

# 1945 Leaders' Programme

PART II.



*A New Youth to Build a New Australia*

INCORPORATING

## "The Family"

CAMPAIGN



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## PART TWO

### Incorporating Campaign on "THE FAMILY"

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*Feast of the Holy Family, 1945.*

*My Dear Young Christian Workers,*

Your National Committee, at its first general meeting, gave serious consideration to the choice of a subject for the Movement's Campaign during 1945. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the many grave problems affecting modern Home Life would afford a profitable field for the Young Christian Workers' investigation and apostolate.

You are all very well aware that the ideals of Catholic family life, and the Church's standards of domestic virtue, have suffered a lamentable decline amongst our own people. On the other hand, these cherished ideals are subjected to open attack by many modern planners of our future national life. Here is a definite challenge to Catholic Youth.

If you are faithful to your ideal of forming "a New Youth to build a New Australia," you cannot be indifferent to the need of strengthening the future family life of our country. I ask you to take up this campaign as a veritable crusade for a cause dear to the Sacred Heart of your Leader.

The campaign will provide you with a twofold sphere of work. It will offer you a means of deepening the Catholic life in the bosom of your own families, and of spreading the Christian ideals of the home amongst your fellow-workers. Moreover, you will draw inspiration from this campaign to fit yourselves and your companions for the grave responsibilities that will soon face you as the parents of the next generation of Australians.

I earnestly trust that your enquiries will be along practical lines. But, what is of greater importance, I hope that the apostolic action which will spring from your enquiries will bear rich fruit in such an important cause.

May the blessing of Christ, your Leader, be with every member and hallow all your labours.

(Signed) ✠ J. D. SIMONDS,  
Episcopal Chairman.



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# Y.C.W. "FAMILY CAMPAIGN," 1945.

Month.	General Theme.	Meeting No. and Gospel Meditation.	General Enquiry.
A. April	Manners between Boys and Girls.	1.—"Visiting," St. Luke, c. 4; v. 38-44. 2.—"Our Leader's First Followers," St. Luke, c. 2; v. 8-20. 3.—"The Quisling," St. Luke, c. 5; v. 27-32. 4.—"The King's Envoy," St. Luke, c. 1, v. 28-38.	Discussion on Campaign. Lads and their Sisters. Girls at work. Manners at Socials.
B. May	Moral Relations between Boys and Girls.	5.—"Our Leader's Temptation," St. Luke, c. 4; v. 1-13. 6.—"Be Prepared," St. Luke, c. 12, v. 35-40. 7.—"Light and Darkness," St. Luke, c. 11; v. 33-34.	Dates in General. Behaviour at Social Functions Familiarities.
C. June	Company Keeping	8.—"Radiate," St. Luke, c. 8; v. 16-21. 9.—"Woe to the giver of Scandal," St. Luke, c. 17, v. 1-2.	Particular Friendships. Keeping Company with non-Catholics.
D. July	Marriage in General.	10.—"Taking up the Cross," St. Luke, c. 9; v. 23-26. 11.—"Love of Enemies," St. Luke, c. 6; v. 27-36. 12.—"Pot Calling Kettle Black," St. Luke, c. 6; v. 37-45.	Mixed Marriages. Their General Ideas. Where did they get their ideas.
E. August	Preparing for Marriage.	13.—"Unshakeable," St. Luke, c. 6; v. 46-49. 14.—"Looking Down on Others," St. Luke, c. 18; v. 9-14. 15.—"God Cares for Us," St. Luke, c. 12; v. 22-34. 16.—"The Touch of Christ," St. Luke, c. 8; v. 40-48.	The Purpose of Marriage. Choosing a Partner. Saving for Marriage. Practical Training.
F. September	Marriage and Children	17.—"Birth of Our Saviour," St. Luke, c. 2; v. 1-7. 18.—"Marriage a Sacrament," Ephesians, c. 5; v. 21-23. 19.—"Our Guiding Light," St. Luke, c. 2; v. 21-38.	Ideas on Children. Population Decline. The Sacrament of Marriage.
G. October	The Catholic Home.	20.—"The Perfect Marriage," St. John, c. 2; v. 1-10. 21.—"What Our Leader Wants from Us," St. John, c. 14; v.13-15. 22.—"We in Him; He in Us," St. John, c. 14; v. 16-21.	Nuptial Mass. Family Prayers. Catholic Customs.
H. November	The Ideal Home Life.	23.—"Vine and Branches," St. John, c. 15; v. 1-8. 24.—"The Visitation," St. Luke, c. 1; v. 39-56. 25.—"Sign of the Times," St. Luke, c. 12; v. 54-39.	Home Entertainment of Family. Entertaining Friends. Reading.
I. December	Housing.	26.—"Confidence," St. Matt, c. 6; v. 25-34. 27.—"Martha and Mary," St. Luke, c. 10; v. 38-42. 28.—"Of Such is the Kingdom," St. Luke, c. 18; v. 15-17.	Slums. The Ideal Home. Home Ownership.

Rallies are planned for the end of May, July, September, November — with a monster Rally in December.



# CAMPAIGN ON "THE FAMILY"

## APRIL — DECEMBER

This Campaign marks a most important development in our Movement.

The most important task youth has to tackle right now is the rebuilding of our nation after the war. Our first step must be to rebuild Family Life.

The Campaign follows the proposal set out in the official Statement on Social Justice for 1944, which strongly urged our Catholic Action Movements to follow up the definite policy laid down there by a vigorous campaign on this theme.

This is a nation-wide effort on a big subject into which we are throwing everything we have.

It is our first combined operation in which both official Catholic Action youth organisations — the Y.C.W. and the N.C.G.M. — are planning and working together on matters which are soon going to concern them both very closely.

### THE GENERAL PLAN.

The Campaign covers nine months. It provides for 28 Leaders' Group Meetings. The following are the main sections:—

MANNERS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

MORAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

COMPANY KEEPING.

MARRIAGE IN GENERAL.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

THE CATHOLIC HOME.

THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.

HOUSING.

We expect this Programme to carry through until the end of the year. This will allow for THREE Leaders' Group Meetings per month—except in April, in which there will be four leaders' meetings.

We leave one week free each month. The leaders' group may use this spare week as they wish — either to catch up if they have missed a meeting, or to conduct a Local Enquiry.

### PLEASE REMEMBER —

- The Programme assumes Leaders' Groups will meet WEEKLY. We shall not do anything efficiently or worth while otherwise.
- All Groups should start together in THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL, and keep together. This is an essential condition for success and for Headquarters being able to help you.
- Combined GENERAL RALLIES should be held every two months. We suggest these to be held at the end of May, July, September, November, and a monster Rally for Christmas, 1945. These should be bigger, more dynamic, spectacular, ambitious than the usual gatherings. We shall send you ideas and suggestions in advance.

**ENQUIRIES.** It is essential, if your Group has not already a copy, to purchase "THE ENQUIRY" (by Rev. C. Mayne, S.J., and K. W. Mitchell, Esq.), which gives the best and latest explanation.

In general, remember—

- **ENQUIRIES** are not just “talking” or “discussing.” They are our way of digging down to find out **WHAT** is wrong, **WHY** it is wrong, **HOW** we can make it better . . . .

- We can only solve many of these problems by using the whole National Movement. So **PLEASE**, Secretaries, **SEND IN A REPORT ON EACH ENQUIRY** as soon as you have done it. If you haven’t time yourself, see that someone else does it.

If you all back us up we can get information on these vital topics from over 300 groups of youth leaders in Australia and put it together. . . . Then we can really start to do big things.

**READING.** We make suggestions throughout. Every leader should have and read very carefully the Social Justice Statement on “The Family” (price 3d. Copies available at Headquarters).

This is your Programme. It is drawn up by the boys and girls themselves and merely polished by the experts. They have selected the topics for investigation. We realise that many important questions have been left out; others have perhaps not been framed in the best way. But it is always quite impossible to draw up enquiries which perfectly suit everyone. You must go through them, alter what is not clear, omit what is unsuitable, and add what concerns you locally.

As to methods of **ACTION** we have been purposely very general in our suggestions. Groups are not obliged to follow any of them; they are encouraged to decide themselves what is most effective. All we ask is this: don’t at all costs, let your Enquiry peter out without definite plans being made to do something. . . . An Enquiry which does not result in precise action is an Enquiry badly done. . . .

**GENERAL MEMBERS.** The Campaign is for all of them — not the Leaders only. The Leaders find out the problems and plan to overcome them, but they cannot succeed unless the mass of members back them up. So you must keep them informed at every stage of what is doing and give them every chance to be apostles too. How can you do this?

- By getting a Leader to give a short but accurate Report of each Enquiry to members at General Meetings. The report would be on these lines: “We were told that this was an important matter. We looked into it, got the views of a whole lot of people and they told us such and such. This was clearly a serious problem . . . the Church says so-and-so about it, we have to do something. This is what we have drawn up — now, you must help us to carry it out.”

- By bringing the ideas of the Campaign into Activity Groups, and even into Services wherever possible. Ask each such group to suggest ways in which they can join and do something: work for a demonstration, run a function, organise some publicity, put on a play, do posters, etc.

- Find the most capable members and put them in charge of some task. Many who are not Leaders may handle some service or activity splendidly.

- If a Leader has a job to do it is most important wherever possible, to collect a **TEAM** of collaborators—not only to lighten the burden but to make all feel that they have a really important, active role to play. We must do everything to avoid our having a dead mass of passive members who come along to be amused. The spirit and method of the “team” is our most effective weapon here.

# LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord have mercy on us,  
Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us,  
Christ hear us,  
Christ graciously hear us,  
God, the Father of Heaven, have  
mercy on us (1),

God the Son, Redeemer of the  
World

God the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, One God,  
Holy Mary, pray for us (2).

