

Family Communication

On the two previous Sundays, we have printed on this page the text of a talk given on the CBC television program, "Viewpoint". The talk dealt with early dating, going steady, and teenage marriage. It also offered some suggestions for coping with these problems. We think it worth while to quote again the following lines of the text :

"We should consider trying to solve what someone has called the most serious domestic problem in North America today. Perhaps we could try starting when a child is 6 or 7 years old, to train him into a sense of responsibility. It is really too late to start laying down the law when they hit the teenage. Perhaps we could cut down a little on the freedom we give our youngsters and give them a bit more discipline and supervision. Perhaps we could really listen to our small children and answer their questions so that when they get to the teens they can still talk to us."

In articles from here and there on the subject of child training, there is a frequently recurring statement concerning the importance of parents finding time, and even making time, to listen to and converse with their small children.

This is a critical matter in many homes. As effectively as a Berlin wall dividing the city, a wall of silence gradually grows in the family, cutting off communication. It isn't built up with deliberate intent, of course; it just grows by the fact that when the children come to tell Mommy and Daddy about something, they find Mommy and Daddy too engrossed with the newspaper, or golf, or anything else. When they come to share something of interest with the very people who should be most interested, and get nothing better than "Uh huh" and the brush-off — it won't be long before they stop coming. And yet, in their early years, a little encouragement and some evidenced interest in them can regain their confidence and love.

It is not "too late" when they hit the teenage. Undoubtedly, it may be more difficult but it is not "too late", especially if your efforts at that age are buttressed by prayer, earnest love and (now) a mutual readiness to close the communications-gap that has been so long developing. In fact, there is many a teen-ager eager for parental love and guidance; if, as time goes by, there is no evidence of its forthcoming, what else is there to do but look for love and guidance elsewhere. Then, indeed, it may quickly become "too late to start laying down the law".

The time to do something about the communication-gap, is now.



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Our Parish Bulletin

Seventh Week after Pentecost

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Gradually, as time goes by, we are coming to a new understanding of the Mass and of our own role in the Church. Probably, the greatest breakthrough in this respect came with the late Pope Pius' order to give back to the laity some measure of participation in the Mass.

In parish by parish, as the dialogue Mass was introduced, people began to realize that the Mass is not a private, individual action, but an action performed by the priest and all the people together. "Joined together in holy fellowship" indicated a grouping, a comradely grouping together for the Divine Banquet.



At last we are recalling that Mass is a social action. We join together in our Offertory Intentions, we contribute our own kindness and the fruits of our daily work for the welfare of the whole parish and Church. We are God's family, His Christian family, gathered together around our Father's Table. We are a family, concerned now with all the family, whereas, before, we used to make our Mass and Communion a private, exclusive interview with Jesus. Now, as we adore, atone, thank and ask our Father, we realize that we are a family linked to our fellow-Christians throughout the world, and linked also to those who in all centuries have walked this same earth, who are also our brothers in God's family — though they have gone on ahead Home.

Every hour today, Masses are being offered and people are praying with the priest "Look upon them with gracious and kindly attention, and deign to accept them as You deigned to accept the offerings of Your just servant, Abel..."

And everywhere that Mass is offered today, this Secret Prayer will rise for all of us, His family: "By Your will, O God, the various sacrifices of the Old Law have culminated in a single perfect sacrifice. Accept, then, this sacrifice from Your devoted servants, and bless it as You blessed Abel's sacrifice.

"May what each of us offers in honour of Your Majesty, help towards the salvation of us all."

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REXTON, N.B.

Rev. Herbert Grattan, Pastor

Mission Churches; South Branch with Sunday mass at 9.30

Chapel Point with Sunday mass at 11.00

Weekday mass at Rexton: 7.30 a.m.

Confessions every Saturday evening at 7.30

Baptisms: Sunday at 2 P.M.

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Friday of this week is the Feast of St. Anne. This mother of mothers can realize and appreciate the fact that all is not sheer romance in running a household. But she was spared the agony of trying to rear a family according to the many modern books on that topic. Those of you who have families to bring up and educate for the Kingdom of heaven would do well to pray to St. Anne on her feast day, to obtain her powerful intercession, in this all important duty.

Don't forget the Turkey Dinner being served this evening in South Branch parish hall. This is being sponsored by South Branch C.W.L. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Your patronage would be appreciated.

The Ladies of Rexton C.W.L. will take up a collection in the parish during the coming week. This collection is for the benefit of the parish, and your cooperation would be appreciated. This collection will take the place of the pantry sale, usually held during the month of July.

High Masses for the Week

Mon. (242) Ronald Murphy - Ricky & Trudy Armstrong and Carrie Murphy.
Tues. (269) Annie Louise McInerney.. Family
Wed. (85) George Hebert - Barbara & Ray Richard & Randy
Thurs (285) James Allain - Parents
Fri. (238) Mrs Louise Hebert - Anna
Sat. Double Wedding at 9.a.m.

Banns of Marriage.

Malcolm Charles Savoy and Beulah Arseneault
Lawrence Angus Arseneault and Stella Savoy

Third and last publication.

Anyone knowing any impediments to these marriages are obliged to make them known to the priest as soon as possible.

The above named couples will be married on Saturday of this week at 9 a.m.

We hear a lot today about peaceful co-existence with the Communist world. Louis Budenz, in the leading article of Our Sunday Visitor, reminds us of the Reds true goal "Red Web around the world." You will be interested too in "Marriage achieves Happiness" and in addition to these you will find all regular articles and features included this week as always, in your copy of Our Sunday Visitor. Take a copy home with you this morning, and, after reading it, pass it along to a friend.

GOD BLESS YOU.