

1 show that the Catholic church does not regard this as
2 being immoral.

3 Very recently in an issue of the American
4 Magazine, Jesuit magazine of very wide circulation through-
5 out the country, it had an editorial saying "There is
6 no principle of Christian morality that condemns wagering
7 of any kind as per se immoral. Then in another magazine,
8 Sign Magazine, the National Catholic Magazine, there
9 was a statement made in an editorial in which it was
10 also said as follows: "Catholic theologians teach that
11 under certain conditions gambling is not immoral.
12 As for a national lottery, they teach that it is not
13 immoral if honesty is observed in conducting it, if there
14 is a reasonable proportion between the amount contributed
15 and the prize and if there are effective restrictions
16 to prevent people from unduly squandering their money.
17 It is possible that the gambling urge of Americans would
18 be satisfied if the individual could go to a government-
19 operated office and place a bet or to the post office
20 and buy a lottery ticket. In that case the gangsters
21 and racketeers would find themselves without their major