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Dad Deserves a Break.

The observance of Father's Day in America is in June. One day is set aside for father then, because he is usually set aside the other 364 days of the year.

You can cheer his heart in these troublesome times by setting aside the next 9 days for special remembrance of him at Mass and Communion. The Novena concludes on April 30th, the Feast of St. Joseph, the model head of a model family. If you missed the Novena's beginning this morning, Dad won't mind if you begin tomorrow morning.

There are some Novena cards in the mail-room of each hall, and more at the pamphlet racks in Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh.

There's a Place For You.

The Catholic population of the United States increased by 889,965 last year, bringing the total to 22,293,101. Of that gain, 76,706 were by conversions, an increase of 3,028 over last year's record high. There is a very perceptible trend towards Catholicism in America.

As a Catholic college student and graduate, there is a definite sphere in which you can help to lead America's millions to the truth; first, by good example, and secondly, by aiding in their instruction.

The convention of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine this week-end at St. Mary's will show you various means of arousing interest among these seekers of truth, and of instructing them. If attending, leave your name with one of the Prefects of Religion.

Questions From The Questionnaires.

Ques. Does money or position influence the Church's decision in marriage cases?

Ans. History says no. Consider the most recent figures on the decisions of the Sacred Roman Rota, which hears final appeals for annulment of Catholic marriages.

The Rota considered 76 requests for annulment of marriage last year. Of those 76 cases heard, 31 were "free" cases; the applicants were unable to pay the costs of the proceedings. Of the 76 cases, the Rota upheld the validity of 55 marriages, affirmed the nullity in 21 cases. Of the 21 cases granting annulment or affirming the nullity of the marriage from the beginning, 11 were so-called "free" cases.

Ques. Why not give in the Bulletin the position of the Catholic Church on the war?

Ans. The Bishops not having spoken, there is no official position of the Catholic Church on the war as far as it pertains to the United States. You can get various private opinions from Catholic magazines and newspapers or from different persons on the campus.

As the Bulletin explained once before, this is a controversial matter and not the proper subject for the Bulletin. Remarks on the questionnaires indicate that the Bulletin is regarded by some as interventionist due to its references to preparedness in the Bulletin and the Eucharistic Calendar, and yet it is regarded by others as being isolationist. Yes, there seems to be a controversy. You can find suitable reading in the various Catholic magazines and newspapers at the pamphlet racks and at newsstands.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Father and uncle of Bro. Vitus, C.S.C.; Uncle of Bob Duffey (Cav); Friend of Steve Valetich (Morr); George Miles. Ill: Friend of Mike Carr (How); Relative of Bill (Al) and Ed (Dil) Buenger. 4 Special Intentions.