

Aquinas Institute to Open on Sept. 6 with a Faculty of Thirty-four

The following letter from Bishop Thomas F. Hickey was read at all the Masses in the county Sunday.

Dear Rev. Father:—
The plan of carrying on the Aquinas Institute for the year 1927-1928 has been presented already to the Pastors of this county, and I am sending this communication that the same may be presented properly to the laity. The obligation and necessity of a Catholic school training are so obvious that no discussion of the subject should be required to interest our people in this very important work of their Church.

The underlying reason of the Catholic School System from the elementary department to the university is a recognition of the value of the soul and an application of the great forces of Religion in the period of growth and development. As there is no identity of values as between things material and things spiritual—between time and eternity, we may not put a money value on the system of Catholic schools.

This appeal, then, is for God, for Religion, and for the cause of Catholic Manhood. This is the high purpose and the mission of the Aquinas Institute, which was opened two years ago, and the splendid support accorded this institution of Catholic training is the best evidence of the interest taken in it by clergy and laity. But we wish this interest and support to be more than widespread, we wish it to be universal; and so that end we are emphasizing at this time its necessity and its mission in the diocese.

If in the city of Rochester there was no Catholic school for our boys higher than the grade school, with good reason might parents and Catholics in general ask why nothing was being done for our boys at this telling age of life. But we have a school for these boys and of a type that commands admiration and respect. To ensure the advantages of this school to as many as possible of our boys who can derive benefit from advanced education, we are asking the large body of Catholics in Monroe County to take a part in this most commendable undertaking; because there can be no question of the efficiency and economy of the central Catholic high school as against the plan of individual parochial high schools. The record of the Aquinas Institute for the year closing June 1927 was excellent, and in some of the departments the standing was extraordinarily high. The spirit of study was generally very satisfactory and the conduct of the boys in keeping with that spirit.

With the opening of the school on September 6 we will have a faculty of thirty-four members in which will be found our own efficient and experienced teachers and the five reverend Fathers of the Basilian Congregation who have already been well established. We have made a careful survey of the expected budget for the ensuing scholastic year closing June 1928, and have made it as conservative as possible, but with the expectation that all the parishes will plan to raise the suggested amount and will do so at stated and regular periods. We are expected and required to pay our bills and to meet expenses, and as we have no revenue save that which comes to us from the parishes we must look regularly to this source to enable us to meet our obligations.

You will, therefore, dear Reverend Father, read this letter to your congregation on Sunday Aug. 28, and you will give to it before your people a full measure of your own support and encouragement.

You will also fill out and forward to the Chancery Office on or before September 3 the accompanying blank which will indicate the date when regularly we may expect these contributions from your parish. You will observe that on this blank the amount requested is less than that of a year ago, as is the case in the other parishes also with the exception of a very few where the amount is so small as not to call for my reduction.

With a feeling of deep gratitude to Almighty God and with a sense of warm appreciation of the cooperation of priests and people.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Thomas F. Hickey
Bishop of Rochester

WEDDINGS.

Hogan—Byrnes

The marriage of Miss Anne Byrnes, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Byrnes, of Eastman avenue, and Clement W. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hogan, of Latta road, took place at the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday morning, August 23d. Rev. George Burns, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore white georgette with a tulle veil caught with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Carolyn Byrnes, was her attendant and wore pink georgette, with picture hat to match. Her bouquet was of pink roses. Lester Hogan, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left for an extended trip to Canada and the Adirondacks and on their return will be at home at No. 1710 Lake avenue.

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Despite the tremendous difficulties and hardships which the laborers in foreign missions must undergo, the dominant note in the latest mission news is one of cheerfulness and optimism. Although the missions everywhere are still laboring under the handicap of insufficient workers and funds, they all report really wonderful progress.

In Africa particularly splendid work is being done. In an article entitled "Lighting a Dark Continent," published in the August number of "Catholic Missions" magazine, we are given a very encouraging view of

condition there. Out of the total population of 137,000,000, there are about 1,665,000 Catholics. To care for the material and spiritual welfare of this great number there is a catholic missionary army of 3,743 priests, Sisters, mission auxiliaries and lay helpers. Of the 3,743 persons, 159 are natives. Thus, each priest has on an average 962 Catholics in his flock and 46,000 pagans whom he must endeavor to bring into his flock. However, for the education and preparation of natives for the priesthood, 43 preparatory and 17 major seminaries with respective enrollments of 1,347 and 291, are being conducted. Africa has also 12,717 mission stations and 14,865 churches and chapels. Its school number 14,097 and have an enrollment of 660,505 pupils.

From the mission fields in other lands reports of similar progress reach us. Even the Fiji Islands, which to most people are the last word in savagery contain 12,000 Catholics among a total of 80,000 non-Catholics and 10,000 Mohammedans, Hindus and pagans. At present there are 48 schools conducted by the missionary priests themselves and 140 under the direction of Sisters and native catechists.