Holy Mother of God,  
Holy Virgin of Virgins,  
St. Michael,  
St. Gabriel,  
St. Raphael,  
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,  
All ye Holy Orders of Blessed  
Spirits,

St. John the Baptist,  
St. Joseph,  
All ye Holy Patriarchs and  
Prophets,

St. Peter,  
St. Paul,  
St. Andrew,  
St. James,  
St. John,  
St. Thomas,  
St. James,  
St. Phillip,  
St. Bartholomew,

St. Mathew,  
St. Simon,  
St. Thaddeus,  
St. Mathias,  
St. Barnabas,  
St. Luke,  
St. Mark,

All ye holy Apostles and  
Evangelists,

All ye Disciples of Our Lord,

All ye holy Innocents,  
St. Stephen,  
St. Lawrence,

St. Vincent,  
Sts. Fabian and Sebastian,  
Sts. John and Paul,  
Sts. Cosmas and Damian,  
Sts. Gervase and Protase,  
All ye Holy Martyrs,

St. Sylvester,  
St. Gregory,  
St. Ambrose,  
St. Augustine,  
St. Jerome,  
St. Martin,  
St. Nicholas,  
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,  
All ye holy Doctors,

St. Anthony,  
St. Benedict,  
St. Bernard,  
St. Dominic,  
St. Francis,  
All ye holy Priests and Levites,  
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
St. Mary Magdalen,

St. Agatha,  
St. Lucy,  
St. Agnes,  
St. Cecilia,  
St. Catherine,  
St. Anastasia,

All ye holy Virgins and Widows,  
pray for us,

All ye holy men and women, Saints  
of God, make intercession for  
us,

Be merciful, spare us, O Lord,  
Be merciful, graciously hear us,  
O Lord,

From all evil, deliver us, O Lord,  
(3),

From all sin,  
From Thy wrath,  
From sudden and unprovided death,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,  
From the spirit of fornication,  
From lightning and tempest,  
From the scourge of earthquake,  
From plague, famine and war,  
From everlasting death,

Through the mystery of the Holy  
Incarnation,

Through Thy coming,  
Through Thy nativity,  
Through Thy Baptism and holy  
fasting,  
Through Thy Cross and Passion,



Through Thy death and burial,  
Through Thy Holy Resurrection,  
Through Thine admirable Ascension,

Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,

In the day of judgment,

We sinners, we beseech Thee to hear us (4),

That Thou wouldst spare us,

That Thou wouldst pardon us,

That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe rule and preserve Thy Holy Church.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all Orders of the Church in holy religion.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of Holy Church,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and concord to Christian kings and princes.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring back to the unity of the Church all those who have strayed away, and lead to the light of the Gospel all unbelievers,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,

That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,

That Thou wouldst deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



### Y.C.W. PRAYER.

Lord Jesus,  
A Worker like me,  
Help me, and all my fellow-workers,  
to think like You,  
to work with You,  
to pray through You,  
to live in You,  
to give You all my strength and all my time.  
May Your Kingdom come  
in all our factories,  
workshops,  
and offices,  
and in all our homes.  
Be everywhere better known,  
better loved,  
better served.  
Deliver us forever from injustice and hatred  
from evil and sin.  
May our souls remain in Your Grace to-day,  
and may the soul of every worker,  
who died on labour's battlefield,  
rest in peace. Amen.  
Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
bless the Young Christian Workers,  
Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
sanctify the Young Christian Workers,  
Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
may your Kingdom come through the Young  
Christian Workers.  
QUEEN OF APOSTLES!

PRAY FOR US!

### FINAL PRAYER.

Lord Jesus,  
Teach me to be generous,  
To serve You as You deserve to be served,  
To give without counting the cost,  
To fight without counting the wounds,  
To work without seeking rest,  
To spend my life without expecting any other return  
than the knowledge that I do Your Holy Will.

### PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF AUSTRALIA.

O God, Who has appointed Mary, Help of Christians, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, Patrons of Australia, grant that through their intercession our brethren outside the Church may receive the light of Faith, so that Australia may become one in Faith under one Shepherd, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us;  
St. Francis Xavier, pray for us;  
St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, pray for us.

## PLAN OF MEETING.

- A. 1. Crucifix in prominent position.
- 2. Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. prayer (7 mins.).
- 3. Gospel Meditation (15-20 mins.).
- B. 4. Summary of previous meeting.
- 5. Reports on Contact, Census, Action.
- 6. Appointment of work arising out of reports. } (10 mins.)
- C. 7. Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading (8 mins.).
- D. 8. General Enquiry (30 mins.).
- 9. Appointment of work arising out of Enquiry.
- 10. General Business.
- 11. Statement by each leader of duties.
- 12. Final Y.C.W. Prayers and Priest's Blessing. } (15 mins.).

## COMBINED RALLY COMMITTEE.

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During our current Campaign on "The Family" it is planned to hold five Combined General Rallies. These are scheduled for the end of May, July, September, November, with a Monster Rally in December.

To ensure the success these functions should merit, we suggest that you form a Combined Rally Committee with your local branch of the N.C.G.M.

This Committee will meet independently, and its duties will be to organise and produce the above-mentioned Rallies.

All Scripts will be supplied from a Combined Rally Committee which has been authorised by the controlling bodies of both Movements.

There will appear regularly special Rally publications for the use of the Combined Rally Committees in Parishes, which will contain hints on how to conduct rallies as well as the current Rally Scripts.



## FIRST MEETING.

.....April, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "VISITING."

St. Luke, Chapter 4, V. 38-44.

This is one of the earliest miracles of Our Lord. It took place in the first year of this ministry at Capharnaum, an important town on the North West shore of Lake Galilee.

#### TEXT.

And Jesus rising up out of the Synagogue, went into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever, and they besought him for her.

And standing over her, he commanded the fever, and it left her. And immediately rising, she ministered to them.

And when the sun was down, all they that had any sick with divers diseases, brought them to him. But he laying his hands on every one of them, healed them.

And devils went out from many crying out and saying: Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them he suffered them not to speak, for they knew that he was Christ.

And when it was day, going out he went into a desert place: and the multitude sought him and came unto him: and they stayed him that he should not depart from them.

To whom he said: To other cities also I must preach the Kingdom of God: for therefore am I sent.

And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1. Who was Simon?
- 2. Was it beneath Our Lord's dignity to go to a working class home to visit a sick woman?
- 3. Was it Our Leader's way to make Himself at home or to stand aloof?
- 4. Was it a good idea to make Peter's home His headquarters?
- 5. Was it wise to show Himself interested in the family's affairs, and to take part in their home life?
- 6. Can I make myself known to the parents of my team-members, and chat over their son's interests?

#### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

#### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

Leaders are requested to study the plan of the year's work and discuss same.

It is important at this early stage of the Campaign for a Leader to be appointed to check and list the books and pamphlets which are to be found under the heading "Suggested reading." Steps should be then taken to secure a quantity of the literature suggested.

#### (A) MANNERS BETWEEN GIRLS AND BOYS.

##### "LADS AND THEIR SISTERS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Do the boys we know speak and act rudely to their sisters?
2. Do they take an interest in their sisters—their troubles, jobs, friends, etc., help them to have a good time?
3. Do they co-operate at home, give a hand with the dishes, odd jobs around the house, etc?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Pardon My Manners."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"Youth Says These are Good Manners."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## SECOND MEETING.

.....April, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "OUR LEADER'S FIRST FOLLOWERS."

St. Luke, Chapter 2, V. 8-20.

This took place at Bethlehem (a Hebrew word meaning house of bread) about five miles south-west of Jerusalem.

#### TEXT.

And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night-watches over their flock.

And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear.

And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people:

For this day is born to you a SAVIOUR, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying:

Glory be to God in the highest: and on earth peace to men of good will.

And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath showed to us.

And they came with haste: and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child.

And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherd.

But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard, and seen, as it was told unto them.

## QUESTIONS:

1. To whom did God send a special messenger to tell of Our Leader's arrival, to the powerful or to workers?
2. Were the shepherds afraid?
3. Did they act straightway on the knowledge God had given them? Did they contact others?
4. Did God in this case show a special love for us workers?
5. Does He not like the rich or powerful? What then is He hard on?
6. Did the shepherds wait until they were perfect Christians before they started to influence others?
7. Can I make at least one opportunity this week to spread the "Good News," i.e., our Y.C.W. ideas?
8. Can I jump on any case of class hatred, etc., by showing the difference between the sinner and the sin?

## B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

## C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "LADS AND THEIR SISTERS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary.—The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Do the lads we know show sufficient consideration for their sisters?
2. Why should they?
3. Is there something in the Australian temperament that makes people offhand in these matters? Is this right?

## ACT

1. Can we agree to check up on our own attitude at home?
2. What can we do to help our general members?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

## (A) MANNERS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

### "GIRLS AT WORK."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Do the boys at our place of work show respect to the girls they work with?
  - (a) Do they help with heavy jobs?
  - (b) Do they speak with them courteously?
2. Do they speak indecently or vulgarly to them?
3. Do they act roughly with girls, mauling, etc?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Pardon My Manners."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"Youth Says These are Good Manners."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.



- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

### THIRD MEETING.

.....April, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

#### "THE KING'S ENVOY."

St. Luke, Chap. 1, V. 26-38.

Mary is probably at prayer in her mother's house at Nazareth when the angel appears. Nazareth is a village east of and a little to the south of Lake Galilee.

#### TEXT.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth.

To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: Blessed are thou among women.

Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God.

Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever.

And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man?

And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren because no word shall be impossible with God.

And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1. To what sort of man was Our Lady married at the time of the Annunciation?
- 2. Did not the angel show more respect than you would expect to be shown to a girl who was a carpenter's wife?
- 3. Why did He show Mary so much respect?
- 4. Can chaps and girls who have to earn their living still count for a lot of God's Sight?
- 5. What is the reason for our dignity?
- 6. Must I try to behave as a son of God ought?
- 7. How can I insist, this week, on every girl being treated as a daughter of God and the future mother of young worker's like me.

