

WILL PRESENT THE CONFESSION

St. Francis Players Will Give Stirring Drama on April 21, 22, 23 and 24.

"The Confession", a drama in four acts, designed to show the sacredness and inviolability of the confessional, will be presented by the St. Francis Players in the parochial hall of the St. Francis Xavier Church on the evenings of April 21, 22, 23 and 24.

The play is being rehearsed at present by a very capable cast under the direction of Claude Roosevelt, Special Preparations are being made on the stage to give the drama the proper setting, and new scenery has been obtained.

The admission to the drama has been placed at a most reasonable figure. Everybody is invited to attend, and it is hoped there will be capacity audiences present every evening.

ANNUAL BALL OF CITY FIREMEN

Rochester, always proud of its fire-fighters, is likewise proud of every opportunity to help them in every worthy way. This opportunity will be offered to all people of the city at the State Armory next-Monday evening, when the annual Firemen's Ball will be held.

Before the dancing, there will be a program by Alfred Monk's Orchestra and the Eastman Ballet, a trombone solo by Alfred Monk, and a xylophone solo by Gerald Sullivan. Chief Frank A. Jaynes will lead the grand march at 9 o'clock.

Battalion Chief John Fraser heads the music committee, assisted by Capt. Fred Stiefel, Lieut. Arthur Eteberger, Thomas Garvey, and Leo Leich.

The committee on arrangements include Chief Frank A. Jaynes, chairman; Deputy Chief Hugh Smith, Battalion Chief Maurice Keating, Capt. James Baird, Lieut. Thomas Boyle, George O'Brien, and Glen Byer.

Proceeds of the dance are to be added to the benevolent fund of the organization, which provides financial aid for widows and orphans of city firemen.

Mission Notes

"Father Hilbert, formerly of Rochester, sent the catechist over with some of the Catholic men from the village, and they reappeared soon, supporting the poor old fellow. The catechist told us he lived in a village over a hundred miles away, and had been working as a boat pusher until he was taken ill. He is a pagan, but many of his neighbors are Catholics and he had often heard them praying. That is how he came to be imploring Our Lord for mercy. The old wanderer is in an advanced stage of consumption and is not long for this world. Father Hilbert and Brother Martin made him comfortable in an empty room, and the catechist is going to instruct him in the doctrine, which he desires to know. Some souls the good Lord almost compels to enter His Church—like this poor old man."

The Rev. Leopold H. Tibesar, A. F. M., O. Quincey, Illinois, at present Maryknoll pastor of the "Star of the Sea Church" in Darien, Manchuria, writes as follows concerning the frankness of Oriental curiosity. "For some months recently I made frequent sick-calls to Darien Hospital, which hospital wouldn't be much out of place in New York City. On the elevator, one morning, two old Japanese charwomen were discussing my 'proe' and 'cons.' I, of course, did not let it appear that I understood Japanese. Finally one of the old ladies, who was carrying a scrub bucket, piped up with: 'I think he's just lovely—look, he's at least twice as big as I am. She proceeded to the measuring right there. Right? I couldn't suppress the long, loud guffaw any longer. The charwomen joined in.'"

ALTAR SOCIETY PLANS A PARTY

St. Ann's Altar Society of St. Andrew's Church, corner Portland Avenue and Duran Street, will hold a card party on the evening of April 5th, in St. Andrew's school Hall, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. Bridge, pinocle, Pedro and five hundred will be played, luncheon will be served, and there will be prizes for ladies and gentlemen.

Mrs. August Kinde is general chairman of the event, and she has a corps of capable workers assisting her. The proceeds of the party will be used for the benefit of the new convent, a cause that will appeal to all people in the parish, and to many friends outside. Everybody will be welcome to attend, and a pleasant evening is promised to all guests.

