

A TRULY CATHOLIC CLASS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Nineteen Deaf and Dumb People, One Blind Man, Two Colored People and 277 Others Were Confirmed Sunday—Impressive and Beautiful Ceremony

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered last Sunday by Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin street, at 4:30 P. M. Vested in his episcopal robes, our Beloved Bishop marched in procession from the Rectory to the Church, as he proceeded up the middle aisle of the church, he blessed the vast throng of the faithful, numbering 1,200 people. In the sanctuary of the church he put on his ecclesiastical vestments, approached the communion railing and addressed the "confirmandi" on the nature and effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation. After his address he confirmed 299 as follows: Boys, 130, adult men, 22, girls, 138, adult women, 9. It was the largest class that St. Joseph's parish had seen in years. It was also a class which portrayed the Catholicity of the true church as it was composed of two colored members, 19 deaf people and one blind man; thus the deaf and dumb, the blind, and the white and colored were confirmed at St. Joseph's Church, on that most beautiful and sublime feast of the Blessed Mother of God, the Feast of Her Immaculate Conception. The various sections of this large class were under the supervision of the following respective priests: Rev. Father O'Brecht, C. S. S. R., had charge

of the parochial school children and all adults; Rev. Father Ferrick, C. S. S. R., prepared and took under his charge the Catholic children of the public schools while Rev. Father Burger, C. S. S. R., had charge of the deaf mutes. In their efforts to prepare their respective sections well for the reception of the Sacrament they were nobly aided by the school sisters and the teachers. In the sanctuary Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hern was assisted by Rev. Fathers John B. Lieberth, pastor and rector, Louis J. Collmer and William Humel, Redemptorist Fathers attached to St. Joseph's Church. The entire services were superintended by the amiable and energetic Cive Chancellor, Rev. Charles Raymond Reynolds.

Having administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, our Beloved Bishop once more addressed the "Confirmandi" on the effects of this Sacrament. It was a beautiful, touching and well illustrated sermon on the fidelity of our duties toward God, ourselves and our neighbor. It closed with a short, but most impressive exhortation of the Confirmandi rising aloft their right hand toward the big Mission Cross on the wall of the church, promising publicly and earnestly staunch fidelity and loyalty to God, by loving Him, obeying His representatives namely their parents, and ever giving good example to others. This ceremony was followed by a special address to the Italians was delivered in Italian by the Rt. Rev. Bishop himself, whilst his address to the deafmutes was interpreted in the sign language by Rev. Father Burger, C. S. S. R. Confirmation Services were followed by Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Thereupon followed another striking and touching ceremony, of which the deaf mutes alone were partakers. They were summoned by the Rt. Rev. Bishop himself to the communion railing, where he blessed each one specially and individually and allowed them to kiss his episcopal ring. The deaf mutes big and little, 65 in number, were filled to the brim with joy, happiness and consolation. The whole scene was a striking picture of the fervent and burning love of the good Shepherd for his afflicted flock, be that affliction in soul or in body. The ceremonies, grand, solemn and impressive as they had been up till now, were closed with the mighty and solemn hymn of thanksgiving, "Holy God We Praise Thy Name!"

DAVENPORT SUITES DIRECT TO CUSTOMER We manufacture our own Suites and Odd Chairs. Delivered Free any place in State SAVE YOU 20% W. B. Roche & Son NEWARK, N.Y. Patronize Our Advertisers

CHRISTMAS WONDER

IF there is no wonder in Christmas, then there is no Christmas! Wonder is another name for the holiest, brightest, merriest, most sacred season of the year. Wonder that fills the heart as light and music filled the sky that cold frosty night of the first Christmas, when angels hovered over the fields beyond Bethlehem, and gave the humble shepherds assurance of good cheer. Wonder which the Wise Men felt as they silently followed the star to the door of the place where Mary had laid her child. Wonder of the dumb beasts which stood in the stable of the inn. The sweet wonder of Mary herself as she bent soft eyes on the beautiful babe, born in poverty and heir to all the ages. Wonder of all, high and low, who found their way to the manger, bringing gifts and adoration. And in our time, wonder of the world we live in. Wonder and gratitude for the loyalty of friends and the unquenchable courage of hearts that bear all things with fortitude. Wonder and gratitude for our own opportunities and responsibilities, which open up larger vistas for a fuller life. Wonder—Christmas wonder which includes the miracle of The Christ Child nearly two thousand years ago, and now! Merry Christmas!