**B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.**

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(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

**C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.**

**D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.**

**"GIRLS AT WORK.**

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section. — Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

**JUDGE**

1. Why are boys so slack in their behaviour to girls at work? Is it due to the influence of the other chaps they work with?
2. Are good manners the sign of a strong character?
3. Does an outward lack of respect often lead to an inner lack of respect—even to immorality?

**ACT**

**1. At Work:**

1. Can we ourselves resolve to take a stand against this kind of behaviour?
2. Could we get a few others to back us up?

**At Parish Meeting:**

Make known the result of our enquiry, and organise a campaign for better manners at work?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters —complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

**(A) MANNERS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.**

**"MANNERS AT SOCIALS."**

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

**SEE**

1. Do boys — dress respectably,  
ask properly for a dance,  
behave properly during dance,  
escort girl back to place,  
congregate in corner during dances.
2. What other breaches of good manners are committed?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Pardon My Manners."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"Youth Says These are Good Manners."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

**D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.**

**(10) General Business.**

- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

**(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.**

## FOURTH MEETING.

.....April, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "THE 'QUISLING.'"

St. Luke, Chap. 5, V. 27-32.

This scene took place towards the end of the first year of Our Lord's public life at Capharnaum. Levi is the apostle and evangelist Mathew.

#### TEXT.

And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom, and he said to him: Follow me.

And leaving all things he rose up and followed him.

And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans, and of others, that were at table with them.

But the Pharisees and scribes murmured saying to his disciples: Why do you eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

And JESUS answering said to them: They that are whole, need not the physician: but they that are sick.

I came not to call the just, but they that are sick.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who were the publicans? Men who sold drink or men who collected public taxes? Why were they specially looked down on?
2. Did Our Lord keep away from men or mix with them? Did He share their pleasures? All of them?
3. Would Our Lord still use the same methods to-day? Would He mix with the roughest, most ignorant, the scum?
4. Should we care if people look down on us because "bad Catholics" and down and outs come to our G.M.'s, or are in our teams? If they see us in bad company?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "MANNERS AT SOCIALS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary.—The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

1. How far are these things the informality of youth? How far really bad manners?
2. What if our findings are morally dangerous?
3. What is the cumulative effect of bad manners towards girls?
4. Do these faults weaken moral respect for womanhood.

#### ACT

1. Could we set an example ourselves?
2. Could we:
  - (a) Use the Learn-to-Dance class as a means of informing lads on how to behave?



- (b) Put on a play—showing the right and wrong way—at the Rally?
- (c) Buy up and distribute copies of Fr. Lord's pamphlet: "Youth Says These Are Good Manners"?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (B) MORAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS

### "DATES IN GENERAL."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

#### SEE

Of five chaps you talked to during the week, what was their attitude to "Dates in General."

1. Of those under twenty, how many are prepared to neglect more important things (night school, meetings, etc.) to keep a date.
2. How many of the five book dates with casual acquaintances: "pick up" at dances, etc?
3. Of those who do make dates, do they plan their dates (visit friends, dances, socials, pictures), or are they just content to wander around.

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"What To Do On a Date."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"So We Abolished the Chaperone."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business. Check on next Rally.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## FIFTH MEETING.

.....May, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "OUR LEADER'S TEMPTATION."

St. Luke, Chap. 4, V. 1-13.

A few miles North of Jericho is a range of mountains, one of which is called the mount of Temptation, because of the tradition that it was there that the temptation of Jesus took place.

#### TEXT.

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert.

For the space of forty days; and was tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry.

And the devil said to him: If thou be the Son of God, say to this stone that it be made bread.

And Jesus answered him: It is written, that man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word of God.

And the devil led him into a high mountain, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time;

And he said to him: To thee will I give all this power, and the glory of them; for to me they are delivered, and to whom I will, I give them.

If thou therefore wilt adore before me, all shall be thine.

And Jesus answering said to him: It is written: Thou shalt adore the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple; and he said to him: If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself from hence.

For it is written, that he hath given his angels charge over thee, that they keep thee:

And that in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest perhaps thou dash thy foot against a stone.

And Jesus answering, said to him: It is said: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

And all the temptation being ended, the devil departed from him for a time.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Was our Lord really tempted by the Devil?
  2. What were the three things He was tempted in?
  3. Ought we then to be surprised if we are tempted in various ways?
  4. If we are tempted to pride, sensuality or selfishness, should we start weighing the pros and cons? Half give in? Go as far as we dare without quite committing mortal sin?
  5. Do you see any use in self-denial?
  6. What small mortification can we do this week? Helping at home, giving up a fag, chatting with some bore?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
  - (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "DATES IN GENERAL."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary.—The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE.

1. Do you think that those who neglect important things in their adolescent period jeopardise their future.
2. Why is such a practice dangerous? (Question 2 "See" Section).
3. What is the danger in unplanned dates?

## ACT

1. See that there is an interest fostered in boys' activities and hobbies, etc.
2. Advocate sale of suitable literature on the subject.
3. Sponsor a talk on same at General Meeting.
4. Organise the party spirit amongst our friends (going places in numbers).

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (B) MORAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

### "BEHAVIOUR AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

SEE

1. At the dances, picnics, outings where your contacts go, do the lads and girls disappear, and go off parking together?
2. At these dances, picnics, etc., is there sometimes "drink" taken?
3. Do you know Catholic lads who prefer regularly to go to non-Catholic social functions? Why do they say they prefer them?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"I Can Take It or Leave It Alone."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"What To Do On a Date."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## SIXTH MEETING.

.....May, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"BE PREPARED."

St. Luke, 12, 35-40.

This advice was given by Our Lord in the third year of His public life at Jerusalem.

### TEXT.

Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands.

And you yourselves like to men who wait for their Lord, when he shall return from the wedding: that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately.

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching. Amen I say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to food, and passing will minister unto them.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

But this know thee, that if the householder did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open.

Be you then also ready: for at what hour you think not, the son of man will come.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the Jews use a rope-belt on their dress?
2. Do you see anyone dress the same to-day, and gird himself for a very important Action? In church?
3. Does Christ call on us to be prepared when He comes to us by His graces? to help us in temptation? in death?
4. Why is it so hard to keep on going? What reward does Christ promise us here if we do?
5. Will our nightly Examination of Conscience help us to be prepared? our Confessions? our Enquiries?

**B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.**

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(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

**C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.**

**D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.**

**"BEHAVIOUR AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS."**

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

**JUDGE**

1. Is there anything necessarily wrong with a couple going off together?
2. Could it lead to the wrong sort of familiarities?
3. Are these dangers greatly increased by the people concerned having too much liquor to drink?

**ACT**

1. Should we give more thorough consideration to the question of familiarities?
2. Could we organise more Catholic social outings for our members?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

**(B) MORAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.**

**"FAMILIARITIES."**

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

**SEE**

1. Does this going off in couples at dances and outings sometimes lead to immorality?
2. Do the chaps you know say that Catholic girls are more likely to resent such familiarities than non-Catholic girls?
3. Do the chaps you spoke to see any serious harm in parking and other occasions of temptation? What do they say?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Why Be Decent."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"Can I Keep Pure."—Rev. Robert Nash, S.J.

"I'm Keeping Company Now."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

**D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.**

**(10) General Business.**

**(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.**

**(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.**



## SEVENTH MEETING.

.....May, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "LIGHT AND DARKNESS."

St. Luke, Chap. 11, V. 33, 34.

East of the River Jordan is the country called Perea, and here it was that Our Lord spoke these words in the last year of His public life.

#### TEXT.

No man lighteth a candle, and putteth it in a hidden place, nor under a bushel: but upon a candlestick, that they that come in may see the light. \*

The light of thy body is thy eye. If thy eye be single, thy whole body will be lightsome: but if it be evil, thy body also will be darksome.

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1. Is a candle any good if it's under a bucket?
- 2. Don't "good Catholics" who take no interest in their neighbours resemble that sort of candle? What did Our Leader say?
- 3. Isn't one militant who practises what he preaches like a candle showing the way to his mates?
- 4. When you've a piece of dirt in your eye, can you do your work? Isn't clear sight the first thing you need?
- 5. Don't many y.w.'s stumble and fall because they're in darkness? What is our duty in the matter?

#### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

#### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "FAMILIARITIES.

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

- 1. Are some familiarities comparatively harmless, whereas others are dangerous or definitely sinful? How is one to judge?
- 2. Can the habit of even milder familiarities lead to more serious ones?

#### ACT

- 1. Could we ask our Chaplain to explain this problem at our next General Meeting?
- 2. Could we buy and distribute widely Father Lord's pamphlet: "I'm Keeping Company Now"?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

#### (C) COMPANY KEEPING.

### "PARTICULAR FRIENDSHIPS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. How many lads do we know under 18 who are "keeping company" with one particular girl?
2. Why do they say they prefer going around with one girl to going with a crowd?
3. Where did they meet the girls — at home?  
at Catholic functions  
at work  
just pick them up casually

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"I'm Keeping Company Now."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

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- (10) General Business.
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- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## EIGHTH MEETING.

.....June, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "RADIATE!"

St. Luke, Chap. 8, 16-21.

This was spoken by Our Lord in the second year of His public life at Capharaum.

#### TEXT.

Now no man lighting a candle covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it upon a candlestick that they who come in may see the light.

For there is not any thing secret that shall not be made manifest, nor hidden, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Take heed therefore how you hear. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given: and whosoever hath not, that also which he thinketh he hath, shall be taken away from him.

And his mother and brethren came unto him; and they could not come at him for the crowd.

And it was told him; Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.

Who answering, said to them: My mother and my brethren are they who hear the word of God, and do it.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What's the good of a candle that can't be seen because it is hid?
2. Ought we to keep the ideas we've learned from the Y.C.W. to ourselves?
3. Do the y.w.'s around us need light?
4. Have they a right to it? Or don't they deserve it?
5. Is it possible to lose the light of the Faith? (v. 18).
6. If we listen to our Leader and make Him better known, how will He look on us? Will He love us as He did His relatives and His Mother?

