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CATHOLIC EVIDENCE

The cornerstone of representatives of Catholic Evidence Guilds held recently in New York City is a long step in the direction of efficiency. Much time and effort will be saved and the results will be greater if unnecessary duplication of work is avoided. The most effective methods of broadcasting the message of the Church to Non-Catholics can be determined based upon the experience of the various Societies devoted to his cause. As organization has progressed in the Church in the United States, so the numbers of its members have increased in direct proportion. Each year witnesses a large number of converts whose conversion is directly traceable to the missionary efforts of the various societies engaged in Catholic Evidence work.

David Goldstein, noted Catholic lay speaker and apologist, a convert from Judaism and Mrs. Martha Moore Avery, also a convert and former prominent socialist of Boston, more than 16 years ago started the Catholic Truth Guild of Boston, speaking on Boston Common to the audiences that were willing to hear them. This Society is patterned after the Catholic Truth Society of England in its featuring of the soap-box type of spreading the Gospels of Christ. This kind of endeavor has been most effective because the listeners have been people who could not be reached in any other way.

A week or two ago Mr. Goldstein opened a series of addresses in Washington on the Campus of the Catholic University. His listeners in this case were composed largely of seminarians and professors and religious. His subject was, "The Story of Carrying the Catholic Message to the Man in the Street." His talk was largely a review of the growth of the Catholic Truth Guild of Boston. For 15 years the members of the guild have traveled in and around the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holding outdoor meetings to advance the cause of teaching Catholic Truths. In the course of 15 months the lecture car decorated in the Papal colors, used by Mr. Goldstein has traveled 30,000 miles and has held an average of 20 meetings a month. Hundreds and often thousands of persons, mostly non-Catholics, have gathered about the car, which is equipped with loud speakers, enabling the voices of the speakers to be heard by those standing at a distance from the car, many of whom would not care to be seen listening to Catholic speakers.

On the national tour, recently completed, thousands of questions were asked and objections put to the speakers covering a wide range of subjects. Where queries were made in a hostile spirit, the answers were amiably made and were listened to most courteously even by persons who patently had no sympathy with the Church or Her doctrines. Mr Goldstein stated that in the past 15 months of campaigning for Christ, he was not heckled by anyone assembled around the lecture car. On only two occasions were the speakers confronted with open hostility, once when a stone was thrown at the car, and another time when a group of Communists attempted to prevent the lecture by keeping the lecture car from reaching its scheduled destination in a public park.

With Mr. Goldstein on the present trip is Theodore H. Dorsey of Baltimore, a convert, who before his entrance into the Church was a student in a Protestant-Episcopal seminary. During the talks pamphlets "Campaigns for Christ Handbook" are distributed to interested listeners, an extended trip will be made through the South. The present series of nation-wide tours is being sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America.

The methods used by Mr. Goldstein have been found to be very effective over a long period of time. The Catholic Truth Society of England has had similar experience. The problem of the Evidence Guilds is how to get the information into the hands of non-Catholics in a way that will arrest their attention and start inquiry into facts about the Catholic Religion.

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Third Order of St. Francis Meeting To Be Occasion for Annual Visitation

It is announced by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay that the regular monthly meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis, of which he is the spiritual director, will be held at 4:00 p. m. on Sunday, October 23, in Our Lady Chapel. The meeting will be the occasion of the annual visitation, as required by the rule. Rev. Father Cornelius, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure's College, will address those present, receive new members and duly profess those who have satisfactorily passed the prescribed year of probation.

The Third Order secular is a real and true Order of the Church. It has been so declared by a number of Roman pontiffs. It has an approved rule, a novitiate, profession and habit—like the rest of the approved Religious Orders. It is not a mere confraternity or league of prayer, and its members live in closer communication with the Church than the faithful in general. Membership in the Third Order has been enriched with numerous indulgences and many spiritual advantages and graces accrue to those who are faithful to its precepts.

The Third Order was founded by St Francis of Assisi in response to a popular demand for a rule of life to be followed by those whose occupations kept them in daily contact with the world. Its rule, originally composed by St. Francis in 1221, was adapted to the circumstances of modern times by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII in 1883. Its membership has been recruited from the cottages of the poor and lowly and from the courts and palaces of kings and princes. Popes Pius IX and Leo XIII belonged to it, as did also Columbus, the discoverer of America, Dante, the greatest of the poets, and the great painters Raphael, Giotto and Michelangelo. About ninety of its members have been canonized or beatified, among them the celebrated Cure d'Ars.

Walter Simpson is president and George Siegrist is secretary of the Rochester branch which has nearly two hundred members. All persons interested are urged to attend the meeting on Sunday and learn what the Third Order of St. Francis offers to those desirous of leading more perfect lives.

