

1893—St. Bernard's Seminary—1933

Looking Forward to September When St. Bernard's Will Be Forty Years Old, CATHOLIC COURIER, announces Series of Articles on Diocesan Seminary of Interest to All.

St. Bernard's Seminary which will be forty years old in September will be the subject of several special articles in the Catholic Courier during the coming weeks, some of which will be written by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar Capitular of the diocese.

The month of September, since the days of St. Bernard's Seminary's founding by the first great Bishop of Rochester, the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, has been particularly set aside for consideration of the philosophical and theological seminary of the Rochester diocese.

Files of the Catholic Courier and Journal show that the Seminary which has made such an enviable reputation and has placed thousands of priests in the vineyard throughout the world was not quickly brought into existence but was carefully considered, carefully planned and brought into being by the vision, energy and zeal of the first Bishop of Rochester, his priests and people.

Opened in 1893, St. Bernard's Seminary, the cornerstone for which was laid on August 20, 1891 was opened for class work on September 8, 1893, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was Bishop McQuaid's satisfaction to announce that the faculty was composed of professors raised in the diocese and trained here and abroad for the work ahead of them.

In a pastoral letter issued in September 1892, Bishop McQuaid said in part:

"It is not necessary to dwell at length on the important part a seminary plays in a diocese. Our diocesan are alive to this great truth. Though absorbed in their own parish work they realize that a diocesan seminary is as near to their hearts

and their direct interest as is the church where they worship and keep alive their love for religion. Because their present pastors are hardworking and zealous they wish to transmit to their children and others the blessings they enjoy. That their church and school may flourish they feel that their seminary must flourish. The interest and welfare of churches and seminary are common and cannot be separated. Hence it is that all contribute with generosity and cheerfulness.

"We shall continue to look for a maintenance of this same spirit of personal interest and liberality among all the Catholics of the diocese. It needs to reach out into the country towns and villages, for while the rural parishes are equally generous with their brethren in the cities toward the annual September collection, it is seldom that special offerings for the building fund are received, or that the seminary is remembered in the wills of those who die in the country districts."

Bishop McQuaid in his pastoral stated that the main building was completed and ready for furniture and equipment. After announcing further building plans the Bishop stated:

Vocations Abounded
"It is our wish to have St. Bernard's Seminary finished and paid for and ready for solemn dedication on the Feast of St. Bernard, August 20, 1893. On this occasion we expect thousands of our diocesans to be present, to rejoice with us and our priests, to admire the beautiful edifice, the future nursery of the priests of our diocese, and to praise God whose loving help has been with us from the beginning. The annual retreat for priests will take place in St. Bernard's, the first week in September, 1893 and the seminary classes will open on the 8th day of the same month—the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At least forty seminarians belonging to the diocese, and all graduates of St. Andrew's Seminary will form the first body of students. Its professors will also be children of the diocese, and for the most part from St. Andrew's. These facts demonstrate an important truth, viz: that our country abounds in vocations to the priesthood, that need only to be looked after and encouraged."

Articles dealing with Bishop McQuaid, the founder of St. Bernard's Seminary and his great successors, the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., and the late Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., and their interest in the seminary will appear in later issues.

NEW BISHOP, NOTED SULLIVAN
Montreal—(NCWC)—The Very Rev. Emilio Yelle, S.S., Superior of the Grand Seminary of Montreal, word of whose appointment as titular Archbishop of Areadopolis and Coadjutor Archbishop of St. Boniface has been received here, is one of Canada's most outstanding Sullivans.

MISSION RESTORER DIES
Orange, Cal.—(NCWC)—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. St. John O'Sullivan, 59 years old, who restored Mission San Juan Capistrano of the early Franciscan Fathers has just died of heart disease in St. Joseph's Hospital here. He had been ill for four weeks.

PRIEST TO MAKE AFRICAN FILM
Cape Town—(NCWC)—Father Froehling, a priest of the Pious Society of Missions, has sailed from Hamburg, Germany, and is expected to arrive in Africa shortly to visit the Central Prefecture and the Independent Mission of Queenstown to produce a film on mission work in these areas.

PRIEST-AUTHOR ILL
Colorado Springs—(NCWC)—The Rev. John S. Zybara, priest-author of Cleveland, who is confined to his bed in St. Francis Hospital here, has been ordered by his physician to cease his writings after completing seven books written in long hand. Father Zybara is afflicted with acute arthritis.

First U. S. Oblates Ready To Sail To African Fields

Tewksbury, Mass.—(N.C.W.C.)—Two young priests of the first American Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, — the Rev. Harold Thomas Conley, O.M.I., of Lowell, Mass., and the Rev. Edward Jerome Marlen, O.M.I., of Buffalo, N. Y., will sail shortly for Natal, South Africa, where they will engage in foreign mission labors as the first American Oblates to enter this field, according to word received at the novitiate here from Provincial headquarters in Buffalo.