**B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.**

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(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

**C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.**

**D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.**

**"PARTICULAR FRIENDSHIPS."**

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

**JUDGE**

1. Is it desirable for chaps under 18 to go out with one girl regularly? Is it desirable for chaps over 18? Why?
2. Would it be wiser if they could go round with a crowd? Why?
3. Are there enough opportunities in our parish for a crowd to get together and enjoy themselves?

**ACT**

1. Can we get those who need help to outings of a general nature—get them up to the Y.C.W. meetings, socials, hikes, etc?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

**(C) COMPANY KEEPING.**

**"COMPANY WITH NON-CATHOLICS."**

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

**SEE**

1. How many of our Catholic contacts are keeping company with a non-Catholic?
2. Where did they meet them?
3. Has such company-keeping weakened their attitude to the Catholic Faith or morals? If so, in what way?
4. How many have endeavoured to convert their non-Catholic friends?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Marry Your Own."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

**D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.**

**(10) General Business.**

(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## NINTH MEETING.

..... June, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "WOE TO THE GIVER OF SCANDAL."

St. Luke, Chap. 17, V. 1-2.

This advice was given by Our Lord to His disciples in the third year of His Ministry at Capharnaum.

#### TEXT.

And he said to his disciples: It is impossible that scandals should not come: but woe to him through whom they come.

It were better for him, that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should scandalize one of these little ones.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1. What is meant by scandal? Talking about others' faults?
- 2. Are there plenty of Christians who give scandal? How?
- 3. Is it possible to give scandal without meaning to?
- 4. Why is it such a serious matter? Why does Our Lord condemn it so severely?
- 5. Is it possible that we may be giving scandal to someone? How?
- 6. What are we going to do about it?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

##### "KEEPING COMPANY WITH NON-CATHOLICS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

- 1. What are the present and future dangers to a Catholic keeping company with a non-Catholic girl?
- 2. In a community of mixed religions are such friendships inevitable?

#### ACT

- 1. What can each Leader do personally to promote the conviction that company keeping with non-Catholics is dangerous?
- 2. In addition to the above action could we concentrate on a particular case known to us endeavouring to strengthen his faith, and if the friendship remains, helping to achieve the conversion of the girl?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

#### (C) COMPANY KEEPING.

##### "MIXED MARRIAGES."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.



## SEE

1. How many chaps do you know who are going around with non-Catholics? What do the Catholic lads you know say about keeping company with non-Catholics?
2. Do Catholic boys enquire about the religion of the girl with whom they begin to keep company?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Marry Your Own."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TENTH MEETING.

.....June, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "TAKING UP THE CROSS."

St. Luke, Chap. 9, V. 23-26.

Caesarea-Philippi, so called by Herod Philip after himself and the Emperor Tiberius, was an important city about 30 miles north of Lake Galilee. In the third year of His Ministry Our Lord visited this city—the most northerly point visited by Him—and gave this instruction to His leaders. The city is now a miserable village called Banias.

#### TEXT.

And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it; for he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall save it.

For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, and cast away himself?

For he who shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him the Son of man shall be ashamed, when he shall come in his majesty, and that of his Father, and of the holy angels.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What does our Leader demand of His militants?
2. What did He mean by "denying oneself", "taking up one's cross"?
3. Can't you be militant without having to suffer and mortify yourself? Why not?
4. How does one "lose one's life for Our Lord's sake," and how does one "save" it?
5. Do you know any y.w. who is ashamed to profess himself a Christian, or to act as a Christian? Give examples.
6. Ought we to be proud of our Leader? How can we show our pride?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

**"MIXED MARRIAGES."**

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

**JUDGE**

1. Why does the Church condemn mixed marriages?
2. Why is it worse when the girl is a non-Catholic?

**ACT**

1. What can we do in our branch to increase mixed social activities?  
To propagate suitable literature?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

**(D) MARRIAGE IN GENERAL.**

**"THEIR GENERAL IDEAS."**

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

**SEE**

1. Did the chaps you talked to say that they intended to get married?  
When?
2. Had they made up their minds as to the sort of girl they want to marry, or did they just prefer to wait until they "fall in love."
3. If they had ideas about the sort of girl they wanted to marry, what qualities did they look for?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"They're Married."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.  
See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business. Check on next Rally.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

**ELEVENTH MEETING.**

..... July, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

**"LOVE OF ENEMIES."**

St. Luke, Chap. 6, V. 27-36.

This is portion of the famous Sermon on the Mount preached in the first year of Our Lord's Ministry from a hillside near Capharnaum.

**TEXT.**

But I say to you that hear: Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you.  
Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that calumniate you.

And to him that striketh thee on the one cheek, offer also the other. And him that taketh away from thee thy cloak, forbid not to take the coat also.

Give to every one that asketh thee, and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again.

And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them in like manner.

And if you love them that love you, what thanks are to you for sinners also love those that love them.

And if you do good to them who do good to you, what thanks are to you? for sinners also do this.

And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thanks are to you? for sinners also lend to sinners, for to receive as much.

But love ye your enemies: do good, and lend, hoping for nothing thereby: and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest; for he is kind to the unthankable and to the evil.

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

## QUESTIONS:

1. In dealing with those we don't like, are you and other Catholics any different from non-Catholics? Or do you try to get your own back when someone does you a bad turn.
2. Is it any credit to us if we're kindly and generous only to our mates?
3. Did our Leader say: "It would be nice of you could . . . .", or did He order us straight out to love our enemies?
4. Is this ideal too high for us? Can we make a start towards it by doing a good turn to someone we can't stand, or who ridicules us?
5. Did our Leader mean we're always to give way, even when we're in the right?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "THEIR GENERAL IDEAS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Do these lads give sufficient attention to the question of marriage? At what age should the average young worker get married? Does the Church favour early marriages? Why?
2. Should a lad just wait to "fall in love," or should he be looking for the "right type of girl"? What is the "right type of girl for a young man?"

## ACT

1. Do we need to inform ourselves as Leaders, more thoroughly about this matter? What could we do? What books or pamphlets could we read? Could our Chaplain give a full explanation at a later meeting?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (D) MARRIAGE IN GENERAL.

### "WHERE DID THEY GET THESE IDEAS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. When you talked with chaps about the girls they were going to marry did they seem to be more interested in the outward attractiveness and glamour.
2. Where did they get their ideas of the perfect girl, e.g., films, radio, papers?
3. What did they say about love at first sight?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"They're Married."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWELFTH MEETING.

.....July, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK."

St. Luke, Chap. 6, V. 37-45.

#### Part of Sermon of Mount.

##### TEXT.

Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive and you shall be forgiven.

Give, and it shall be given to you: good measure and pressed down and shaken together and running over shall they give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

And he spoke also to them a similitude; Can the blind lead the blind? do they not both fall into the ditch?

The disciple is not above his master: but every one shall be perfect, if he be as his master.

And why seest thou the mote in thy brother's eye; but the beam that is in thy own eye thou considerest not?

Or how canst thou say to thy brother: Brother let me pull thy mote out of thy eye, when thou thyself seest not the beam in thy own eye? Hypocrite, cast first the beam out of thy own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to take out the mote from thy brother's ~~evil eye~~ <sup>eye</sup>.

For there is no good tree that bringeth forth evil fruit; nor an evil tree that bringeth forth good fruit.

For every tree is known by its fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns; nor from a bramble bush do they gather the grape.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. "Judge not. . .": does this mean turning a blind eye to other people's sins?
2. Then what must we judge: the actions of others, or their intentions? Why not?
3. If we are leading the blind, mustn't we ourselves walk in daylight, and also know the way? Give examples of what is meant.



4. If you had a beam in your own eye, could you see clearly enough to take the mote out of another y.w.'s eye?
5. Before we criticise anyone else, what should we think of first?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
  - (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
  - (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "WHERE DID THEY GET THESE IDEAS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

### JUDGE.

1. Are the love of children and interest in homecraft really necessary for a happy home life?
2. What should we think about love at first sight?
3. Generally is the influence of films, radio, etc., very great—producing an over-romantic attitude.

### ACT

1. What can we do to supplant the idea of the glamour girl with that of the "home girl"?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

### (D) MARRIAGE IN GENERAL.

#### "THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

### SEE

1. Do the chaps you meet at work or otherwise look on marriage mainly as a means of gratifying their physical desires?
2. Do they take it for granted that young lads have a right to have intimate relations with girls before marriage? What do they say?
3. Do you know of young men and girls who go away together for week-ends and act as if they were married?
- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## THIRTEENTH MEETING.

.....July, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "UNSHAKEABLE."

St. Luke, Chap. 6, V. 46-49.

#### Part of Sermon on the Mount.

##### TEXT.

And why call you me, Lord, Lord; and do not the things which I say?

Every one that cometh to me, and heareth my words, and doth them, I will shew you to whom he is like.

He is like to a man building a house, who digged deep, and laid the foundation upon a rock. And when a flood came, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and it was founded on a rock.

But he that heareth, and doth not, is like to a man building his house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the stream beat vehemently and immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1. When you're building a house, what's the most important thing to look to? What does our Leader say about it?
- 2. Is the Y.C.W. out to train glib talkers? Isn't the world mostly influenced by action?
- 3. When can we know that our Apostolate and our Section is founded on a rock?
- 4. Isn't this a great responsibility for each of us?

#### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

(5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

#### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

- 1. There should always be control over sex desires. What kind of control is necessary before marriage?
- 2. Does the mutual attraction between the sexes form an essential part of God's plan?
- 3. Has marriage any other purpose than that of the procreation of children? What are these purposes?

#### ACT

- 1. What can we do to help the members to realise the positive and beautiful doctrine of the Church on the purpose of marriage?
  - (a) Could the Chaplain give a talk?
  - (b) Could we buy up copies of an attractive pamphlet and distribute it so as to be able to take effective part in conversations on this problem at work or otherwise.