From China and India, too, we receive reports which show that our missionaries are accomplishing wonderful work with the scant means at their command. Thus, if such results have been obtained so far, what marvelous things could be done if all the more fortunate Catholics of the world would join wholeheartedly in the cause of spreading the light of God's truth to all parts of the world.

Nine Young Women Received By Sisters of Mercy

Nine young women were received into the Order of the Sisters of Mercy Saturday morning in impressive religious ceremonies in Holy Cross Church in Lake avenue.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. Francis O'Hern, vicar-general of the diocese and pastor of Corpus Christi Church, was master of ceremonies. He was assisted by Rev. Alexander McCabe, rector of Holy Cross Church, and Rev. John Sellinger, of St. Charles Church.

Gowned in white the young women entered the church, where they were to make their vows. Later they were led to rooms in the rear of the church, where they were clothed in their religious garb to re-enter the church and were received into the Order.

After the ceremony a solemn high mass was sung by Monsignor O'Hern, who also addressed the novitiate on "A Religious Vacation." Those received into the order and their church names are:

Margaret Newman, Niagara Falls; Sister Miriam Joseph; Anna Casey, Rochester; Sister M. Constance; Helen McNiff, Horseheads; Sister M. Jeanne; Irene Brill, Hornell; Sister M. Emerita; Marguerite Housen, Lakeville; Sister M. Amadeus.

Esther Schenck, Waverly; Sister M. Teresa; Elizabeth Kennedy, Rochester; Sister M. de Lourdes; Gabrielle Coene, Rochester; Sister M. Carmella; Clara Mullen, Rochester; Sister M. Beatrice.

Among the priests in the sanctuary were Revs. Charles F. Shay, John Muckle, George Burns, Gerald Brennan, Michael Hynes, John Killacky, John Keenan, John Haggerty, Frank Cyprian, John Mooney, Walter Cole, and Simon Fitzsimmons.

St. Bernard Alumnus To Be Made Bishop

Rev. Emmett M. Walsh, an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, has been elevated to bishop of Charleston, S. C., and will assume his duties September 8th with impressive ceremonies. Bishop-elect Walsh, who is now 35 years old, was graduated from St. Bernard's Seminary with the class of 1916. He is said to be the first alumnus who studied the complete course to become a bishop.

The diocese of Charleston covers the entire state of South Carolina, and has thirty-six priests and twenty-two churches with resident pastors. Since his ordination Bishop-elect Walsh has been connected with the diocese of Savannah, Ga.

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SS. Peter and Paul

Sunday will be communion day for the members of the Woman's Sodality. They will receive in a body at the 8:15 o'clock mass.

Our school will open on Tuesday morning, September 6th for the fall and winter term.

On account of Labor day on Monday, the regular meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary No. 14, Knights of St. John will be held on Tuesday evening, September 6th. Lunch and cards will be enjoyed after the meeting.

Funeral services for Mr. Edwin Watt took place on Saturday morning, August 27th, at 9:30 at the home, 384 Jay street, and at 10 o'clock from this church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward Scheld. The bearers were Charles and William Dietrich, Albert and Frank Donner, Robert and William Scheld.

Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery where the final blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan. The monthly school collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday.

Catholic Women To Have Exhibit At Exposition

The Catholic Women's Club will be afforded an opportunity to rest and obtain information about the different departments of the club work at the club booth in the women's building at the Rochester Exposition.

During the summer the club established one hundred volunteer workers for six summer schools. An exhibit of the work of the schools to those interested in domestic arts.

A membership secretary will be present to enroll any who may wish to join the club, and a chairman has been appointed for each of the six days and evenings as follows: Monday afternoon, Miss Mary Donoghue; Monday evening, Miss Rosemary White; Tuesday afternoon, Miss Cecilia Yawman; Tuesday evening, Miss Frances Fox; Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. M. H. Keight; Wednesday evening, Miss Marie Blackwood; Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Frank Curtin; Thursday evening, Miss Gertrude Hartnett; Friday afternoon, Mrs. Henry E. Norton; Friday evening, Miss Alice Kirk; Saturday afternoon, Miss Louise Galligan; Saturday evening, Miss Kate Connolly.

Mrs. J. P. Boylan is chairman of the membership committee.

Services Conducted For Michael H. Hogan

Funeral services for Michael H. Hogan, who died Thursday, took place Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home, No. 211 Culver road, and at 9 o'clock at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Leo V. Smith, assisted by Rev. Patrick A. Moffett and Rev. Irving Sullivan as subdeacon.

The bearers were George Shaw, Michael Shea, Dr. Gerald Burns, Donald A. Dalley, Frederick A. Wiedner and Richard F. Ford. The church quartet was composed of Miss Margaret Daignan, Miss Blanche Drury, Walter Harvey and Augustine Sarane. Interment was made in the family lot in Mount St. Joseph cemetery, Auburn.

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