed by a tape and slide show and crafts.

of the most important enterprises in religious education in the history of the U.S. Catholic Church. He said its preparation will involve a broad and in-depth consultation with the Catholic population generally and with specialists in related fields of study.

The priest added that it will be a "pastoral and practical" document containing norms and guidelines for the teaching of religion to all Catholics in the U.S. "in our times."

## Recent Reading in the World of the Spirit

**Folk Mass and Modern Liturgy Magazine**, edited by William Burns (Resource Publications, San Jose, Calif.)

**Hinds Feet on High Places**, by Hannah Hurnard (Spire Books, Fleming H. Revell Co., Old Tappan, N.J., paper)

**Mountains of Spices**, by Hannah Hurnard (Spire Books, Fleming H. Revell Co., Old Tappan, N.J., paper)

By JOHN DASH

Something new on the racks is **Folk Mass and Modern Liturgy Magazine**, a spirited fledgling, devoted to helping people involved in planning or leading worship.

Included in the first issue (which is dated Nov./Dec. 1973) are two extraordinary pieces. One, titled **I Hate Folk Masses**, is a great apologia for the use of good music in the liturgy as against using current music popular but of dubious value. The second, by Father James L. Empereur, SJ, is a splendid tracing of the past 150 years of the contemporary liturgical movement, proving once and for all that the changes in worship didn't begin with, but were encouraged by, Vatican II.

The magazine prints (and also offers tapes of) new music for liturgical celebrations. Unfortunately, in the first issue, music editor Paul Page gives his own Mass for the people, which is unappreciated by this ear.

Helpful features will abound in the magazine, however. They should prove a boon to parish council liturgy committees throughout the diocese.

Friend June Borregine, who is active in the charismatic renewal

## Self-Help Groups Urged to Apply For OHD Funds

Requests for funds from the Campaign for Human Development are due Jan. 20, the local Office of Human Development noted last week.

Local self-help groups working in the areas of housing, day care, community organization, health care, legal services, etc., can get applications from the Office of Human Development, 750 W. Main, Rochester, N.Y. 14611.

Projects with high priority for the National Campaign Board are those which are promising, innovative and beneficial to a large number of people, and those which generate cooperation among and with diverse groups, the OHD said.

### NAVAL ACADEMY

Bart B. Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Joseph of Kislisbury Street, has been nominated by Rep. Barber B. Conable to compete for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Bart, 17, is an Aquinas senior, active in sports and in the Civil Air patrol.

Twelve others from the area are on the congressman's list. At least two will receive appointments, his announcement said.

movement, sent our way two small books by a missionary to Palestine. The missionary's name is Hannah Hurnard, and beyond that I am able to discover nothing except that she is a superlatively sensitive writer and expositor of the Christian experience.

The first book is **Hinds Feet on High Places**, an allegorical and highly mystical account of the journey to the Lord. Acceptance and the transfiguration of suffering are key themes in the book, which celebrates the presence of the Kingdom here and now.

The second, and more difficult of Miss Hurnard's works, is a contemplative interpretation of Solomon's phrase **Mountains of Spices**. Through parable, Miss Hurnard compared the nine spices of the Song of Solomon with the nine fruits of the Spirit and again speaks of the transfiguration of weaknesses into virtues when one surrenders his life to the Savior.

Both books are heavy reading, but their form makes them suitable for reading aloud in the family circle.

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