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### LENTEN REGULATIONS

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"Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5).

The penitential season of Lent brings to mind the necessity of penance, imposed by Our Lord on His disciples. But lest we only think of mortification, Holy Mother Church prescribes a daily program during this season.

This daily program of penance is designed for every Catholic. Only the very young, the aged or infirm may be excused from it. But no one is entirely excused, for even though dispensed from the strict, fast and abstinence other penance is to be substituted. Penance is necessary for all because each one is prone to self-indulgence and to sin. Mortification strengthens the will and builds character. The lack of mortification weakens the will and destroys virtue. The faithful observance of the laws of fast and abstinence, in obedience to the will of Christ and the regulations of the Church, is the most acceptable mortification during Lent. Obedience is added to penance.

The Lenten program includes fasting, abstinence, prayers and almsgiving. Fasting regulates the amount of food each day. Abstinence concerns the use of meat. The following regulations are to be observed within the Diocese of Nelson. Lent begins at midnight Tuesday, February 10, and ends at midnight of Holy Saturday, March 28.

#### ABSTINENCE

Everyone seven years of age and over is bound by the law of abstinence. COMPLETE ABSTINENCE is to be observed on Fridays and Ash Wednesday. On days of complete abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may not be used at all.

PARTIAL ABSTINENCE is to be observed on Ember Wednesday and Saturday, February 18 and 21, and Holy Saturday, March 28. On days of partial abstinence meat, and soup and gravy made from meat, may be taken only ONCE a day at the principal meal. This obliges even those between the ages of 7 and 21 years. The law of abstinence, however, does not forbid the use of condiments made from meat (such as meat, oleomargarine, lard, shortening, etc.), provided that they are used merely as condiments. Likewise, desserts such as Jello, though made from meat products, are not forbidden. On the other hand, jellied bouillon or soup is forbidden.

#### FAST

Everyone between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusive is also bound by the law of fast.

All the weekdays of Lent are fast days. On days of fast only one full meal is allowed. Two other light meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. Meat may be taken at the principal meal except on days of complete abstinence.

Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In matters of doubt concerning fast or abstinence, the faithful should consult their priest.

#### PRAYER AND GOOD WORKS

So that they may enter more fully into the penitential spirit of this Holy Season, the faithful are exhorted to assist at Holy Mass frequently and, if possible, daily; to receive the Sacraments often; to attend the Lenten Devotions regularly.

Since almsgiving is a most salutary satisfaction for sin, generosity to God's poor is to be highly recommended as a Lenten practice.

Worldly amusements are out of keeping with the spirit of Lent, though the Church does permit legitimate recreation in moderation. Many can find an opportunity for mortification in the practice of voluntary self-denial in the matter of alcoholic beverages.

Lent is a time of prayer—of prayer for one's own country. The spirit of prayer can be fostered by the conscientious fulfillment of the Family Rosary pledge. Special intentions for your Lenten prayers should include the success of the Occumenical Council summoned by His Holiness; Archbishop Panico now Nuncio to Portugal; and his successor as Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

Ash Wednesday should once again bring us the most effective inducement for the sincere observance of Lent: "Remember, man, that you are dust and to dust you will return."

#### EASTER DUTY

The faithful of Nelson Diocese may fulfill the obligation of Paschal Communion any time from Ash Wednesday (February 11) to Trinity Sunday (May 24).

W. E. DOYLE,  
Bishop of Nelson.

To be read in all churches of the diocese on Sunday, February 8, 1959.



MOST REV. GIOVANNI PANICO

## Apostolic Delegate To Canada Appointed Nuncio to Portugal

OTTAWA (CCC) — Most Rev. Giovanni Panico, 63, apostolic delegate to Canada since late 1953; has been named papal nuncio to Portugal and will leave Canada in March. No successor has been named.

An announcement in Rome January 29 said Archbishop Panico will go to Portugal to succeed Fernando Cardinal Costa, who was named cardinal before the December 15 conclave.

