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## Catholic High Sodalists Meeting In Geneva Map Catholic Action Program

Spirited Meeting Held by Representatives of Mercy, De Sales, Auburn, and Nazareth; Plan Spiritual and Temporal Activities Until School Closes

Geneva—DeSales High School, here was the scene of spirited Catholic Action on Sunday afternoon February 5 when Mercy High, De Sales, Auburn Catholic High and Nazareth Academy sodalists met at 2:30 o'clock in the study hall to discuss sodality action for the second semester of the school year. From the moment when Miss Zelda Lyons, Chairman, Nazareth Academy, opened the meeting with a prayer till the singing of "Holy God" at 4:30 interest was at high key.

The official sodality song "Christ the King" was sung following the opening prayer. Miss Cleary, Mercy High, read the minutes of the October meeting. Reports were made from De Sales, Mercy and Nazareth respectively, on the first semester's activities.

Practical motions, lively discussions, amendments, remembrances, rejections of some motions, acceptance of others followed. The united sodalists voted for joining the "Queen's Work" contest on the outstanding American Catholic women of the past 100 years. The following spiritual and temporal activities were adopted:

Comprehensive Plan  
February—Spiritual—Five minute mental prayer daily by all sodalists.

Temporal—Support of Catholic Press month by reading Catholic papers, periodicals, or books.

March—Spiritual—Adoption by each school according to needs, one of the six Lenten practices suggested in Queen's Work semester outline.

Temporal—Support of Rochester Catholic Hour over WHAM on Sundays by "listening in" and writing approval to station.

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## The Catholic World Over

Buenos Aires—Street lectures are being conducted here by the executive board of the Federation of Catholic Circles of Workers, supported by El Pueblo in an effort to make known to the man in the streets the teachings of the two great Papal Encyclicals on labor, Rerum Novarum and Quadragesimo Anno.

St. Paul—The St. Paul Institute has just made available to the Rev. A. Byrnes, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, eight motion pictures in sound to be used as an aid to the study of general science. The films are to be introduced immediately in ten parochial schools.

Dakar, Senegal, Africa—The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have opened another hospital at Kaolack, an important port on the Atlantic in French West Africa. The Sisters, who are well known in Europe, South America and Africa as the Sisters of the Holy Family, have two other houses in West Africa which are centers of education for the children and dispensaries from which they go out on visits to the sick and instruct the people in household duties.

New Bedford, Mass.—Plans for the formation of a Catholic Evidence Guild have been made by members of McMahon Council, Knights of Columbus, here. This is the fifth guild to be formed within the past 12 months. The other four—at Balt-

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## THINGS TO DO... during February

FEBRUARY is being observed as "Catholic Press Month."

DURING these 28 special days there are many special things that you can do to make the observance successful.

MOST IMPORTANT of all is the matter of mentioning the CATHOLIC COURIER to advertisers. Many thousands of people are guided by the advertisements in this newspaper. The advertiser will be glad to have increasing proof of reader good will from such a substantial group.

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## Monsignor Lee Of Geneva Talks On Church Music

Delivers Sermon In Home Parish, Holy Angels, Buffalo, At Grey Nuns' Diamond Jubilee Sacred Concert

Buffalo. In observance of the diamond jubilee of the local community of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart a sacred concert was held on Sunday evening in Holy Angels' Church here, at which more than 1,500 persons attended. The sermon, delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, LL.D., M.R., V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales' Church, Geneva; dean of the Geneva deanery and a native of Holy Angels parish, was on "The Church and Her Music."

Three choirs participated in the program of the concert, which included sacred music from the 14th century Gregorian compositions to modern works. The choirs were: The D'Youville college choir, the Oblate Student choir, and the Holy Angels' Sanctuary choir. The D'Youville college glee club, also sang.

