

## Rev. Joseph E. Grady Named President of Aquinas Institute

Appointment of Rev. William Byrne, Ph. D., president of Aquinas Institute since 1925, as rector of Immaculate Conception Church, in Ithaca, was announced by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey Wednesday. Dr. Byrne's successor at Aquinas will be Rev. Joseph E. Grady, M. A., now vice-president and professor of English at the Aquinas Institute.

As rector of the Ithaca church, Dr. Byrne succeeds Rev. Walter J. Lee, M. R., now rector of St. Francis de Sales Church, in Geneva. In a special assembly at Aquinas Institute when the announcement was made, Bishop Hickey paid tribute to Dr. Byrne's work as head of the institution.

Dr. Byrne was born in 1882 in Victor. He pursued his preparatory studies at St. Andrew's Seminary and his theological and philosophical studies at St. Bernard's Seminary, from which he was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1907. Dr. Byrne formerly served in Ithaca, Clifton Springs, Ontario and in Corpus Christi Church in Rochester. He was made president of Aquinas in June, 1925, when the present building was opened.

Father Grady, the new president, taught, before the opening of the Aquinas Institute, in the former Rochester Catholic High School, which was housed in the Cathedral School in Frank street.

## SS. Peter and Paul's

Sunday will be communion Sunday for the members of the Holy Name Society. They will receive in a body at the 8:15 o'clock mass.

The annual installation of officers of St. Francis Society will take place on Monday evening, Jan. 9th, at 8 o'clock. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

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## St. Andrew's Players To Give Comedy

St. Andrew's Players Club's first production of the play entitled "What Happened to Jones" will take place in the St. Andrew's School hall in Portland avenue Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights of next week, with a special matinee Sunday for the children. The cast is recruited entirely from parish talent and has been trained by Edward Hettig.

This is the first of a proposed series of productions, intended to include all kinds of comedies, musical comedies, and melodramas. The first play, written by George Broadhurst and produced under special arrangement with the Samuel French Company, of New York, is a comedy in three acts.

## Knights Hold Open House

Many persons were entertained at an open house gathering in the old Knights of Columbus clubhouse, at No. 700 Main street, New Year's afternoon, the last entertainment of its kind to be given in that building.

Before the entertainment program, guests were taken to inspect the new building in Chestnut street. Visiting knights from Syracuse and towns near Rochester were guests. An orchestra furnished music and refreshments were served under the direction of Oscar C. Hoffman.

The reception line included officers and trustees of the organization, headed by Charles R. Barnes, grand knight; William Welsh and Charles J. Hunt.

## Dr. Zwierlein Ends Work on Bishop's Life

The third and final volume of the life and letters of Bishop McQuaid by the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein, has just been completed and printed.

This brings to a close the monumental work by Dr. Zwierlein based on the life and deeds of the first Roman Catholic bishop of Rochester.

The volume tells in concluding chapters of the work of Bishop McQuaid to obtain freedom of worship for those in the early days. Tribute is paid to William Purcell, editor of the Union and Advertiser, which paper has since merged with The Times-Union, for his aid in this cause.

This volume indicates the broad scope of activities of Bishop McQuaid. It tells of the part he played in some notable national causes of interest to Catholics.

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## The Holy Father's Greetings.

A cablegram was received from His Holiness Pope Pius XI. It read as follows:

"The Holy Father deigns to convey special Christmas blessings upon diocesan directors of Propagation of Faith, their co-laborers and generous supporters of mission cause."

Archbishop Marchetti. "This is indeed a happy thought at this time of the year to think His Holiness remembered in prayer all those who are helping this worthy work of Catholic missions."

## An Explanation of the Work of a Catechist

Words are things, and the best way to give an idea of a thing, (or a person) is to explain it with more words than the name of the thing (or the title of a person.) So here goes. What is a catechist? Meet Yan-Ming-Tse, a typical catechist. Age 35, married and proud of four fine children. Disposition, fair. Complexion, not fair at all, but dark as it should be, and brightened by a smile that can fade when the Christians out capers, spiritual, physical or financial. Special characteristics: quick of speech and action; a trifle dictatorial, when the "Shen-Fu" is not in sight, likes good "chow" but gets a real big spread only twice a year, Chinese New Year and Harvest Festival. Vices, smoking the native tobacco, except when preaching, on Monday evening, Jan. 9th, at 8 o'clock. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

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Yan's Native Habits: Is Huang-Chin-Tun, (Yellow Gold Village) or Ha-Ma-Ho (Frog River) or any christianity in the vast country called China. Here's his horarium: Rises with the sun in summer and two hours before in winter. After five minutes "Toilette" Yan is in the chapel, making his meditation. In these parts said chapel often goes 30 minutes below in December, January and February. He is soon joined by a number of Christians, men, women and children. After a time the prayers in common begin. These may take twenty minutes, or three-quarters of an hour, according to what Yan has read on the Chinese Church Calendar on the wall above his "Kang" or bed.

