

Prayers: (dec'd) mother of University of Notre Dame ..R. Farrell, '48; father of  
J. Ferryman (Ba); father of Religious Bulletin J. Coyle (V-v); fr'd of G. Ke-  
C. Conger, '42; father of... November 3, 1949 ough (Alu); fr'd of P. Kruse (Ba)  
(First Friday Tomorrow)

### "The Vocation Of Marriage"

This concludes Frederick Frans' timely observations on the vocation of Marriage. Those among you for whom the married state will be your "call" from God would do well to read and re-read thoughtfully this Catholic point of view on Matrimony:

Every human being is precious to God, and the happiness of every human being. Is it a little thing that God should put into my keeping one of His finest creatures and her happiness? Every married man knows that he has in his pledge his wife's happiness.

God has called us (Mary and me and all married couples) to cooperate with Him in the creation of His greatest masterpiece, a human being. We can call upon God to create a human soul. We cooperate in the creation of something that has never appeared before on earth and never will again--an individual personality different in some mysterious way from the personality of every other human being, living, past living or yet to live.

Every human being is born to be a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, and it is to us that God entrusts this filling out of Christ's Mystical Body. Every human being is born to be a child of God, to live forever with God in heaven, and to us God has entrusted the task of peopling heaven.

Our children live! The great artists produce a thing that, for all its beauty, is still inanimate (like a statue); but there is no beauty in the world like the beauty in the eyes of a little child. (Yes, there is: the deeper, more complete, suffering-softened beauty in the eyes of a young mother who holds her first-born in her arms.)

No artist has ever yet caught that beauty. God gives it to us to produce it in life. It is our God-given task to work on flesh and blood, our own flesh and blood--and bring forth what? Living images of Christ! It is our solemn duty to reproduce Christ in our little ones!

I am writing humbly--for it is God who gives us this vocation, God who fulfills it in us. We bring forth the priests and the nuns and the brothers of the world, the missionaries and the saints and the martyrs. The home that our love builds about them is their first seminary, their first novitiate, their first church.

That is why I say, oh so very humbly, to all priests and nuns and brothers who worry about the shortage of religious vocations: take care of our vocation, help us to build our saintly homes, and we promise that our homes will not fail or our schools, our convents and our altars. (Conclusion)

### The Incarnation.

Love, divine or human, seeks union with the person loved. God, in the person of His Son, gives Himself to us, as represented by a single individual--Jesus Christ--in the Mystery of the Incarnation. "The Word was made flesh." The Incarnation is the consummation of the love-union between God and the human race. Christ, therefore, is the eternal flesh-and-blood evidence of God's love for us.

Every child born of chaste wedlock is the consummation of a love-union between husband and wife--is in fact an incarnation, too--but of human love. All of us are flesh-and-blood testaments of the love our mothers and fathers have for each other. Under God Marriage is a holy state. It is your task to keep it such: and each home a sanctuary.