Archbishop Panico came to Ottawa on March 2, 1954, as the seventh apostolic delegate to Canada since the office was established on August 3, 1899 by Pope Leo XIII.

Archbishop Panico was papal nuncio in Peru when, late in 1953, he was named to succeed Most Rev. Eusebio Antonelli, who had been delegate in Canada since 1953, and who went from Canada to Spain as papal nuncio.

Born at Trisate, Italy, and ordained priest in 1919, Archbishop Panico began his career as a papal diplomat in Bogota, Colombia, early in 1923. Since then, he represented the Vatican in Buenos Aires, Argentina; in Prague, Monaco; the Saar; in Australia, as apostolic delegate; and in Peru, as papal nuncio. His work has brought him decorations from the governments of Colombia, France and Peru.

Expect Over 3500

WASHINGTON (NC) — More than 3500 students are expected to register for the Catholic University of America's 49th summer session to be held from June 29 to August 7.

The university's 33 departments will offer 433 courses in 36 major fields of study. Among the various new courses is one in elementary Russian.

B. C. BISHOPS URGE SCHOOL AID

## Recommendations Made to Royal Commission Point Out Heavy Burden Carried By Provincial Catholic Schools

Government aid to and accreditation of Catholic schools have been recommended to the Chant Education Commission.

In a brief presented last week by the province's Bishops on behalf of Catholic Schools in British Columbia and the Vatican Vicariate, the Commission was told that schools carry a "heavy financial burden."

The brief pointed out that parents who wish their children to have an integrated religious education not available in State-supported schools "do not disqualify themselves for financial assistance from the Government nor can the Government in equity, if not in law, absolve itself from obligation in their behalf."

The Bishop's statement also urged that if the system of "recommending" Junior Matriculation students is continued, Catholic schools should have the same privilege. They would be prepared to accept Public School inspectors to obtain this right, the brief said.



EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW, the Rev. Louis Dion (right), newly appointed Catholic chaplain to Americans and other Catholics in Soviet Union, talks with Rev. Leopold L. S. Braun at New York before boarding plane for Moscow. Father Braun was first Catholic chaplain to Russia.

## Reading Catholic Papers no Longer Matter of Choice for Catholics, But of Obligation

### Says Episcopal Chairman Of NCWC Press Department

With the emphatic assertion that "it is no longer a matter of choice for Catholics to read Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines; it is a matter of obligation," Bishop Zurovete, episcopal chairman of the N.C.W.C. Press Department, has issued the following statement, marking the annual observance during February of Catholic Press Month.

By Bishop Albert H. Zurovete of Belleville, Ill. (N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

The role of the Catholic press in world affairs and its influence upon modern thought has become more evident during the past year. The illness and death of Pope Pius XII, the election and coronation of our gloriously reigning Pope John XXIII, the elevation of 23 prelates to the College of Cardinals have brought into proper focus the tremendous importance and power wielded by the Catholic press.

In this age of competitive endeavor the secular media of communications recognized the efficiency and accuracy of the Catholic press and were willing to work in harmony with it in order to report truthfully and comprehensively the important news stories emanating from the Vatican. The weekly diocesan papers reported the events of each day, and with the Catholic magazines, carried summary articles, explanations of ceremonies and interesting surroundings and often in better detail. It is, therefore, general by an exponent of materialism and secularism.

MATERIALISTIC DIET COUNTERACTED The eternal destiny of man, his moral obligations, his debt to God and his fellowman are ignored. The secular press naturally has a secularistic approach to all questions. It is primarily concerned with the broad horizon of contemporary events of a purely secular nature. There is nothing remarkable or extraordinary about this. It is often badly equipped to fulfill the role of enlightening and guiding its readers in the way of virtuous living and religious belief. When it attempts to do so, it is often badly equipped to do so. It is often badly equipped to do so. It is often badly equipped to do so.

The primary concern of the Catholic press is the welfare of the Catholic Church and the spiritual and intellectual well-being of its readers. It is the Catholic press that strives to have the Church known in its true light by non-Catholics.

