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**THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY
IN ROCHESTER DEANERY**

The story of the Nocturnal Adoration Society in Rochester is a simple one. The foundation of a society to adore our Lord during the lonely hours of the night was discussed privately by a few laymen gathered in retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary in 1927 and 1928. Most of this little group, while in favor of the society, did not think that enough men could be enrolled to make it a success.

During the early part of the next year, two former officers of the retreat frantically secured permission from the Most Rev. Bishop John Francis O'Hern to organize such a society. Rev. Charles F. Shay, now Monsignor, was also consulted, and very kindly offered the use of Lady Chapel of the Cathedral to the men. Nothing was done until the Laymen's Retreat of 1929. At the business meeting of the Retreat, it was brought to the attention of the men that a Nocturnal Adoration Society was to be organized in Rochester, and those present were invited to enroll as charter members. Before the close of the Retreat 59 had signed.

The first night of adoration was held in Lady Chapel, September 23, 1929. The men were asked to come at 9:30 to be received into the society. They were then to return to their homes and to come back during the night for the vigil assigned to them. In most cases, they were faithful.

The Bishop who was absent from the City, was represented by the saintly Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Nolan. Those privileged to be present will never forget the inspiring words spoken by him on that occasion. After Monsignor Nolan's address, Monsignor Shay had the men recite the Act of Consecration. It is necessary to recite this Act before one can become a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

The records show that 179 members were received as charter members into the society. In less than four years a total of 823 have joined. Of this number 16 have moved from the City, 2 have resigned and 15 have died, and 70 have been dropped for non-attendance, leaving a membership now of 720 men.

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"Our Lady of China"



"Our Lady of China," a painting in the shrine at Tonglu, to the south of Peking. The artist depicts the Blessed Mother seated on an Oriental throne. Many pilgrims from the shrine at this little hamlet, which did not number a single Christian a century ago. The 4,000 Christians there today are grateful to the Blessed Mother who on several occasions has protected them from calamity, particularly during the Boxer uprising and the late civil wars. (Fider photo.)

**FR. STAUDER FEELS ENCOURAGED WITH
COOPERATION SHOWN IN PLANNING OF
HOLY NAME UNION RALLY JUNE 11**

Plans for the rally of the Holy Name Societies of the Diocese of Rochester at the Rochester Red Wing Baseball Park on Sunday, June 11, are rapidly taking shape according to information received from headquarters of the Diocesan Holy Name Union.

The Band of Aquinas Institute will furnish the music for the rally and the singing will be led by the Knights of Columbus Choral Society. The report for the Blessed Sacrament from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to the ball park immediately preceding the Benediction.

John the Evangelist, J. F. Welch, St. John, Greece, Leo C. Fleming, St. Mary, Jos. Witz, St. Michael, Serafin Schwartz, St. Margaret Mary, John H. Gould, St. Monica, Frank Galla, O. L. M. Carmel, Norman Mayer, O. L. Perpetual Help, Thos. Grossolonia, O. L. Sorrows, H. M. Loy, O. L. Good Counsel, Frank A. Sexton, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Richard Powers, St. Peter & Paul, Clarence Eubank, St. Philip Neri, Francis Schur, St. Vincent, Churchville, M. Maery, St. Stanislaus, Theodore Schiffer, St. Salome, Charles Kublak, St. Theresa, George Wolf, St. Theodora, John J. List, St. Thomas, Emmott Cooper, Mother of Sorrows, Francis Averner, St. Patrick's, Macedon, John J. Brady, St. Patrick's, Victor, Philip J. Smith, Holy Trinity, Webster, C. A. Lissau, St. John-Spencerport, L. A. Lissau, St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, Frank McCann, St. Stephen, Geneva, Geo. L. Winger, St. Jerome, E. Webster, John B. Mcweeney, St. Rose, Lima, and Michael Bradley, St. Michael, Lyons.

