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—Bishop O'Hern.

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TO CALL MAN MEDIOCRE IS TO INSULT HIM

Day of Ordinary Catholic Passing With Needs Of Present Day

To insult a man to the top of your bent, tell him he is just ordinary. That one word sinks him into a hopeless quagmire of nothingness. It levels him to the commonness of the mob, brands him with the curse of mediocrity, puts him in the herd, denies him any distinction by which his contemporaries can recognize him or posterity remember him.

"What sort of chap is he?" the new acquaintance asks.

"Oh, just very ordinary," the man who knows him replies; and there is nothing further to say.

"He's just an ordinary doctor." "Yes?" "Then he's not good enough for my wife." "He's a lawyer, but very ordinary." "Well, my case needs a superior lawyer." "She sings, but her voice is decidedly ordinary." "Then she doesn't sing if I can stop her."

Contemptuous

Terribly contemptuous word, "ordinary." We are furious if it is used ("just an ordinary-looking person with ordinary manners and an ordinary mind") in our connection.

To be superlatively fine in anything is glorious. To rise above the merely commonplace is the ambition of every real man or woman. We remember only those who stand out because they are not ordinary or common or mediocre.

History even has its places for those who are extraordinarily bad. Not, heaven knows, that one advocates such distinction; but the fact is that a great tyrant, an outstanding despot, a notorious traitor, a distin-

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PROGRAM

8:00 A. M. Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral; Sermon, Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern.

9:00 A. M. Communion breakfast in St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall.

10:00 A. M. Registration at Columbus Civic Center Auditorium.

11:00 A. M. Conference (Address of Welcome).

12:15 A. M. Recess. Luncheon will be served in the Columbus Civic Center Dining Room.

2:00 P. M. Conference. Speaker, Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J. "God's Providence."

3:00 P. M. Separate Divisions:—Committee Conferences. Reverend Daniel A. Lord, S. J.—Ballroom: — Eucharistic; Our Lady's; Catholic Truth. Miss Dorothy J. Willmann —Auditorium:—Social Life; Apostolic; Membership; Program; Publicity.

4:00 P. M. Round Table Discussion—Auditorium.

4:00 P. M. Meeting of Prefects with Miss Dorothy J. Willmann.

4:00 P. M. Meeting of Directors (Clergymen) with Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J.

5:00 P. M. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE INFLUENCE OF MARY IN MODERN LIFE

Perhaps the future will regard ours as the age when the influence of womankind reached its height. We may be praised for that—or pitied. Never before have women so thoroughly crowded men for positions in life's race. They have left their homes (though remaining their rulers) to enter the professions, lead national movements, shape legislation, take a dominating position in literature and art.

And we have seen, simultaneously with this influences though not necessarily because of it, a swift decay of faith, a public disregard for morality, movements threatening to sweep away marriage, the home and the right of children to be born, a sad commercializing of women, sin and unbelief everywhere.

No one is blaming the women. No one is trying to shift the responsibility from the men, but we are saying, and saying with great emphasis, that evil leaders are worse because they are women, and that women who lead against God and goodness are the saddest, most misguiding leaders in the world.

Women will take their place safely and splendidly as the world's leaders only if they keep before themselves the ideal of the one perfect woman in the world's history, the ideal of Mary, Mother of God. And the world of man will be safe if women choose her as their supreme and perfect example.

So this month we pray, men and women alike, that the influence of Mary may be felt in this modern world. Strange and terrible women have been held up to the admiration of our growing boys and girls—film stars of blistered lives, headlined beauties from the latest shocking Broadway revue, leaders of movements terrible in their import and consequences. Good women have been ridiculed in literature and the drama. Womanly virtue has been openly regarded as considerably less than merely out of date and funny.

And men have been frankly encouraged to treat women as cheap, vulgar, common, the object of their desires, the servants of their laziness or whims.

This generation will never rise above its selfishness and sin and unbelief until the face of Mary is reflected in the faces of millions of its women. The home will rot, little children will perish, men will grow more like beasts, the stage will become more deeply decadent, if the purity of the Immaculate Mother is forgotten by our womankind. Boys will grow into lustful men if they have not learned in youth to love their Heavenly Mother and respect womankind because of her. Christ will be forgotten if His mother's influence is eliminated from the world.

So with all our hearts we pray this month for Mary's influence over mankind. We need mothers who are like the Mother of God. We need young women who are proud that their virginity is modeled on the Virgin of Virgins. We need young men pure because of their deep respect for the womanhood which is fashioned on her womanhood. We need boys who are proud to be called her sons.