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Dramatic Moments In Catholic Life

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of dangers and adventures, captures and escapes. He moved boldly and freely about the countryside at a time when every priest had a price on his head. He was enabled to do this because, being an accomplished sportsman and rider, he usually gave the appearance of a horseman who had lost his way in the chase, or a huntsman whose hawk had strayed. He literally rode his way through a persecution.

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The gallant John Gerard was born October 4, 1564, the second son of Sir Thomas Gerard of Bryn, who, although for a time a staunch defender of the faith, turned against it by giving evidence against another Catholic. Whether the father continued in his inconstancy or not is not definitely known.

John, at the age of thirteen, went to Douai seminary in France, to Oxford in 1579 and then in 1581 to the Jesuits' College in Paris. He came back to England in 1584, was arrested because of his faith and spent two years in prison. Released, he made his way back to the Continent and entered the English college in Rome. In 1588 he joined the Society of Jesus and so great was the need of missionary priests in England to preserve what remained of the faith that he was sent there in September of the same year, a youth of twenty four.

Landing at Norfolk his adventures began at once. But despite the dangers which constantly surrounded him he carried on his ministrations among the Catholic families with marvelous success and sent many young men and women across the channel to the seminaries and convents on the continent.

However, eventually he was caught despite all his precautions through the treachery of a servant whom he trusted. This occurred in July, 1594. First the valiant priest spent two years in smaller prisons and finally was brought to the notorious Tower of London.

The Queen's officials determined to see if they could wrest any information from him which might enable them to lay their greedy hands on his co-workers in the dangerous mission field. So they hung him up by the hands and prodded him with questions. Despite the cruel and inhuman torture, John Gerard kept silent and at last his inquisitors gave up the task, despairing of getting anything from the redoubtable Jesuit. He was relegated to the Salt Tower.

The months passed. The year 1597 came an done night a ball of string was thrown through the open window of Gerard's tower cell and fell at the Jesuit's feet. One end of it remained in the hands of a friend of the priest on the Tower Wharf. John Gerard pulled on the string and gradually drew into the room the other end of a rope. This end was secured and then with great difficulty because his hands still were crippled and almost helpless because of the bloody torture to which they had been subjected, he made his way down the rope and across the moat to freedom.

Free once again! But John Gerard did not turn his back on his work but once more launched upon his adventurous career as a missionary. Finally in 1605, when persecution developed a new fury because of the Gunpowder Plot, he slipped away from England, never more to return. The rest of his life he spent on the continent in the various English colleges. He died July 27, 1637. Protestants themselves have read with wonder and praise the remarkable career of this intrepid soldier of Christ.

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Nazareth College Activities

By MARY MORAN '33

Nazareth College conducted its annual Retreat for the Students from Monday morning, October 17, to Wednesday evening, October 19. This year the Retreat Master was the Rev. Wilfred Parsons, S.J., the noted Editor of "America."

During the Retreat the Students issued a paper entitled "Spiritual Spice." Classes were suspended during the observance of the Retreat.

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The Feast Day of the Dean, Sister Teresa Marie, was observed by the Students on Friday, October 14, although it properly fell on Saturday.

The College girls attended Holy Mass and received Holy Communion on that morning as a mark of the appreciation and gratitude for the tireless zeal of their beloved Dean.

The Mass was offered by Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester.

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At a recent Assembly meeting the Students voted to establish a Nazareth College Quarterly. Said publication will be in the hands of the members of the Senior Class; the staff elections will be held within the next two weeks.

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The first issue of the "Gleaner," the College publication, for the Year 1932-1933 appeared Thursday, October 19.

Clever, interesting editorials were submitted by the Editor-in-Chief, Miss Harriet Hoock, and Miss Dorothy Graves, an Associate Editor. Feature articles were written by the Misses Catherine Hock and Mary Moran, both Senior Representatives.

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Delegates from all Classes will represent Nazareth College at the Mission Mass at the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 23.

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Miss Ruth Ehman has been elected Chairman of the Freshman Class.

Interesting Subjects to Be Discussed At Convention of Rochester Diocesan Council, N. C. C. W., Program Reveals

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mittees, an address will be given on "Catholic Action" by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The evening meeting, Wednesday will open with selections by the Columbus Civic Center orchestra. Mr. Sheed will be the speaker and songs will be sung by the Catholic Women's Club Chorus. A reception to officers will follow.

A Mass for deceased members of the Rochester Diocesan Council will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street by the Rev. Louis J. Vollmer, C. SS. R., rector, at 8 a. m. Thursday morning.

