

Masses for Service Men
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Our Responsibility.

Two days ago the evening paper carried a story about a girl twelve years old who recently married her sweetheart of nineteen. The young bride had just completed her fourth grade in school. The girl's mother consented to the marriage and stated: "That as long as they are in love it's all right with me".

During the past week the newspapers have been telling the country of the contemplated marriage of an American millionaire playboy. His seventh wife was to be a young girl in her early twenties, the mother of a four year old child.

It's a sign of the times. You should be doing some serious thinking about the condition of youth. Others are worried. In This Week J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the FBI says:

"I am not easily shocked nor easily alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am both shocked and alarmed. The arrests of 'teen-age boys and girls, all over the country, are staggering. Some of the crimes youngsters are committing are almost unspeakable.

"You read in the news columns, of the most flagrant cases. The sordid movie-theatre gang-assault in New York. The vicious railroad-track murder in Houston. The tragic case of the 16-year-old boy in Michigan who killed his little sister after unmentionable cruelties.

"...not isolated horrors from another world ... danger signals which every parent -- every responsible American should heed ... symptoms -- of a condition which threatens to develop a new 'lost generation,' more hopelessly lost than any that has gone on before."

The world in which we live is not following Christ. The responsibility for re-christianizing business, family and social life rests with every Christian, especially with the young men and women who are preparing their minds and hearts for positions of leadership. The world has its own ideas, its own way of thinking about marriage, womanhood and the family. Its ideas have a pagan twist. We may be winning the war on the battle fronts of Europe and on the Pacific, but we are losing it on the home front as evidenced by the breakdown in the virtues of justice, charity and purity.

Pope Pius XI has given us a definition of the true Christian. He is "the supernatural man who thinks, judges, and acts constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason illumined by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ."

Are you trying to learn the truth, the way Christ wants you to think and act? Are you man enough to change your ideas when you discover you are not following the principles laid down by Our Blessed Lord? Christ expects you to help Him convert the world.

PRAYERS: (deceased) 1st Anniv. father of Coyne Callaghan (Wal); relative of Father Craddick, C.S.C.; sister of Midshipman Harry Zummach. (ILL) Don O'Donnell (Car) -- operation St. Joseph's Hosp. So. Bend. Two Special Intentions.

LEAVE FOR WEEK END IN STATE OF GRACE. Confessions tonight in Sorin and Breen-Phillips chapels after 7:30.

ROSARIES FOR ALL -- See Chaplain: 141 Sorin, 121 B-P, 115 Main Bldg.