Homes must grow more like the holy house which she governed with gentle sway. Marriage must be based on the blessed triangle that is father, mother, and child. Love must become once more a sacred and beautiful thing, not a contemptible instinct shared with the beasts.

And the women leaders of the world must remember that though sinful women have led armies and sung songs and ruled empires, it took the world's one stainless woman to draw God down to earth and men up to God.

FORGIVING HEARTS

God grant us forgiving hearts.

It is strange that we who must, a thousand times, beg God for mercifulness forgiveness are so often unforgiving to our fellow men. A friend thoughtlessly offends us. Someone does us an injury. We let unforgiving resentment embitter our souls.

Yet Christ bade us pray "Forgive us as we forgive."

Shall we ask God to hold fast the memory of our sins as we harbor the memory of another's wrongs against us?

The quickest way to forget an injury is to forgive it. The easy way to win God's forgiveness is to be forgiving.

—Courtesy of Queen's Work

BISHOP GIVES SODALITY UNION APPROBATION

Started In November, 1932, With Father Robert Fox As First Director

The Parish Sodality Union began its existence at the initial meeting on November 11, 1932. Under the authorization of the Most Reverend John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester, a constitution was drawn up and a slate of officers presented and voted upon.

With the establishment of the Parish Union, Reverend Robert J. Fox, Diocesan Director, was appointed Moderator of this organization.

The Central Council

Diocesan Director — Rev. Robert J. Fox
President — Miss Helen Guntert, SS. Peter and Paul
Vice-President — Miss Sally Julian, Mount Carmel
Secretary — Miss Rita Kier, Holy Rosary
Corresponding Secretary — Miss Mary Leary, Blessed Sacrament
Treasurer — Miss Lois Havens, Holy Apostles

Chairmen of Committees

Eucharistic — Miss Marie Bennett, Holy Apostles
Our Lady's — Miss Mary Eva Henner, Holy Rosary
Catholic Literature — Miss Hilda Connor, Immaculate Conception
Apostolic — Miss Suzanne McCarthy, St. Mary's
Publicity — Miss Mary Moran
Social Life — Miss Marie Lucket, Blessed Sacrament
Membership — Miss Anne Brennan, SS. Peter and Paul

PARISH FIRST

"I can't belong to my parish society; I belong in my school." Altogether aside from the harm that is done to the Sodality cause when the young man or woman makes this excuse for not participating in parish activities, the principle is wrong and we of the Central Office thoroughly disapprove of it.

The unit of Catholic organization is the parish. Parish life is the fundamental spiritual life of the Church. The Church as a whole does not rise above the spiritual level of its parishes.

We want Sodalists and other spiritual organizations in schools. They serve a double purpose:

1. They give the students an outlet for their initiative, make immediately concrete the doctrines and theories of religion class and help to form spiritual leaders.

2. They train the students to serve better the parish to which they belong and to bring to their parish organizations a knowledge of Catholic ideals and an experience with Catholic organization.

So we remind the students of their duty to their parish. Belong to a parish society. Give it your enthusiastic support and co-operation. Let the pastors know that you love your parish and are eager to give it the results of the fine training you are receiving through your school and your school Sodality.—Queen's Work.

Our Bishop

The Rochester Diocesan Parish Sodality Union owes its existence and growth to the generous interest and inspiration of Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester.

Through his devotion to the Sodality movement the Sodality Union has been able to sponsor this Convention. We are grateful to our Bishop for his deep concern and solicitude in behalf of the spiritual and material welfare of the Parish Sodalities.

Sodalists of the Rochester Diocese

Here Is Your Great Opportunity!

The summer's Sodality plans are most important to every Sodalist. Upon them will be built the development of the Sodality during the coming year. So we suggest that you plan to attend the Summer School of Catholic Action to be conducted in New York August 28—September 2.

The Course

The course will be conducted under the general title of "The Value of the Human Soul," and its aim will be to stress the importance of the individual, to create a spiritual viewpoint, and to engender zeal for the souls of others.

The course of lectures on individual holiness will include the following subjects:

Personal Creation and Adoption by Grace
Individual Redemption by the Life and Death of Christ
The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the Mystical Body
The Democracy of Prayer and the Service of the Sacraments
The Service of the Soul by the Church
Mary's Motherhood of Human Souls.

Zeal for souls is treated under the general heading of "The Apostolic Duty of the Catholic" and will include discussion of the following subjects:

The Catholic Faith and Its Mission to the World
The Importance of the Mass to the World
Teaching Mankind the Interior Life
The Mission of Catholic Literature and Art
The Mission of the Church to the Masses and the Classes
The Apostolic Action of a Catholic

In addition there will be courses in religious organization methods adapted to schools and parishes, demonstrations and programs, Catholic intellectual leadership, liturgy, Catholic evidence guilds, catechetics, Catholic literature, publicity, poster making, parish visiting, etc.