**Weekly Calendar
Of Feast Days**

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
Sunday, May 21—St. Hospius, recluse, who shut himself up in an old tower near Villa Franca in Provence and lived on bread and dates alone. He was accorded the gift of prophecy. He died in 681.
Monday, May 22—St. Yves, confessor, who descended from a noble family of Brittany, was born in 1253. He was ordained at the express order of the Bishop as his own humility prompted him to refuse orders. As ecclesiastical judge of Rennes he was a great friend of the poor. He died in 1303.
Tuesday, May 23—St. Julia, virgin and martyr, who was sold as a slave to a Syrian merchant. Her virtue and fidelity gained his respect and he took her to Gaul. She was killed in the fifth century by order of the Governor of Corsica because she refused to take part in pagan festivities.
Wednesday, May 24—Sts. Donatus and Rogatian. Donatus was a nobleman of Nantes, who on his conversion, showed such great zeal that he drew many others from the worship of false gods. He was beheaded after torture in 287. Rogatian, his brother, was executed at the same time.
Thursday, May 25—St. Gregory VII was born in Tuscany in 1013 and educated in Rome. He was elected Pope in 1073. His long struggle with Henry IV resulted in the latter seeking his absolution at Canossa, but Henry refused, set up an anti-Pope and besieged Gregory in the castle of St. Angelo. Gregory died in exile in 1085.
Friday, May 26—St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome and one of the most illustrious saints of the sixteenth century. He devoted his life to bringing joy to the lives of the people. He died in 1550.
Saturday, May 27—St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi was born in Florence in 1566 of an illustrious family. She persuaded her parents to allow her to embrace the religious life and at the age of eighteen was professed in the Carmelite monastery of Santa Maria degli Angeli. She was twice chosen mistress of novices and then made superior. She died in 1607.

Committee on Lighting and Audition. Roy W. Crissy, St. John the Evangelist, Chairman, Joseph Vay, Holy Family, Thomas F. O'Neill, Corpus Christi, Committee on Programs. Andrew Wuest, Holy Family, Chairman, Wm. Bell, Holy Rosary, Wm. B. Richter, St. Margaret Mary, James G. D'Amico, O. L. Mt. Carmel, Oliver Pasch, St. Bridget's.

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**I. C. T. S. Will
Operate Against
Careless Editors**

Inaugurates Scheme for Refighting
Misrepresentation of Catholic
Dogma—Seeks Lay Coopera-
tion

Misrepresentation of the facts of Catholicism—very often the result of ignorance rather than malice—besmirch the pages of the secular press of these United States. Even the untutored Catholic can sense the divergence of these articles from the truth, though very often he would find himself inadequately prepared to rectify the statement. It is an axiom that education does not consist in storing up encyclopedic information but rather the ability to place one's finger on the required information at the time such is needed.

This is the training that should result from academic studies. Many Catholics are thus prepared to defend the Faith but lack the time and occasionally the facilities necessary for research. It is also true that many Catholics, though they may have the time, lack the ability to cope with editors who hurriedly turn out articles which too often might be classed as fiction when it comes to dealing with the history or doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church.

If newspaper writers were made aware of intelligent Catholic scrutiny they would think twice and write once.

The vast majority of papers do not want to antagonize even a small minority of their readers because every reader is one more subscriber and advertising rates are based on the subscription list—the larger the latter, the higher the rates. Self-preservation is the law that motivates the press. It only follows for Catholics to be aware of their power.

The Catholic faith can be strengthened or undermined by the secular press, and those outside the true fold can be made to love or despise Christ's Mystical Body. One can easily conclude that this question of misrepresentation of our Mother Church has an importance that strikes home at each one of us.

Intelligent Criticism

The International Catholic Truth Society, through its president, the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, LL.D., Ph.D., proposes to supply this very urgent need of defending Catholic doctrine and hopes to so influence the secular press as to make each paper on this continent as fearful of printing a "misstatement regarding the Church as is every paper of printing libel, whether pertaining to individuals or corporations. And in this latter, regardless of the possible lack of an erudite reportorial staff, the secular press is exceedingly careful indeed, they will spend hours to get the exact facts if it concerns any point that may involve court procedure. It is the business of Catholics to make the press conscious of their existence and to make it aware that the Church's teachings are sacred and their spiritual Mother must be treated with a becoming degree of courtesy. The lackadaisical attitude of the Faithful in the past accounts, to some extent, for the illiberal secular press as assumed. How is a chance to combat the evil.

