

### Committees Named For Diocesan Union Sodality Convention

Plans were formulated for the Diocesan Sodality Convention to be held in Rochester on Sunday, May 14, at the regular monthly meeting of the Parish Sodality Union which took place Monday evening, April 24. Thirteen parishes were represented.

Rev. Robert Fox, Moderator of the Sodality Union, gave a brief talk to arouse interest in the coming rally.

Miss Helen Guntert, President of the Union, announced the following Committee Chairmen:

Honorary Chairman, Rev. Robert Fox; General Chairman, Miss Helen Guntert; Reception, Sally Julian; Librarians, Mary Eva Henner; Transportation, Marion Luckett; Breakfast, Susan McCarthy; Information, Elizabeth Voegel; Decorations, Eva Heuer.

Hospitality, Marie Bennett; Souvenirs, Catherine Wendeljas; Program, Virginia Clark; Book Rack, Hilda Connor; Publicity, Mary Moran; Exhibit, Katherine McDonald; Membership, Anne Brennan; Registration and Correspondence, Mary Leary; Music, Florence Dempsey; Finance, Lois Havens.

The members of the various Committees will be announced later. Information regarding the Diocesan Convention to be conducted in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium on May 14, with Holy Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral, may be obtained from Miss Helen Guntert or any of the Sodality assistants on the Committees.

Out-of-town guests are requested to kindly write to Miss Marie Bennett, 4 Wolff St., Rochester, N. Y., Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, when making their reservations.

Buenos Aires—(N. C. W. C.)—The Institute of the Sisters of Charity at Buenos Aires has just celebrated its centenary. A feature of the celebration was the dedication of the new convent chapel by the Most Rev. Fortunato Devoto, Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires.

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### Walks to Rome.



Joseph Aloysius Wolf, photographed as he arrived in Rome at the opening of the Holy Year, completing a journey of 9,000 miles on foot from China to the Eternal City. It required two years to accomplish the feat which was replete with experiences. Mr. Wolf has been a parochial school teacher in Shanghai and Singapore. His family claims two centuries of Catholicity. (Fides photo.)

### Exhibition Drills To Feature Military Ball

Arrangements have been completed for the annual inspection and ball of St. Mauritius, St. Eustace and St. Boniface Commanderies, of the Knights of St. John, to be held Monday evening, May 1, at St. Boniface Hall, Whalan Street.

Inspection will take place promptly at 8 o'clock with Inspector Edward Bach in charge. Exhibition drills will be given by St. Boniface Commandery and the Ladies Auxiliary Drill Corps under the command of Captain Wendel Maeder. The military ball will follow the inspection, review and exhibition drills.

Admission is by complimentary tickets only which are being distributed by members of the commanderies and auxiliaries.

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### THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY IN ELMIRA

(Editor's Note: President Frederick J. Mix of the Rochester Diocesan Council of N. C. M., has asked leaders of the Nocturnal Adoration Society in the various dioceses of the diocese to contribute articles on their societies. The first is contributed by Edward B. Maloney, president of Elmira Deanery Council, N. C. M.)

A cold drizzle of rain fell steadily transforming the pavement near St. Peter and Paul's Church into a mirror in which were reflected the lights of the neighborhood. A colorful picture with its wavering patches of red, yellow, blue and green.

As the night advanced traffic ceased. One by one the houses were darkened until finally only the tall Gothic windows near the transept of the old Church cast a multicolored reflection on the wet asphalt.

A belated foot passenger noticed the flood of color and discerned its cause in the illuminated window. Pausing, he wondered at the late devotion. He heard within the Church a clear voice saying, "Oh come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation, let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

Then followed a manly chorus in response: "Oh, come and let us worship Christ of all the nations Lord, Who doth to them who feed on Him The Bread of Life afford."

If the curious one had entered the Church door he would have seen one of the bands of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, spending on the night of its first devotion in Elmira, its hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

High on the altar was the Sacred Host. Two little groups of men knelt in the front of the Church on either side of their leader stationed at a prie-dieu directly before the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that first night they have assembled there on the last Saturday night of each month to make reparation for the failure of Peter and the sons of Zebedee—who slept while Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane and who received the gentle rebuke, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" and for all those other delinquencies chargeable to mankind since that time as sins against the Blessed Sacrament.

Gives History As this devotion has been in progress for a year, perhaps a brief account of its history will not be amiss. One year ago, with the assistance of the officers of the Rochester Society and the Rochester Diocesan Council, N. C. M., a Nocturnal Adoration Society was organized in Elmira with 111 charter members. Once each month, usually on the last Saturday, this society spends the entire night from ten o'clock until seven in the morning adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. To equalize the inconvenience and accommodate the members, the society is divided into nine bands. Each band watches for one hour, remaining before the altar until relieved by another band. And so on all through the night.