The Faculty

The courses are under the general direction of Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., National Director of the Sodality of Our Lady. The faculty will be composed of the staff of the Central Office and experts in the specialized lines of Catholic Action.

Housing Facilities

Arrangements will be made, if desired, for the housing of students in the cities where the summer schools are being conducted. Sisters, women and girl students will live in Catholic colleges, high schools and convents, and special arrangements are being made for men and boys. The Central Office, however, arranges only for the accommodations of those who are staying at the houses placed at our disposal for summer-school students. Sisters who wish to live in a convent of their own or some other order, must make their own arrangements. So must students who wish to live with friends or relatives during their attendance at the summer school.

Expenses

Tuition for the day course, including text books and printed material	$10.00
Board and room for one week	15.00
Total expense for one week	$25.00
Tuition for the night course, including text books and printed material	$ 5.00

Application

Students wishing to enroll for the Summer School of Catholic Action should make their application as early as possible. Applications must be received at the Central Office of the Sodality of Our Lady, 3742 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., at least one month before the opening of the summer school which the applicant wishes to attend. For example, those wishing to attend the course in New Orleans should apply before May 5. Applications for Milwaukee and New York should be received before July 20 and July 27, respectively. Special applications will receive our attention after these dates if accommodations are still open, but we can promise better and prompter service if applications are received early.

Address applications and letters of inquiry concerning the summer school to:

THE SECRETARY
The Summer School of Catholic Action
THE QUEEN'S WORK
3742 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri

SODALITIES TO HEAR LEADERS IN MOVEMENT

Slogan Adopted "A Sodality In Every Parish" To Inspire All

With this special convention edition, made possible by the courtesy of the Catholic Courier, the official newspaper of the Rochester Diocese, the Sodality conclave [illegible] to order.

The motto adopted [illegible] annual convention is "A Sodality in Every Parish." Every Sodalist realizes the aims of the Sodality are twofold: Personal sanctification, and active Catholicity; and it is the purpose of this gathering to devise methods whereby this objective can be fulfilled.

The Parish Sodality Union is particularly pleased in presenting to the delegates, Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., National Organizer of the Sodality movement in the U. S. A., and Miss Dorothy J. Willmann, National Executive Secretary of the Parish Sodality Union, as the guest speakers of this convention. Both speakers have arrived from St. Louis, the national headquarters of the Sodality, and their addresses will center around committee work and the formal organization of the Parish Sodality.

This convention purposes to inspire the Sodalists who are already active in their Parish Sodalities; to exchange ideas and solve practical problems; and to encourage the establishment of new Sodalities in the Diocese. Remember our motto: "A Sodality in Every Parish".

COMMITTEES

Honorary Chairman, Rev. Robert J. Fox.

General Chairman, Helen R. Guntert.

RECEPTION

Sally Julian, Florence Dempsey, Marian Luckett, Josephine [illegible], Marie Bennett, Elizabeth Vogel, Rita Kier, Alberta Kaeser, Anne Fennessey, Margaret Collins, [illegible], Betty Nash, Catherine Wendelgass, Florence Stein, Dorothy [illegible], Augusta Schleyer, Mary Lavin, Rita Malamphy, Mathilde Wessel, Anne Kasle, Mary [illegible], Katherine McDonald, Susanne McCarthy, [illegible] Baglin, Lillian Kramer, Caroline Stall.

USHERS

Mary Eva Henner, Mary Agnes Mellinger, Catherine [illegible], Mary Skelly, Clara Crimmens, Mary Mahlon, Teresa Manion, Dorothy Mason, Catherine Marks, Anna Scoglia, Rosemary Mancuso, Mary Claire O'Shea, Regina Maloney, Elizabeth Vogel, Margaret Wendlegass, Velida Stein, Mildred Stall, Mary Stall.

INFORMATION

Elizabeth Vogel, Ruth Ehman, Agnes Russer.

TRANSPORTATION

Marian Luckett, Mary McCarthy, Martina Esse, Sadie deLittera, Josephine Tschiderer, Louise Weigel.

BREAKFAST

Susanne McCarthy, Elizabeth Smith, Martha Mandery, Marie Wirley, Colanda Mulo, Ella Mulo, Rose Musseri.

DECORATIONS

Eva Hener, Lillian Kramer, Rita Drexilius, Katherine [illegible], Katherine Hanley, Josephine [illegible], Gloria Kane, Minnie DeVitt, Mary Goodman, Marion Hadleck, [illegible] Strebler, Marion Meyers.