The application of Catholic teaching in the much debated questions of modern family life, divorce, birth control, hypnosis, euthanasia, management and labor, separation of church and state, justice and rights, use of nuclear weapons, etc. are in the competence of the Catholic press. A healthy and articulate Catholic public opinion on these moral issues is necessary and finds its source and strength in Catholic magazines, pamphlets and newspapers.

The Church is a living body. Hence there would be something wanting to her life if public opinion were lacking; and this would be a defect with harmful consequences both to pastors and faithful. Here too is a field of most valuable service for the Catholic Press. The Catholic journalist will be on guard to form Catholic opinion within the Church, especially in these times when opinion is poised between two dangerous extremes, namely, an illusory and superficialism and a ramshackle and materialistic realism. (Pius XII to the International Catholic Press Congress, Feb. 18, 1950).

#### TRUTH AND JUSTICE

February, Catholic Press Month, has as its theme the words of the late Pope Pius XII: "Hold to the Path of Truth and Justice." In its Catholic Press Month literature, the Catholic press urges the reading of Catholic newspapers, magazines, books, pamphlets, and the Bible as primary means of keeping to the path of justice and truth. These two virtues are lacking in much of society today. The disregard for truth, even when one is under oath, is appalling. The absence of justice in all strata of society has weakened parental authority, has disrupted peaceful relations among races and nations, has created a chasm between classes of society and has strained relations among employer and employees.

It is no longer a matter of choice for Catholics to read Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines; it is a matter of obligation. Participation of the informed layman and woman in the work of the Catholic Press is part of the very life and functioning of the Church. The changes constantly taking place in this atomic age demand that the Catholic have knowledge of the Church's teaching, awareness of it as the divine deposit of faith and understand the proper interpretation of scientific discoveries in the light of Catholic faith and morals.

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## Camp Lourdes 1959 Sessions

Monday, July 6 to Tuesday July 14 — Nelson and East Kootenay boys.

Wednesday, July 15 to Thursday, July 23 — Trail and West Kootenay boys.

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# My Views . . .

by Janet Stevenson

Ever since the war, the population of Canada has been increasing more rapidly than ever. People who never thought of leaving where they had been settled, have suddenly pulled up stakes and departed. The opening north is one of the reasons, of course. The great numbers of people who never dreamed of living on the fringes of the Arctic have been drawn to the high wages of the oil fields, and even further north. The number of people who used to give the impression that the wide open spaces in the middle of Canada must be nearly deserted by now. So many people who used to grow wheat in Saskatchewan are now somewhere else, doing something far different.

That particular bit of the general migration is caused by the trend to bigger farms on the prairie. Oddly enough, the CCF government—which is supposed to be a government of the little man—tantalized to huge holdings whether economic or agricultural, finds it self faced with a rather appalling tendency that way. The prairie in Saskatchewan is no longer made up of many small farmers working a section each.

It is getting more and more to be farmed by a landlord who has many sections and does not live on the farm. He hires his help when he needs it, from the migrant workers and only visits his farm at seeding time and harvest. Definitely it is not a trend that could be said to be good for the country, but more and more it is becoming the established thing in Saskatchewan. The last official report I saw about it had the prairie farmers themselves horribly surprised, and equally worried about the fact that they seemed unable to reverse the trend, in spite of their social legislation. You cannot stop a man from selling his farm to a bigger man in this country. Not yet, anyway, not even in Saskatchewan with a CCF government.

However, that is a digression from what I was really thinking about. I was wondering how big a number of French-Canadian who have come west since the war are making out. Ever so many of them left their homes in Quebec and came to B. C. after having a short stay in this province during their army days. Are they managing to adjust to the secular life out here? Is the western pagan atmosphere doing too much damage to their faith? It would be interesting to find some reliable answers to such questions, because it is usually difficult for people to move from a place where the influence of their faith is so strong to one where paganism is as rampant as it is out here. It isn't the adults it generally influences, it is the children and grandchildren. Will they stay good?

