

'Catholic Mother of 1948' Reared 14; 8 in 'Religion'

Philadelphia. — The Catholic Mother of 1948, who has reared 14 children and given eight of them to the religious life, feels sorry for married people who are not blessed with large families, because "they will never realize the joys they have missed."

Mrs. Richard T. McSorley of Philadelphia was given the honor by the National Catholic Conference on Family Life. The McSorleys have been married for 35 years. He is a prominent Philadelphia attorney and they are members of St. James' parish. Their 15th child died in infancy.

The eight children in the religious life were given gladly, but Mr. McSorley remarked that, when he took his youngest son to the Oblate seminary in Newburgh, N. Y., he "felt like Abraham taking our last remaining son up to the mountain."

The former Marguerita Veronica Cosgrove was an only child and, until the time of her marri-

age, she was a school teacher in Philadelphia. Despite her many duties in rearing her large family, Mrs. McSorley has kept up an interest in teaching and for the past 30 years has been a member of the Teachers' sodality in Philadelphia.

The "Who's Who" in the McSorley family, according to age, is as follows:

The Rev. Francis J. McSorley, O.M.I., a missionary in the Philippines for eight years; the Rev. Richard T. McSorley, S.J., who spent six years on Luzon, three of them as a Japanese prisoner, now at Auriesville, N. Y.; Mrs. Paul F. Allen, Philadelphia; Patrick M. McSorley, S.J., who will be ordained June 20 at Woodstock college in Maryland; Sister Richard Marie, a missionary in Lima, Peru; the Rev. James P. McSorley, O.M.I., beginning his second year in Cotabato, Philippine Islands; Joseph M. McSorley, a law student at Temple university; John P. McSorley, Rutgers university, a former marine dive bomber who helped rescue two of his brothers; Sister Rita Joseph, Haverton, Pa.; Sister St. John, at Melrose academy in Massachusetts; Marguerita McSorley, a senior at Immaculata college in Pennsylvania; Paul L. McSorley, a junior at the Oblate seminary in Newburgh, N.Y.; and Anne and Rosemary McSorley, both attending St. Leonard's academy. [NCWC Wire]