Augments Devotions

Monsignor Lee who is one of the first members of Holy Angels' parish, here, who entered the priesthood, in his sermon said:

"Down through the centuries the Church has purified and ennobled the arts, using them to augment the devotion of her public prayer and the splendor of her Divine Sacrifice. Music, the most enchanting of all the arts, she has fostered in a special way making it an essential feature of her solemn worship."

"It adds beauty and impressiveness to the utterance of her inspired message. In her solemn ceremonial

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## Carmelite Nuns To Open Carmel In Tokyo, Japan

Paris.—A group of eight Carmelites have left France and are now on their way to the Far East to found at Tokyo the first Carmel of Japan.

The nuns are going to the orient in response to an appeal from the Most Rev. Jean Chambon, Archbishop of Tokyo. The Carmel at Cholet in Anjou—devoted especially to the missions—has sent the French Carmelites, who, together with a Japanese, will compose the first group of Carmelites in Japan. The Japanese came to Cholet as a novice five years ago.

The Archbishop of Tokyo has written to friends in France that since it has been announced that Tokyo is to have a Carmel a number of Japanese young women have asked to be admitted to the novitiate.

The Carmel of Cholet was established only seven years ago but it has already founded two Carmels in far off mission countries.

## Nuns Impressive In Work Done For Doctor's Degree

Seventeen Dissertations by Sisters for Ph.D. Degrees At Catholic University Show Intensive Study in Varied Fields

Washington, D. C.—The famous opera singer who once announced that she was going to retire from the stage and enter the calm and seclusion of a convent in order to rest from the labor and strain of her profession and to "contemplate" might have changed her idea of convent life had she happened to see some such document as the list of published dissertations for the Ph.D. degree of the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., which includes seventeen dissertations by nuns, out of the total of thirty-two.

Perhaps, seeing the title such as "On the Number and Reality of the Self-Symmetric Quadrilaterals in and Circumscribed to the Triangular-Symmetric Rational Quartic," she realized that she could not successfully "try that on her contemplator." It may be that "A Determination of the Equipotential Surfaces in the

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## Noted Catholic Editor Believes Diocesan Weekly Deserves Support

Declaring that he believed it not exaggeration to say that Catholics who do not read Catholic papers are only nominal Catholics, for they cannot be described as informed Catholics, Michael J. Madigan, energetic editor of The Catholic News, official organ of the New York Archdiocese presents sound reasons for support of the Diocesan Weekly as his contribution to the Catholic Press Month number of Catholic Action magazine, just out.

In his article, Mr. Madigan writes: "Reasons why a Catholic diocesan weekly should receive support from the clergy and the laity come trooping into the mind of anyone with practical knowledge of what the American Catholic press is doing these days. No one has ever given a better reason than Pope Leo XIII, who said 'A religious newspaper is a perpetual mission.' The regular reader of a Catholic paper is constantly the recipient of instruction in his faith and at the same time he is edified and strengthened in its practice by the inspiration that must come to him from the news articles and editorial comments on Catholic achievements and Catholic trials to be found in a well-conducted Catholic weekly. Thus we have in the Catholic press Leo XIII's 'perpetual mission.'"

What the celebrated Pope said fifty years ago applies to the Catholic press generally. In every land his words are constantly quoted. Here in the United States they apply with special force, for we all have good reason to believe our diocesan weeklies are doing an especially good job in presenting week after week the story of Catholic progress and in defending the rights of the Church when they are assailed. By means of the N. C. W. C. News Service, which so competently covers the Catholic news sources of the whole world, the American Catholic press is able today to present weekly to its readers a well-written story of what

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## Diamond Jubilee at Lourdes



The apparition of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette Soubirous, which first occurred 75 years ago February 11, and the beautiful basilica erected at Lourdes, France, the scene of the apparition and destination of many thousands of pilgrims annually. Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be held this month in many parts of the world. The papal legate will participate in the ceremonies at Lourdes. The cause of the canonization of the Blessed Bernadette will be considered this year.