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# Cardinal Leger Starts Housing Project as Follow-Up To Appeal On Behalf of Jobless

## 320,000 Are Affected by Unemployment Conditions

**MONTREAL (CCC)** — In an action matching his words, His Eminence Paul Emile Cardinal Leger is to build a housing unit here as a follow-up to his appeal for steps to alleviate unemployment.

He made the announcement in a press conference after having a letter read in all Montreal diocesan churches, announcing special monthly collections to support his jobless project.

"We have four obligations to fulfill," Cardinal Leger said in his letter. "We must pray, we must examine our conscience, we must give charity and we must take some action no matter how small."

"To this pastoral exhortation, we wish to unite the eloquence of the ample and we have decided," Cardinal Leger said, "to launch immediately some construction projects."

"This is especially true when these circumstances threaten to prevent them from pursuing their destiny."

Montreal, he noted, has more than 30,000 unemployed and about 320,000 people who are victims of unemployment.

"Unemployment," he said, "seriously jeopardizes the social order because it is apt to produce in the victims feelings of discontent and bitterness towards a society which is unable to utilize living energies which seek nothing but employment."

"How the asked can we reconcile the vision of thousands of citizens without work with the picture of a country which is immensely rich and in full development?"

"We have no illusion; these projects are not adequate remedies for present-day unemployment. Our only intention is to make a modest but symbolic gesture," his letter noted.

**NEEDY FAMILIES**  
Several needy families will be built in their first housing unit to be built in the city. The families are being selected on the basis of need and are being given priority in the housing program.

**CHURCH ROLE**  
"Since the Church's mission is to direct men in their ultimate and true end, since it is concerned with providing men with the means to attain that end, you will agree that the Church cannot remain indifferent to the concrete circumstances in which men live," he wrote.

**Lumby H.N. Notes**  
LUMBY — At a recent Holy Name Society meeting it was decided that in the near future card parties will be organized. Births, deaths and marriages will be the suggested games. All members were asked to bring their full cooperation to the project.

It was suggested that a comedy be staged in co-operation with the C.Y.O. Plans will be drawn up and announced later. At the next meeting new officers will be elected.

**Over 62,000 Catholic in Spokane Diocese**  
SPOKANE, Wash. (NC) — Preliminary returns from the Spokane diocesan census indicate that there are more than 62,000 Catholics living in the diocese, it was announced here. Previous estimates had placed the Catholic population at about 57,000. The census was conducted in November.

**Hospital Accreditation Now Canada's Own Responsibility**  
TORONTO (CCC) — Canada now has its own hospital accreditation program, taking over from a joint commission which represented medical and health organizations in the United States and Canada.

The project was called "another striking example of Canada's coming of age as a nation," by Federal Health Minister J. Walter Menzies.

He was speaking at the inaugural meeting here January 18 of the newly formed Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation, which will operate the first all-Canada program designed to improve and develop the standard of hospital care in Canada.

Rev. A. L. M. Denis, OMI, executive director of the Canadian Catholic Hospital Association, was present.

Here are two important health projects beginning here at less at the same time, independent yet complementing each other, and having the opportunity of growing together toward a common goal.

He said entry of Ontario and Nova Scotia Jan. 1 in the hospital plan brings the number of provinces participating to seven and the number of people covered to an estimated 11 million. By July 1, the number will be 15 million.

Dr. E. Kirk Lyon of Leamington, Ont., described by his colleagues as "Mr. Accreditation" for his work in forming the new program, pointed to the council to place the best brains in charge of the program "so it will not fail."

proper purpose the arrangement of the riches of creation in such a way that all members of society will derive benefit from it," Cardinal Leger said.

Plans aimed at solving unemployment will be incomplete and unsatisfactory as long as we find ourselves in an economy which is in some way directed from its purposes by the state.

He cited economic activity aimed at satisfying "artificial needs created by advertising instead of the 'primordial needs of man' and economic life which is pre-occupied with profit."