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COLUMBUS CLUB GAINS 7625 NEW MEMBERS

Campaign Has Inspiring Finish—Our Lady of Lourdes Team Wins First Honors—Blessed Sacrament In Second Place

The Columbus Club campaign for new members was brought to an inspiring end on Sunday evening, March 24, with a total of 7625 new members reported, 125 more than the goal fixed at the start. The closing meeting and the announcement of the final results aroused an enthusiasm that will not soon be forgotten. Great rejoicing prevailed when the following letter of congratulation from Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, was read:



WILLIAM T. NOLAN Business Manager of the Campaign

The drive and its successful conclusion is the greatest campaign that the Knights of Columbus ever achieved anywhere. "I want to extend to the general chairman, business manager director, team captains and chairmen and to every individual worker my personal congratulations. "I rejoice in this drive, the publicity, the activity and the earnest efforts of the workers have made the Columbus Building and its purpose better known and understood to the Catholic and non-Catholic people of this community."

The Prize Winners A total of \$44,272.00 was obtained in membership fees during the campaign. Generous prizes had been offered to teams, captains and workers, and the winners were as follows: High honors and a silver cup were won by the teams of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes who turned in 534 members, representing \$3527, or 392 per cent. of their quota. The high teams were based upon the percentage they went above their quota, and not the number of new members listed.

Second for high honors were the teams of the Blessed Sacrament parish led by B. Leo McIntee as chairman and Daniel O'Brien as captain. The teams reported 1,448 new members, representing \$10,455 or 317 per cent. of their quota. They led all other teams in the number of new members.

Teams of St. John's parish were third on the list for high honors with 823 new members, representing \$6,072 or 211 per cent. over their quota. John A. Doyle won all honors as an individual worker for the Blessed Sacrament parish, besides being a member of the executive committee of the drive. Mr. Doyle, who is deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, turned in 615 new memberships representing \$4009.50. The woman worker who took high honors was Mrs. W. F. Croston, daughter of Mrs. John McPharlin, leader of the women's division, who reported 494 new memberships, representing \$3,070.

Parish High Workers The high workers in the various parishes, the number of members and the amount of money obtained by each individual are as follows: St. Ambrose—Charles Raymond, 106 members, \$629; A. M. Cahill, 104 members, \$378; St. Andrew's—George Kress, 29 members, \$123.50; Gerger and Gall, 22 members, \$131.50; St. Augustine's—Mrs. Rose Sullivan, 155 members, \$830; Miss Florence Dash, 15 members, \$78; Blessed Sacrament—John A. Doyle, 615 members, \$4,009.50; Daniel O'Brien, 80 members, \$381; Mrs. William J. Woerner, 160 members, \$903.50; Mrs. Ruth Stoler, 26 members, \$153; St. Boniface—A. Helen Hasler, 37 members, \$172; Mrs. William Rossiter, 21, and \$77; Corpus Christi—A. L. Hall, 72

Our Lady of Lourdes—Arthur Morton, 166 members, \$1,020; B. J. Shaw, 142, and \$84; St. Thomas—Mrs. J. W. S. Garland, 40 members, \$214.50; Mrs. Frank Deucaire, 10, and \$53; Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Sadie Morasco, 27 members, \$147; Edith Brescia, 12, and \$45; Christopher D'Amanna, 27, and \$115.50; Joseph Elias, Regina, 49 members, \$279; Carl Lowmuth, 17, and \$0.50; East Rochester—Mrs. A. M. Schiek, 26 members, \$159.50; K. MacDonald, 24, and \$98.75; Penfield—Frank Oekenden, 59 members, \$259.75; Henry Sandie, five, and \$225; Fairport—Mrs. Louis Emery 13 members, \$55.25; F. E. Hennessy, 12, and \$51; Lady of Victory Church—F. E. Heberling, 63 members, \$382.50; Louis A. Langlo, 24, and \$174; Mother-of-Sorrows—Walter J. Buckert, 18 members, \$134; Greece—W. Wholehan, 16 members, \$90.50.

All of these teams exceeded their quota by from 101 per cent to 391 per cent, the highest being Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Credit to Workers In announcing the closing of the campaign, John J. McInerney, chairman of the big event, gave credit to all team workers, captains and helpers. He said the campaign never would have succeeded as it did without the help of Bishop O'Hern and the various pastors, and he gave generous credit to William T. Nolan, business manager of the campaign; to Frank T. Byrne, treasurer; and to George J. Dash, campaign director.

