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The definition of Catholic Action as given to the world by His Holiness Pope Pius XI covers such a broad field that the diocesan council is being continually requested by letters from the laymen of the diocese, and particularly by men interested in the speakers' bureau to assign some particular subject for study.

The cornerstones of Catholic Action, of course, are the wonderful series of Encyclicals issued by the present Supreme Pontiff, but this statement helps scarcely at all because the Encyclicals are so comprehensive as to cover the whole field of social activity. Rev. Raymond J. Campion of Cathedral College High School, Brooklyn, and Dr. Horan of De Paul University, Chicago, have just published a book through the press of William H. Sadlier, which is one of a series of books on Catholic Action and which is a valuable contribution to practical application of the principles of the Encyclicals to American life. There is a fine selection of material effectively presented containing numerous pictures and references to other works which make it particularly valuable. It is designed to be used as a text book in elementary and secondary schools. The title of the book is "Engaging in Catholic Action." Its chapters deal with many subjects, including Catholic Education, Citizenship, The Industrial Problem, Economic Organization of Society, Recreation, Rural Life and many other subjects of keen interest in the United States today. The concluding chapter is devoted to aims of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, giving a complete statement of the work of the Conference, its various departments, local units and affiliated organization. It is expected that the whole series, of which this book is a third, will be used in school work in the hope that the citizens of tomorrow will have a thorough grasp of the social duties of the Catholic citizen. The present generation, however, has not had the advantage of thorough Catholic Education along these lines, and must depend upon its own research to enlighten itself upon the pressing problems of the day. Such books as the one here mentioned are of great value.

Pamphlets Available

Various departments of the National Catholic Welfare Conference are continually printing pamphlets as fast as the material is made available. These pamphlets may be obtained through the National Council of Catholic Men at Washington, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, or through the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. M., Columbus Civic Center, at Rochester. Pamphlets of importance recently issued include "Reconstructing the Social Order," containing commentaries on this great Encyclical by Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, Rev. Francis X. Foley, Rev. Dr. Joseph Husslein, S.J., Rev. Francis J. Haas, Dr. J. E. Haggerty, Ph.D., Miss Linna E. Bressette, Rev. R. A. McGown, "Catholic Rural Life," by Rev. Edgar Schmiedler, O.S.B., Ph.D., Director of Rural Life Bureau of the N. C. W. C., pamphlet from the Family Life section of N. C. W. C. entitled "Parent and Child". This particular pamphlet is printed under the following headings "Why Parent Education Today" "Guides for the Training of Children," "Religious Training in the Home," and "Moral and Social Training in the Home," "Some Factors in Family Failure," "Family Bonds," and "Conserving the Family." The Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems has issued a pamphlet by Dr. Ryan on "Catholic Principles in the Present Crisis," and one by Father McGown entitled "Property, Organization, Government Action"—an application of Pope Pius XI's "Reconstructing the Social Order" to American agriculture.

The pamphlets referred to can be obtained at very nominal cost, usually ten or fifteen cents for the shorter ones and twenty-five cents for the longer ones.

Their contents are authoritative and are prepared by some of the most eminent Catholic philosophers and thinkers of the Church and laity.

The Catholic Action magazine published by the N. C. W. C. is a mine of information upon the subject of its title. The subscription to this magazine is $2.00 per year. It is the official magazine of the Catholic Hierarchy in America.

Msgr. Pucci, Rome correspondent of N. C. W. C. News Service recently reported an interview by Archbishop Hanna, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the N. C. W. C. upon his recent audience with the Holy Father, as follows:

"Pope Pius expressed his profound satisfaction at this work of the American Hierarchy, the clergy and the laity. The Holy Father said that he observed in the various branches of the National Catholic Welfare Conference what Catholic Action really should be—activity carried out by the laity at the side of the Hierarchy in every field in which Christian life must be affirmed. These fields he enumerated: in family life, in social life, in scholastic life, in the field of labor, in professional activities, in the press—everywhere, in a word, where the faith and morals of the Catholic Church can make their beneficent influence felt. The knowledge that what we seek to do in America corresponds fully with the most fervent desires of the Sovereign Pontiff is one of the dearest impressions of my present stay in Rome."

