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## PART TWO

### Incorporating Campaign on "THE FAMILY"

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*Bishop's House,  
West Maitland.*

*My Dear Leaders,*

*I am very glad to learn that the National Catholic Girls' Movement intends to undertake a Campaign on the Family in co-operation with the Young Christian Workers' Movement. This was the theme of the Social Justice Statement for 1944, and it is good to see that the recommendations in the Statement are being so seriously taken up by the Catholic Youth Movements for discussion and action.*

*The programme is varied and well balanced, and should enable the girls to understand clearly the Catholic attitude on some of the most important problems of to-day. From this they will go on to devise practical plans whereby they can greatly benefit themselves and other girls in the community.*

*The greatest need of our nation is a strong, contented and secure family life. This is not to be achieved merely by pious hopes or vague aspirations. It will mean very hard work from all of us. It is the women and girls who have the most to gain from the recognition of the teaching of Our Lord on these matters, just as it is they who alone can create and maintain a happy home.*

*I wish the Movement every success in its first national campaign. I am sure the girls will deserve such success.*

*(Signed) ✠ EDMUND GLEESON, C.S.S.R.,*

*Bishop of Maitland,*

*Episcopal Chairman.*

## N.C.G.M. "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 N.C.G.M. and the Y.C.W. — are planning and working together on matters which are soon going to concern us 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. The Gospel Discussion for this meeting could be based on the previous Sunday's Gospel.

## PLEASE REMEMBER —

1. The Programme assumes Leaders' Groups will meet WEEKLY. We shall not do anything efficiently or worth while otherwise.

2. 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. Section members should also meet weekly and the plan you have already caters for three Activity Meetings and one General Meeting for the girls each month.

● 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 monthly 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 girls and boys themselves and merely polished by the experts. The girls and boys 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.

# PRAYERS FOR MEETINGS.

## PRAYER OF OUR MOVEMENT.

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go;

Flood my soul with Thy spirit and light. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.

Shine through me, and be so in me, that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus.

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as Thou shinest. So to shine as to be a light to others. The light O Jesus, will be all from Thee, none of it will be mine. It will be Thou shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise Thee in the way in which Thou dost love best by shining on those around me.

Let me preach Thee without preaching—not by words—but by my example, the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to Thee. Amen.

## FINAL PRAYERS.

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.

## PRIEST'S BLESSING.

P.—May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father and Son and Holy Spirit descent upon you and remain forever.

All.—Amen.

## THE LEADERS' MEETING.

Leaders should meet each week. Priests who have had experience of this work regard this as essential. These meetings will not be mere committee meetings. They have in view the formation of the leaders. In the Gospel Discussion and the Priest's Talk there is given a powerful stimulus to the formation of their spiritual life; through the General Enquiry and reports their apostolic work among their companions is ensured.

## PLAN OF MEETING.

- A. 1. Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- 2. Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer. (12 mins.)
- 3. Gospel Discussion (15-20 mins.)
- B. 4. Summary of previous meeting. (10 mins.)
- 5. Reports on Contact, Census, Action. (10 mins.)
- 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. (10 mins.)
- 11. Statement by each leader of duties.
- 12. Final N.C.G.M. Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

N.B.—It cannot be stressed sufficiently that this order should be strictly adhered to at all Leaders' Meetings. It is essential for the efficient working of the meetings that no more than the time allotted be given to each section of the meeting, even though some work pertaining to that section must be left undone.

### 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 Y.C.W.

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 Central 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.

## 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? Whom then does he not like.
  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 N.C.G.M. ideals?
  8. Can I discourage any case of class hatred, etc., by showing the difference between the sinner and the sin?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.  
(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "GIRLS AND THEIR BROTHERS."

#### JUDGE

1. Do the girls we know show sufficient interest in their brothers? Why should they,
2. Is there a lack of co-operation between the girls we know and their families?
3. If some of the boys do not show enough respect for their sisters, is this partly due to the attitude of the girls themselves.
4. Is there something in the Australian temperament that makes people offhand in these matters? Is this right?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. Can we agree to check up on our own attitude at home and improve things there?
2. What can we do to help our general members?—put on a play on Family Co-operation—tell them if the findings of our Enquiry at the next General Meeting.

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

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

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

### "GIRLS AT WORK."

#### SEE

1. How do the girls we know talk about the men with whom they work? Give examples. Respectfully—Familiarly—Unkindly.
2. Do they complain about the attitude of the men to them? Give examples. Their discourtesy — bad manners — lack of respect — familiarity.
3. What reasons do they give for such behaviour? Do they encourage them? Do they show their disapproval.



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.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

### THIRD MEETING.

.....April, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent positions.

(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"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 boys and girls who have to earn their living still count for a lot in God's Sight?
5. What is the reason for our dignity?

