Our Lady of Mercy High School

The annual retreat for the students of Our Lady of Mercy High School was held the last week of November. The retreat was conducted by Rev. John Lynch, C.SS.R., of St. Joseph's Church. The conferences given by the retreat master were very inspiring and practical, and the students derived much spiritual profit from them.

On Tuesday, December 9, the annual reception of students into the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady took place. The new sodalists were received by Rev. Patrick J. Smyth, chaplain of the school, and the address was made by Rev. George Eckl, pastor of St. Andrew's Church. At the same time a number of the students became members of the Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament.

In his talk to the sodalists, Father Eckl urged them to take our Blessed Lady as their model, and in order to pilot their ship of life safely to its eternal harbor, he suggested as four channels, good literature, proper companionship, frequent Holy Communion, and devotion to the Mother of God. The ceremony concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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Knights Start Bureau To Help Get Employment

Supreme Council of the Order Opens New Department—President Hoover Sends His Thanks.

New Haven, Dec. 12. — The plan and program of the Knights of Columbus Employment Service has been completed at the Supreme Office in New Haven with the establishment of an Order-wide employment service in co-operation and co-ordination with every state and subordinate council of the Order and President Hoover's Emergency Committee on Employment.

Peter W. Collins, former industrial expert, and director of the Reconstruction and Employment Service of the Knights of Columbus War Activities, which service secured jobs for more than 500,000 ex-service men at the close of the World War, has been placed in charge of the Supreme Council Employment Service.

When the Employment Bureau was established, Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody sent a telegram to President Hoover pledging the support and co-operation of the Order to the Commission appointed by the President. They received a prompt acknowledgment from President Hoover, thanking the Knights for their "fine spirit of co-operation, and telling Mr. Carmody he had taken the matter up with Col. Arthur Woods. The latter sent the following telegram to Supreme Knight Carmody, outlining the work the Knights can do

Helpful Instructions

"In further answer to your telegram October 27th to the President, we suggest you would be of the greatest service now in relieving the employment situation if the Knights of Columbus, acting through their local councils throughout the country, in addition to carrying on their own good works, should fortify the efforts of the local agencies which are dealing with the situation, each in its own locality. The co-operation of your great organization will be of invaluable assistance to this human cause. The work which you are already undertaking of looking after your own members who need relief is of very great value in itself. If you can extend this so as to help local organizations in finding jobs, both regular part-time jobs and odd jobs, if you will help raise funds necessary to carry on the work locally, if you can stimulate cleaning up of neighborhoods and provision of odd jobs, it would be of greatest possible service. Many of your members are influential in large industry and finance. Their influence I know, can be counted on for stabilization of conditions. Your organization has always stood for law and order and for the care of the unfortunate. I should very much welcome reports of conditions and progress and am relying on you to send suggestions."

"ARTHUR WOODS"

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"And always, 'tis the saddest sight to see
An old man faithless in humanity."

Every duty we omit, obscures some truth we should have known.
—Ruskin.

Knights of Columbus Hold Communion Breakfast And Hear Plea for New Era

Several Hundred Members Attend Annual Event Sunday Morning—Bishop O'Hern Urges All to Work For Success.

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, held its annual Communion Breakfast in the Columbus Civic Center Sunday morning, with the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, as the guest of honor and chief speaker. Several hundred members were present, filling the large ballroom, and the event was a great success. Bishop O'Hern, in his address, made a plea for a new harmony, for forgetfulness of the mistakes of the past, and for heroic work to build and improve the organization and its ideals. He was heartily applauded.

Communion in Own Churches

The members received Holy Communion in their own parish churches, then went in a body from each church to the Columbus Civic Center for the breakfast.

At the speakers' table were the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, the Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, the Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, Charles R. Barnes, past grand knight; R. Frank Quinn, faithful navigator of the Fourth Degree; Herman Hetzler, grand commander of the Alhambra; Timothy O'Donnell, district deputy, of Albion, and Leo C. Fleming, chairman of the committee in charge of the breakfast.