The time of attendance is advanced one hour each month; thus the group that watches from ten o'clock to eleven this month will watch from eleven to twelve next month and from twelve to one the month after. Consistently each member spends one entire night adoring Jesus Christ and then begins again.

A few there are who, because of infirmity or vocational requirement, cannot maintain this sequence always come at a fixed hour.

The members are drawn from all parishes in the City and from Homeheads and Elmira Heights as well. An effort was made in assigning members to the bands to group them according to neighborhoods and to re-

tain companionable associations. Men who lived several miles from the Church were placed in groups, where they might come and go together.

Prayers Appealing The office and prayers are most beautiful and appealing. They vary with the hour and with the season. The portion of the office and other prayers to be recited aloud during the hour of Nocturnal Adoration take up about thirty minutes of the time leaving a half hour for silent prayer. During this half hour each member is free to pray as he pleases. Every one, it seems, has personal matters to talk to his God about. This is the time of all times for such consultation.

Occasionally visitors enter during early hours and remain in the rear of the Church. Some of the writer's non-Catholic friends have made such visits and have come away with the yearning for the comfort that belief in the Real Presence inspires.

During the first year of its history the membership of the Elmira Nocturnal Adoration Society has grown from 111 to 201—after having dropped from the roll 14 who for one reason or another failed to attend. This is a net gain of 81 percent. The total number of hours spent in adoration for the first year was 1273.

During the first year the officers were: President, Daniel Sheehan; Vice-President, Clarence Kennedy; Secretary, Patrick H. Mack; Treasurer, Michael Rich; Spiritual Director, Rev. Daniel McCarthy, all of whom served faithfully during the year.

On April 9, 1933, at the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Clarence Kennedy; Vice-President, Edmund B. Maloney; Secretary, Albert Grace; Treasurer, Michael Rich. Father McCarthy continues as Spiritual Director.

Historical Sketch of the 1st N. Y. Regiment of the Knights of St. John Commanderies and Auxiliaries 1933 EDITION Compiled by Lt. Chas. H. Mura

Cathedral Commandery 106 Commandery 106 was organized on May 1, 1905, under the name of Holy Rosary Commandery No. 106 and was affiliated with the parish by that name. The 28 charter members were: The Rev. John G. Van Ness, Joseph H. Weis, Barney J. Eilers, F. J. Hughes, George Yauchzi, Joseph Carnes, F. P. Scherer, Wendel H. Kress, Charles Webber, E. N. Lorscheider, Timothy Mahar, W. J. Fleming, Robert W. Cook, M. J. Ryan, George J. Gray, Thomas Shannon, Charles A. Klippel, F. W. Sullivan, Joseph Hobson, James Hobson, E. W. Hennessy, Timothy Downs, Edward Foss, Frank Maskill, John Otto, William R. Bell, Alexander Webber and Edward Meyer.

At the first meeting the following were elected as officers: Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. James Van Ness; President, Michael J. Ryan; First Vice-President, Thomas A. Shannon; Second Vice-President, Charles A. Klippel; Recording Secretary, Edward Scherer; Financial Secretary, Robert W. W. Hennessy; Treasurer, Robert W. Cook; Trustees, Father Van Ness, William R. Bell, George Yauchzi, F. J. Hughes and Alexander Webber; Captain, E. J. Eilers; First Lieutenant, F. W. Sullivan; and Second Lieutenant, James Hobson.

After the death of Father Van Ness, Holy Rosary Commandery 106, on June 1, 1912, was transferred to the new Sacred Heart parish and assumed the name of Sacred Heart Commandery 106 and later in August of 1929, the Commandery moved to St. Patrick's Cathedral and took the name of Cathedral Commandery. The Commandery is in a flourishing condition and progressing each year.

Present officers are: Spiritual Adviser, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shay; President, Francis J. Bott; First Vice-President, Richard Carey; Second Vice-President, Andrew O'Brien; Recording Secretary, Charles J. Keller; Financial Secretary, Joseph J. Keller; Treasurer, John Ryan; Captain, Thomas Herlihy; First Lieutenant, John Ryan; Second Lieutenant, Charles J. Keller; Trustees, William P. Ryan, Leon D. Keller, Charles A. Shippey, P. J. Feeney and Edward Fleas.

Put a few drops of oil of lavender in a cup of hot water and place it in the sick room. It will sweeten the air wonderfully.

### The Catholic World Over

Buenos Aires—(NCWC)—Although the next International Eucharistic Congress is more than a year off, preparation and special prayers for its success are under way not only in Argentina but other South American countries as well. The local Executive Committee has received communications from the Bishops of Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia and Peru announcing that they have ordered special prayers in their dioceses and declared a day of special prayer for the success of the Congress.