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

## (E) PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE.

### "CHOOSING A PARTNER."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

#### SEE

1. What qualities do contacts consider important in a girl acquaintance.
2. Do they merely note beauty, glamour, popularity, etc?
3. How many consider the qualities necessary for the family and home—love of children, interest in home crafts?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Your Partner in Marriage."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"Shall I Marry a Non-Catholic."—Rev. J. A. Maynes.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## FOURTEENTH MEETING.

.....August, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "LOOKING DOWN ON OTHERS."

St. Luke, Chap. 18, V. 9-14.

On His last journey to Jerusalem our Lord healed 10 lepers near the Galilee-Samaria frontier. The attention of the Galilean Pharisees being thus drawn to Him He told them the famous parable of the Pharisee and the Publican.

#### TEXT.

And to some who trusted in themselves as just, and despised others, he spoke also this parable:

Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

The Pharisee standing prayed thus with himself: O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican.

I fast twice in the week: I give tithes of all that I possess.

And the publican standing afar off would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven; but struck his breast, saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

I say to you, this man went down into his house justified rather than the other: Because every one that exalteth himself, shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Wasn't the Pharisee an unusually good chap? Are there many who give away 10 per cent. of their income, and fast twice a week?
2. Then why did Christ condemn him?
3. Aren't "Good Catholics" sometimes inclined to despise others? Might not even a Y.C.W. be tempted to do the same?

4. Must we never think of ourselves as better than the other fellow? Why can we never know?
5. Ought we to compare ourselves with other y.w.'s? or with Christ?
6. Doesn't this parable help us to mix with the mass of y.w.'s quite humbly and naturally?

**B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.**

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

**C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.**

**D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.**

**"CHOOSING A PARTNER."**

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

**JUDGE**

1. Which of these qualities are necessary for a really happy family life?

**ACT**

1. How can we supplant the glamour girl with the "home girl"?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

**(E) PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE.**

**"SAVING FOR MARRIAGE."**

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

**SEE**

1. How much a week do the young chaps we have spoken to earn on an average?
2. How much do they save?
3. Have we seen any bad results from people getting married without having saved in preparation? What results? Give examples?
4. If chaps don't save, what reasons do they give?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Betting and Gambling."—Rev. E. Hull, S.J.

"Money Runs or Ruins the Home."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

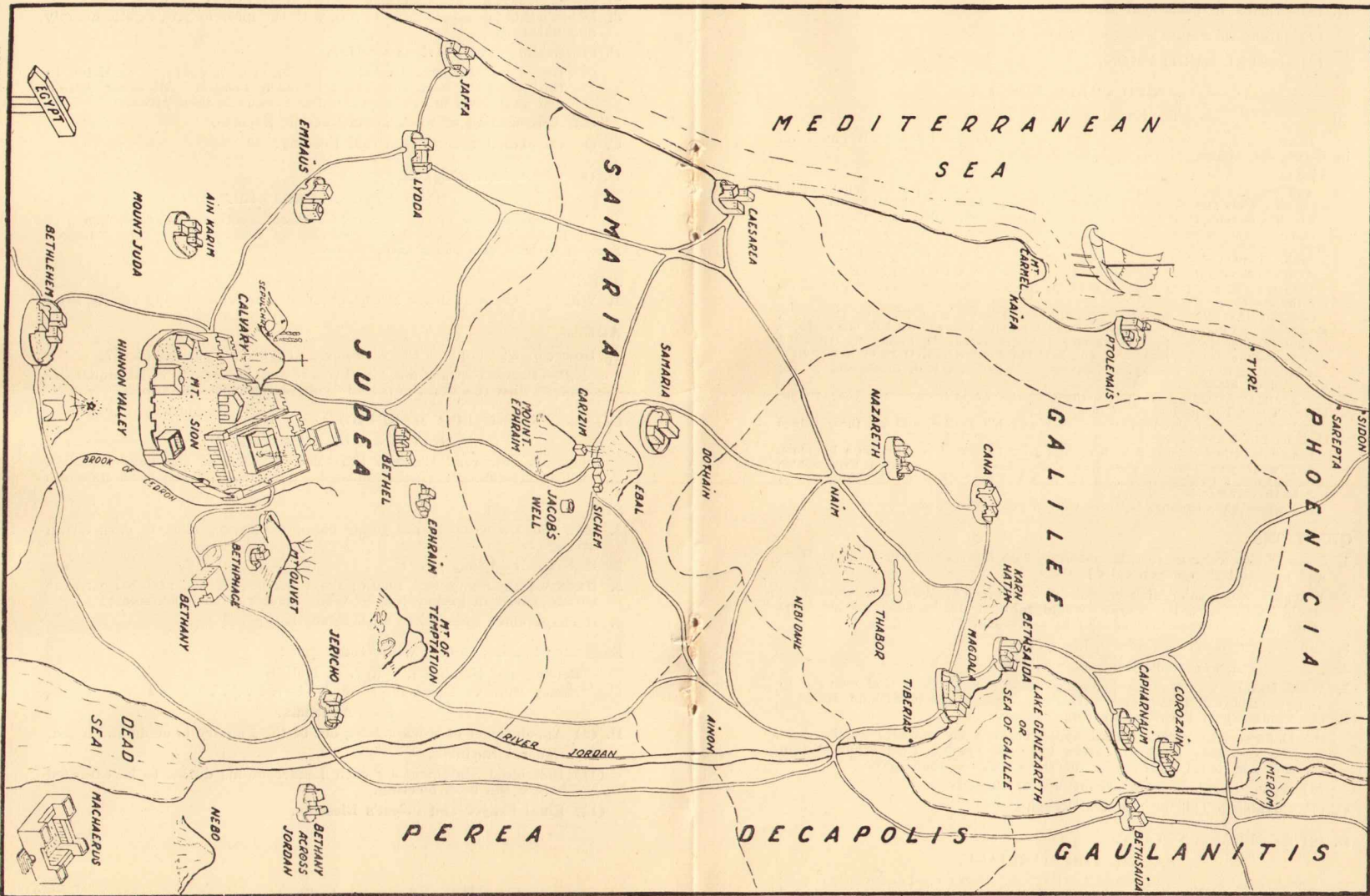
**D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.**

**(10) General Business.**

**(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.**

**(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.**





## FIFTEENTH MEETING.

.....August, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "GOD CARES FOR US."

St. Luke, Chap. 12, V. 22-34.

These words were spoken by Our Lord in the third year of His ministry in Perea, the country East of River Jordan.

#### TEXT.

And he said to his disciples: Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat; nor for your body what you shall put on.

The life is more than the meat, and the body is more than the raiment.

Consider the ravens, for they sow not, neither do they reap, neither have they storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them. How much are you more valuable than they?

And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit?

If then ye be not able to do so much as the least thing, why are you solicitous for the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these.

Now if God clothe in this manner the grass that is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more you, O ye of little faith?

And seek not you what you shall eat, or what you shall drink and be not lifted up on high.

For all these things do the nations of the world seek. But your Father knoweth that you have need of these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give to you a kingdom.

Sell what you possess and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not: where no thief approaches, nor moth corrupteth.

For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1. Does Christ want us to take absolutely no interest in our food, clothes, and material things generally?
- 2. Why did our Leader pick on flowers and birds? Was it to show how much MORE care His Father would take of us, because we have intelligence to choose to love and to serve Him?
- 3. What ought our chief care in life to be?
- 4. Supposing it were, how different would our lives be?
- 5. What lessons was Our Lord driving home here? That God won't help us get our bread and butter? Or that we can get it without Him?
- B. (4) Summary of Previcus Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "SAVING FOR MARRIAGE."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. How much does it cost a young worker to-day to furnish and equip a home?
2. Are there a large number of chaps who are likely to suffer in future because of insufficient capital, or may have to pay for a long illness, to tide over unemployment, etc?
3. Would an organised Scheme run by the Branch encourage them to save more? (If we have already a Savings Scheme could we improve or extend it).
4. Would this be a useful service? Why do we set up services?

## ACT

If we have not already a Savings Scheme we might:

1. Announce the findings of our Enquiry and our decision to set up a Savings Scheme at the next general meeting, and ask for support by the others.
2. Write to Headquarters for Savings Scheme Cards and full information.
3. Perhaps put on a Play to drive home the need for Saving.  
If we have a Savings Scheme we could make definite plans for extending it so that every member was persuaded to come in to it. The general need for Saving—particularly by those who might be getting married in a few years—could be put strongly before the general members.

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (E) PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE.

### “PRACTICAL TRAINING.”

Leaders now read through the “See” Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. How many of the young workers are able to do small jobs, repairs about the house, painting, carpentering, boot repairing, etc?
2. How many of them have any practical hobby that they could use later to make or save money?
3. How many have any idea of keeping a small budget of receipts and expenses?

Suggested reading to help with “Judgment”:

“Hours Off.”—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.



## SIXTEENTH MEETING.

.....August, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.  
(2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "THE TOUCH OF CHRIST."

Luke, Chap. 8, V. 40-48.

This long-suffering woman was cured by Our Lord at Capharnaum in the second year of His Ministry.

#### TEXT.

And it came to pass that when Jesus was returned, the multitude received him: for they were all waiting for Him.

And behold there came a man whose name was Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at the feet of Jesus beseeching him that he could come into his house:

For he had an only daughter, almost twelve years old, and she was dying. And it happened as he went, that he was thronged by the multitudes.

And there was a certain woman having an issue of blood twelve years who had bestowed all her substance, and could not be healed by any.

She came behind him and touched the hem of his garment; and immediately the issue of blood stopped.

And Jesus said: Who is it that touched me? And all denying Peter, and they that were with him said: Master, the multitude throng and press thee, and dost thou say, Who touched me?

And Jesus said: Somebody hath touched me; for I know that virtue is gone out from me.