Joseph Fritsch, Jr., United States Marshal for this district, was the principal speaker of the occasion. He gave a splendid talk and, in spite of his eloquence, "He urged a few remaining members to stand loyally by the noble ideals and principles of the order, and to keep to the fundamentals of life. He was given sincere appreciation.

Brief talks were given by Rev. Father Cowen who is Council Chaplain, by the Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, who is Chaplain of the Fourth Degree Assembly, K. of C., and by Rev. Joseph H. Gefell. All of these talks were heard with pleasure and were warmly applauded.

Grand Knight John A. Doyle presided, and he expressed himself as highly gratified by the attendance of the members and the spirit of interest and loyalty manifested.

The Bishop's Talk

Bishop O'Hern spoke in part as follows:

"You are now almost a half century old. Your strength and service were realized in no ordinary manner in the late World War when you were called upon to serve your fellow-men. Now that peace has settled down over our land you are expected to serve your country and your fellow-men as you serve your God. You ask what is this program of peace for Council 278, Knights of Columbus?

"The national program is founded in an emergency, just as our services in the late war began in the form of emergency. Millions of your fellowmen are at this moment out of employment suffering and waiting for a better day. The President of the United States has said that there are 47,000,000 of Americans citizens at present enjoying lucrative position, while there are only from three to four million unemployed. He is firmly convinced that 47,000,000 in voluntary service should come to the rescue of their fellows. Already every council of the Knights of Columbus in this great land has responded to the call of the President.

Build Up Your Council

"But in addition to the national side of your program, there is a local side, the upbuilding of your own Council by the enrollment and enlistment of hundreds of men of the Catholic Faith who have been or should be members of this council. The Rochester Council has a history like all other organizations and all its years have not been rosy and filled with bright prospects. It has gone through its purgatory, and we hope has been finally and thoroughly purified and, please God, is now on the high road to heights and successes of which it had never dreamed. If mistakes have been made in the past, and they have, they must be healed and they must be forgotten."

A Great Standing Army

Bishop O'Hern compared the Knights of Columbus to an army corps in the great standing army of the Church. He urged them to work for harmony, industrial progress and good citizenship. Then he said:

"Let us enter upon a new era, a new epoch of fraternal, social and civic life, working together with a common understanding, rejoicing in one another's successes and never letting the spirit of envy, jealousy, or hatred find a resting place in our thoughts. Last Tuesday I stood before the pastors of the Catholic churches of Monroe County and after they had heard an explanation of the saving of this building and its future prospects, I called upon them for moral support, and every man stood on his feet with 100 per cent. record. Surely it should inspire confidence in our Knights to know that the name, the honor, the prestige of the Church and the bishop of the diocese, as well as every priest are bound up in the success of the new program."

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K. C. Bowlers Enter League Of Newspaper

The eight teams in the American Division of the Knights of Columbus Bowling League have signed up to take part in the city-wide bowling contest that is being sponsored by the Journal-American. Following are the teams and the players.

Santa Marias—J. Shanley, B. Harris, B. Martin, F. Agostinelli, C. McIntyre.

INDIANS—T. Steinkirchner, L. Steinkirchner, F. Steinkirchner, W. Steinkirchner, E. Doran.

KLUTES—D. Fitzgerald, L. Fleming, W. Murphy, E. Thaney, J. Garin.

PINTAS—G. Miller, L. Miller, J. Roth, M. Collet, J. Kaveny.

PURITANS—W. Bell, J. Gaffney, W. Gager, R. Welch, P. Maier, H. Prescott.

GUARDS—A. Doud, F. Weinhart, A. Reilly, P. Keating, O. Shults.

APEX—J. Kinney, M. Oliver, R. Connor, W. Knapp, J. O'Connell.

SANTAS—Dr. Martin, J. Keebler, J. Cimonette.

Aquinas Team Has 19 Games On Its Schedule

Utica, Syracuse, Brockport, LeRoy, Buffalo, Palmyra, Fairport and Other Teams Will Be Played.