6. Must I try to behave as a daughter of God ought?
  7. How can we bring the general members to realise that they are the daughters of God and should always insist upon being so treated.
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.**
- (5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.
  - (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.**
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.**

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.

### "GIRLS AT WORK."

#### JUDGE

1. Are the relations between girls and boys at work all they should be? Is it often the girls fault?
2. Are good manners and behaviour at work important? Why?
3. Does a lack of outward respect often lead to a lack of inner respect—even to immorality?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

##### 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?

##### 2. 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.

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

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

#### "MANNERS AT SOCIALS."

#### SEE

1. Do any of the girls complain about the manners of boys at dances.
2. If so, what things do they complain about.
3. Do they say that this attitude is caused by lack of respect or just ignorance.
4. Do they say that any of these breaches of good manners are caused by the attitude of the girls themselves? How?

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.

#### (10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## FOURTH MEETING.

.....April, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of our Lady in prominent position.  
(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

### "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" come to our Group Activities, or are in our teams? If they see us in bad company?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.  
(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "MANNERS AT SOCIALS."

#### JUDGE

1. Why should we demand that boys show special respect to girls and treat them with more courtesy?
2. Should our love for Our Lady show us the right thing to do? What has the Church said and done to give women a place of honour in society? Do they get the same respect in pagan countries.

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. Could we set a standard ourselves by treating boys with greater courtesy and respect?
2. Could we:
  - (a) Use the Learn-to-Dance class as a means of informing lads and girls on how to behave at dances?
  - (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"?

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.  
"St. Peggys Growing Up."—Sr. M. St. Virginia.

See Appendix.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## SIXTH MEETING.

..... May, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.  
(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

"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 Previcus Meeting.

(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

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

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

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.

#### "BEHAVIOUR AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS."

##### 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?
4. Why should girls be particularly careful about alcoholic drink.

##### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. Should we give more thorough consideration to the question of familiarities?
2. Could we organise more Catholic social outings for our members?
3. Could we read and distribute the pamphlet "I can take or leave it alone." (D. Lord).

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

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

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

##### "FAMILIARITIES."

##### SEE

1. Does this going off in couples at dances and outings sometimes lead to immorality?
2. Do the girls you know say whether non-Catholic boys are more likely to behave in a familiar way?
3. Do the girls 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.

See Appendix.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

#### SEVENTH MEETING.

..... May, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

##### "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.

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## "FAMILIARITIES.

### 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?

### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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 pamphlets: "Can I keep pure?" or "So we abolished the Chaperone."

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

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

### (C) COMPANY KEEPING.

## "PARTICULAR FRIENDSHIPS."

### SEE

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

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":

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

See Appendix.

**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 hidden?
2. Ought we to keep the ideas we've learned from the N.C.G.M. to ourselves?
3. Do the girls 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.**

**(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.**

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

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

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

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.

### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. What can we do to help girls to realise the dangers of relying too much on "glamour" in selecting a husband.

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

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

### (D) MARRIAGE IN GENERAL.

#### "THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE."

#### SEE

1. Among the girls you meet at work or otherwise is there a lot of talk about boys and sex?
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 any girls and young men who go away together for week-ends and act as if they were married?

Suggested reading to help with "Judgment":—

"Courtship and Marriage."—Dorothy Bernard.  
See Appendix.

#### (10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## THIRTEENTH MEETING.

.....July, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

#### "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 N.C.G.M. 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) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
 (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

**"THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE."**

**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?

**(9) ACT (Suggested Action).**

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.

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

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

**(E) PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE.**

**"CHOOSING A PARTNER."**

**SEE**

1. Do the girls you spoke to regard as important the strength of faith and morals in a Catholic man acquaintance?
2. Do they try to strengthen their boy friends who may be weak in their Catholic Faith?
3. Do they have the ultimate good of their boy friends at heart, or only their own vanity and satisfaction?

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 her duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## FOURTEENTH MEETING.

.....August, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

### "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 N.C.G.M. member be tempted to do the same?
4. Must we never think of ourselves as better than the other girl? Why can we never know?
5. Ought we to compare ourselves with other girls? or with Christ?
6. Doesn't this parable help us to mix with the mass of girls quite humbly and naturally?

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

(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

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

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

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.