"A reform of the economy is necessary and it is possible," Cardinal Leger added. But to this end, all those who have roles in the economic life must work together.

**East Trail CWL**  
TRAIL — Recently St. Cecilia Lynch and the hostess had Mrs. C. Billingsley and Mrs. M. Ellison as guests for a social evening and an enjoyable discussion following the spiritual reading. The next tea will be announced later.

St. Agnes circle met the same evening and a social evening was enjoyed by the seven members. Refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. Del Puppo. The date of the next meeting will be announced later.

**Creston Report**  
CRESTON — The Rev. Father J. B. Barnes of Fernie accompanied by Rev. Father J. Dulone of Cranbrook were guests of the Holy Name Society of Holy Cross parish at the society's regular meeting held Sunday, Jan. 25.

Father Barnes delivered a very enlightening address to the assembly, speaking on the duties and responsibilities of Holy Name Society men. The address was preceded by the installation of the Creston branch's first slate of officers conducted by Father Barnes.

**Land and People**  
By F. VON PILIS

St. Thomas Aquinas says that a just wage should cover the costs of production, but of course, it is a "just wage" for the producer. That's precisely what western farmers will ask for when they go to Ottawa in March to present their petition for deficiency payments on western grains to the federal government.

They should find understanding on the part of the government which after all has given recognition to the principle of "fair returns" and deficiency payments to farmers when it enacted legislation last year to stabilize agriculture.

The preamble of Bill 227, passed by the House of Commons on January 25, 1958, states that it is the purpose of the bill "to assist the industry of agriculture to realize fair returns for its labor and investment, and to maintain a fair relationship between prices received by farmers and the costs of the goods and services that they buy, and to provide farmers with a fair share of the national income."

**Consecrates Shrine To Dutch War Dead**  
RHENEN, Netherlands (NC) — A new church built to commemorate Dutch soldiers who died in World War II will be consecrated here on May 10 by Archbishop Bernard Frink of Utrecht.

The shrine stands on Grebbe Hill, site of the main battle between Dutch and German troops in May, 1940, shortly after Hitler's armies invaded the Netherlands.

The foundation stone of the edifice was laid on May 10, 1958, by Archbishop Alfrink who will perform the consecration in his capacity as Military Vicar of the Netherlands. Funds for the construction of the 450-seat church were contributed by Catholics throughout the nation.

Lists containing the names of all members of the Dutch Armed Forces who died in World War II will be preserved in the shrine.

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# Teen Topics

BY FR. GABRIEL HAFFORD

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**  
Some persons read books just to pass the time; others read very few books, and they read for keeps. Perhaps most persons would read much more if they had a few more books around the house. Right now we are suggesting that you always have a book of spiritual reading handy. It is the kind of reading that will help you pass the time for keeps. It is the best way to prepare for the next life. A person who is planning to visit a foreign country usually reads up on what he is expected to know about the places he intends to visit. It really should hold true of each person who hopes to lead a full spiritual life in the world to come. Get with the right kind of book.

**GIVE IT FREELY**  
One of the dangers of nicknames is that the wrong person uses them. It is never in good taste for young persons to call their elders by nicknames. I heard it recently at a public meeting, and it did not go over very well. Give everyone the respect he deserves.

**AIM AT LIFE**  
One of the dangers of present day thought on teen-age psychology is that too many of the writers have classified that period of life as though it were a lasting affair. Adolescence is much the better word, because it signifies a stage of growing, it is a matter of growing into adulthood, and that is what we must keep in mind. An adult reaches a state of life that continues throughout the person's life. The smart thing for any teen-age person to do is to get his bearings on being an adult and forget about trying to deal the few years he is passing through. Adolescence is no lasting deal. Let's not bug it ourselves as though it was all we were going to get out of life.

**HOME WORK**  
Some youngsters have an idea that the only thing that matters about getting their assignments done is to get them done. They spend hours trying to get short-cuts from their classmates. Others are perfectly happy to copy an adult assignment. Such goofing destroys all the good that the work is intended for. Do your own work and profit by the experience. It is your mind that should develop.