And the woman seeing that she was not hid, came trembling and fell down before his feet, and declared before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was immediately healed.

But he said to her: Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go thy way in peace.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How was this woman cured? Merely by touch, or had her attitude of mind anything to do with it?
2. Why was this one woman cured, although a huge mob was thronging and pressing Our Lord? Are we like the crowd or the woman?
3. Can we do better than touch our Leader's garment? What?
4. When we receive Communion are we making contact with Our Lord? Are our dispositions important? Why?

#### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

#### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "PRACTICAL TRAINING."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

1. Would it be a useful service if we could help our members to learn some useful hobby or trade so as to assist them financially when they have their own homes? Also to improve their homes?
2. Does the Church stress the need for this sort of training for marriage? Why?



## ACT

1. Could we get some competent instructors and run classes in boot repairing, home carpentry, or such jobs? Who will get this information for us?
2. Could we put the value of such hobbies before a coming General Meeting?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (F) MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

### “IDEAS ON CHILDREN.”

Leaders now read through the “See” Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE.

1. What do the young Catholic chaps we know about to be married and other young people say about having children of their own?
2. What do the **non-Catholics** say?
3. Do any say they will have none for the first years of married life? Why?
4. What do they say about a large family?

Suggested reading to help with “Judgment”:

“1944 Family Statement.”—A.N.S.C.A.

“Speaking of Birth Control.”—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business. Check on next Rally.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

..... September, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### “BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOUR.”

St. Luke, Chap. 2, V. 1-7.

December is a very cold month in Bethlehem. Colder still would it be in the limestone cave where the babe Jesus was born.

#### TEXT.

And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus: that the whole world should be enrolled.

This enrolling was first made by Cyrenus the governor of Syria.

And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and family of David.

To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Where was our Leader born?
2. Had He and His Mother the comforts which even the poorest of working mothers now have on such occasions?
3. Was He welcomed by the district? Wouldn't He have got a better welcome at Nazareth?
4. Why did the Bethlehem folk act as they did? Through cruelty?
5. When we steer clear of Y.W.'s who are stupid or without ideals, aren't we acting the same as the people of Bethlehem?
6. Is there any fellow Y.W. I have been shunning that I can now try to get more friendly with?

### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

#### "IDEAS ON CHILDREN."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Why does the Church favour large families?
2. How many children per family are necessary for Australia to keep a rising population?
3. What other advantages are there of the large family?

## ACT

1. What can we do to drive home to our members the advantages of large families?
2. Can we spread the Family Statement and "Exit Australia" among our non-Catholic friends?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

### (F) MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

#### "POPULATION DECLINE."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Do the young chaps we talked to realise that our population is falling?
2. If so, did they think it mattered much?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Exit Australia."—Rev. C. Mayne, S.J.

See Appendix.

### D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.

#### (10) General Business.

- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

#### (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## EIGHTEENTH MEETING.

.....September, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "MARRIAGE A SACRAMENT."

Ephesians, Chap. 5, V. 21-33.

St. Paul says that Christ died that he might make us holy by paying the price of our sins. At our birth He cleansed us in the water of Baptism, wiping off all stain, that our souls would be completely undamaged and unsoiled. Thus, worthy of His love now and in eternity.

The love of Our Lord for us which caused him first to die for us, then to unite Himself with us by sanctifying grace in Baptism—that love St. Paul wishes to be the model and example to every husband and wife with regard to each other.

#### TEXT.

Being subject one to another, in the fear of Christ.

Let women be subject to their husbands, as to the Lord:

Because the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the Church. He is the saviour of his body.

Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be to their husbands in all things.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also loved the church, and delivered himself up for it:

That he might sanctify it, cleansing it, by the laver of water in the word of life.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

So also ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, as also Christ doth the Church:

Because we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall be two in one flesh.

This is a great sacrament; but I speak in Christ and in the Church.

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular love his wife as himself and let the wife fear her husband.

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1. Is a wife a servant or a companion to her husband? Could companionship shown before marriage be easily forgotten by a selfish chap, and his wife regarded as little better than a servant?
- 2. Does St. Paul regard the love of husband and wife as anything very noble? Are his ideas of love an improvement on Hollywood?
- 3. Do ordinary chaps regard relations between husband and wife as something that could stand comparison with God's union with souls? Or are they taught to regard God's creation as something dirty?

#### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

#### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "POPULATION DECLINE."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

(Read "Exit Australia" before this discussion.)

1. Why is the fall in our birth-rate so dangerous—  
from the possibility of foreign attack,  
military viewpoint,  
economic viewpoint.
2. What are the main causes of the falling birth-rate—  
moral,  
economic,  
psychological?
3. What is needed to persuade and assist people to have larger families?

## ACT

What can we do?—

1. Can we sell and distribute copies of the Family Statement and "Exit Australia" to Catholics and non-Catholics?
2. Can we put on a play or a debate at a General Meeting.

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (F) MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

### "THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Did the non-Catholics we know regard divorce as quite normal and natural? What did they say?
2. What did the Catholics say?
3. Have you heard people say that the Church has no right to interfere with relations between man and wife? What do they mean?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Divorce."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

"Why Not Get a Divorce."—Rev. J. A. O'Brien.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
  - (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
  - (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## NINETEENTH MEETING.

.....September, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
  - (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "OUR GUIDING LIGHT."

St. Luke, Chap. 2, V. 21-38.

The Mosaic Law required that forty days after the birth of a male child he should be offered to God by the parents. When Mary and Joseph were fulfilling this law Simeon entered the temple at Jerusalem.



### TEXT.

And after eight days were accomplished that the child should be circumcised; his name was called Jesus, which was called by the angel, before he was conceived in the womb.

And after the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.

And to offer a sacrifice according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons.

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was in him.

And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the CHRIST of the Lord.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child JESUS, to do for him according to the custom of the law.

He also took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said:

Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace. Because my eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples:

A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And his father and mother were wondering at those things, which were spoken concerning him.

And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted.

And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanneel, of the tribe of Aser; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity.

And she was a widow until fourscore and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day.

Now she at the same hour coming in, confessed to the Lord; and spoke of him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How did Simeon recognize our Leader when outwardly all that was to be seen were two working folk and their Baby?
2. What four things did Simeon say about Christ?
3. What did he foretell would be Our Lady's Lot?
4. Is Faith a gift?
5. Do some Y.W.'s reject Christ as their Leader, either by word or act?
6. Can one be neutral towards Christ, or must one be for or against?
7. As Y.W.'s, dare we hide our badge or our loyalty? How would a lad do this?
8. Even if we are true Y.C.W.'s will we too be "spoken against" and "contradicted"?

### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

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- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. -- The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. By what right does the Church speak on the question of marriage?
2. Why do we speak of the **Sacrament** of Matrimony? How did marriage become a Sacrament?
3. Is it strictly true to say that the priest marries people? What is his true role.
4. Why did Our Lord forbid divorce?

## ACT

1. What practical action can we suggest to put over this idea to the mass of members? What can each one of us undertake to do?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (G) THE CATHOLIC HOME.

### “NUPTIAL MASS.”

Leaders now read through the “See” Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Among our friends who have been married recently how many have had a Nuptial Mass?
2. Did the fellows you spoke to say that they themselves would have a Nuptial Mass?
3. What reasons did they give for not having Nuptial Mass?

Suggested reading to help with “Judgment”:

“The Marriage Rite and Nuptial Mass.”—Rev. B. O'Connor.  
See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.  
(10) General Business.  
(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.  
(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTIETH MEETING.

.....October, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.  
(2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### “THE PERFECT MARRIAGE.”

St. John, Chap. 2, V. 1-10.

This was the first miracle publicly performed by Our Lord. Cana is a small village about five miles north of Nazareth.

#### TEXT.

And the third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of JESUS was there.

And JESUS also was invited, and his disciples, to the marriage.

And the wine failing, the mother of JESUS saith to him: They have no wine.

And JESUS saith to her: Woman, what is that to me and to thee? My hour is not yet come.

His mother saith to the waiters: Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye.

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece.

JESUS saith to them: Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

And JESUS saith to them: Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast. And they carried it.

And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water; the chief steward calleth the bridegroom.

And saith to him: Every man at first setteth forth good wine and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse. But thou hast kept the good wine until now.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Who were the married couple?
2. Who was the chief guest?
3. Could we make Christ the chief guest at our marriage?
4. Why did Christ go to the wedding?
5. Did the postponement of Mary's request lessen Mary's trust?
6. What is the reason of our trust in Christ?
7. Should we also have confidence in Mary?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
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  - (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "NUPTIAL MASS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Do the partners in marriage receive the grace of the Sacrament even if they omit the Nuptial Mass?
2. Why then is the Church so keen about the Nuptial Mass?
3. What is the difference in the liturgy from an ordinary Mass?

## ACT

1. Should we conduct a Campaign in favour of the Nuptial Mass?
2. What can we do with our own relations and friends?
3. What can we do at a General Meeting or General Rally?

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## (G) THE CATHOLIC HOME.

### "FAMILY PRAYERS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. In how many homes you know is the family Rosary recited?
2. How many recite Grace before and after meals?
3. What do your contacts say about such a practice?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Thoughts on the Rosary."—Rev. J. E. Perkins.

"Catholic Customs," Part I.—Rev. B. O'Connor.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-FIRST MEETING.

.....October, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"WHAT OUR LEADER WANTS FROM US."

St. John, Chap. 14, V. 13-15.

This is portion of Our Lord's wonderful talk with His Apostles at the Last Supper held on the night before He died in a room in Jerusalem.

### TEXT.

Because I go to the Father: and whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do: that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you shall ask me anything in my name, that I will do.

If you love me, keep my commandments.

