

Blessed Sacrament Cast To Appear In 3-Act Passion Play

"Calvary," a three-act sacred drama will be given in Blessed Sacrament Auditorium, Oxford Street, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 10 and 11, and on Good Friday evening, April 14, following church services. A matinee for children will be given Palm Sunday afternoon.

Gov. H. H. Knight, Helena, Mont.,—Frank H. Cooney, who has just assumed the office of Governor of Montana is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

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Newly Organized Elmira Sodality Plans Extensive Activities Program

Elmira—With a large increase in membership since its first organization meeting three weeks ago, the newly formed "Sodality of the Blessed Virgin," met Tuesday night of last week in St. Casimir's Hall to develop and plan its activity for the future. Over 600 were in attendance. The Rev. Daniel Holland, spiritual director of the sodality, and an assistant priest of St. Patrick's Church, gave the principal address. He expounded the threefold purpose of the organization, namely, the cultivation of personal holiness and integrity of life on the part of individual members, the apostolate of charitable and practical good works and the spread of the spiritual kingdom of God on earth.

H. N. S. Gives Post To Rev. Leo M. Shea

New York—The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O. P., Provincial of the Dominican Fathers, has appointed the Rev. Leo M. Shea, O. P., as an assistant to the National Director to represent the national headquarters of the Holy Name Society in Chicago and the western territory.

Elmira Knights Have Mass Film Showing

Elmira—The moving picture, "The Sacrifice of the Mass," was shown following a regular meeting of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, on Tuesday evening. It was presented through the courtesy of the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Paris—Inspired by the example of Perle de Foucauld, by the desire to lead a life of prayer, mortification and labor amid the infidels, four hermits, led by a priest of the Diocese of Versailles, Father Voltaire will install themselves at Chelala, south of Algeria, at the entrance to the Sahara. The hermits are preparing for their life in the desert by a retreat at the monastery of the White Fathers at Garthage; they will then take the habit of the Trappists of Dombes.

Scenes of Passion, Death Re-enacted In Jerusalem

(Continue from Page One) after the Last Supper, He went down from the Cenacle to the Garden of Olives to begin His Passion. At the same time, the Franciscan Fathers, Custodians of the Holy Places, have made plans to give particular solemnity to their daily procession to Calvary and still more to the Way of the Cross through the streets of Jerusalem on this Good Friday afternoon. Moreover, the Franciscan Fathers will exert every effort to make more impressive the Funeral Service of Our Lord, to be held in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, Good Friday night.

To Organize Guilds The first Sunday of the month was established as the regular monthly Communion Sunday for members, who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the 7:30 o'clock Mass each month in a body. Girl Scouts of St. Patrick's Church will act as ushers. A definite plan of organizing the sodality into guilds was presented to members, who will vote individually on their choice of action and study groups outlined to them by the president, Miss Carolyn Ruth Doran. These guilds are comprehensive in plan and form and offer members mediums of activity and study which cover virtually the whole gamut of religious thought and action.

Social organization is not forgotten in the plans of the new sodality, although the primary purpose for its existence is spiritual. However, recognition of the fact that religious thought and light should have influence and direct human activity in all its phases has inspired the inclusion of a plan for diversified social life for all members of the various guilds. Results of individual choice of guild activities will determine committees and various chairmanships to be assumed later, the ultimate aim in view being to have each group as well organized as the whole organization.

Ritual Services Plans are being made for an impressive reception to members in a ritual service to be conducted by Father Holland in May, the month of the ecclesiastical year dedicated to the honor of the Mother of God. This is in keeping with the purpose of the foundation of the sodality of the Blessed Virgin. Regular meetings of the new sodality will be on Tuesdays before the first Sunday of each month; but guilds will meet oftener at times suitable to their various activities.

Some of the numerous committees that will direct activities were named. Chairmen of the various guilds are yet to be named, however, as well as other assisting groups that will be necessary efficiently to manage the extensive program that is probable from such enthusiasm as is manifest on the part of the impressive membership.

Mrs. M. E. Kennedy was named as hospitality committee member to act as hostess to guest-speakers brought from out of town for events scheduled in the organization's planned program.

Social Committee A general social entertainment committee was named by the governing council, which includes the spiritual director and elected officers and includes the following: Mrs. John J. Crowley, Miss Susan Holleran, Miss Marie Frances McNamara and Mrs. Henry Miller. Miss Mary Newsome was named librarian of the sodality, and Mrs. Charles P. Lynch was appointed organist.