The approbation of the Holy Father of the work of the Catholic laity in the United States should be an incentive to every layman to carry on and participate in the great program of Catholic Social Action.

Fourth Degree Plans Popular "Ladies' Party"

Another of the popular "Ladies' Parties" will be conducted by Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, June 20, at Blarney Stone Inn, Ridge and Bay Roads, near Webster.

Faithful Captain John P. Keating is in general charge of arrangements for the affair. Sports will be run off in the afternoon and a program of entertainment provided. Dinner will be served. Tickets will be $2.50 per couple. A large crowd of Fourth Degree members and their friends will attend.

Assisting general chairman Keating in arranging for the party are: C. Vincent Wiser, Frederick J. Mix, Louis Hoch, Patrick A. Dwyer, Otto Shults, Charles Geyer, Cyril J. Statt, Elmer W. Loavenbruck, Harry P. Somerville, John A. Doyle, Charles R. Barnes, Joseph Marcille, William H. Rossenbach, William Künz, George J. Law, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, Leo F. Rombaut, and Angelo Di Nieri.

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Fourth Degree Head

FREDERICK W. MAGILL

Death Takes Active Fourth Degree Leader

The many friends made by Frederick W. Magill, president of the A-Number-One Polishing Company in his busy life, who died Sunday in Gratwick Hospital, Buffalo, were present for his funeral services on Wednesday morning which took place at the home, 779 Jefferson Avenue, at 9:30 and at 10 o'clock at St. Monica's Church. Mr. Magill was faithful admiral of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

His death followed a month's illness. He was 56 years old at the time of his death. He was born and educated in St. Monica's parish and was a zealous worker in the cause of Catholic Action. Last year he presided over the Fourth Degree Assembly as faithful navigator and he was active in the affairs of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus; Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, and the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society. His genial disposition and readiness to serve at all times made him the host of friends that he had.

Solemn requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Monica's Church by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy assisted by the Rev. John B. Sullivan, faithful friar of the Fourth Degree, as deacon and the Rev. Thomas F. Connors as subdeacon. In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron.

Large Crowd Attend

Present in the congregation was District Master and Mrs. John F. Barrett of Syracuse, who came to Rochester to pay their respects.

Honorary bearers of the Fourth Degree Assembly included: James E. Cuff, John A. Doyle, Edward P. Flynn, Thomas H. Green, William T. Nolan, Joseph L. Logan, Nicholas Devereaux, John Tracy, Cyril J. Statt, Elmer W. Loavenbruck, Frederick J. Mix, R. Frank Quinn, Otto Shults, Patrick A. Dwyer, Louis C. Hock, John P. Keating, and C. Vincent Wiser; of the Rochester Council: Edward Bassett, Edward J. McGrath, Felix O'Coin, Joseph T. Otto, Martin Golden, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, and Leo F. Rombaut; Order of the Alhambra, Daniel J. O'Mara, William H. Ginnity, F. A. Weinhart, Edward J. Walsh and George J. Law.

Active bearers were William L. and Norbert H. Young, Leonard E. Hahn, Harry and Robert Magill and Jack Loavenbruck.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Monsignor Brophy and the Rev. John Hogan.

Mr. Magill leaves his wife, Mrs. Martha Vogel Magill; two brothers, Morey A. and Benjamin B.; two sisters, Mrs. James Olmstead and Miss Mary A. Magill.

Dramatic Moments In Catholic Life

(Continued from Page Six)

Lord Erchinoald, I am treated with all consideration."

"You are free from henceforth, Bathilde," was the King's next pronouncement. "And you shall hear more from me soon. You may go now."

Bathilde, her flushed face showing the gratitude of her heart for the gift of her freedom, retired.

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So impressed had the King been with the charm and bearing of Bathilde that he married the girl the same year. Her sudden elevation, however, to the loftiest position in France, in no wise diminished the virtues which had so distinguished her as a slave girl. Rather, these virtues were enhanced. Wise, good, prudent, generous and humble, she remained at heart what she had always been.

