

Mass for Dean McCarthy's
Mother, Tuesday at 6:25
Main Ch., COMMERCE FORUM.

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(Deceased) mother of
Gordon Love (Lyons);
aunt of Fr. Gorman...

Christ Was A Propagandist.

People shy away from the word "propaganda" as though it were poison. As Reds and Nazis and Fascists use it, it is poison-- perverted truth. People are wary of propaganda today because too often in the past they have found it linked with schemes of hokum and buncombe. Propaganda "talks a thing up" too much, bloats it, oversells it. That is why some advertisers have at times cut their own throats. The public expected something big and after they bought it found it all too little. Only truth should be propagated.

Now, Our Lord was the arch-propagandist of truth. It was His idea to "go, teach all nations" God's truth, to cover the earth with good tidings and joy. No one was to be left out in the cold of ignorance. Whatever God had revealed the least of His children should know. Hence, from the start, the Apostles became fishers of men. The disciples went forth from Jerusalem into the hills, down into the valleys, teaching the people truth, converting both Jew and Gentile to Christ. They were propagandists.

In early times Paul was, no doubt, the greatest of propagandists. Were he living today, he would run his own radio network. And he would probably, like Oblate Schulte, fly through the clouds to drop truth on the barren wastes of the northland or, like the Jesuit Hubbard take it on skis from one Alaskan outpost to the next.

Shoulder To Shoulder.

Today, more than ever before, propagandists of God's truth are needed to offset the propaganda of the breeders of war and race-hatred, Reds, Fascists, Nazis, "nominal" Christians. *** New apostles are needed, "Catholic Workers," "Christian Frontiers," and "Catholic Informationists," to teach God's revelation to longshoremen and factory-workers, miners, farmers and fishermen. Is that all? By no means! National leaders, white-collar workers and college men need the truth pounded into their skulls. Apostles are needed in every class to walk shoulder to shoulder with their fellow men. Christ, in His Mystical Body, still says: "Go teach. Go teach all nations!"

That is what Reds and Fascists and Nazis are doing. Their teachers are hard at work spreading subversive propaganda. They have stolen our stuff-- not our truth (would that they did!) but our method, Christ's "Go, teach all nations."

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine...

...is the most perfect Christian set-up to "go, teach all nations." It is by Law established in every Catholic parish in the world. Its objectives are to instruct in the Faith Catholic children who are not fortunate enough to have their own Catholic school; to arrange study clubs and vacation schools; to provide inquiry classes for non-Catholics.

The Confraternity offers to every man, woman and youth a place and part in extending the Kingdom of Christ. The Confraternity offers you a place. You can be a TEACHER of a religion class for public school, Catholic children; a FISHER or home-visitor to interest men, women and children in attending religion classes or clubs; a HELPER to distribute Catholic literature, provide transportation and make preparation for instruction classes and clubs; or a DISCUSSION CLUB MEMBER (in these groups, door after door opens revealing new beauties of religious truth). Later, when married, you can be a PARENT-EDUCATOR and enjoy your God-given privileges.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week and next, the first regional conference of the Confraternity will be held at St. Mary's College. More of this tomorrow night.

PRAYERS: Ill, (critically) father of Rex and Duke Ellis (Carroll); mother of Carl Irwin (O.C.); sister of Fr. Muckenthaler; father and aunt of Joe English; cousin of Bob Simon (Zahm); "Cookie" Morse (Dil.); friends of J. Martin (How.). 3 spec. ints.