\$10,000 in Prizes Await Contestants in Campaign, And Only One Week More (Continued from Page One) cause you failed to do your best at this crucial campaign. It has been truly said that "A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins." There is not a single person competing in the race but who will be better off financially by exerting himself or herself between now and ten o'clock on the night of December 22. There are two dangers which every member should be sure to avoid. They are overconfidence and discouragement. To become overconfident is apt to cause one to underestimate the ability of one's opponents. And no one can hope to succeed if he permits himself to become discouraged, for it is anybody's race this far. It is a fair field and no favors. It is up to each member to do his or her best and go over a winner. There is no such thing as having too many votes to win the desired prize, but it is very easy to fall short of having the required number by slacking up during the closing days. Remember it will be far better to win by a big majority than to lose by the smallest margin. A board of judges will be appointed to officiate at the closing of the campaign and an auditor named who will make an audit of the entire returns. This is done to insure every member fair and impartial treatment and to make certain that all possibility of error is eliminated. The revised list of members does not include the reserve votes held by a few of the members.

District 1: The following Parishes: St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Ambrose, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Apostles, Holy Family, St. John Evangelist, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Bridget's, St. Francis Xavier, St. George's, Holy Cross, St. Joseph's. Members: Miss Lucy Baker 42,500, Mrs. L. M. Bringley 40,000, Perry J. Burke 177,500, Miss Mabel L. Cahill 170,000, Mrs. Florence Cappon 158,250, James J. Collins 204,000, Mrs. Thomas Cahill 177,500, Eugene B. Connel 205,000, Miss Emily Gornley 204,500, Miss Kathryn Lowenthal 204,500, Mrs. Anna Nelligan 130,000, Miss Dolores Seller 204,250. District 2: Holy Rosary, St. Andrew's Immaculate Conception, St. Boniface, St. Augustine's, Holy Redeemer, St. Lucy's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Margaret Mary's, Our Lady of Victory, Mother of Sorrows, St. Stanislaus. Members: Mrs. John Callahan 203,250, Frank R. Davis 204,750, Tim Donohue 205,000, Joseph Pina 71,500, Miss Catherine M. Fink 203,000, Miss Mary Flanagan 204,500, Herman Gehring 205,250, Wm. A. Kunz 205,125, Mrs. Della McCarthy 205,000, Miss Emma Ott 17,500, Miss Mary Ricotta 205,000, Miss Leone E. Ruby 204,500, Mrs. J. Fred Ryan 203,000, Frank Sales 159,100, Mrs. Mildred Scanlan 203,500, John Ziminski 17,500. District 3: Corpus Christi, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Monica's, St. Peter and Paul, Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Teresa, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Nicholas. Members: Mrs. Mary Badhorn 50,000, John W. Berry 205,500. District 4: All Parishes in Monroe County outside of the City of Rochester. Mrs. Ida Castrechino, Greece 205,000, Laurence Donovan, East Rochester 204,025, Joseph Duff, Brockport 17,500, Miss Livia Pava, Coldwater 203,500, Mrs. F. H. Hauck, Churchville 204,875, Mrs. Anna Mae Schick, East Rochester 205,125. District 5: All Parishes in Livingston Wayne, Ontario, Cayuga, Seneca and Yates Counties. Members: Mrs. B. Burns, Manchester 204,000, Mrs. T. W. Costello, Lima 200,000, Miss Evelina G. Dwyer, Red Creek 80,000, Mrs. Albert Haley, Geneva 205,000, Miss Nora E. Gleason, East Bloomfield 204,250, John Hannan, Caledonia 175,000, John Kleinhans, West Bloomfield 205,125, Sy Loftus, Ontario Center 137,500, Miss Catherine Land, Naples 202,500, Miss Mary C. McGuire, Seneca Falls 204,500, Mrs. J. E. Maloney, Danville 203,750, Miss Mildred O'Connor, Geneva 205,000, Miss Irene McPhillips, Canandaigua 205,000, Mrs. Wm. Maloy, Ontario 41,000, Paul Murray, King Ferry 55,000, Miss Sara E. Neary, Macedon 204,750, Mrs. Adelaide Tremante, Auburn 205,125. District 6: All Parishes in Steuben, Chemung, Tioga, Schuyler, and Tompkins Counties and all territory not included in other districts. Member: Mrs. Elizabeth Bernas, Elmira 205,125, John S. Bojarski, Elmira 205,000, Miss Dorothy C. Bump, Owego 200,000, Mrs. J. J. Garlin, Ithaca 205,500, Miss Bernice Hanley, Corning 30,000, Mrs. Helen Hanrahan, Corning 205,000, Mrs. Anna A. Hogan, Waverly 205,125, Francis R. Packard, Elmira 55,000, George P. Parsons, Corning 205,125, Mrs. W. J. Pettigill, Watkins Glen 17,500, Miss C. F. Stenson, Bath 205,250, Miss Helen Tolan, Hornell 195,500, Miss Esther Weiland, Perkinsville 203,500, Miss Bridget Ward, Trumansburg 125,000. Catholic Bowling League: The standing of the various teams in the Catholic Bowling League on December 8 is as follows: H. R. A. A. 22 8 723, St. Boniface 21 9 709, C. Y. M. A. 19 9 633, St. Ambrose 17 13 547, St. Francis 16 14 533, St. Andrew 16 14 522, St. Andrew 5 25 347, St. Salome 4 16 319.

