

FOR GOD, HOME
AND COUNTRY

By FATHER KAPISTRAN

It is sad to contemplate the many erroneous views of the Catholic Church held by outsiders. Sadder still, are the misconceptions held of her by Catholics themselves.

How distressing, for example, is it to hear a father of growing children say: "Religion is like politics. If you don't like one party, you join another. If one church displeases you, join another. But it's all a racket of dictators and nickel-snatchers, whether you call it government or religion."

How chagrined will be such a man to learn on Judgment Day if not sooner that the very men, who are most sincerely convinced that religion is not what he described it, are the priests of the Catholic Church.

Attitudes like that of this father are due largely to ignorance rather than to malice. Wherefore, we wonder what a struggle the graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation have in the soul of such a man.

We know that Confirmation does not TEACH us religion, although it does illumine and refreshes and strengthens what knowledge we do possess.

Hence the importance of instruction before Confirmation. In many places the Bishop conducts the examination of those to be confirmed. From the altar, he questions all the candidates in turn.

Would we be ashamed, as Catholics, to hear that Lutherans prepare their children with greater care than we do for Confirmation?

The following example may be out-dated, but it is a forceful one:

The young man who was destined to be the Prince Consort of England's Queen Victoria was Albert of Coburg. With his brother, he was confirmed in the Evangelical Church. But a solemn examination in his religion preceded the sacrament as administered by the Lutherans.

The examination was held in public in the "Giants' Hall" in the Castle at Coburg. It was attended by an enthusiastic crowd of clergy, functionaries, delegates from the villages of the duchy and many onlookers.

Dr. Jacobi, the court chaplain, presided at an altar. The proceedings began with the singing by the choir of "Come, Holy Ghost."

After some preliminary remarks, the examination was begun by Dr. Jacobi. His questions were not such which could be answered by a simple "yes" or "no." They were carefully chosen to reveal the innermost views and feelings of the two young princes.

Once, Albert was asked: "Do you intend to hold steadfastly to the Evangelical Church?" And Albert answered not only "yes," but added: "I and my brother are firmly resolved ever to remain faithful to the acknowledged truth."

The examination lasted a full hour and was closed with prayer and hymns.

It is the prayer of every true priest that all God's children know more and more the reasons for their faith and possess daily a clearer understanding of divine truths.

THE MATTER OF LITTLE THINGS

Trifles

DECEMBER LODGE MEETING IS IMPORTANT--ATTEND IT!

MEETING NOTICE

Bridgeport, O.—The annual meeting of St. Anne's Society, No. 123, will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Boydsville Hall, beginning at p. m.

I hope that every member has enough interest in the lodge to be present at this annual meeting, at which some of the most important issues are discussed. At this meeting we also elect officers for the coming year.

I hope to see all the members present, young and old, so we can together decide something that will be for the benefit of the lodge for the coming year. After the meeting a lunch will be served to all the members.

Hoping to see you all, and wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Anna Roth, Sec'y.

MEETING NOTICE

Chisholm, Minn.—The annual meeting of St. Anne's Society, No. 156, will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, promptly at 7 o'clock, in the Community Building clubrooms.

I am extending a special invitation to our younger members to attend. Soon it will be your duty to take up the banner and carry it on.

Election of officers will take place and matters of importance will be discussed.

Let's all be there!

Mary Kosmerl, Sec'y.

MEETING NOTICE

Aurora, Minn.—The annual meeting of St. Mary's Sacred Heart Society, No. 198, will be held Dec. 19 at 7:30 p. m. in the Slovenian Hall. Election of officers will take place at that time. Members who absent themselves without reasonable excuse will be assessed a fine.

Mary Smolich, Sec'y.

MEETING NOTICE

Cleveland, O.—The annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Society, No. 169, will be held Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p. m., in the regular meeting hall. Election of officers will take place at that time. One of the present members will be given \$30 as Christmas present. Be sure to attend!

Every KSKJ lodge should be active in one field or the other. Every active lodge should have an active reporter to Our Page. Is your lodge active? Has it a reporter? If not, why not?—and when?

Lord" (Matt. xxv, 21). The price of greatness is much to be measured by fidelity in the matter of little things done for God.

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HEADS JUGOSLAV CLUB

Eveleth, Minn.—Rudolph J. Peshel, local attorney, was elected president of the American Jugoslav Club No. 1 of this city to succeed John Stibel, at the annual election of officers held Sunday night at the SNPJ Hall. Edward Bayuk was named vice president; Joseph Krall, recording secretary, and Mrs. Ann Kerze, Frank Beutz and Mrs. J. A. Ambrozich, trustees, while Michael Mourin and Louis J. Lessar were re-elected corresponding secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Confessions Of a Globetrotter

(Continued from page 7) could induce us to patronize them, although we told them dozens of times that our reservations had already been made. But try as we may we couldn't get rid of them; they kept tagging along, pestering us with chatter even though we were definitely not interested. Finally a native policeman, sensing that we were evidently annoyed, asked us if we had any use for our followers. We replied emphatically that we didn't. He then told them in a torrent of words to "clear out," which they did with amazing rapidity. The officer apologized to us for the behavior of the "scoundrels," and then, to avoid any such recurrences he appointed one of his men to escort us to our hotel.

Springfield, Ill.—All members of the St. Barbara's Society, No. 74, please attend the meeting to be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, as election of officers will be held.

ISN'T IT HARD TO BE A CATHOLIC?

Isn't it hard to be a Catholic and have to go to Mass every Sunday whether you feel like it or not—to have to abstain from meat on Fridays, even if you loathe fish and eggs—to have to confess your sins to a priest, even your most secret ones—to have to do the many things that the Catholic Church demands of its members?

