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Bishop McFadden
The consecration of Right Reverend Monsignor James A. McFadden as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland has a peculiar significance for the National Council of Catholic Men since the beginning of the organization he has been a staunch supporter of it. As Vice General of the Cleveland Diocese under Bishop Schrembs, the Episcopal Chairman of the National Council, he has been in close touch with it and has acquired an understanding and sympathy with its aims and purposes. The delegates to the 1931 Convention at Rochester will recall his sermon in the Cathedral during the Pontifical Mass which opened the Convention wherein he referred to the slow but steady growth of the National Council, likening it to the slow ascent of a mountain whose peak was emblazoned in glorious colors by the Emperors of the Holy Father on Catholic Action.

He also said: "Their struggle (The N. C. C. M.) of these past years has been a very difficult one because it was the beginning; it was the foot of the mountain. They saw narrowness, the narrowness of individualism. Individualism without social responsibility, is a great evil, a thing that must be eradicated from Holy Mother Church. There is no such thing as an individual Christian; an individual Catholic is a misnomer. We are all incorporated into the Body of Christ, and the ideal that he expresses is expressed by St. Paul when he sought to make up what was wanting in the sufferings of Christ in his own body. There is no room for narrowness as regards the great purposes of God.

We find the Emperors Lord and Saviour, in the parable of the wise and

foolish virgins, condemning those who came with little oil. There have been those in the present day who have brought to the service of religion not the quantity of oil that the wise virgins of the parable carried, but who were content to render a very meager service. There have been those who glory in their individualism, who have not wanted to take part in the great movements that have been established by the hierarchy for the participation of the laity in the life of the Church. In bringing a solution to the problems of the day, and giving to our country the benefits that the Catholic Religion can give. There have been those who opposed organization, and yet organization is the law of life. Our Divine Lord and Saviour did not bestow infallibility upon each individual Christian, but He organized His Church, and He gave to the Church the mission of gathering all together into one kingdom. And still there are those, who knowing these things, will go on without organization. There are those who deny the necessity, but today the National Council of Catholic Men gives thanks that this spirit has been settled forever for the Catholic by the great evangelical and apostolic letters that have been issued in the past two years.

Bishop McFadden has participated in many Conventions of the N. C. C. M. and attended many of the quarterly meetings of the National Directors, bringing to them sound counsel and advice.

As managing Director of the Diocesan Catholic University Bulletin, he has built up a fine Diocesan Organ in which much space has been devoted to lay organization and the National Council. At the dinner following the consecration, Bishop McFadden said that his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop would enable him to devote more of his time to the program of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The members of the National Council rejoice that this great honor has been conferred upon Bishop McFadden.



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Leads Youth Session



Miss Anne Schachon Hooley, of Kansas City, Mo., who will preside over a session of the twelfth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women which will discuss "The Place of Youth in Social Reconstruction." The convention is to be held at Charleston, S. C., from October 8 to 12. Miss Hooley is Secretary of the N. C. C. W.

Catholic Women Invited to Join State Union

At the regular meeting of the Catholic Women's Federation held Tuesday evening in St. Joseph's basement hall, an invitation was received from President Mrs. Mary Loeber, of the Catholic Women's Union, New York State Section, to the local Federation to become affiliated with the state body.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee consisting of Chairman, Miss Laura K. Schilling; Mrs. Mary Mandell, Miss Elizabeth Cornier and the following officers: President, Miss Louise Meyers; Secretary, Miss Mary Fieane; and Financial Secretary, Mrs. Anna Kastner, who will report at the October 13 meeting of the Federation.

In the letter from State President, Mrs. Loeber, she expressed the appreciation of the state organization for the hospitality shown by the Rochester women during the recent State Convention of the Catholic Women's Union and expressed the hope that the local body would see its way clear to become affiliated with the state organization.

The Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, spiritual director of the local Federation, gave an interesting address. A report was made on the community appeal for clothing and Mrs. Perry Burke reported collecting over 300 pieces. Luncheon was served following the business session.