How can the International Catholic Truth Society accomplish this tremendous task? The success of the undertaking will depend on the individual Catholic. Here is what you, Catholic layman, should do:

1. When your newspaper, periodical or magazine makes a statement involving a calumny or misrepresentation in the matter of Catholic doctrine, morals, sacraments, devotions, history, clip the article and send it in to the International Catholic Truth Society, 407 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. Date the clipping and state thereon the paper from which it was taken.
3. The sender of every such clipping will receive an acknowledgment from the International Catholic Truth Society.

Make Error Known

The International Catholic Truth Society will immediately communicate with the editor of the publication thus reported, calling his attention to the statement in question and making clear to him the Church's stand on that particular point. The editor will be requested to retract the error or print a retraction. If the editor proves recalcitrant the whole matter will be published in the local diocesan paper.

This work of forcing the secular press to print only the truth regarding the Catholic Church will have a twofold effect—Catholics through the exercise of vigilance and concentration will build up a mastery of their religion, and it will result in those not familiar with Church dogma exercising extreme caution in disseminating news. The doctrines of the Church are an open book and there is no need for any publicist to grope about in the darkness of prejudice. The International Catholic Truth Society urges every Catholic to do his bit in thus removing anti-Catholic bias from the secular press.

PRIEST'S, NUN'S MOTHER DIES

Chicago—(NCWC)—The mother of a priest and nun was laid to rest this week here. She was Mrs. Catherine Dunne, mother of the Rev. Peter Dunne, of this city, and of Sister Mary Denise, of the Sisters of Mercy.

Learn to live thy religion, and thou shalt have little need of desire to argue and dispute about it.—J. L. Spalding

Aquinas Activities

WILLIAM A. BRINDEN, JR.
The regular monthly Religious Conference was given for this month on May 4 by the Rev. John O'Donnell. His topic was "Catholic Education, Any Advantages?" The Conference closed with Benediction given by the Rev. Joseph E. Wurror and singing by the student body.

The Aquinas Band and Orchestra presented their annual concert, May 8, in the school Auditorium, under the baton of Raymond J. Hinespater, School Director of Music. The three organizations gave creditable demonstrations of their musical progress.

This concert is the annual demonstration of work done in the department of instrumental music. This department ranks with the other departments of instruction in a school and carries academic credit with the approval of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

The Junior Orchestra heard for the first time presented L. Norman's "Class Mates" and "Dance of the Gnomes" and G. Lawrence's "Four H Club."

The Senior Orchestra offered Ballo's "Egmont's Girl," and overture by Liszt's suite, "Dante's Ecstasy" in four parts; Romberg's "New Moon," musical comedy selection, and "Hungary Hungarian March" by Darlow.

Aquinas Band gave seven selections: Beethoven's "Symphony," "London's Air," "Fair Chicago," a March by Grabol; Lithgow's "Verses"; Goldman's "Franklin Field"; Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 5," and "Kitties" a march by Morris.

William Cooper was chairman of the Junior Oratoricals held Tuesday of last week. Speakers and subjects were: William Downs, "What is Wrong with America?"; John Fox, "The Legend of a Painting"; Joseph Lee, "Roosevelt, the Man"; John Mondo, "Mother"; and Vincent Zenkel, "The Progress of Science in 1932."

The Sophomore Oratoricals were held Tuesday with Alfred Doyle as chairman. Speakers and subjects were: James Conif, "The Life and The Death"; Bernard Dennis, "Internationalism"; Robert Fischer, "Common Sense versus Kinship"; Cyril Streib, "Pastimes"; Paul Hendrick, "False Gods"; and Richard Miller, "Leadership."

**Lille Sunday Data Set
For Saturday, May 27**

The date for Rochester's annual Lille Festival is set Saturday, May 27, is the day for thousands of flowers and music lovers of Rochester to pay the Highland Park Place a visit. It is the opening day of Lille Festival Week.

Setting forth from a central point in the downtown section of the city at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, a Floral Float Parade, including bands, marching units, cavalry, and official escort, will proceed through Main Street and East Avenue, thence to Highland Park, where, in the natural bowl formed by the sloping lawn west of South Avenue, a music program such as is rarely heard even in musical Rochester will take place.

There will be a chorus of seven hundred high school boys and girls and an inter-high school band of 100 pieces. For weeks they have rehearsed, looking forward to making their contribution to the Lille Festival something long to be remembered. A program of dancing and pantomime by school children will complete the afternoon's performance.

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