"A great share of the success belongs to William T. Nolan and to George J. Dash," Mr. McInerney said. "The campaign never would have been the success it was," Mr. Nolan said, "if it were not for the energy, enthusiasm, determination and whole-hearted devotion of the time and services of Mr. McInerney to this work. He proved himself a capable leader in every way."

PONTIFICAL MASS BY BISHOP O'HERN

Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, will celebrate a Pontifical High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10:30 o'clock on Easter Sunday morning. A special musical program has been arranged for the Mass, and has been well rehearsed. The sanctuary choir is composed of 250 students of St. Bernard's Seminary under the direction of the Rev. John M. Petter, S. T. B., professor of music at the Seminary. The boys' and men's choir of the Cathedral is composed of thirty boys and eighteen men, under the direction of F. Eugene Bonn, organist and choirmaster. Michael D. Kavanaugh is assistant director, and Francis Bonn, assistant organist. The music for the mass is as follows: Processional—Haec Dies

- Greith-Bonn Boys' and Men's Choir Introit—Resurrexit—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei from Missa a Rosa Mystica—Carnevali Boys' and Men's Choir Graduale—Haec Dies Sanctuary Choir Sequence—Victimae Paschali—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir Credo—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir Offertory—Terra Tremuit—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir Supplementary Offertory—Regina Coeli—Lull, 1667, 1740 Arranged or five voices by Dr. C. P. Koch Boys' and Men's Choir Communion—Pascha Nostrum—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir Haec Dies—Perosi Holy God—Traditional Congregation and Choirs

GOVERNMENT CENSUS SHOWS CHURCH GROWTH IN U. S.

(Continued from page one) The report, shows the number of Churches and the Catholic population by states, with comparative figures for 1916 and 1926:

Table with columns: State, Number of Churches, Number of Members. Rows include Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Delaware, Maryland, Dist. of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California.

In its statistics on Sunday Schools, the report showed 5,339 Catholic Churches reporting a total membership of 1,201,330 pupils. The number of teachers in the Sunday Schools was given as 49,495.

Value of Church Edifices The value of Church edifices, with 16,254 Churches reporting, was placed at \$837,471,053, while 5,361 Churches reported a total building debt of \$129,937,504. The figures on parochial schools, also given in the report, are not repeated here since they were published at the time of their release by the Bureau of Education.

The report also contains a section on the history, doctrine and organization of the Catholic Church. This section of the report was revised by the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and approved by him in its present form.

Dealing with the charitable and welfare work of the Catholic Church, the report says: "The charitable and welfare work of the Roman Catholic Church is very widely extended and is carried on by many different organizations, religious and otherwise. There are many religious orders of men and women devoting practically all of their time to the care of the aged, the orphans, the infirm, the blind, the deaf, and the incurable cancer patients. They maintain hospitals and also nurse the indigent sick in their homes. In fact, there is no phase of human need or human betterment to which they do not extend their charitable care and service."

Hundreds of Charitable Works "It would be impossible to give even a brief summary of the far-reaching work for the poor and the unfortunate carried on by the Catholic Church throughout the United States. The communities engaged in different fields of Christian charitable work number into the hundreds. For example, the Little Sisters of the Poor, to take one religious community, conduct homes for the aged in 42 important cities in the United States. The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul conduct 22 great hospitals, with 19-other large institutions for the care of orphans and the insane. The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul conduct 8 hospitals and many other institutions; the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis conduct 32 hospitals; the Sisters of Mercy, independently established in many dioceses of the United States, conduct 64 hospitals.

"The latest statistics available indicating the magnitude of the work throughout the United States show that the religious orders are maintaining a total of 128 homes for the aged with 14,634 inmates. Fifty of these homes are operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, who are caring for 9,140 old people without regard to color or creed. The records show that religious orders are also maintaining 500 orphanages caring for 80,000 children. The total number of hospitals given as 606 with patients numbering 334,814.

Widespread Activity "Nor does this cover all of the charitable activities, as the work has been extended to the establishment of settlements, visitations to penal and corrective institutions, work in rural communities and isolated districts, and work for immigrants. Many lay organizations have also been most active. Perhaps the best known among the lay groups is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an association of Catholic laymen engaged systematically in the service of the poor. The number of active members is 15,700; honorary, 3,300; subscribing, 4,794. Their total expenditures amounted in 1928 to \$1,126,674.