It was announced at the meeting that the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles P. Smy, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, will address the October 18 meeting on his pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress.

Dramatic Moments In Catholic Life

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couch. An hour's rest had suggested itself before he started out on the long and arduous journey to Gaul. His deep dejection at abandoning the work of Augustine which had prospered so well, made this impossible, however, and he lay there thinking. Suddenly he heard a rustle as of wind, the sound of some one entering the room, it seemed. He turned towards the door, wondering if some heaven had already come for him. A light came in the doorway and, yes, there could be no doubt of it—Peter, the Prince of the Apostles.

Now there came a voice.

"You would abandon the work of the great Augustine at the first cry of danger?" it said sadly. "You, the shepherd of your flock, and the successor of Augustine, would leave the Church and her children to her enemies!"

And, we read, Peter punished Lawrence by inflicting stripes upon him.

The following morning Lawrence hastened to the King and was at last ushered into his presence. Eadwald was surprised to see the Bishop and surprised more at the confidence of his hearing and his speech.

"What do you wish? If it be with regard to my people, I can do nothing," said the King, evidently trying to anticipate any request for protection which the Bishop might make.

"No, my lord," said Lawrence. "It is not of that that I wish to speak but of a vision which came to me last night when, like a coward, I was about to desert my post."

Thereupon he told the King about the vision of St. Peter and exhibited to him his wounded body, the punishment which St. Peter had inflicted upon him for his contemplated dereliction.

The King listened with interest and when Lawrence's wounds were shown, he was so moved that he gave a complete change in his attitude towards the Bishop. So impressed was Eadwald with the story that it led to his conversion.

With the conversion of the King, Mellitus and Justus were recalled from Gaul to resume their work and these, under the direction of Lawrence, continued their work of evangelizing Kent and the neighboring provinces.

Shortly thereafter Lawrence died, about the year 619. He was buried near his great leader, Augustine, in the north porch of St. Peter's abbey church, afterwards known as St. Augustine's.

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Knights of Columbus Boy Scout Troop Scoutmaster Appointed; Seeks Instructors

Boy Scout Troop 141, sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, is opening the fall and winter season with a new Scoutmaster, George J. Burt, a member of the Council's Troop Committee, and active in local Scout affairs. He will succeed Elmer J. Humes.

Mr. Humes has been Scoutmaster since the Troop was organized four years ago, but has been obliged to resign, due to business interests taking up his time. He will, however, continue to take an active interest in the Troop, by membership on the Troop Committee.

Both Mr. Burt and Mr. Humes are members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

In announcing the new Scoutmaster, the Troop committee also makes an appeal to members of the Knights of Columbus who are interested in particular subjects appealing to boys to take part in the Scout Program by offering their services, at one or two Scout meetings during the course of the season.

Subjects, the Committee is principally interested in presenting to boys are: aviation, basketry, carpentry, electricity, leather craft, metal craft, photography, wood carving, astronomy, journalism and radio.

Members who can assist in coaching the boys on these subjects are requested to present their names to Financial Secretary, Paul A. Predmore, Columbus Civic Center.

Catholic Women's Club Commences Fall Activities

Program of Catholic Action Outlined on "Wheel of Diversion" Activities Announced for 1932-1933 Season

The activities of the Catholic Women's Club which are visualized at the Club House in Alexander Street, by a large wheel have been set in motion for the season of 1932-33. Having for its aim "Catholic Action," in which Catholics of every social class participate, its activities are greatly diversified, the purely social activities being maintained primarily to support the more serious part of its program.

Opening dates occurring during the first week of October follow:

October 2 (Sunday) C. W. C. Unit of Catholic Poetry Society, 3:30 p. m.

October 3—Advanced Class Contract Bridge, 2:30 p. m. Mrs. John C. Curran, instructor.

October 3—Business Women's Group, 8:00 p. m.

October 4—Bowling Group, Columbus Civic Center Alley, 6:00-8:00 p. m.

