

RESCUED FROM ROME

Mrs. "Y" is a professional singer, a Protestant Christian and the mother of a lovely daughter. Until the time she entered Junior High School, in New York City, the daughter and her mother enjoyed a beautiful relationship.

One of the classes to which the girl was assigned was taught by a Roman Catholic, who, apparently lost no time injecting thoughts about Roman Catholicism into the girl's mind. The mother knew nothing about it until one day, the girl suddenly demanded that she be transferred to a Roman Catholic parochial school! The mother emphatically refused and the daughter reminded her that she, the mother, had, at one time, been a Roman Catholic. This was true but the mother had approached the late Cardinal Hayes and officially renounced the Roman Catholic religion, denounced its corruption, was converted and then married a Protestant man.

With the girl constantly demanding the change and the mother, with equal emphasis, refusing to consider it, the situation became a horrible nightmare. Finally, in despair and with no one to turn to, the mother consented to enroll the girl in a local Roman parochial school. She hoped it would open the girl's eyes and bring her to her senses and that they would once more recover the peace and harmony that existed before. How wrong this was, you will soon see.

A new situation developed that was intolerable. The girl became discourteous, hateful and even violent. Then, one day in January, she stayed away all night! The mother was frantic. She determined to have the girl transferred back to public school and to make another attempt to save her.

The girl, however, soon had herself transferred to another parochial school. The mother tried to speak with the nuns at the school but got nowhere. Perhaps this step made matters worse, for the girl was invited to visit with the Mother Superior at the Convent School.

On Easter Sunday, the girl, her eyes reddened by tears, said one of the nuns had told her the mother was planning to give her up. The mother called the nun for an explanation but the nun said, "I think it is best for you to give her up for adoption!"

What followed was a "veritable Hell on Earth" to use the mother's description of it. The girl, instead of returning home after school, did not come home until 5:00 P.M., interfering with her mother's auditions and professional obligations. The mother discovered that the sisters were sending the youngster on errands without the mothers' permission.

The mother decided to plan a beautiful day for Mothers' Day. It was not to be. The daughter simply said, "I can't spend Mothers' Day with you because I have to spend it with the sisters."

Later, the mother received a note from the sisters saying it was essential that the girl spend the day with them!

Then, an impossible thing happened. For three successive weekends, the daughter disappeared. Each time she returned home, she refused to say where she had been. The mother was panic-stricken. Each time the girl stayed away, the mother notified the Police Precinct, the F. B. I. and other agencies. She wrote to Governor Dewey and to the Attorney General of the State of New York. The latter gentleman referred her to the Court of Domestic Relations. Everywhere she turned, she ran into a stone wall.

The police had put one detective in charge of the case, a gruff individual. Very non-communicative, he seemed to do nothing until the mother told him that she had communicated with the F. B. I. and had written to the Governor. He was taken aback at that and promised some action.

Shortly after, two police officers came for the mother and took her over to the Police Precinct where they