"Worthy of mention is the establishment, within the last few years, by aid of the Knights of Columbus, of the Boy Life Bureau, with special training for leaders in boy work, at the University of Notre Dame; the establishment of homes for girls, particularly in recreational centers, throughout the United States; and the development, under the St. Vincent de Paul Society, of the Big Brother and Big Sister movements.

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Catholic Press Praised By Pope

In a recent dispatch from Rome, on the occasion of the visit of Rev. Doctor John J. Burke, C. S. P., general secretary of the N. C. W. C. and its News Service, the Holy Father took occasion to voice his love for the interest in the Church in the United States, at the same time making particular mention of his earnest desire for the further growth of the Catholic Press. His Holiness emphasized the necessity of spreading through the printed word the exposition of Catholic truth. He dwelt on the need of correcting misrepresentations and answering objections to our Holy Faith; but he also said it was more necessary to make known positive Catholic truth, which of itself has great virtue and power over the souls of men. This, he said, should always be done with kindness, strength and charity, and never with bitterness or unkindness.

These sentiments of the Vicar of Christ are the best justification for the new diocesan weekly the Catholic Courier and Journal and also are in perfect accord with our editorial policy of good-will and of our peace-loving program as outlined in the first number of the Courier and Journal.

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Propagation Of The Faith

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A Pilgrimage To Loting

The town of Loting in South China is dear to all the members of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. It was there that, two years ago, a young Maryknoll missionary, Father Daniel L. McShane of Columbus, Indiana, laid down his life as a martyr of charity. Father McShane died of smallpox, contracted from a Chinese wail whom he had baptized. A Maryknoll priest who went as a missionary to the Orient last autumn, Father Maurice K. Ahern of Chicago, Illinois, visited Loting shortly after his arrival in China. He describes the journey as follows:

"Late that night the lights, electric lights—of Loting were seen in the distance. All the dogs in the neighborhood of the mission gave a welcome, and the Shan Poo (priests) in the mission compound soon knew that strangers were approaching. Father Sheridan and Father Churchhill appeared at the gate, and we were given a thousand welcome. After greetings were over, the cook tried a few eggs for the travelers. When supper was finished, we sat around the dining room table and talked far into the night of home, friends, Maryknoll and of the days gone by. Father Robert Sheridan being from Chicago, we kept on after the others had retired, and I gave him all the latest news from the old home town.

In the morning, I said Mass at six-thirty in the beautiful Chapel which has been erected as a memorial to Father McShane. It is a very fine building, and the mission can well be proud of it. The building is

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Will Sing The Mass Of The Little Flower

The Mass of the Little Flower, composed by Sister M. Joseph of the Blessed Sacrament Convent, will be sung at the 10 o'clock Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes on Easter Sunday. Robert Boston, organist, will be at the organ, and the choir has made excellent preparation for the Easter music. The Mass in honor of the Little Flower will be an essential part of the celebration.

The Offertory will be the "Regina Coeli," by Lotti. This offertory has been rehearsing for one month under the direction of Mr. Boston for this service, and an especially good program of music is promised.

To Erect Memorial Church To Priest Leader

The Hague, March 21.—A church erected in the workingmen's district of the city of Enschede is to be the memorial of Mgr. Alphonsus Ariens, founder of social action in Holland and an apostle of Catholic temperance. Enschede is the city where the priest began his remarkable career.

Monsignor Ariens died last August, and almost immediately his numerous and enthusiastic admirers inaugurated a movement for the erection of a statue to perpetuate his memory. The idea, however, gained little favor with the man in the street, who, somehow, felt that of all the manifestations in the world, the humble priest would himself deprecate most the erection of a statue. Catholic Hollanders wanted, nevertheless, to honor the memory of the workingmen's friend.

A priest finally suggested that a church be Monsignor Ariens' memorial; that it be erected in the city where he began his labors, and in the very heart of the workingmen's district. This suggestion found instantaneous favor, and those who opposed the erection of the statue are backing enthusiastically this latter plan.

Monsignor Ariens' name was a household word in the homes of tens of thousands of workingmen in the Netherlands during 40 years of the last century and more than a quarter of the present century.

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