October 5—Beginners and Brush-up Class, Contract Bridge, Mrs. John C. Curran, instructor.

October 6—Study Group, 8:00 p. m. Mrs. John J. Soblo, directing.

October 7—Isaiah Catechetical Class, 4:00 p. m. at Santorum.

October 7—Weekly Afternoon Bridge Tea, 2:30 p. m.

The Club Chorus will open its season on Tuesday evening, October 13, at the Club House.

Catechists Started

The Friendly Visitors who cooperate with the Sisters of the Blessed Trinity in catechetical work at Lady Chapel, have already commenced their work, as have the group of volunteers who serve thrice monthly at the Blind Craft Shop in Monroe Avenue.

The three Girl Scout troops of the Club are meeting weekly on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. The St. Sister Group of Rochester Blue Six, Inc., held their first meeting the third Thursday evening in September, and the Mission Group, the third Friday evening. Throughout the month of October, a number of members of the Club are giving small card parties in their homes in cooperation with the St. Mary and Means Committee of the Club, in lieu of the large annual card party. These parties will not interfere with the weekly Friday afternoon bridge tea at the Club House which open each year the first Friday in October. Late in the month the Missionary Committee will take the visitation of Club members in their annual fall canvass, and on the last Friday, Saturday and Sunday of October members are being invited to take part in the spiritual exercises of the annual retreat for lay-women of the Diocese of Rochester sponsored by the Club at Nazareth College. The October business meeting will be featured at Girl Scout and Girl Scout mothers' night, and the November meeting will be a welcoming supper at Columbus Civic Center to new members, and a reunion of old.

The annual Christmas Sale comes early in December, after which the month's activities are given over to the Club's charitable projects.

Three young women are continuing their training this year at Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy and Mercy High School under scholarships awarded by the Club.

Catholic women of the city are invited to participate in any of the activities of the Club in which they may be interested. Contact may be formed by calling the Club House, where applications for membership may also be made. While membership in the Club is limited to women of the Catholic faith, all of the classes are open to any woman, and they will be cordially welcomed.

State Deputy Names District Aides in K. C.

William J. Armstrong, New York State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, announced his appointments for the coming term, last week. He named a state chaplain, state committee chairman and district deputies.

The following were named: State Chaplain, Rev. John L. Smith, St. Patrick's rectory, Catskill; Chairman Auditing Committee, Patrick J. Murphy, Kingston; Chairman Boy Life Committee, John V. M. Maloney, Canastota; Chairman Catholic Affairs Committee, Adam M. Loeber, Cortland; Chairman General Plan and Activities Committee, James J. McKernan, Albany; Chairman Historical Committee, Frank W. Smith, New York City; President Hospital Association, Daniel A. Tobin, New York City; Chairman League Committee, Albert N. Lilly, New York City; Chairman Membership Committee, Joseph F. Lamb, Bronx, New York; Chairman Retreat Committee, John Carroll, Niagara Falls; Chairman Scholarship Committee, Maurice J. Moore, New York City.

In the list of 55 district deputies appointed the following were named for districts in western and central New York:

District 55, Francis J. Kelly, Hornell; 54, Francis J. Dugan, Salamanca; 53, Edward M. Ciolek, Lockport; 52, Frank J. Davis, Buffalo; 51, Leo E. Collins, Medina; 60, John A. Doyle, Rochester; 59, John J. Leo, Auburn; 58, William A. McCaffrey, Oswego; 57, Richard T. McMahon, Cortland; 56, Cornelius J. Milliken, Elmira; 55, James C. Scanlon, Norwich; and 54, T. Edward McDermott, Utica.

Fourth Degree Plans Meeting And Clambake

The Executive Committee of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, met this week and planned the fall and winter season of activities.

The first meeting of the Assembly will be held in Columbus Civic Center on Thursday evening, September 29. Faithful Navigator C. Vincent Wisner will preside. A prominent speaker will be on the program and entertainment will be furnished under the direction of Faithful Captain, John P. Keating.