Missions in China Are Being Looted By Communists

Twenty-four Spanish Dominican Missions in Fukien Pillaged—Priests and Nuns Captured but Released—American Legation at Peking Acts to Obtain Protection for Missions in Kanchow

MUTINY OF THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS INCREASES DANGER TO MISSIONARIES

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—South China, particularly the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kiangsi, is in the grip of a veritable region of terror, with Communists looting and murdering at will and mutineering soldiers of the Nationalist Army blazing a trail of blood and ruin from Fukow northward, presumably to give the Communists aid by not molesting them, according to advices received here by Pides Service and other correspondents. A telegram from the Rt. Rev. John A. O'Shea, C. M., of Philadelphia, Bishop and Adjutor of Kanchow, Kiangsi Province, sent to the headquarters of the Lazarist Mission in Shanghai, reports the atrocities about Kanchow in the hands of the Communists and the situation as "serious." Bishop O'Shea's telegram, dated November 30, reads: "Government troops are leaving the area and we are unprotected against the Nationalist Government at Nanking to prevent the troops from leaving. Ask the assistance of the American and French authorities." Further efforts by the local headquarters of the mission to communicate with Kanchow have been unsuccessful. The American legation at Peking has been informed of Bishop O'Shea's plight and has requested the Nanking Government to take steps to have the troops remain there for the protection of the American missions. Cable advices reaching Washington subsequent to this dispatch state that the Chinese authorities have ordered the troops back to Kanchow. A report from Amoy states that the Communist Army, which, in reality, is nothing but a bandit horde, has been ravaging and looting the countryside for weeks, and last Sunday entered Kanchow, where it participated in an orgy of murder, slaying about 100 Chinese merchants. The American mission in Kanchow is staffed by about 18 priests and Sisters, all of whom are in the gravest danger. Whether they were harmed in Sunday's attack has not been learned. Much Killing and Pillaging: Earlier reports from Peking correspondents in the affected area predicted the present outbreak. One dispatch stated that the revival of Communist activity in the vicinity of Canton (regarded as one of the most important cities in all South China) had resulted in widespread killing and pillaging. Twenty-four Spanish Dominican missions in Fukien, the report continued, had been destroyed and three priests and nine Sisters were captured, but later released uninjured. The present outbreak began about a month ago, when the Communists in the Southern Provinces began their ravaging of the countryside. At that time, Chang Kai-shek, leader of the Nationalists, foresaw the seriousness of the situation and ordered 40,000 troops, ten gunboats and a dozen airplanes to proceed to Kwangtung and Kiangsi Provinces and suppress the Reds, known there as "iron-sided." Following this order, nothing further was heard from the area until Bishop O'Shea's telegram was received, at which time it coincided with the uprising of Nationalist troops at Fukow. Troops Mutined: The latter, ordered to proceed into the district south of Fukien to attack the Red troops, mutinied, disarming other Nationalist troops and seizing the town. An estimated army of 15,000 mutineers, comprising two divisions, systematically looted the city, and burned the railroad station, later stealing rolling stock and making their escape to the north. A short time after their departure they were reported to have arrived at Peking. In this area are many Catholic missions, some staffed by American workers, which are imperilled by the advance of the renegades, who are reported to be looting and burning as they go. The Nationalist Government immediately dispatched 10,000 Loyal troops in pursuit, but their activities were hampered by the fact that the renegades burned the rail and blew up bridges on the way, making railroad travel impossible. In addition, the latest report from the sections to the north said rain and snow were making the advance of the Loyalists most difficult. Danger to Missions Great: The Pides Correspondent in Hong Kong states that the danger for Catholic missions throughout the Southern Provinces had never been