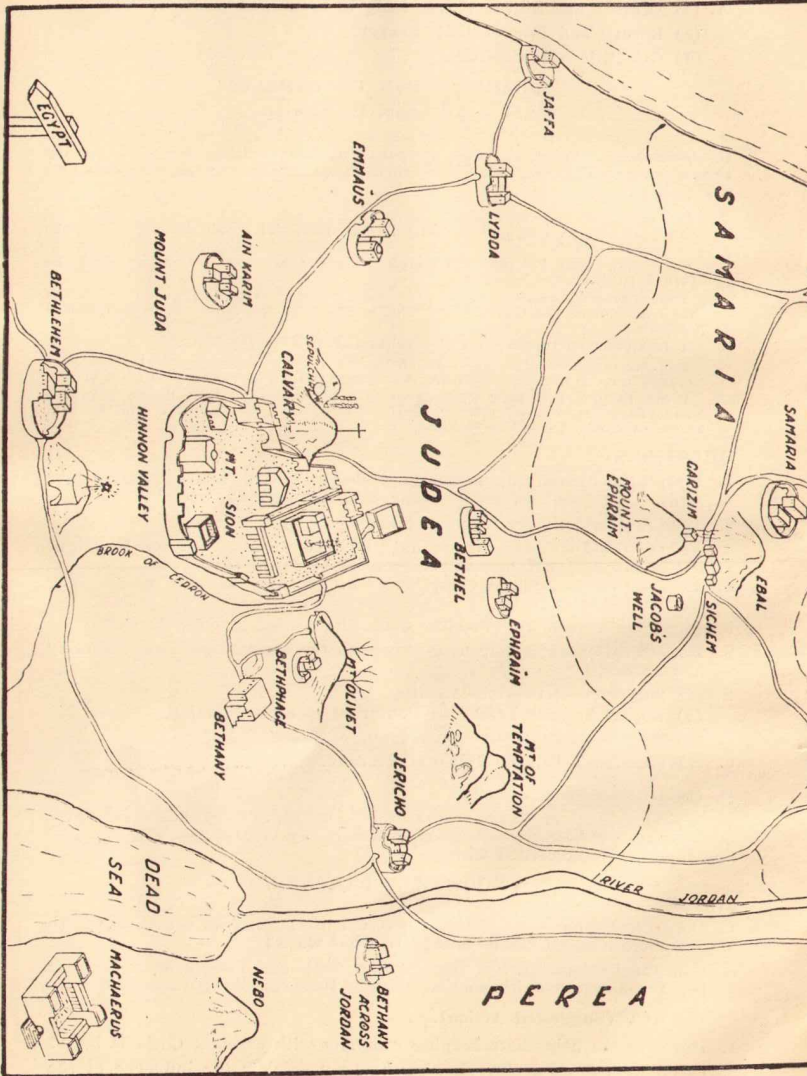
### "CHOOSING A PARTNER."

#### JUDGE

1. Does the happiness of Catholic married life depend on the strong faith and morals of a Catholic man? In what ways?
2. Can the Catholic girl strengthen the faith and morals of a Catholic boy friend whose faith may be weak? How can she go about it?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. How can we help those keeping company with careless Catholic boys?
2. Could we put on a play showing how powerful is the influence of the woman—how she can make or mar a man?



- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

#### "PRACTICAL TRAINING."

#### JUDGE

1. Why is it such a handicap for a girl to start married life without knowing something about cooking and other homecrafts?
2. Does the Church stress the need for this sort of training for marriage? Why?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. Could we get some competent women and run classes in cooking, dressmaking, handicrafts, etc. Who will get this information for us?
2. Could we organise an Exhibition or Fashion Parade of renovated clothes, accessories, furnishings, etc., to make our members more resourceful? Who will organise it?

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

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

#### (F) MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

#### "IDEAS ON CHILDREN."

#### SEE.

1. What do the Catholic girls who are about to be married 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.

(10) General Business. Check up on next Combined Rally.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

.....September, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.  
(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

### "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 Cyrinus 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 girls who are stupid or without ideals, aren't we acting the same as the people of Bethlehem?
  6. Is there any girl in the Movement whom I have been shunning? Can I now try to get more friendly with her?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.  
(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

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

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.

(Read the Family Statement before this discussion.)

### "IDEAS ON CHILDREN."

#### JUDGE

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

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

1. What can we do to drive home to our members the advantages of large families?

2. Can we circulate 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.

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

#### (F) MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

##### "POPULATION DECLINE."

#### SEE

1. Do the young girls 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.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

### EIGHTEENTH MEETING.

.....September, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

#### "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 girl, and her husband regarded as little better than a pay roll?
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 girls 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) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

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

## D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "POPULATION DECLINE."

## JUDGE

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?

## (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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.

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

## (F) MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN.

### "THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY."

## SEE

1. Did the non-Catholics we know regard divorce as quite normal and natural? What did they say?
2. Do the people you know, when they think about getting married, regard it as being binding for life?
3. What did the Catholics say?
4. 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.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## NINETEENTH MEETING.

.....September, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

### "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 Phanuel, 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 young girls reject Christ as their Leader, either by word or action?
  6. Can one be neutral towards Christ, or must one be for or against?
  7. As N.C.G.M. Members, dare we hide our badge or our loyalty? How would a girl do this?
  8. Even if we are true N.C.G.M. Members, will we, too, be "spoken against" and "contradicted"?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.  
(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY."