The Aquinas Institute basketball schedule has been completed, with the exception of two games now under negotiation. A total of 19 games will be played, 11 at home and eight out of the city. Coach Mort Leary has a pretty hard lot of battles planned for his boys, but he hopes to have them in shape to make a good showing in every game.

Most of the players are third year men. Sullivan and Marks secondary forwards, Tommy Flood reserve pivot man, Mahar, Waterman and Shannon, second string guards are all in their third year at the Institute and the two remaining men, Ed Coveney and Hiram Tomczak are seniors.

The first game on the schedule, Dec. 3 with Holley, has been played and resulted in an Aquinas victory. The other games are:

Dec. 12—Assumption Academy of Utica, at home; 15th—Clyde High, at home; 23d—Aquinas Alumni, at home; 27th and Jan. 1st, pending; Jan. 8th—U. of R. Frosh, at the River campus court, 10th open; at home, 16th—Christian Brothers Academy, at Syracuse, 24th—Brockport High, at Brockport; 31st—LeRoy High, at home; 2nd—St. John's of Buffalo, at Buffalo; 6th—Christian Brothers Academy, at the Armory, 7th—Assumption Academy, at Utica, 13th—St. Andrew's Seminary, at home, March 6th—Fairport High, at home; 13th—Brockport High, at home.

Everybody is welcome to attend games, and all friends of the school are cordially invited to help swell the attendance, boost the team and encourage the players.

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Nazareth College
PRESS BUREAU

An interesting program was given at the French Club supper meeting, Wednesday, December 10. French songs were sung, a short story was read in French, and two one-act plays were given by the Misses Mary Neary, Mildred Burke, and Isabelle Rovas. General chairman for the evening was Miss Helen Morrissy.

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Reception into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin took place at the College on Tuesday, December 9. Owing to the fact that classes were dismissed on Monday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the ceremony was transferred to Tuesday. It consisted first of Mass in the College Chapel, followed by the reception of seven freshmen who fulfilled the necessary qualifications: the Misses Mary Louise Bennet, Alice Dugan, Anne Fitzmaurice, Dorothy McGhan, Virginia Nugent, Kathleen Goetten, and Mary Carroll. Rev. B. Ehman celebrated the Mass and gave a beautiful and inspiring talk on the Blessed Virgin as the Exemplar of Christian womanhood.

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The monthly meeting of the Sigma Tau Sorority was held December 11, at the College. The reading of the constitution and the choosing of sorority pins constituted the chief business of the meeting. A social evening followed, and refreshments were prepared under the direction of Miss Anne Ryan.

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A meeting of the Literary Club of Nazareth College will be held Monday afternoon, December 15. The ordinary program will be set aside and substituted by an original Christmas program. The story of "The Sad Shepherd" by Henry Van Dyke is being put into the form of a play by the members of the club and will be read at the meeting, as well as some Christmas carols. The Dean of the college has been invited to be the guest of the Club at their meeting.

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If any man attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot.—John A. Dix.

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Character is to wear forever; who will wonder or grudge that it cannot be developed in a day.
—Henry Drummond.

FOOTBALL FLASHES

The King of them all—Notre Dame!

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The Southern California game was a marvelous finish to a marvelous Notre Dame season. Knute Rockne gave his team the hardest schedule ever given to a football team in America, starting right in with a bang, playing a team with a great record, the Southern Methodists, and teams equally hard all the way through. There wasn't a single "set-up" or "breathing spell" in the schedule. Experts called it the "suicide schedule", and none of them believed any team could play such a schedule and win every game. But Notre Dame did, though it was a hard row to travel.

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Team work is what did it, team work and the genius of a great coach. Knute Rockne never tries to feature any one player, or any two or three players. "All our boys played a great game" is a favorite expression of his in commenting on any game. You never catch him saying: "Carideo won the game", or "Metzger won it", or anything like that. All his boys win, because they have been trained to play together.