SOUVENIRS

Catherine Wendelgass, Margaret Kenney, Marie Cartenuto.

HOSPITALITY

Marie Bennett, Mary Shaw, Margaret Lally, Dorothy Snider.

PROGRAM

Virginia Clark.

MUSIC

Florence Dempsey.

BOOK RACK

Hilda Connor, Anne Manion.

REGISTRATION

Mary Leary, [illegible], Rosemary Schiferli, [illegible], Gabriel Vogel, Agatha [illegible], [illegible]talie Mehan.

PUBLICITY

Mary Moran.

EXHIBIT

Katherine McDonald, [illegible], Winifred [illegible].

MEMBERSHIP

Anne Brennan.

BUDGET

Lois Havens.
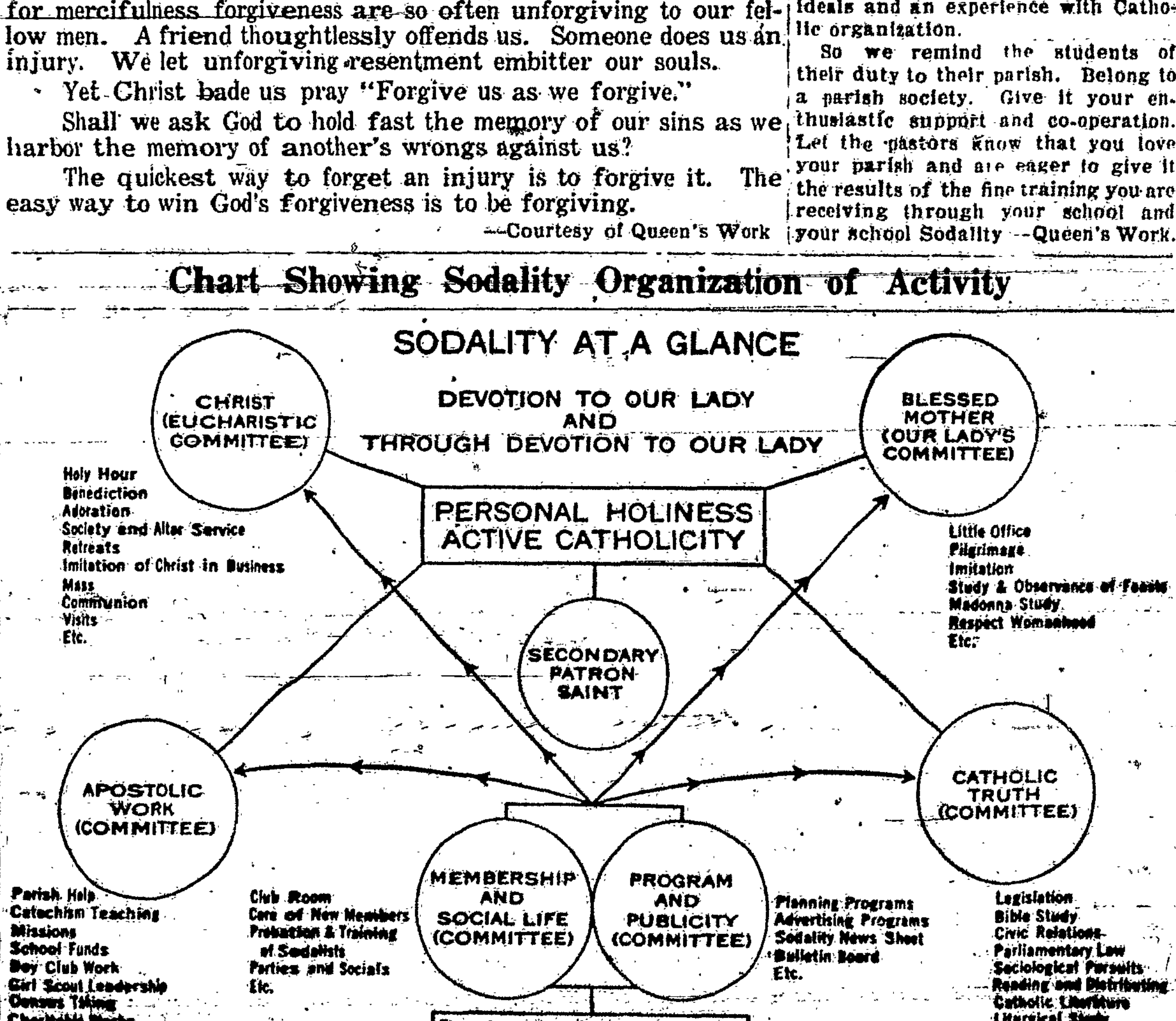
Chart Showing Sodality Organization of Activity