## Apparitions to Bernadette Recalled On Lourdes Shrine 75th Anniversary

By PHILIP H. DONNELLY

Seventy-five years ago next Saturday, February 11, three poor little girls left their homes in Lourdes in Southern France to gather some wood for fuel. They were Bernadette Soubirous, her sister Marie, and a neighbor, Jeanne Abadie. Their search brought them in the vicinity of the grotto of Massabieille, just outside of Lourdes on the bank of the river Gave.

When they reached the grotto, Marie and her neighbor continued on ahead, but Bernadette remained behind in front of the grotto. Suddenly she was attracted by a sound as of a great wind, and looking around to the right and to the left she saw nothing. Then turning towards the grotto she saw a lady more beautiful than any she had ever seen. The lady smiled graciously at the child, and then Bernadette fell on her knees and said her beads. As she recited the decades, the lady accompanied her, and when the child came to the glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, the lady also said the words. This was the first apparition at what was to be the world-famous grotto of Lourdes. It occurred on February 11, 1858.

There were other apparitions, the total number being eighteen. In each of the apparitions the lady seemed to be more gracious to the child, until she finally told the child who she was. "I am the Immaculate Conception," said the beautiful lady.

Two women of Lourdes who had persuaded the mother of Bernadette to permit the child to continue to go to the grotto, accompanied the child there. While the child was in an ecstasy, she motioned to the women and told them the lady wished them to withdraw a little. The women then told the child to ask the lady if she wished them not to come with the child. The lady replied that she not only wished them to come, but that she wished the whole world to come to the grotto.

And the whole world has since that time gone to the grotto. Although the public officials looked upon the apparitions at the time Bernadette reported them, as silly imaginings of a child and although science did all it could to show that there was nothing miraculous about the happenings at Lourdes, history has proved that the waters of the

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## Saner Remedies Needed In Economic Transition Is Conference View

Speakers at Catholic Industrial Conference Discuss Current Problems, Develop Need for Public Works Program

## DR. HAAS PROPOSES BAN ON OVERTIME AND ENDOWMENT OF LABORERS

New York—Industrial questions in the teaching were discussed at the two-day conference on Industrial Problems, held Monday and Tuesday by outstanding economists and industrialists. Speakers at the Monday appraisal of the economic situation and the same remedies if our national life is to be saved. The Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, "outlaw" open-shop and anti-union activities. Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, to set up an endowed labor university.

## Non-Catholics In Ohio College To Hear Bp. Schrembs

Cleveland Bishop Francis Schrembs, D.D., Bishop of Cleveland, has accepted an invitation to address the faculty and students of St. Ignace College, Alliance, Ohio, on Thursday morning, Feb. 16. The invitation came from Thomas E. Miller, administrator of the college.

The Bishop's topic will be "The Religion of the Future."

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## Alumni Secretary Of Notre Dame To Visit Rochester

Notre Dame, Ind.—James J. Armstrong, secretary of the University of Notre Dame national alumni association and vice-president of the National Catholic Alumni Federation, left here February 1 on a 21-day speaking tour which will bring him before 15 local Notre Dame alumni clubs and more than 20 high schools in the 15 Eastern cities on his itinerary.

He will be in Rochester February 12 and 13, addressing the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Rochester February 12. He will also talk at the Agate of East and West high schools, Aquinas Institute, and John Marshall high school.

The other Armstrong will visit are: Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Akron, Youngstown, Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, New York City, Newark, Washington, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

Speaking recently to the students of St. Philip's high school in Chicago, Armstrong said:

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## Parochial Schools Save City Two Millions Baltimore Archbishop Points Out in Statement

Baltimore—If the parochial school system of the City of Baltimore were to cease to function, the municipality would be faced with an added expense of \$2,501,289.44 annually to care for the education of Catholic children, the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, declared in a statement just sent to the Mayor and other city officials.

The text of the Archbishop's message, which pointed out that the cost of additional school buildings is not included in the total figure given, has proved that the waters of the

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