

### Nazareth College Give Diplomas To Fifteen Girls

The first class to be graduated from Nazareth College, in Lake avenue, received diplomas and degrees Friday morning of this week.

Fifteen women received their parchment, conferred by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of Rochester. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. James Sullivan, commissioner of higher education for the State of New York.

The exercises took place on the college campus, seats being reserved for a limited number of friends and relatives of the students.

A bridge tea for all students of the college in the reception was held Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday the juniors entertained the seniors and Thursday was class day.

Last Sunday afternoon, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rt. Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, of Charleston, bishop of a diocese in South Carolina, preached the baccalaureate sermon. Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of Rochester, gave pontifical benediction. Eugene H. Bonn was at the organ.

### Pupils Raise New Flag at Nazareth

Students at Nazareth Academy, 1,001 Lake avenue, observed flag day Thursday by raising a new American flag, presented by the members of the Medaille Club.

Officers of the Medaille Club led the procession to the pole which included flag bearers, Mary Simons, Mary F. Reddy, Gertrude Connor, Lorette Schefinger, Margaret Gardner, Jean Minges, Mary Long and Mary Quinn. Standard bearers were Madeline McGuire, Doretha Dubie, Isabelle Bishop and Bernadette Coyne.

The ceremony concluded with a salute to the flag and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Officers of the Medaille Club, attending the ceremonies were: President, Hedwig Silberstein; vice-president, Catherine Hanley; secretary, Mildred Burke, and treasurer, Mary Simons.

The senior year book, published by the class of 1928 of the Academy, made its appearance this week and is now on sale at the school. The book is dedicated to Sister M. Boniface, member of the faculty. It is profusely illustrated and contains pictures of the academy, faculty and individual photos of the members of the graduating class. Poems and various articles by members of the graduating class are also included.

Commencement exercises will take place at the school Monday evening, June 25th. Officers of the class are: President, Dolores Clark; vice-president, Jane Culp; secretary, Mary Roach, and treasurer, Loretta Berend. Louise Doyle has been chosen salutatorian, and Rita Kler will deliver the valedictory address.

### SS. Peter and Paul's

Sunday will be communion day for the Young Ladies' Sodality. The members will receive in a body at the 8:15 o'clock mass.

Aquinas collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday.

The monthly meeting of Commandery No. 28, Knights of St. John will be held Monday evening, June 18th at 8 o'clock.

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated on last Sunday. A procession took place after the high mass. Rev. Emil Gettell carried the Blessed Sacrament, with 43 altar boys, the school children and the Knights of St. John as escort, closing with the singing of Holy God after the benediction.

A basket picnic under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of this parish and the Holy Family church will be held Sunday afternoon, June 17th at South Park Grounds No. 1 and 2 are reserved. A large program of sports will be run off and prizes will be given to the oldest member on the grounds, the youngest member and the largest family. All are invited to attend.

Miss Tessie Brayer of Rugby avenue left on Wednesday evening as delegate to the Zonta convention which is being held in St. Paul this week.

### Catholic Women's Federation

The last monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's Federation before the summer season will be held on Tuesday evening, June 19th in the basement of St. Joseph's school.

Plans will be made for the picnic to be held at Ontario Beach Park on July 11th and donations of prizes for the picnic will be gratefully accepted at this meeting.

### Retreat for Priests; Laymen's Retreat

A four-day ecclesiastical retreat, with 170 priests from the Rochester Catholic diocese participating, was opened at St. Bernard's Seminary Monday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. The retreat was conducted by Rev. Father Hill, a Jesuit priest of New York, and concluded Thursday afternoon.

The annual laymen's retreat, which will take place at the Seminary June 22nd to 25th, will be conducted by Rev. John Corbett, also a Jesuit priest of New York. More than one hundred laymen are expected to attend.

### Propagation Of The Faith Society

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### First Visit of the "White Sisters" to United States

By Marie V. Starics  
Nazareth Academy Pupil  
Nazareth Academy of Rochester, N. Y., was recently honored by a visit from the "White Sisters" of Africa on their first trip to the United States.

The Missionary Order of the "White Fathers" was founded in the year 1869 by Cardinal Lavignerie who was the Archbishop in Algiers. At that time a great famine prevailed in the country causing a wholesale destruction of life. There were many little Arab orphans left with no one to feed them or clothe them.

Cardinal Lavignerie took many of these orphans into his palace to live, and after the famine was over, they begged him to keep them as they wished to embrace the faith which he practiced. Unable to handle the great number himself, he crossed over to France in 1868 and founded the order of priests called the "White Fathers" whose sole object was to work on the Missions in Africa.