Isn't it hard to be a father and have to go to the office or mill every weekday, whether you feel like it or not—to have to abstain from many things you'd like to do if you had no wife or children—to have to help with the lessons and entertainment of your youngsters, even though you'd rather be playing golf or reading the "sporting extra"—to have to do the many things that your duties as a parent demand of you?

Hard? How hard every compulsion of life is for the man who has no purpose—no goal to aim at—no love for aught but himself!

Toil, suffering, self-denial—how sweet the flavor of these to him who offers them as a free gift of love to his family, his neighbor, his country, his God!

The Catholic believes that his duty to God is to do exactly what God asks of him. He believes that his Church was established by Jesus Christ to make clear to him exactly what God asks of him. He believes therefore that he has before him an unerring map of the road which he has to follow "up hill and down dale," over rough spots and around sharp curves, in wet weather, cold weather—which he has to follow, come what may, if he is finally to arrive in the Promised Land.

Isn't it hard to be a Catholic? Ask a poverty-stricken one of us if he'd trade his route to Heaven for the wealth of the world. Ask a pain-racked one of us if he'd abandon his way of the cross for the health of the world. Ask the most insignificant one of us if he'd risk his road to eternity for the applause of the world. Just ask any one of us!

Isn't it hard to be a Catholic? That depends on how you look at it. But one thing is certain. For the Catholic who realizes, it would be unbearably hard not to be one. — Catholic Information Society, Narberth, Pa.

OUR PAGE COOKING SCHOOL

By FRANCES JANER

Another variety of cookie recipes for your Christmas selection.

Princess Cookies

1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup almonds, white of 1 egg.

Caramel Cookies

4 cups brown sugar, 1 cup nut meats, 1 cup lard or butter, 4 eggs, 5 cups cake flour, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in a little water, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar.

Combine all ingredients in order given and knead as you would bread dough. Mold into 2 or 3 loaves and allow to stand over night. Slice $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick and bake.

Date Kisses

2 egg whites, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup seeded raisins, chopped fine, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup candied cherries, chopped, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup candied pineapples, chopped.

Fruit Drops

2 eggs unbeaten, $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar, 2 squares chocolate, melted, 1 cup flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup seeded raisins, chopped fine, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup candied cherries, chopped.

Break eggs into mixing bowl, beat until very light, add sugar slowly, beating constantly, add chocolate with the flour and baking powder and salt. Mix well. Add chopped fruits and nuts. Drop from teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven, approximately 8 minutes.

Avers Jays Used Steerhide, Plan Christmas Roundup

(Continued from page 7) sayin' mebbe! Waal! hitch yer wagin and bucks an' ride out with us on our'n fall hayride! We gitster drinkin' Jim "Nace" Zupancich's mesquite and tequila liquors an' fergits that's a hayride!

An' thuh boys are hollerin' agin tuh tell yuh o' the plans fer our'n annual Christmas dance at St. Joe's place. It's goin' ter be the classiest dance o' the season, with the St. Joe Broncobusters known as the Big Apple Boys givin' us a bite o' the Apple—"Turk" Zupancich, "Morgan" Zupancich, "Munson" Trontel, Alex Prelesnik, Tony Wodishek, "Elks" Jesick doin' the savoy. Introducin' the floor show will be

Joe Ahlin as Master o' Ceremonies with John Butkovich Jr. assistin'. Young buckaroo Butkovich will show the boys the "kolo" which he picked up on his recent stampede to Europe. He'd rather don his cowboy togs an' put on his shootin' iron than go agin' out thar. Thar will be music by Joe Pechek an' his seven-piece swingsters with a lot o' refreshment in charge o' Jim "Nace" Zupancich. The committee composed o' Nick Mikatich Jr., chairman, Al Goodec, Louis Steblay, Matt Novak Jr., Anton Wodishek, Jim Zupancich, Ray Zupancich, Frank Slak, Mike Papish Jr. and Joe Pele are fixin' thuh doin's; an' plan fer regular monthly meetin's fer the English speakin' buckaroos an' cowgirls fer thuh new year.

Waste Elimination—Secure a complete intestinal elimination daily.

SEVEN SIMPLE RULES

Food—Eat freely of green vegetables, fruits, milk.

Water—Drink six glasses daily.

Air—Ventilate each room you occupy.

Exercise—For 15 minutes daily do "setting up" exercises, especially for the waist muscles.

Rest—Average eight hours in bed each night.

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Add the flour, baking powder and salt, which have been sifted together. Add fruits and flavoring. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Drop by teaspoons on greased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes.

Thoroughly blend together milk and peanut butter. Add salt and cracker crumbs. Mix well. Drop by spoonfuls onto buttered baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until brown, in a moderately hot oven. Makes 1½ dozen.

Peanut Butter Hermits

1 cup Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk, 6 tablespoons peanut butter, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup graham cracker crumbs.

Thoroughly blend together milk and peanut butter. Add salt and cracker crumbs. Mix well. Drop by spoonfuls onto buttered baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until brown, in a moderately hot oven. Makes 1½ dozen.

Fruited Macaroons

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup candied cherries, 1 cup grated coconut, 1 teaspoon almond extract, 2 egg whites.

Cream shortening and add sugar. Add milk and mix well. Add the flour, baking powder and salt, which have been sifted together. Add fruits and flavoring. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Drop by teaspoons on greased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes.

Next week's issue will carry a complete line of well-known and popular Christmas candies.

Lebkuchen

1 quart molasses, $\frac{1}{4}$ pound lard, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint sweet milk, 1 cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cups nut meats, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound citron, 2 teaspoons cloves, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup wine or brandy, 1 tablespoon soda dissolved in wine, flour to stiffen.

Mix all the ingredients thoroughly. Let dough stand over night. Next day roll about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, cut in squares and bake.