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**East Trail Pot Luck Supper For Seminary Fund**

TRAIL—A very successful pot-luck supper was held in the East Trail parish hall on January 21. Sponsored by the CWL in aid of the seminary fund, the supper attracted some 70 members and guests. Mrs. A. DeFerro and Mrs. R. Nedelce were conveners.

Among the guests were Rev. E. Doyle of St. Francis parish, Rev. M. O'Reilly of Fruitvale, Rev. A. Maglio of Grand Forks, Mrs. M. Ellison, cousin of Most Rev. W. E. Doyle, Bishop of Nelson, and the mothers of seminarians, Mrs. H. Gorderis of Rossland, Mrs. A. Lynde of East Trail and Mrs. J. Gattafoni of St. Anthony's parish, Studying at St. Peter's seminary, London, are Francis Gorderis who will be ordained at Rossland March 14, and Jim Lynn, Ron Gattafoni is at the Franciscan seminary in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Program chairman was Mrs. J. V. Macdonald. Father Doyle welcomed the guests and the introduction of the head table and special guests was followed by each guest introducing the person sitting to the right.

Following a musical selection played by Mrs. K. Wilson, three Irish songs by Mrs. D. McGeauley and a recitation by Master Timothy McGeauley, a medley of three Irish jigs, "O'Reilly, O'Doyle, O'Magill" was presented by Mrs. Wilson and dedicated to the priest attending. The musical program closed with community singing.

Guest speaker of the evening was Father O'Reilly, who gave a very inspiring talk on seminary work and stressed the great need for more vocations. Mrs. V. Fanderlik thanked Father O'Reilly.

Father Maglio showed films covering a trip to Italy which were enjoyed by all, and he was thanked by Mrs. J. Riley.

The evening came to a close with a prayer for vocations led by Father Doyle.

Sincere thanks to all who in any way contributed to the success of the evening.

**FIRST FILIPINO MISSIONERS.** MANILA.—The first departure ceremony held in the Philippines by the Society of Jesus took place at Ateneo de Manila Law School Chapel when the Filipino missionaries left for Indonesia. The accomplishment represents the completion in the Philippines of the Jesuits' threefold purpose: To evangelize, to educate and to produce a native clergy. The Philippines are now able to send sons to missions outside the islands.

**GRAND FORKS CWL**  
GRAND FORKS — A series of five whist parties held in the parish house and sponsored by the CWL began on January 13.

Prize winners were Mrs. Van Yzerloo and Mrs. Judy Frankovich for the ladies and for the men Mr. Hady and Mr. Cochrane tied for second. They cut for the prize and it was won by the latter. Mrs. Van Yzerloo also won the door prize.

**Highest U.S. Navy Civilian Honor Presented to Jesuit Scientist**

**BOSTON (NC)**—The Distinguished Service Award, highest civilian honor of the U.S. Navy, was presented to Jesuit Father Daniel J. Linehan in a civic ceremony here.

Father Linehan, director of Boston College's Weston Seismological Observatory, received the medal sounding at the geographic South Pole, an event of momentous importance in the scientific exploration of the Antarctic Continent.

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**Friday to Friday**  
By Bernard Daly

When he appeared on the "Fighting Words" television and radio programs recently, Dr. Brock Chisholm managed to fill living rooms across the country with a lot of nonsense which cannot be left unchallenged.

Nathan Cohen's panel, it will be recalled, engaged a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, an economic consultant and Dr. Chisholm in a discussion of population control. Several points of view were debated but Dr. Chisholm's alone went unquestioned, even though he was the least of the panel.

The debate is taken up here, not because of Dr. Chisholm alone but because his mistakes and self-contradictory notions are fairly common, and because he had the chance to give them wide currency through a national broadcasting hookup.

Time, he ran the risk of being slapped down in front of that same national audience, but the debate didn't work out that way.

Former director of the World Health Organization, Dr. Chisholm is one of those people who favor artificial birth control as a foremost means to hold world population in check and to improve the lots of developing nations.