A meeting of the officers of the sodality was held before the general meeting for pertinent business details. These include the following: President, Miss Carolyn Ruth Doran; first vice-president, Mrs. John Nugent; second vice-president, Miss Marjorie Kieffer; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Garvey; and treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Hassett.

Tenebrae Services

(Continue from Page One) Holy Saturday are chanted and sung, but in anticipation, which means they are read in the late afternoon of the preceding day, i. e. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Matins on these days is made up of three nocturns. Each nocturn is composed of three psalms with their proper antiphons and three lessons. The antiphon is a verse introducing and concluding the psalm. These lessons of the first nocturn are taken from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet; those of the second nocturn from the Treatise of St. Augustine on the Psalms; those of the third, from the Epistles of St. Paul. Lauds is composed of five psalms with their proper antiphons. Following the antiphon after the last psalm is a versicle and response. These preceded the Anthem for the Benedictus of the Canticle of Zacharias recorded in the first Chapter of St. Luke. Following the concluding anthem of the Benedictus is a verse set to beautiful but sad music for it tells of Christ's obedience unto death.

The Our Father is then said in silence and is followed by the psalm "Misericordia" said by Bishop and Choir alternately but in subdued voices. After this a last prayer is said. Written in Polyphony During the Tenebrae a triangular candlestick stands near the left or Epistle side of the altar, bearing fifteen lighted candles; seven on either side and one on top. Of the fourteen side-candles one, commencing with the lowest is extinguished at the end of every psalm. The top candle is not extinguished, but after the Benedictus, it is taken down and placed behind the altar, until after the end of the Office. It is then replaced in the candlestick. This candle remains lighted because it is typical of Jesus Christ the Light of the World. These candles are extinguished because the Office of these holy days is considered a funeral service or dirge commemorating the death and lends a solemn note to the services.

After the last prayer is said, members of the choir loudly close their books. The thunderous noise that results echoes and re-echoes throughout the Church. It is typical of the convulsion of nature which followed the death of Christ. In Rochester, the Tenebrae services are conducted in the presence of the Most Reverend, John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Students from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary are present. The choir of St. Francis' parish, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. John Peter chant and sing the Office. There are over 150 voices in this choir. One of the most impressive parts of the Tenebrae is the harmonization of the Benedictus and the Stabat Mater. It is beautiful beyond the description of words and leaves one with an indescribable feeling of awe and admiration.

The Cathedral is generously opened to the public for these Tenebrae services by the rector, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles Shay. It is to be hoped that this year more of our Catholic people from the city parishes and those in near by towns will avail themselves of this opportunity and participate in this beautiful liturgical service.

Sacrifice of Mass Film Shown Nurses

Elmira—The motion picture, "The Sacrifice of the Mass," was presented with explanatory remarks by the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, in the auditorium of the Dunn Memorial Building, Monday night.

Through the courtesy of Father Brien, the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, the student nurses and members of the Catholic Federation of Nurses witnessed the film which has been exhibited in all parts of the world.

Umpire's Death Mourned By Parochial League

Officials and boys of the Catholic Parochial School League regret the untimely death of umpire Royden Smith. Umpire Smith, on many occasions offered his services to the league. He umpired the championship games for the last two seasons and coached the immaculate Conception team last year. A May card in the name of the League has been sent to his family.

We must have a great veneration for the truth, for it is the truth which frees us from our passions and leads us to God.

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Personal Sanctity, Active Catholicism Requisites for Lay Action, Says Speaker

Personal sanctification and active Catholicism were urged as requisites for lay participation in the Holy Father's program of Catholic Action, by the Rev. Leo M. Shea, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith in a talk to the members of the Sacred Heart Parish Teachers' Association, Monday evening in the parish hall, Flower City Park.

After a general Catholic Action Father Shea spoke at the meeting in which the wisdom of the Holy Church's program of Catholic Action was stressed. He urged the necessity for devotion to duty and for becoming more informed. He spoke of the Catholic layman's duty in the home and in the office, and described what he believed accomplished by those well informed lay preachers of the doctrine of the Church.

Father Shea urged the reading of Catholic literature and especially the diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Courier, which he said was being made into an organ of which all Catholic people in the diocese will be proud. He spoke of the necessity of being informed on current evils of the day including bad literature, unclean movies, and indifference, not only on the part of those outside the church but often infesting Catholics.

The speaker was presented by Mrs. E. T. Garvey, chairman of the program committee. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Y. Burns, spiritual director of the Association, presided.

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