After seven years of married life Clovis died, leaving Bathilde with three sons, Clothaire, Childeric and Thierry. The nobles who assembled following the death of the King thereupon proclaimed Clothaire III ruler of France under the regency of his saintly mother, Bathilde.

Now was given to Bathilde the opportunity to inaugurate those reforms which she had long contemplated. Aided by the authority of Erchinoald and the Bishops Eloi of Noyen and Ouen of Rouen, she abolished the disgraceful trade in Christian slaves, then rampant in France, and concerning which she had such excellent knowledge. She repressed simony among the clergy, established charitable and religious institutions and ruled the people wisely and justly, so that her name was held in reverence among them.

Another Mayor of the Palace, Ebroin by name, had succeeded Erchinoald and conquering his ambition, she maintained her own authority and at length had the satisfaction of seeing her sons established in their respective territories, Childeric in Austrasia and Thierry in Burgundy.

Then at last she was free to follow the great desire of her life. Having performed her duty as a wife and mother she announced her intention of retiring from the world and entering the famous abbey of Chelles near Paris.

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The hall of the abbey of Chelles was crowded with ecclesiastics and nuns who had gathered there to welcome the good Queen Bathilde to the cloister. At last the great monastery doors swung open and Bathilde, accompanied by her attendants for the last time, entered.

Slowly she made her way towards the Bishop who awaited her. Without ostentation she doffed the crown which graced her fair head and laid aside the royal robe which enveloped her. Having placed these symbols of royalty on a stool before the Bishop, she knelt before him.

"Good Father," she said humbly, "I am a Queen no longer, but a simple suppliant who asks to be enrolled in the lowest rank of the inmates of this blessed house."

And thus Bathilde, slave and then Queen of France, forsook the world and entered the convent, taking her place among the novices, and with her own hands serving the sick and the poor for the fifteen years of her secluded life in the abbey. Never once in that time did a word concerning her former grandeur come from her lips.

She died in 680, was buried at Chelles and canonized by Pope Nicholas I. Her feast is celebrated in France on Jan. 30.

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Knights Choral Society Plans Annual Outing

Nearly one hundred people are expected to attend the annual outing of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus Choral Society, which is to be held Saturday afternoon and evening, July 16, at the Newport House, Irondequoit.

President Edward Rizzo is general chairman of the picnic, which is open to members of the Choral Society and their friends. The program includes sports during the afternoon, the highlight of which will be the usual ball game between the tenors and the basses; choice of a chicken or steak supper, and orchestral music during the evening.

Several members of the choral group will be heard in solo selections, and the Melody Four quartet, composed of John Costello, Wilfred Hanss, Arthur Farren and Walter Mayrl, will present some four-part harmony.

The Knights of Columbus Choral Society closed a most successful season last spring, both musically and financially. Its new season will start in October. Present officers of the society are: Edward Rizzo, president; Pat McCracken, vice-president; Hubert Call, treasurer; Eugene C. Dill, secretary; Arthur Farren, assistant secretary; John O'Brien, librarian; Walter Mayrl, assistant librarian. Professor Frederick C. Pohl, choir master at St. Michael's, is director and Paul A. Predmore is assistant director.

Vatican Sends Gratitude Note To K. C. Head

New Haven—A message of appreciation for what the Knights of Columbus have done in Italy was recently received by Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody from Vatican City.

The message states in part:

"Dear Mr. Carmody.

* * * I read your address delivered over the radio with interest and with pleasure. It was a very concise and fascinating story of the foundation of the Knights of Columbus and an account of their very notable achievements during these past fifty years. Certainly you and the Knights of Columbus are to be thanked and congratulated for all the good that has been done.

I was glad to see also the publication of the telegram of the Holy Father and to know that it arrived in sufficient time for you to use on the occasion of the Anniversary day.