A clambake to which the Fourth Degree members will invite their friends will be held on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Brook-Lea Country Club. Golf will be played in the afternoon. In the evening there will be dancing and cards. The program is being arranged to furnish amusement for the knights, their wives and friends.

The Fourth Degree Bowling League is organizing for the fall and winter season and will bowl every Friday evening from 8 to 11 p. m. at Columbus Civic Center bowling alleys. Members interested in bowling should see President Joseph E. Marcell or Secretary-Treasurer, Al Klein, Powers Hotel Cigar Stand.

Local Federation Hears Reports On State Convention

The recent 25th annual convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America, New York State Branch, held in Rochester, was declared the finest ever held at the regular meeting of the Rochester Branch held Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Basement Hall.

President Joseph T. Otto, presiding, who was general chairman of the convention committee, reported that after all expenses had been paid, a surplus was left in the convention fund. Letters from other branches in the state were read by convention secretary Frank Hohnlein expressing appreciation of the Rochester Branch's efforts in arranging for such a successful convention.

At the October meeting it is planned to take up discussion of resolutions adopted at the national and state conventions of the Catholic Central Verein. State resolutions drafted and adopted here in Rochester were declared by F. P. Kenkel, director of the Central Bureau in St. Louis, to be the finest he has heard in any state during this year, and better in many respects to those of the national body. Philip H. Donnelly, former county judge, was chairman of the Resolutions Committee at the state convention.

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Plans Announced For Charleston Meeting

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, October 8 to 12. His Excellency the Most Rev. Bishop Piusannon, Apostolic Delegate in the United States, will be celebrated of the solemn Pontifical Mass with which the convention will be formally opened on October 8.

The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P. Archbishop of Cincinnati, and the Most Rev. John J. Neenan, Bishop of Education, N. C. W. C. will deliver the sermon at this Mass, which will be sung in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston.

The closing address of the convention will be by the Bishop of Charleston, Bishop John England, the first Ordinary of the Diocese of Charleston. When Bishop England arrived in Charleston at the close of 1880 he found his diocese covered more than 150,000 square miles and embraced three States, with two bishops and two churches to serve the two hundred Catholics who were his charges. At his death, 25 years later, he left a well-organized diocese with 14 churches, 30 priests, 7 clerical students, two communities of religious women, a school for education in the classics, an agricultural seminary, and a Catholic population of 1,000. Two years after his arrival in Charleston, Bishop England founded the United States Catholic Missionary, the first distinctly Catholic periodical published in the United States. He addressed the Congress of the United States at its invitation in 1826, the first Catholic priest or prelate to address this honor.

The Most Rev. Emmet Michael Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, at whose invitation the Twelfth annual convention of the N. C. W. C. is being held in his city, governs a diocese which embraces the State of South Carolina or an area of more than 30,000 square miles. This diocese, with a Catholic population of some 7,000 souls, has 44 churches, two hospitals, 18 parish schools, two high schools, 40 priests residing in 22 rectories, and 321 religious women in seven convents.

On Monday, October 10, there will be a Public Luncheon. Richard Held, President of the Catholic Press Association and Editor of the Georgia Journal, will speak on the necessity for setting Catholic principles into the secular press.

be held Friday evening, September 23, at the Catholic Women's Club, 115 Alexander Street. Mrs. Louis A. Whelan presiding.

Interesting highlights of the Charleston Congress will be given by some of our members who were in attendance at the Congress. The Denary meetings are open to all interested Catholic women.

Important announcements will be made at the Denary meeting with regard to the coming sessions of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. W. C. to be held in Rochester on October 12 and 13.

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Miss Anne Brennan Re-elected President

At the annual election of the Young Ladies' Society of St. Mary's, Miss Anne Brennan was re-elected president. She has been president since 1928. Following her election, Miss Brennan gave a talk on the history of the Society. She was elected to the position of president for the year 1932-33.

It is not an unusual thing for a young lady to be elected president of a society. It is a sign of her leadership and her ability to lead. Miss Brennan has been a very successful president and has led her society to many achievements.



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