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It was a gracious thing for Rockne to call in so many of his substitute players towards the close of the Southern California game. When he had the game on ice. Many a coach would want to keep the old steam roller going and make the score a big one. Not Rockne. Lukats of Seattle—son of the great Northwest—and several others, were given a share of the glory. "Moon" Mullins, playing his last game, and suffering from a bad leg, was sent in to kick the ball from placement once. Donaghue of Auburn, badly hurt in the Southern Methodist game at the start of the season, was sent in, and others. Carideo was taken out, Schwartz was taken out, and Metzger—three great players, and other boys put in their place to give them a share of the glory too. That's what builds a team. That's what makes morale.

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Lukats tearing through Southern California for a touchdown a few moments after he entered the fine—that was a great advertisement for Notre Dame all through the Northwest. Here was a third-string man, hitherto unknown—a new hero now.

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Why does Notre Dame win? "After a morning at church?", said the Associated Press dispatches Monday, telling what the team did on Sunday. "After a morning at church, the players dispersed for dinner with various friends. Not at roadhouses. Not at speakeasies. Not engaged in revelry of any kind, with the season all over. But at church, thanking God for His goodness to them, praying to God for themselves, their friends, their school, their coach. Right here is the keynote of their success, say what you will. Faith in God, faith in themselves, faith in what they represent. You can't beat boys like that, unless you do it with boys like that.

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More than 100 columns of newspaper space were given in Los Angeles to the Notre Dame-Southern California game. Many thousands of columns were given in other papers the country over. That's some publicity. Front page stuff, too. Big news. And clean and inspiring.

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But Notre Dame wasn't the only team playing Saturday. Colgate plucked a hard one from New York U., 7-6. And Colgate has the champion scorer of America—Macaluso, with 145 points to his credit, though he got only one of them from New York U. His nearest competitor is Mohler of Southern California, with 108 points. Notre Dame hasn't got a player featured among the big scorers, proving again that it's the team, not the players. O'Neill of Detroit is the only Catholic college player listed among the eight best scorers of the country. He is sixth on the list, with 66 points to his credit.

Alabama, Utah, and Washington State came through the season, like Notre Dame, without a defeat. So did Mt. Morris, Ill.; Carbondale, Ill.; St. Olaf, Cal.; Heidelberg, O., and Fresno State, Cal. Alabama, with a great team, had only 13 points scored against her.

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Notre Dame Wins National Trophy And 1930 Honors

Given Permanent Ownership of Coveted Trophy, Symbolic of Football's Supreme Laurels.

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Football's supreme laurels—permanent possession of a trophy signifying national inter-collegiate champions three times in a decade—crowned the brows of Knute Rockne's Irish warriors as they headed homeward last Sunday.

Ownership of the Rissman trophy, bestowed for winning three national titles under the Dickinson rating system, was one of Notre Dame's chief spoils from her 27 to 0 rout of Southern California Saturday.

Sunday Rockne and his Ramblers started toward their home fields. The unconquered Notre Dame warriors of 1930 arrived in Chicago Wednesday morning enroute to South Bend and were met by a great throng of admirers.

The vanquished, still wondering at the amazing team which overwhelmed their best but comparatively puny efforts, remained to do naught but cheer their conquerors. The Trojans, subdued by their worst defeat since Coach Howard Jones took them in hand five years ago, heaped honors where honors were due.

Sports writers credited the Irish victory to their masterful and perfectly timed work in every department, offensive or defensive, which swamped and stunned the men of Troy.

Nun Completes A Half Century Hospital Nurse

Col. J. M. McNamara, Formerly of Corning, N. Y., Writes Her Beautiful Letter of Congratulation.

Corning, Dec. 12.—Many people here have happy recollections of Col. James M. McNamara, formerly a resident of this city, and a brother of Miss Elizabeth A. McNamara of 14 East Fourth Street, Corning. In Des Moines, Ia., Sister Mary Anthony, of the Sisters of Mercy Order, recently celebrated her golden jubilee as a hospital nurse, and Col. McNamara, who is on the staff of the Governor of Iowa, sent her the following beautiful letter of appreciation and of congratulation.