People with this view often reinforce their arguments by directing innocent-seeming darts which are really bolts of contempt against those who believe that God's law in nature forbids artificial birth prevention.

Religious views, they say in effect, are outmoded because Christ, after all, lived about two thousand years ago, when things were very different from the "realities" they suggest, are now just everlasting irrelevances.

ON THE "FIGHTING WORDS" show, Dr. Chisholm took this line: "It's a new kind of world," he said. "We can't look to our ancestors for answers as has always been our habit in the past." People, he added, need "the ability to start new thinking in terms of the real situation at the present time, quite independently of any of our ancestors or any of their authorities."

And the last voice on the program was Dr. Chisholm's, saying: "I think our attitude would simply be that the responsible human being takes his responsibility himself, by his own thinking and his own intelligence to decide what is best to do and quite independently."

Now, that may seem to be an exciting, enlightened, modern and progressive — even though somewhat prideful — point of view. It is dishonest nonsense. People can talk that way, but their own lives contradict their words every moment.

So our "ancestors" can't teach us anything today? Has it ever occurred to Dr. Chisholm to reject every scrap of medical learning handed down by scientific ancestors?

Does he or anyone else feel compelled as a responsible human to "take his responsibility himself" by his own thinking and his knowledge of the present time, and prove that Caesar lived in Rome? Is he, unwilling to accept "what somebody else said," thinking about taking an orbit around the sun to satisfy himself that there's a baby Russian "planet" out in space?

THE ABSURDITY of Dr. Chisholm's kind of thinking is so evident there is a danger of laboring the point. Everyone accepts a great deal from his ancestors. People with so religious faith in other things. Those who deny the authority of God set themselves up as authorities.

Any honest person, let's not kid ourselves, is willing to take the past into account in dealing with the present, and God's "facts" are more valid than any—even though they're old to the point of being eternal.

This does not mean that the population problem is solved just by dropping divine names into the place that God's word denies. In that dealing with population pressures or any other problems in God's world, God and God's law in nature come first.

Now, what does God say about birth control?

**St. Anthony CWL**  
TRAIL—The St. Teresa's Circle of the St. Anthony's subdivision of the CWL met at the home of Mrs. Rico Martin with 13 members and two guests present. Guests were Mrs. Joan Fries and Mrs. Roy Hendrickson.

The ladies contributed \$1 each to the seminary fund. Mrs. Alex Bisaro, spiritual convener, asked the members for their spiritual offering for the month. Old Christmas cards were collected by Mrs. M. Turik who will send them to the foreign missions.

The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. Fries and Mrs. Hendrickson. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Carlo Martin.

Members of the St. Ann circle met at the home of Mrs. G. Topnatti. There were 15 members present. Discussion centered on the pot-luck supper which will take place at the beginning of the month.

Members found the article entitled "People and You" very interesting and informative. The next tea will be planned by Mrs. Rose Land Carclon.

St. Mary circle met at the home of Mrs. Gino Pastro with eight guests were Mrs. M. Carvalin and Mrs. Vincent Mandoli.

Members contributed \$1 each to the seminary fund. Mrs. Pastro read an article on divorce which the members found very informative. The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Ben Guglielmin. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. T. Powell.

**Assistant Librarian Named at Ottawa U.**  
OTTAWA (CCC) — Dr. Gerhard R. Lomer, former librarian of McGill University, has been appointed assistant director of the University of Ottawa's Library School. Dr. Lomer will assist Rev. Auguste M. Mariset, O.M.I. whose appointment as chairman of the University's Library Board was announced last month. Father Mariset has continued also as director of the library school.

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**Art treasures stored in an Ottawa bank since Polish refugees deposited them eight years ago are finally removed to be sent to Poland.** Returns of the treasures, often demanded by the Polish Communist government, had been refused on the ground that it was the property of the shadow government's decision to release the historic valuables. Other Polish treasures are still in custody of the Quebec government, which refuses to release them.