### QUESTIONS:

1. "If you LOVE Me . . ." Is our love best shown by doing what the person you love wants? Give examples from ordinary life.
2. Is it possible to love Christ without keeping His wishes?
3. Can a man love Christ and still fall sometimes?
4. Is it possible to "keep the rules," to "be good," and "do not harm" without any love of Christ? Is that any good?
5. Can we attend Mass, receive Sacraments, etc., without love?
6. How can I receive Communion more often? better?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
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- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "FAMILY PRAYERS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

### JUDGE

1. What are the advantages of family prayers?
  - Spiritual ("Where two or three are gathered together in My Name . . . etc.").
  - Practical (Building up family life).



2. Is the Family Rosary said in as many homes as it could be?
3. Judging by their comments are they favourably disposed towards family prayers?

## ACT

1. Could we, as leaders, be responsible for having the Family Rosary said in our homes? (b) Could we also be responsible for having Grace before and after meals said regularly?
2. To spread the custom of Family Prayers could we, at a rally for parents and members, feature a play which would bring home to those present the blessings and graces given to such family practices?

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## (G) THE CATHOLIC HOME.

### “CATHOLIC CUSTOMS.”

Leaders now read through the “See” Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

- 1 How many families attend Sunday Mass and Communion together?
2. How many homes have been consecrated to the Sacred Heart? Is the picture of the Sacred Heart prominently displayed?
3. Is there a Crucifix to be seen in the average Catholic home?
4. In how many homes you know of is there a Blessed Candle and Holy Water?

Suggested reading to help with “Judgment”:

“Catholic Customs,” Part II.—Rev. B. O’Connor.  
See Appendix.

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- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest’s Blessing.

## TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

.....October, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

“WE IN HIM? HE IN US.”

St. John, Chap. 14, V. 16-21.

Continuation of His last discourse with the Apostles.

### TEXT.

And I will ask the Father, and he shall give you another Paraclete, that he may abide with you for ever.

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, nor knoweth him; but you shall know him; because he shall abide with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you.

Yet a little while; and the world seeth me no more. But you see me; because I live, and you shall live.

In that day you shall know, that I am on my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. And he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father. And I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Did all those who SAW Jesus really get to KNOW Him? What's the difference?
2. How is He in us? When did He begin to live in us?
3. Do we live in Him? How? How are we part of His Mystical Body? What does Holy Ghost do for us?
4. What makes Him live in us, and we in Him, more and more? What Sacrament especially nourishes and strengthens that Life?
5. And in uniting us more with Christ, does it unite me with all my fellow-workers?
6. How can I receive Communion more often? better?

### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

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- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

#### "CATHOLIC CUSTOMS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

1. Why ought the members of a family attend Mass and receive Communion together?
2. What are the advantages of having the home consecrated to the Sacred Heart?
3. What does a crucifix in the home indicate?

#### ACT

Could we as leaders:

1. Start the above practices in our own homes, and set an example for the rest of the parish?
2. Make a special drive for homes to be consecrated to the Sacred Heart?
3. Promote the sale of crucifixes?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

### (H) THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.

#### "HOME ENTERTAINMENT OF FAMILY."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

#### SEE

1. How many nights a week are all the members of the family home?
2. In how many homes that you know of, do the members of the family help to entertain one another?

3. Have you heard any young people express the wish for greater home life?

4. Of those who do entertain themselves how do they go about it?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Why Leave Home."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.

(10) General Business. Check on Next Rally.

(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

.....November, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.

(2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "VINE AND BRANCHES."

St. John, Chap. 15, V. 1-8.

Part of Our Lord's last discourse to His Apostles.

#### TEXT.

I am the true vine; and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me, that beareth not fruit, he will take away; and every one that beareth fruit, he will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now you are clean by reason of the word, which I have spoken to you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine: you the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.

If any one abide not in me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall gather him up, and cast him into the fire, and he burneth.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you.

In this is my Father glorified; that you bring forth very much fruit, and become my disciples.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Are branches and trunk really one tree? Does the branch bear fruit, or is it the tree? And if the branch is cut off . . . ?

2. Are we one body with Christ? How?

3. What is the life of our soul? Is it Christ's own life?

4. Is it then HE who works, who bears fruit, IN US?

5. What, then, if we're cut off from Him? How can this happen?

6. If our apostolate is to be fruitful, what is needed? How are we to strengthen that union?

B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

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(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "HOME ENTERTAINMENT OF FAMILY."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Would an increase in home life (a) help to counteract the popularity of modern entertainment; (b) keep the family together; (c) foster friendships being formed in the home?
2. Would parents welcome more family life?
3. Is there much trouble involved in family entertainment?

## ACT

1. Can we foster the idea of family entertainment by starting it in our own homes and inviting members from time to time?
2. At the General Meeting could we get one family to put on a demonstration of how they entertain themselves?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (H) THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.

### "ENTERTAINING FRIENDS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Do the young people we know entertain their friends in the home?
2. Are the parents interested in their friends?
3. Of those who don't entertain at home, would they like to bring their friends home? Why don't they?
4. If they don't entertain at home where do they go for their amusement?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

"Why Leave Home."—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.  
See Appendix.

D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.

(10) General Business.

(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

(12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

.....November, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.

(2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "THE VISITATION."

St. Luke, Chap. 1, V. 39-56.

Immediately after the angel had announced to her that her cousin Elizabeth was to have a child Mary set out on the 80 miles journey from Nazareth to Ain-Karim, about five miles west of Jerusalem.



## TEXT.

And Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda.

And she entered into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth.

And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost;

And she cried out with a loud voice, and said: Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

And blessed are thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.

And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord:

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him.

He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent hungry away.

He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spake to our fathers to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

And Mary abode with her about three months; and she returned to her own house.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Was Elizabeth much older than Our Lady?
2. Who was the holier?
3. Who paid the visit? Why?
4. Did Our Lady realize how important she was? What does she say about it?
5. Was she stuck up? Did she go to her cousin's to show off? Then why did she go?
6. If we happen to be a bit better than others, ought we to look down on them?
7. Don't we lose chances of doing more for Christ, and bringing Him to others? What are we going to do about this?

## B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

## C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "ENTERTAINING FRIENDS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Is it better for young people to entertain at home than to seek entertainment elsewhere? Why?
2. Are the young people we know encouraged to entertain at home?
3. Are there any who have no opportunity for entertainment? Does this create a serious problem in our parish?

## ACT

1. Could we promote more entertainment in our own homes?
2. At a General Rally could we invite parents of members and run a model evening's entertainment—family prayers included?
3. If we live in any section where it is totally impossible to entertain at home could we organise a Catholic family party for the families of all other members?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

## (H) THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.

### “READING.”

Leaders now read through the “See” Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

### SEE

1. In how many homes is at least one Catholic paper taken regularly?
2. Where there is not one taken, what do they say?
3. What are their criticisms of Catholic papers?
4. What would be the usual types of literature found in a Catholic home?—novels, pamphlets, magazines, etc.?

Suggested reading to help with “Judgment”:

“I Can Read Anything.”—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

“What is Decent Literature.”—Rev. D. A. Lord, S.J.

See Appendix.

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING.

.....November, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### “SIGNS OF THE TIMES.”

St. Luke, Chap. 12, V. 54-59.

Spoken by Our Lord in the 3rd year of His public life at Jerusalem.

### TEXT.

And he said also to the multitudes: When you see a cloud rising from the west, presently you say: A shower is coming: and so it happeneth.

And when ye see the south wind blow, you say: there will be heat: and it cometh to pass.

You hypocrites, you know how to discern the face of the heaven and of the earth: but how is it that you do not discern this time?

And why even of yourselves, do you not judge that which is just?

And when thou goest with thy adversary to the prince, whilst thou art in the way, endeavour to be delivered from him: lest perhaps he draw thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the exacter and the exacter cast thee into prison.

I say to thee, thou shalt not go out thence, until thou pay the very last mite.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Ever try to forecast the weather, when you were going on an outing, or to play cricket? How?
2. Why did Our Lord blame the people? What ought they to have spotted?
3. Can't we see how the world is rapidly going pagan?
4. Make a list of ways in which pagan views are winning: say, on sex, marriage, family-life, the State, pleasure, etc.
5. Who is to stem all this and change it? Am I doing my best in my own surroundings?

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- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "READING."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Are Catholic publications really attractive?
2. What are the advantages of Catholic publications; correcting daily press, cheap pagan literature, etc.?
3. Would you say that suitable literature, books, etc., are read in the Catholic home? Are they attractive enough?
4. Are the sales of "New Youth" big enough? Could we increase them?

## ACT

1. Could we appoint a **propagandist** to further the sale of Catholic literature? especially "New Youth"?
2. Could we (a) build up or be responsible for the formation of a **Catholic library** in our branch; this to be run jointly by the Y.C.W. and N.C.G.M., to cater for all Catholics in the parish; (b) Aim at having "New Youth" and "Torchlight" read by all the youth in our sections?
3. Could we be responsible for the feature column on books in the parish magazine?
4. Could we start a Y.C.W. Press Squad in the parish?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

## (I) HOUSING.

### "SLUMS."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. Is there in our parish or area, houses which would be called slums? Do we know any chaps who live there? How many?
2. What have we seen in these houses to condemn—lack of light, space, garden, etc.?
3. What has been the effect on these young workers who are living in these slums?
4. Do they seem to get into trouble of various kinds more often than lads of other areas?

- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.  
 (10) General Business. Check on Final Rally.  
 (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.  
 (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING.

.....December, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.  
 (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.  
 (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "CONFIDENCE."

St. Matthew, Chap. 6, V. 25-34.

Part of the Sermon on the Mount.

#### TEXT.

Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat: and the body more than the raiment?

Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns: and your heavenly father feedeth them. Are you not of much more value than they?

And which of you by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit?

And for raiment why are you solicitous? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin.

But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these.

And if the grass of the field, which is to-day, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, God doeth so clothe: how much more you, O ye of little faith?

Be not solicitous therefore, saying: What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed?

For after all these things do the heathens seek. For your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things.

Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Be not therefore solicitous for to-morrow; for the morrow will be solicitous for itself. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Could continued hardship, uncertainty of work, poor pay, unemployment, etc., break a chap's spirit—particularly if he had a family to care for?
  2. Does a chap need confidence in God to face the future?
  3. What reasons does Our Lord give for having this confidence in God? Are they good, sensible reasons? Do many chaps guide their lives by them?
  4. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice; and all things else shall be added to you." Is confidence in God all that is needed?
  5. If a chap tried now to live decently and trust God for the future in regard to finding a decent wife, marriage, employment, etc., how do you think he would get on?
  6. Should a chap follow Our Lord's advice now, or wait till he is an old joker with a beard?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
  - (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.



C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "SLUMS."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information, which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

### JUDGE

1. Do you really know as much as we should about the shocking conditions under which some workers live, or of their problems?
2. Could the young people in such houses lead the decent Christian happy home life?
3. Is it our duty in the Y.C.W. to fight hard for the abolition of these slums?

### ACT

1. What can we do? We cannot destroy these slums in a week or even a year, but—
  - (a) Could we make up our minds to get more information and talk about these problems to our friends?
  - (b) Could we drive home the dangers of slums to our friends by posters, literature, etc.?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—**your** Judgment and Action.

### (I) HOUSING.

#### "THE IDEAL HOME."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

### SEE

1. Do you know many families who cannot find a place to buy or rent?
  2. Do the people you know say that there is a serious general shortage of houses? How great is it? Is it due only to the war?
  3. Are the slums you know suitable for bringing up a large family—enough space, room, etc.?
  4. Would the various contacts you spoke to prefer a big house or a small flat?
- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

.....December, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "MARTHA AND MARY."

St. Luke, Chap. 10, V. 38-42.

Martha and Mary lived at Bethany, about 3 miles west of Jerusalem. This scene records a visit of Our Lord there in the last year of His public life.

## TEXT.

Now it came to pass as they went, that he entered into a certain town: and a certain woman named Martha, received him into her house.

And she had a sister called Mary, who sitting also at the Lord's feet, heard his word.

But Martha was busy about much serving. Who stood and said: Lord, hast thou no care that my sister hath left me alone to serve? speak to her therefore, that she help me.

And the Lord answering, said to her: Martha, Martha, thou art careful and art troubled about many things:

But one thing is necessary. Mary hath chosen the best part, which shall not be taken away from her.

## QUESTIONS:

1. When we have a party at home, doesn't it mean a great deal of extra housework?
2. Wasn't Martha right then to complain?
3. What did Our Lord mean? Why did He defend Mary?
4. Ought we to neglect our job to pray? Can we make our work a prayer? By our Y.C.W. Prayer, repeated through the day?
5. Should we also make a point of praying daily, either before the Blessed Sacrament, or at home? Why? Must a militant constantly be attentive to "his word"? How?

## B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

## C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "THE IDEAL HOME."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

## JUDGE

1. Why is there such a nation-wide shortage of houses?
2. Why are modern houses built so small and so crowded together?
3. Should the Y.C.W. concern itself with fighting for a proper national housing policy?

## ACT

1. What can we do in our own branch: example, General Rally, literature, etc.?
2. Could we get Headquarters to set up pamphlets on housing?
3. Could we send some definite proposals to Headquarters? What ones?

N.B.—Please forward a detailed report of this Enquiry to Headquarters—complete with the facts gathered—your Judgment and Action.

## (I) HOUSING.

### "HOME OWNERSHIP."

Leaders now read through the "See" Section of the next Enquiry: for which information (facts) must be gathered for the next meeting.

## SEE

1. What rent is paid for the average workers' house in our district?
2. Did the chaps you talked to say they would rather rent a home or try to buy one? What reasons did they give?

3. Do you know any families who would prefer to buy a home, but are not able to? What reasons did they give?
- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING.

.....December, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

### "OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM."

St. Luke, Chap. 18, V. 15-17.

This scene took place in Perea, East of the Jordan in the last year of Our Lord's Ministry.

#### TEXT.

And they brought unto him also infants, that he might touch them. Which when the disciples saw they rebuked them.

But Jesus, calling them together, said: Suffer children to come to me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

Amen I say to you: Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a child shall not enter into it.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Had Our Lord nothing better to do than be bothered with these kids? Weren't the apostles right in preventing them from making themselves a nuisance?
2. Did Our Lord make a fuss of them merely out of kindness? Or for what other reason?
3. What did He mean by saying unless we become like them, we shouldn't enter into His kingdom?
4. Is it because children are confident, trustful, obedient to their parents, and absolutely believe all they are told?
5. How does this work out for us?

#### B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.

- (5) Definite statements (noted by Secretary) on contacts as listed in the summary book are given by each Leader. All other Action and additional information for the Census is then given.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

#### C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

#### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

### "HOME OWNERSHIP."

The President of Group repeats the "See" Section.—Leaders then give detailed information which is recorded by Secretary. — The "Judge" Section is then proceeded with.

#### JUDGE

1. Is it generally better for young workers to start as soon as possible to buy their own homes?

2. Why is it that so many working class families still live in rented houses?
3. Is this something a Y.C.W. should tackle soon? Would Co-operative Societies help them?

#### **ACT**

1. Could we do something to drive home to our members the stupidity of renting a house in preference to buying one? How?
  2. Could we get information from National Headquarters about Co-operative Housing Societies with the view to our taking some action?
- D. (9) Appointment of work arising out of the Enquiry is made and noted.**
- (10) General Business.**
  - (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.**
  - (12) Final Prayer and Priest's Blessing.**





## APPENDIX

### Statements to Help with "Judge" Section of Enquiries.

#### MANNERS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

1. Good manners become an expression of Christ-like charity.
2. The fundamental basis of this mutual charity is that every person is actually a Child of God through sanctifying Grace, or destined for that. This is the real equality that unites mankind—men and women differ only in minor ways—such as wealth, position, cleverness, etc.
3. Good manners are expressed in different ways towards different persons.
  - (a) Towards our parents, because of this special relationship of parenthood, and our consequent obligation of gratitude and love.
  - (b) Towards old people, because of their need, etc.
  - (c) Among youth, because, here, manners help to build the right attitude of girls and boys towards each other.

#### MORAL DANGERS, ETC:

1. Purity is a virtue.

The Latin word "virtus," from which our English word is derived, means strength.

Purity is then something real and strong—impurity an act of weakness.

Purity is a special attitude towards sex—the creative power given us by God.

Purity protects that power.

Purity is connected with human life—the source of it; Purity is the Protector; it has something in it of knightly courage that shields, even with risk of life a precious thing.
2. Because this creative power is meant to bring with it obligations that are really onerous—the rearing and education of children—God has associated love and pleasure with the use of this power.
3. Because this urge of sex is so strong, and because youth has not full control, certain safeguards in the relationships of sexes are necessary:
  - (i). Spiritual helps—Holy Communion frequently, prayer, devotion to Our Lady, etc.
  - (ii). Sex instruction, properly and reverently given.
  - (iii). Modesty in dress and behaviour.
  - (iv). The chaperonage of numbers, or of older people.
4. Indecent talk, parking, etc.—All these things are obviously a betrayal of that creative power that should be shielded until marriage; it is a cheating and a stealing of pleasure God gave as a reward for obligations.
5. It would be a sad thing to have to offer your partner on your marriage a soiled body.
6. A word or two about kissing in particular: Perhaps the difficulty is best answered by a few questions:
  - (a) Is it sinful for a mother to kiss her child.
  - (b) If a brother affectionately kisses his sister when she leaves for a holiday—is that a sin?
  - (c) So the kiss is not necessarily a sin?
  - (d) A young man has been going with a young lady for a time, and is sincerely fond of her, and she of him. He gently and affectionately kisses her. Is that a sin?
  - (e) The young man kisses the girl violently and at considerable length. She realizes she is growing excited—and that he too has grown excited. Is that a sin?
  - (f) Is it a desirable thing for a girl to bestow her kisses on all and sundry?

7. Girls should remember that boys are more "inflammable" than they are, and what to them may appear as a sign of affection, may be to a boy a danger of sin.

Boys should remember that an affectionate response on the part of a girl is not an invitation to go further.

### COMPANY KEEPING:

1. A love that asks improper liberties before marriage is an imperfect love—selfish and irreverent.
2. God is not likely to bless the marriage that is preceded by an impure courtship.
3. The first use of the sexual act is far-reaching in its psychological consequences.
4. Impurity before marriage is often an indication of infidelity after marriage—because impurity is disrespect for the creative power, which, if it exists before marriage, will continue most probably to exist after marriage.
5. Courtships neither too long nor too short.
  - (a) Not too short—that is, long enough to permit each to see the other's faults and virtues quite thoroughly, to learn each other's interests, likes, family, background, etc.
  - (b) Not too long:—
    - (i). Two young people cannot love each other well enough for marriage without feeling a strong physical urge. This, over too long a period, becomes too great a danger.
    - (ii). Marriage will be entered on as a stale thing.
6. Too early company-keeping is wrong—or better, is just stupid.
  - (a) By steady company-keeping at an early age, they are missing a lot—the broadening that comes from being in a crowd, etc.
  - (b) The period of their youth and its fun is shortened.
  - (c) Above all, courtship is a preparation for marriage—so too early a company-keeping is cut off from company-keeping's only real purpose. Affections become staled; temptations increase.

### PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE.

1. Qualities in partner:
  - (a) **Both** should be Catholics.
  - (b) They should have similar back-grounds, v.g., one who failed in her merit, and has no cultural amusements, will not make an ideal Doctor's wife.
  - (c) They should be alike in their major interests.
  - (d) Passion is not enough; physical attraction only is not enough.
2. Saving for Marriage.

This is obvious. A wise Priest once said that the harm done by Birth Control is really done before marriage, when the young man or young woman on an adult wage refuses to save—and, finding afterwards that children can mean expense, refuse admittance to the children.

# NOTES

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