Jerusalem—(NCWC)—Fresh trouble has arisen at the Holy Grotto in Bethlehem. The Greek-Orthodox objected to some Catholic pilgrims passing through the Oriental door of the Sanctuary under the pretext that they were accompanied by a Franciscan Father acting as their guide. In a similar incident when students of the Franciscan Bible School of Jerusalem were prevented from entering the Oriental door for the purpose of studying the archaeological phases of the shrine, the Governor of Bethlehem supported the Catholics.

Prague—(NCWC)—A German Catholic priest has been re-elected president of the Foreign Press Association, here, the Association de la Presse Etrangere, at the group's general meeting just held here. He is Father Alphons M. Mitnacht, Prague correspondent of Katholische Korrespondenz, of Munster, Westphalia, Germany. Father Mitnacht, a leading spirit of the Association, was re-elected unanimously.

London—(NCWC)—Mass is to be restored to a first-Reformation chapel, at Padley, near Derby, which for generations has been used as a barn and cowshed. Two English martyrs—the Venerable Nicholas Garlick and the Venerable Robert Ludlam—were arrested in the chapel in 1688.

Paris—(NCWC)—The hundredth Calvary restored by M. Brigot-Turlure, the "Doctor of the Calvaries," was unveiled on Good Friday, through the good services of the Poor Clares of Jerusalem, M. Brigot-Turlure obtained three relics from the Holy Land which were sealed with the foundation of this cross, which is in the vicinity of Solomons. One of the relics is from Golgotha, another from the Holy Sepulchre and a third from the Cenacle.

Los Altos, Calif.—(NCWC)—Desiring to make a retreat at El Retiro Retreat House here, and not having money to pay the expenses in connection with the retreat, 30 sheepmen from Salinas Valley solved the problem by making their offerings in kind. The men arrived at the retreat house with two dressed lambs, five dressed turkeys, two hams, a case of eggs, a sack of sugar, a sack of beans and a case of jerked beef.

Manila—(NCWC)—The religious procession held at Agoo, La Union, is unusual in the history of religious demonstrations in the Philippines. The demonstration was intended to show the undisturbed Catholicity of the people of Agoo. The procession was composed principally of Sunday school pupils and 1,301 banners and flags were carried by children.

Shanghai—(NCWC)—A Typhoon Forecast Service for fishing fleets along the China coast is being established by Father Gherzi, S. J. of Zikawei, at the request of the Chinese Ministry of Industry. This service is planned to save the thousands of fishing junks from the numerous disasters at sea due to lack of information of the whereabouts of the typhoons.

Vatican City—(NCWC)—The Rev. Luigi Grassi, of the Barnabite Fathers has been proclaimed Bishop of Alba. Father Grassi made his religious profession on May 21, 1914. During the World War he served as chaplain in Macedonia, and at advanced posts in Asia Minor. He received the silver medal for military valor.

Aggra, India—(NCWC)—Sir Malcolm Halliday, Governor of the United Provinces of Aggra and Oudh, in the course of an official visit to the Convent of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary here, paid a notable tribute to the work the Sisters are doing in various parts of India and the spirit of sacrifice shown by the French Sisters who came to this country in 1842 and founded the first House of the Congregation in India at Aggra.

Aasha, Nigeria—(NCWC)—Bishop Broderick, Vicar Apostolic of Western Nigeria, must not return to decisions of Africa, doctors have decided, thus destroying the hopes of his missionaries in Nigeria who have been awaiting news of his recovery to health. Bishop Broderick, who is a member of the Lyons African Missions Society, is at present at home in Ireland.

St. Louis—(NCWC)—Realizing the need and desire for practical, definite and tangible information on topics of government and citizenship, the St. Louis University School of Law has instituted a course in practical citizenship, to be transmitted to the people of the community through the medium of the University Radio Station WEW.

### Honor Freed Bishop



The Most Rev. Bishop Nolezko, titular bishop of Cillio and apostolic administrator of Minsk, who recently arrived in Vatican City after spending six years in a Soviet prison. His Holiness Pope Pius XI, who regretted his inability to personally greet Bishop Nolezko at the railway station, has since conferred several honors upon him, and has created the bishop an assistant at the Pontifical Throne.

### K. C. Supreme Board Endorses Poppy Sale

The Knights of Columbus at a regular quarterly meeting of their Supreme Board of Directors have endorsed their cordial endorsement to the forthcoming annual National Buddy Poppy Sale to be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States during the week of Memorial Day to raise funds for relief work.

The vote of endorsement is conveyed to the V. F. W. officials in charge of the Sale in a letter from William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus and read as follows: "VOTED, that the Supreme Board of Directors, in accordance with action taken in previous years, hereby records its endorsement of the Buddy Sale of 1933 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States."

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