Dear Sister Anthony:

Your work has not been harder than the Belgian priest, Father Damian's, and it has extended over nearly three times the number of years. His was a martyr's death; yours, infinitely worse, a long martyrdom of living. He renounced the world and gave his life to ministering in the soul's great Lazar-house. From your happy girlhood home, you turned to the gasping cry of agony and the bitter curse of despair.

Before the nobility of your life, the infinitude of your sacrifice, the weariness and loneliness of your personality, one is tempted to speak of the sacred beauty of your holy calling and must pause to discuss holiness that is sublime, one that is worthy of the pen of a laureate or the brush of a master.

This feeble tribute of my appreciation and respectful admiration, you will please accept with a renewal of my assurance of endless gratitude, for your numberless and inestimable kindly acts.

J. M. McNAMARA.

Sister Mary Anthony took the veil in 1880. She is 79 years old now, and is the last living member of her class received into the sisterhood. She was sent to Mercy Hospital in Davenport, Ia., as a doctor's helper, later took a course in training and was the first registered nurse nun in the state of Iowa. She was transferred to the Des Moines Mercy Hospital in 1891, and is still at that institution, active, helpful, kindly. Her golden jubilee was a happy and blessed event. She speaks to us of a world of experiences about the olden days, when there were no sterilizers and nurses worked differently boiling or baking sponges to sterilize them. There were no X-rays. The new adjustable bed had not been designed. Modern plumbing was a thing of the future and surgical instruments were not perfected the way they are today.

Miss Elizabeth McNamara of this city is visiting now in Des Moines, Ia., and it is quite likely she will see and talk with this beloved nun before she returns.

Dr. Joseph J. McNamara of 75 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, is a nephew of Miss McNamara and of Col. James M. McNamara.

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CATHOLIC BOWLING LEAGUE

The teams in the Catholic Bowling League change places like partners at a ball. This week St. Boniface heads the list, jumping from third to first place. St. Ambrose drops from first to second, and the C. Y. M. A. from second to third. Holy Redeemer sticks to fourth place, and there are no changes, except in percentage, among the others. The standing, as of December 7th, is as follows:

	Won	Lost	P C
St. Boniface	18	12	.600
St. Ambrose	17	13	.567
C. Y. M. A.	17	13	.567
H. R. A. A.	16	14	.533
St. Francis	14	16	.467
O. L. P. H.	14	16	.467
Kts. of St. George	14	16	.467
St. Andrew	10	20	.333

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Beloved Sister Dies in Wayland, Is Buried Here

Sister Rose Agnes Stokes, for 30 years a member of the Sisterhood of St. Joseph, died in Wayland last Sunday, and her funeral was held in the chapel at the Motherhouse of the Order in Pittsford on Wednesday morning. Interment was in the plot reserved for religious in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sister Rose Agnes had been ill for more than a year. She was born in Rochester, was a graduate of Nazareth Academy, became a Sister in 1930, and for more than 25 years was a teacher in the schools of this city, having taught at the Immaculate Conception, Holy Rosary and more recently at Nazareth Academy, where she was greatly beloved.

Sister Rose Agnes leaves two sisters, Sister St. Gertrude of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Buffalo and Sister Inezilla of the Sisters of St. Joseph, this city; two brothers, Thomas J. Stokes and Edward J. Stokes, both of Rochester.

Her memory will be treasured by many persons who were beneficiaries of her labor and sacrifices, and who loved her for the unfailing goodness of her life and the fidelity of her work.

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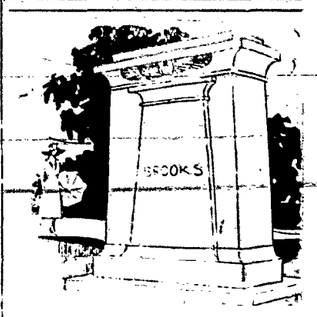

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