Talks on Recreation

Sessions will open in Columbus Civic Center at 9:30 a. m. with the Rt. Rev. John F. Scheithorn, presiding. A vocal solo at 11 a. m. will be followed by discussion on "Our Children and Recreation" by the following the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert for Columbus Civic Center, the Rev. George O. Vogt for Camp Stella Maris and the Rev. Henry Manley for Camp Madonna.

The Presidents' Luncheon will be held at 12:15 p. m. with the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., presiding. Deanery Presidents as follows will talk: Mrs. Louis A. Whalen, Rochester; Mrs. T. A. Kane, Geneva; Miss Mary G. McCormick, Ithaca; Mrs. James G. McCarthy, Elmira; Mrs. Charles Githler, Corning; and Miss Jane Long, Auburn.

The closing sessions on Thursday afternoon will be featured by an address "The First Year" by Anne M. Nicholson, Ph.D., Field Representative of the National Council of Catholic Women. Sessions will start at 2; the address will commence at 2:30 p. m. and the convention will close with a meeting of the Board of Directors and election and installation of officers.

Annual Meeting Alhambra, Monday

Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, will meet Monday evening, October 24, on the Home Economics Roof to elect officers and to decide on a date for placing a marker in commemoration of the early Jesuit missionaries near Irondequoit. Grand Commander Daniel J. O'Hare will preside.

Fourth Degree To Hear Father Gefell

A large crowd of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and their wives is expected to attend the illustrated lecture on Lourdes to be given by the Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, D.D., pastor of Holy Family Church, at Columbus Civic Center on Thursday evening, October 27. Members of the third degree knights and their wives have been invited.

St. Boniface Commandery Plans Hallowe'en Party and Costume Dance for Mon., Oct. 24

St. Boniface Commandery, 25, Knights of St. John, will hold its annual Costume, Hallowe'en Party and Dance in St. Boniface Hall, 17 Whalin Street, Monday, October 24.

A lively evening is guaranteed by the chairman Herman Gehring. Card playing will take place in the auditorium and will be in charge of the Ladies Auxiliary 47. Drill Team. There will be prizes for each table.

Dancing will take place in the banquet hall downstairs and will be in charge of the men's drill team of Commandery 25. Attractive prizes will be given to those having the most original and the best costumes. Music will be furnished by the Davenport Gypsies. Refreshments will also be served downstairs.

Chairman Gehring commenting on the coming party said this week: "If you want to forget the depression, be there. Tickets are only $.25 and what a time is promised."

Commandery 25 will extend a heary welcome to all members of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliaries in the diocese.

Committees assisting Chairman Gehring are:

Reception committee: Chief of Staff, Albert Goldbach; Aldo de Camp, Martin Wahl; Captain, Wendel Maeder; and Lieutenant, Edward Katzenberger; Refreshments, John Welter, Edward Sankel, Frank Diel, Joseph Forte, and John Dick.

General Committee: Eugene Dill, secretary; Frank Biel, John Walters, Fred Ritz, George Schenk, Edward Ritz, Frank Prior and Charles Welter.

Father Manley Will Conduct the C. W. C. Retreat

The Annual Retreat for laywomen of the Diocese of Rochester, sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club, will open next Friday evening, Oct. 28, at eight o'clock at Nazareth College in Augustine Street, and will continue with exercises on Saturday evening at 8:00 P. M., and on Sunday morning at 8:30 A. M., when the Annual Mass for living and deceased members of the Club will be said, and the whole body of women attending will receive Holy Communion.

Of the weekend retreat movement among Catholic women in Rochester, an old retreatmaster of the Club has said: "A retreat is a few hours spent in consideration of the great business of life, to find out what one is making and can make of it: Every Catholic woman should make a retreat. All need it, all are invited and all are equally welcome. By it the mind is enlightened, the will strengthened, the heart inspired. It is a time of spiritual recreation, and one comes from it wonderfully refreshed for the battle of life."

Reverend Henry C. Manley will be retreatmaster, and His Grace, Most Reverend Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., will be the guest of honor at the Breakfast which will be served in the dining room of the College immediately following Mass Sunday morning.

The chapel of the College can accommodate one hundred, and women are invited to attend any of all of the exercises.

Reservations for the retreat and for the Communion Breakfast will be received at the Club House up to five o'clock next Friday evening, Oct. 28.

Announcement is made that the Annual Membership Canvass of the Club will be started at the Club House on Friday evening, November 4, when representatives of the Catholic parishes of the city and of various groups of the Club will meet. The work of organization is being carried on by Mrs. Richard FitzHarris, the chairman of the Membership Committee.

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