



Archbishop Peter Sigismondi arrives from Rome this week to preside at the Quinquennial meeting of the Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in St. Louis October 2-4.

Archbishop Sigismondi is Secretary of the Sacred Congregation "de Propaganda Fide."

Father George E. Lynch, Chancellor and Raleigh Diocesan Director will attend the Missouri meeting.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen is the National Director and will deliver a key address at the meeting.

**One Father's Opinion**

**Family Affairs**

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regarding Causes wherein the benefit to persons is not immediately obvious.

**Women will sacrifice for persons, but will seldom give a farthing to abstract Causes.**

Women are prone to love but seldom prone to justice. Justice, in human affairs, usually wears a blind-fold. An umpire, referee, or judge has to close his eyes to his personal preference for one side or the other. Women are usually reluctant to don this blind-fold. She prefers to make judgments according to her affections and loyalties rather than to be guided by abstract laws or scoreboards.

These several bents work together:

A man alone might tend to be abstract to the point of impracticality or "just" to the point of being ruthless (did it ever occur to you that the word "ruthless" means "without Ruth"; without the woman?).

A woman, alone, might tend to be too personal to the neglect of considerations less obvious but more important.

**Recent Reading  
..... In Review**

**ALL FOR JESUS.** Frederick William Faber, C. O., D. D. Ed. by Maurice V. Sheen, C. O. 524 pages. Westminster, Maryland: The Newman Press. \$3.50.

Father Faber's meditations on the things that eternally matter were first published in 1853. Father Sheen, our Rock Hill, South Carolina, neighbor, as editor of this re-issue, says that Father Faber points the way for the world to love Jesus more. And that is the gist.

A very intense love of Jesus burns on every page — and the intense desire for souls to save themselves by their love for Him.

Many concrete suggestions of ways in which we may please Him are offered: for example, the subjects for which we must thank God and how to give thanks after receiving Holy Communion.

Included are lengthy considerations of intercessory prayer and Purgatory.

**STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.** Author/artist: Piet Worm. Sheed and Ward, 840 Broadway, New York 3, New York. \$3.00.

Printed in Holland and a work of art on all counts.

Children and anyone else with a love of color and freshness would thrill to this book written and illustrated by a Dutch father with the advice of his children. Gold is used gaily and freely.

The story presents the Old Testament very simply from Creation to Joseph in Egypt.

**World Report Article  
Draws Denial**

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is that in our segregated society certain tests show the Negro inferior in his capacity for education.

"Is this an inborn natural trait or is it a reflex of external pressures?"

"Until we have scientific studies of Negro achievement in a really integrated society (not just integrated schools), we cannot pronounce on innate capacity. Nobody has ever seen a Negro who lived in such an environment," said the associate editor of the national Catholic weekly review, America.

Dr. McGurk said that "vast improvements in the social and economic status of the Negro have not changed his relationship to the whites regarding capacity for education.

Father LaFarge said that "the Negro is born, lives and dies in an abnormal world. The more he raises his socio-economic or intellectual status the more heavily the abnormality presses upon him because he appreciates more clearly the complete irrationality of the whole system of segregation."

The four Catholic University professors also said that few scientists would take exception to Dr. McGurk's suggestion that differences in test scores are not only due to differences in socio-economic status.

"In failing to indicate what the other factors might be," the professors said, "he implies that the differences are to be explained only on the basis of inherited, race-link intellectual deficiencies on the part of the Negro, as when he states '... we appeal to the legal machinery to do what nature was not content to do.' This point of view is not shared by many of the scientists in the field better known than is Dr. McGurk."

**Holy Father to Doctors:  
Study Ten Commandments**

VATICAN CITY — Physicians should study the Ten Commandments to find the moral standards governing medical activity, His Holiness Pope Pius XII told the 7th International Congress of Catholic Doctors meeting at The Hague.

In a radio address to the meeting in the Dutch capital, the Holy Father emphasized that civil law and morality are closely connected and that the Christian physician must know and obey the law of God.

The theme of the congress was "The Physician and the Law."

Medical law, said His Holiness, must not be allowed to countenance any action which is not in accord with moral law. It cannot, for example, permit euthanasia or abortion, for both are clearly forbidden by the law of God.

The doctor is obliged, said the Holy Father, to respect the medical moral code unconditionally in all cases where its provisions are clear and certain. In other cases he is obliged to inform himself about the laws of God carefully and thoroughly, to pray for knowledge and understanding, and to consult moralists where necessary and possible, so that he may make decisions with an enlightened mind and a clear conscience in accord with the objective norms given by God.

Distinguishing medical law from the moral code, the Pope said that "morality has as its goal the determination of the conscious internal and external attitude of man toward the great obligations which are consequences of the essential conditions of human nature: obligations toward God and religion, obligations in justice toward one's self and toward one's neighbor, which means toward individuals, groups, and community organizations, and obligations in the almost unlimited realm of material things."

The Holy Father went on to say that "morality imposes on the conscience of every man, whether he is a doctor or a soldier, a scholar or a man of action, the duty of regulating his actions according to his moral obligations."

On the other hand, he pointed out, medical law brings together the standards which, in a political community, concern the person and activity of the doctor and can be controlled and enforced by public

authority. These laws may be formulated and promulgated by public authority or merely authorized or sanctioned by it.

Where medical law touches on moral law, it is the Church who must clarify any vagueness or correct any misinterpretation of the moral code. Moral law is above medical law, said the Pope, for it "expresses the moral order willed by God."

The Pontiff also called for international cooperation to further medical research along lines in keeping with the teachings of the Church. The Catholic physician, he pointed out, does not have any special medical knowledge because he is a Catholic, but he does have a point of view from which to consider the problems of his profession. Therefore he should try to exert a positive influence on his environment, especially when he works in non-Catholic surroundings.



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