They came to his aid and helped him with his orphans but since the "White Fathers" could not care for the little girls, nor affect anything toward christianizing the Arab women because they were held as prisoners by their husbands, and forced to cover their faces when they went forward from their homes, the good Cardinal returned again to France in 1869 and founded the order of women called the "White Sisters" whose sole object was to work on the Missions in Africa in co-operation with the "White Fathers."

They cared for the little Arab girls. When these children grew up the "White Fathers" brought the boys to the Convent School, where the girls were cared for, and there they selected their partners for life. The good Archbishop of Algiers gave each a piece of land and an ox to work the land, so that the result was that these young people, after being married, all settled down in the one village which is still a Catholic village in Algiers.

Today after fifty years, there are in Africa 900 "White Fathers" and 900 "White Sisters." In Central Africa, in the vicinity of Lake Victoria there are 280 "White Fathers" and 84 Brothers, and 224 "White Sisters."

When the "White Fathers" and "White Sisters" came into Central Africa fifty years ago, there was no one there but pagan Negroes and no white people living there. Today there are more than half a million Negro christians, besides millions of christians have gone to their reward in Heaven. There are 126 schools about 600 Catechists, about 200,000 Catechumens. There are also 50 native Negro Priests and 7 more will be ordained this year. There are 260 native Sisters in the Uganda District of Central Africa.

In 1925 the Holy Father received them as a special religious community and they have their own Superintendent, General and Councilors. The negroes are very happy to have their own race honored with the privilege of being able to obtain the heights of the Priesthood and Sisterhood.

These good Sisters met many hardships in the early days and even now their lives are wrought with great struggles and sacrifices. Sister Marie Edith, one of the two sisters who make this first visit to the United States, has spent nine years in the jungles of Central Africa and is the only white English speaking sister from America in the jungles of Africa. She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mother Albert, who accompanied her to the States, is French and was born in Montreal. She has spent fifteen years in the Sudan District on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

The Mother tongue of the White Sisters is French but when the first Sisters arrived in the jungle they had to learn the Negro language as this was what the pagans spoke. Each negro tribe as they are called has a different dialect. The "White Fathers" finally put the Negro language into French translation to enable the Sisters to teach it. However, their financial means were so meagre that often there would be only one book for fifty children. Slates and newspapers, etc., were unheard of in the jungle district, and what do you suppose was substituted for blackboards. Many stones are found there.

### Aquinas Institute Principal Receives Doctorate of Law

The Rev. Joseph E. Grady, president of Aquinas Institute, was honored in New York City Thursday when the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon him at the 75th commencement exercises of Manhattan College.

One-hundred and forty-six members of the graduating class received their degrees from Cardinal Hayes, a member of the class of 1888, who presided.

### 30th Anniversary Of His Ordination Marked By Priest

Dansville, June 13.—Parishoners of St. Mary's Church attended a special service at the church yesterday morning, the occasion being the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Leo G. Hotchneider's ordination to the priesthood.

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Members of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, and Ladies Auxiliaries, headed by Colonel Joseph H. Wells and Supreme President Mrs. Teresa Gansler, will go to Buffalo Sunday, June 24th, for the biennial international convention of the Knights of St. John. The committee on transportation will meet tomorrow evening at headquarters, Franklin street.

Arrangements for the trip are being made by a committee headed by Major Frederick J. Wegman and Major Fred Kunz. Each of the eleven commanderies is represented. On the committee besides the two Majors of the regiment are: Joseph Wendelgass, Al Miller, A. Zeitvogel, Joseph J. Keller, Thomas Mostyn, Emil Imo, Frank Klueber, Ray J. Crombach and Charles Welton.

The first regiment, Knights of St. John band will lead the Rochester Regiment in the convention parade.

### WEDDINGS

**MacAdams—Whalen**  
The marriage of Miss Lucy Mary Whalen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Whalen of Westminster Road, and Ronald Ball MacAdams, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. MacAdams of Melville Street, took place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Blessed Sacrament Church.

The Rev. Edward T. Meagher performed the ceremony.

Miss Katherine M. Whalen, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Helen Louise Whalen and Miss Lols M. Wegman of this city; Miss Elizabeth Shuster of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary Owens of Utica.

Roland Yaeger was best man and the ushers were Dr. Gerald G. Burns, George E. Schaff, Louis A. Whalen, Jr., and John S. Whalen. Mr. and Mrs. MacAdams are on a wedding trip to Lake Placid.

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