A Chat With the Christians: and an inquiry into the home affairs precedes the first meal, which takes place about nine. A good part of the rest of the day, Yan teaches twelve youngsters the catechism, and a few other things coming under the general category of useful knowledge. The second and last meal of the day is at four, after which he pores over the native newspaper from the nearest metropolis, or the Catholic Weekly from Shanghai, then night prayers, as in the A. M., and bed.

Sunday Is Yan's Busy Day. He takes the place of the priest, as far as possible. Besides the regular morning prayers, there are the special

ones for Sunday, which take a good half hour, followed by the Stations of the Cross in some places and at three P. M. the rosary is recited in common. After the A. M. devotion he gives a talk on the Gospel of the Sunday, and puts the older catechumens through the catechism, in anticipation of the visitation of the Shen-Fu. He knows what it means if too many fall down on this occasion, and besides he should always have at least a few brand new candidates to present, if he wants to hold on. If he is well trained and zealous he doesn't wait for them to come, but goes into the highways and by-ways and invites them.

Firecrackers and Church Bells greet the missionary when he calls twice a year at the out stations, and when the calls are less frequent because of bandits, or other reasons, real, honest-to-goodness, salt water tears not infrequently manifest the joy of the old timer, who would fain have the Shen-Fu always with them; and who fear they might die unshriven. Yan is ubiquitous on these occasions. He records the names of those who receive the Sacraments, lines up the back siders, assists at the examination in catechism, helps settle spiritual and material difficulties and disputes, and often tips off the padre on some important case, where his more intimate knowledge secures an ulterior motive. Yan is indispensable. He multiplies the priest. We're just "got" to have him.

We Could Use 100 Yan Catechists In Our Mission Right Now. We want to begin a school to turn them out "a-la-mode" and this explains the explanation. A school means housing, food, teachers, salaries and souls. It's a first-class opportunity for those who want merit and results, to get in on the "ground floor" at Puchun. We are just starting and the future is bright. Most likely you can't come to China yourself to help the work of conversion, but you can have a representative here at \$150 per year, or \$12.50 per month, or 42 cents per day and you'll get much of the credit. Please say it with Catechists.

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Irish Bonds The Irish Loan Bonds which many Catholics purchased six or seven years ago, are soon to be redeemed. Several Catholics have very generously given their certificates to the Mission cause. We wish to thank all those who so promptly gave their bonds for such a noble cause. The money will be used to help priests and sisters in the foreign mission fields.

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## Funeral Services For Chas. E. Wheelwright

Stepfather of Eamonn de Valera

The funeral of Charles E. Wheelwright took place Saturday at the home and at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Wheelwright of North East, Pa., son of Mr. Wheelwright, assisted by the Rev. Alphonse Schoenbart of North East, as deacon, and the Rev. Raymond Schlitz, also of North East, as sub-deacon.

In the sanctuary were the Rev. Raymond Knabb and the Rev. Thomas McCauley of North East, Joseph Luddy of Buffalo, William Tummel, Charles Burger, Victor Hurley, William J. Killackey and Thomas F. Connors.

The bearers were Howard Johnson, Morris Ellsworth, Daniel Connelly, Edward Connelly, Harry Miller and Michael Ryan. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

## Loretto Circle.

Loretto Circle met on Thursday afternoon in St. Patrick's Girls' Orphanage. Mrs. J. M. Brennan had the hostess assisted by Mr. F. Vroman, Mrs. Jerome R. Keogh, Mrs. F. E. Deavenport, Mrs. E. A. Ackes, Mrs. D. Donahue, Mrs. James Graham, Mrs. Edward Trembler, Mrs. Anna Ryan and Miss Anna Madden.

## Aquinas To Play St. Mary's Quint

St. Mary's, of Lancaster, will play Aquinas Institute Friday night. Aquinas has fallen into a slump in the last few weeks and the visitors will have a good chance to win.

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## Large Sums for China Missions Collected

Louvain, Belgium, Dec. 24. — A committee of the Priests' Missionary Union of Holland appointed about a year ago to collect gifts for the missions in China, which suffered so much from floods, earthquakes and revolutionary upheavals all through the winter 1926-1927, reports 30,000 gulden (26,333 Chinese dollars), have been collected. This money has been forwarded to Mgr. Celso Costantini, the Apostolic Delegate to China.

Divided among some twenty missions, these gulden proved a godsend for which the Holy Father himself thanked the collectors and givers.

## Catholic Pilgrims From Philadelphia Will Go To Sydney

Philadelphia, Dec. 20. — A large number of Catholics of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will go to Sydney, Australia, for the Twenty-ninth International Eucharistic Congress to be held there September 6 to 9, next. Announcement already has been made here of the arrangements being made with a steamship line for the transportation of the pilgrims, and that the tour will include an audience with the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI.

The itinerary prepared for the pilgrims includes a stop in China where a visit will be paid to Maryknoll missions. They will traverse the Mediterranean Sea to Africa and pass through the Suez Canal, with stops at Ceylon, Hongkong, the Philippine Islands and Melbourne, Australia.

The ship on which the pilgrims of this Archdiocese will make their tour according to present arrangements, will leave New York on July 5 and dock here to await the arrival of the pilgrims from different sections.

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