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"JUNKIE PRIEST" SCHEDULED FOR
SALVE REGINA LECTURE

Daniel Egan, S. A. , nationally recognized expert on one of America's most tragic social dilemmas, the narcotics problem, will speak at Salve Regina College, Wednesday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in Ochre Court. The topic of his discourse and illustrated lecture will be: Drug Addiction Can be Cured -- a New Approach to the Problem."

Devoted especially to the female victims of the drug scourge, Father Egan's work has taken him into New York's most menacing alleys, cellars, hallways, into jails, courthouses and hospitals. It has influenced the beginnings of a revolutionary approach to the solution of drug addiction.

This approach, which will be the substance of his Wednesday evening lecture, was worked out by him in collaboration with Dr. Effren Rameriez, assistant commissioner of health in New York City and narcotics coordinator of that metropolis. Tried in Puerto Rico and other centers on a successful, experimental basis, the plan will go into effect in New York City as of April 1 of next year.

Admittedly revolutionary in its approach, the Rameriez-Egan plan elicits this response: why was it never tried before?

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Know as "the junkie priest" ever since the publica-
tion of his biography by John Harris under that title, Father Egan has been described by Bob
Considine as being to "New York City's narcotic addicts what Father Damien was to the leper
colony on Molokai, what Albert Schwitzer has meant to the crude hospital at Lambarene, what
Tom Dooley meant in Laos."

The lecture is being sponsored by the Student
Nurses Organization of Salve Regina College. The public is invited. Donation: fifty cents.

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