Convert Classes of Catholic Women League in London

London, Dec. 11.—The Rev. Fr. Petre has been elected national president of the Catholic Women's League, in place of Miss Kathleen Kelly, who had held the office three years. With her election yet another year has been given to the League in Catholic organizations. The League was received into the Church in 1914. She is the widow of the late Lord Petre, and daughter of Canon W. R. Clark, formerly Bishop of London and prebendary of Wells, later professor of Philosophy at Trinity College, Toronto, and, for some time, President of the Royal Society of Canada. Her only daughter, Mrs. Baroness Furnival, is a member of her own right. growth of the community. From the first pioneer Sisters who made the first foundation in Canada, the membership has increased to 214 Sisters; from the single institution originally confined to the convent, the number has steadily grown until today there are 48 convents, 100 orphanages, 100 homes for the aged, a hospital, an academy for girls, a private school for boys and girls, and a young women under the immediate supervision of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Of these schools and institutions, all are either parish or diocesan property, with the exception of the Academy building, the College building, the convent in large building, the convent in Elmira, and the new Mother House in Brighton.

Diamond Jubilee of Sisters of St. Joseph To Be Celebrated Sunday

(Continued from Page Six) showed how much he had the interests of each member at heart. It had always been his custom to bring distinguished guests to Nazareth, and the older Sisters remember with pleasure such illustrious visitors as the author of "The Strenuous Life," Abbe Klein; noted biblical scholar, the Abbe Lagarde; His Grace, Archbishop Ireland; the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Falconio; Cardinals Farley, Logue and Vanutelli, and a host of others scarcely less eminent. The New Nazareth Academy: In September 1916, the new academy building on Lake Avenue was formally opened with a registration of nearly 500 girls. Each successive year has seen an increase in the enrollment and to date the actual registration numbers 1,030 pupils, with a teaching force of 40 Sisters. During the summer vacation of 1920, the old Nazareth building on Jay Street, which had been sold to the city, was abandoned, the Normal School building on Dewey Avenue being selected as the temporary Mother House.

Christmas Suggestions

Door, Window and Home Decorations, Mittles, Holly Sprays, Winter berries and decorative Berry arrangements at modest prices. A large collection awaits your choice. "We Telegraph Flowers" Blanchard Flowers 48 and 52 LAKE AVE.

We Save You Money on Christmas Bicycles

Velocipedes, Scooters, Automobiles, Conster Wagons, Kiddy Cars, Duddy Toys, Most Complete Line in City at lowest prices. Easy Terms. Crossman Air Rifles and Savage and Master Health Motors. Geo. L. Miner Co. 184-188 CLINTON SOUTH

Carol of Noel

By May Folwell Hoigston CHRIST within the manger lay Hailed on the scented hay, Joseph placed at Mary's bowers, Guardian of her slumber-bowers. Lowly as and loving kin Watched the Baby's hale shine. Through the broken thatch on high Peered a Star of midnight sky; Shepherds softly melt around, Guided by a carol's sound, Angels sang that Holy Morn—"Unto us a Child is born."