#### 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?
5. What spiritual preparation is necessary and sufficient for marriage?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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.

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

#### (G) THE CATHOLIC HOME.

### "NUPTIAL MASS."

#### SEE

1. Among our friends who have been married recently how many have had a Nuptial Mass?
2. Did the girls 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.

#### (10) General Business.

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

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

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

(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

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

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

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.

**"FAMILY PRAYERS."**

**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?

**(9) ACT (Suggested Action).**

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?

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

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

**(G) THE CATHOLIC HOME.**

**"CATHOLIC CUSTOMS."**

**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.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

.....October, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent positions.  
(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

**"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 the girls with whom I work?
  6. How can I receive Communion more often? better?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.  
(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "CATHOLIC CUSTOMS."

#### 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?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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.

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

#### (H) THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.

#### “HOME ENTERTAINMENT OF FAMILY.”

##### 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? How?
3. Have you heard any young girls 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.

(10) General Business. Check up on next Combined Rally.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest’s Blessing.

### TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

.....November, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent positions.

(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

#### “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.**

**(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.**

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

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

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

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.

**"HOME ENTERTAINMENT OF FAMILY."**

**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? Do some make difficulties?
3. Is there much trouble involved in family entertainment?

**(9) ACT (Suggested Action).**

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.

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

**(H) THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.**

**"ENTERTAINING FRIENDS."**

**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.

**(10) General Business.**

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

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

## TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

..... November, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent positions.  
(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

### "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) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.  
(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

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

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.

#### "ENTERTAINING FRIENDS."

##### 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?

##### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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.

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

#### (H) THE IDEAL HOME LIFE.

#### "READING."

##### 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 the criticisms of the girls we spoke to of Catholic papers?
4. What would be the usual types of literature found in their homes?—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.

##### (10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

### TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING.

.....November, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent positions.
- (2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

#### "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. Do we try to forecast the weather, when we were going on an outing, or to play basketball? 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?

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

(5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

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

### D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

## "READING."

### 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 "Torchlight" in our section big enough? Could we increase them?

### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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

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



(I) HOUSING.

“SLUMS.”

SEE

1. Are there in our parish or area, houses which would be called slums? How many? Do we know any girls 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 the girls who are living in these slums?
4. Do they seem to get into trouble of various kinds more often than girls of other areas?

(10) General Business. Check up on Combined Christmas Rally.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING.

.....December, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of Our Lady in prominent positions.  
(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.  
(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“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 girl's spirit—particularly if she had to put money into the family?
2. Does a girl 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 girls 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 girl tried now to live decently and trust God for the future in regard to finding a decent husband, marriage, etc., how do you think she would get on?
6. Should a girl follow Our Lord's advice now, or wait till she is old and grey.
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action
- (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "SLUMS."

#### JUDGE

1. Do you really know as much as we should about the shocking conditions under which some girls 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 N.C.G.M. to fight hard for the abolition of these slums?

#### (9) ACT (Suggested Action).

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.

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

#### (I) HOUSING.

#### "THE IDEAL HOME."

#### 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 girls you spoke to prefer a big house or a small flat?
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of her duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

December, 1945.

- A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of our Lady in prominent position.
- (2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.
- (3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

### "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 N.C.G.M. 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 Leader constantly be attentive to "His Word"? How?
- B. (4) Summary of Previous Meeting.
- (5) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.
  - (6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.
- C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.
- D. (8) GENERAL ENQUIRY.

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.

### "THE IDEAL HOME."

#### JUDGE

1. Why is there such a nation-wide shortage of houses?
  2. Why are modern houses so small and so crowded together?
  3. Should the N.C.G.M. concern itself with fighting for a proper national housing policy?
- (9) ACT (Suggested Action).
1. What can we do in our own sections: 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.

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

(I) HOUSING.

“HOME OWNERSHIP.”

SEE

1. What rent is paid for the average house in our district?
2. Did the girls 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?

To help with Judgment, read the Appendix.

(10) General Business.

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

(12) Final Prayers and Priest's Blessing.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING.**

.....December, 1945.

A. (1) Crucifix and Statue of our Lady in prominent position.

(2) Rosary and the N.C.G.M. Prayer.

(3) GOSPEL DISCUSSION.

“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 children? 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) Report by each Leader on Contact, Census and Action.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of Reports.

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

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

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.

#### **"HOME OWNERSHIP."**

##### **JUDGE**

- . Is it generally better for girls to start as soon as possible to help to buy their own homes?
2. Why is it that so many working class families still live in rented houses?
3. Is this something the N.C.G.M. should tackle soon? Would Co-operative Societies help us?

##### **(9) ACT (Suggested Action).**

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?

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

##### **(10) General Business.**

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

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



# NOTES