Last week I had the consolation of confirming nearly a hundred boys and girls in the Oratory of St. Peter, who had at the same time received their First Holy Communion. The Holy Father requested that the children come to him and he gave them a very pious little talk on Holy Communion. The children prayed for their benefactors, the Knights of Columbus, after they received the Blessed Sacrament.

* * * All the world knows that the Knights of Columbus established the Oratory at the request of the Holy Father.

With very best wishes and kindest regards, * * *

I remain,
Your sincere friend,
F. Borgongini Duca,
Apostolic Nuncio in Italy"

First Lay Retreat In North Carolina Given by Bp. Hafey

Belmont, N. C.—The first retreat for laymen to be held in North Carolina has been conducted at Belmont Abbey College here, with the Most Rev. William J. Hafey, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh, as retreatmaster. Plans for the retreat were made at the recent annual convention of the North Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus and arrangements made with the Benedictine Fathers to hold the retreat at the Abbey. It is intended that the retreat will be an annual affair.

Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

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On the occasion of the seventy-fifth birthday of Pope Pius XI a cablegram of congratulation was sent to him in the name of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. The following organizations have received:

The Holy Father has received the telegram expressing the felicitations of the members of the Rochester diocesan organization of Catholic Women.

His Holiness is grateful for this message and he desires to convey an expression of his thanks to all the members of this organization together with his Apostolic Blessing.

Announcement of the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, Rochester Diocesan Council, N. C. C. W., to be held in Elmira, Wednesday, July 27, at 10 o'clock, at the Mark Twain Hotel appears elsewhere in this issue.

It was with deep regret that we learned last week that Mrs. James G. McCarthy, President of the Elmira Deanery Council, had been injured in an automobile accident. Her friends will be glad to know she is on her way to recovery.

We would again remind organizations whose membership is expiring to send in their renewals promptly. The following organizations have recently renewed their affiliation for the coming year: Central Council of the L. C. B. A., Rochester; Rosary and Scapular Society, Holy Family Church, Elmira; Catholic Daughters of America, Court Rochester, No. 1138, Rochester; St. Monica's Sacred Heart League, Rochester; Church, Auburn; League of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception Church, Elmira; Catholic Daughters of America, Court Rochester, No. 1138, Rochester; St. Monica's Sacred Heart League, Rochester.

Camp Madonna List Of Recent Guests

Among recent guests at Camp Madonna-on-Canandaigua-Lake are: Jane Finley of New York City, Marion McNerney of Buffalo, N. Y., Anne Virginia Miller, Winifred Clark, Rose Marie Lamprakes, Frances Foley, Anna Mazurajtis, Catherine Lotspike, Marguerite Hazard, Katherine Bloom, Helen Geere, Irene Tudico, Patricia Reynardson, Betty Bragg, Marie B. and Betty Jane Vetter, Barbara Story, Suzanne Barrett, Marjorie Lawler, Mary Furdyn, Katherine and Frances Hauser, Mary Louise Ermatinger, Mary Elizabeth Leinen, Lucille Duffy, Jean Curtis, Helen Fancher, Margaret E. Kelleher, Ruth Kirk, Frances Straughn, Marion Wobus, Helen C. Mandel, Mary Jane Garner, Janet Maloney, and Betty LeFleur, of this city, and Mary Jane Phelan of Geneva, N. Y., and Elizabeth Enright, Jane Colligan, Elizabeth McMahon and Virginia Neal of Victor, N. Y.

Fourth Degree To Have District Meet

The Biennial Convention of the Fifth District, Knights of Columbus, comprising Assemblies in several counties between Rochester and Syracuse, will be held Thursday evening, July 21, at Springside Inn, Owasco Lake, near Auburn. District Master John F. Barrett of Syracuse will preside. Assemblies in the Rochester diocese will send delegations.

New Grand Knight To Convene Meeting

The first regular meeting of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus to be presided over by the newly elected Grand Knight Dr. Walter R. O'Neill will be held in Columbus Civic Center on Thursday evening, July 21.

Plans for the coming state convention of the Knights of Columbus to be held in Rochester in May 1933 will be discussed and Grand Knight O'Neill will appoint his committee chairmen.

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Leo C. Mooney

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