Fathers Conley and Marlen were selected by the Very Rev. Theodor Laboure, O.M.I., Superior General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The mission field of Natal is British territory belonging to the Union of South Africa, and comprises an area of about 28,000 square miles. The Vicariate of Natal has a mixed population of whites, Asiatics, and native Kafir tribes. Prominent among which are the Zulus.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate first engaged in mission work in South Africa in 1852, when a group of six priests sailed from France. The original Vicariate of Natal in 1852 embraced a much larger territory, and it has since been divided into other Vicariates, five of which are at present under the direction of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. When the Oblates first went to South Africa there were but 500 Catholics in the immense Vicariate of Natal. The natives were entirely pagan and difficult to convert, and it was only after seven years that the first converts were made among the natives. Today with 37 Oblate priests laboring in Natal, out of a total population of 1,200,000, the Catholics number 12,000, and of these 4,000 are natives.

Fathers Conley and Marlen were ordained on June 13, in Washington, D. C., at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the grounds of the Catholic University. Father Conley who was born January 3, 1909 at Lowell, Mass., made his studies at the Sacred Heart parochial school, Canisius High School and College, Buffalo, N. Y., the Oblate House of Philosophy, Newburgh, N. Y., and Oblate Scholasticate, Washington, D. C.

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Bishops Consider Education in Crisis Statement Issued

(Excerpt from Statement on World Crisis by Bishops of N. C. W. C. Administrative Committee)

The educational system of our country, while imposing an unjust almost impossible tax burden on the general public, is deserving of sympathetic consideration from the standpoint that it is bearing a great responsibility which belongs to the domain of industry. We have in different sections legislation which provides for compulsory education until students reach the age of 18, and the further demand is being made today that the age be advanced to 20 years.

That our educational institutions are nurseries of idleness for millions of our youth, either because they have not the natural gifts to acquire knowledge or because they will not form studious habits, and that the whole system of education is imposing an ever-increasing burden, seem to receive little if any consideration. In the eyes of industry, regardless of justice, the one important thing is that students should be kept in school for additional years so as to lessen the number of the unemployed. Our whole educational system deserves the most serious consideration of the government and of all thinking and informed men who have at heart the best interests of their country. Great evils are to be corrected. There can be a simplifying of all our educational work without depriving students of essentials and without preventing gifted students from acquiring the education to which native ability entitles them. Approval cannot be given to the spending of so much time in acquiring factual knowledge which should be devoted to training the students to think rightly.

The falsity of the principle that education should be made as expensive as possible, which has been accepted by an unsuspecting public, should be everywhere exposed; likewise, the wrong assumption that tax-paid education is the best education, and that big educational units give the best results.

No group in America is making such sacrifices for education as is the Catholic group. No institution in the world has so consistently encouraged sane education as has the Catholic Church, and no institution in the world will as unflinchingly support the state in the discharge of its duty to see that all citizens have the necessary knowledge of their civic and political duties, and a certain degree of physical, intellectual and moral culture, which, considering the conditions of our times, is really necessary for the common good.

Assume New Duties



Rev. Francis P. Goodall, C. S. C. (above), recently appointed Director of the Holy Cross Foreign Missionary Society at Washington, D. C., and Rev. Michael A. Mathis, C. S. C. (below), who has been associated with the Holy Cross foreign mission activities since 1914, and who will devote his time to the furtherance of the work of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, of which he is a co-founder.

Activities in Auburn

By PAUL W. PINCKNEY
Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Helen L. Hennessy and Raymond S. Robbins on Friday, July 14. Because of the recent death of the bride's father, the late George P. Hennessy, the ceremony was performed in presence of the attendants only. The wedding took place at St. Margaret's rectory in Buffalo. Rev. Thomas Timmons, a life-long friend of the bride's family, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stevens of Buffalo, formerly of Auburn, were the attendants. The bride, a graduate of St. Mary's School and Syracuse University, has been teaching in Auburn schools for the past three years. The groom is the head teller of the National Bank of Auburn.

Anthony Spadaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Spadaro of 154 Seymour Street, who was recently awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine by Tufts College Medical School, Boston, Mass., has accepted the appointment as intern at Mercy Hospital in this city. Dr. Spadaro has worked under the supervision of the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory of the Boston City Hospital and the Medical Department of Harvard University. He has also done extensive blood research work which has been accepted for publication by medical authorities.

The St. Alphonsus softball nine tied for first place in Class B of the City Softball League Friday by defeating the Auburn Prison Guards, 14-4. This was the fourth victory of the last half standings for the youthful St. Alphonsus aggregation. O'Rourke pitched and Mulally was on the receiving end.

Funeral services for William Welch, father of Martin H. Welch of Tuxill Square, who died Tuesday, were held from his home in Sagus, Mass., Friday. Surviving besides his son are: two granddaughters, Miss Beatrice Welch of Rochester and Anna May Welch of Auburn; two grandsons, Frederick J. and John Henry Welch, also of this city.

Miss Evelyn Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinn of 93 Swift Street, became the bride of Paul Kanev, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kanev of 3 Gullfoll Avenue, at 8 o'clock Saturday morning in St. Mary's Church. Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor, performed the ceremony. Miss Nellie Hassett was the maid of honor and John Quinn, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. William Gregg and family and R. Goodrich of New Orleans, La.; Mr. and Mrs. William Shirley and Paul MacGregor of Ithaca; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferrell and family of Lansing; Miss Anna Fitzpatrick of Danemora and Miss Bobby Kanev of Syracuse.

The Question Box is proving an interesting feature in this newspaper. Send in your questions to The Question Box Editor, Catholic Civic Center, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

Camp Stella Maris

With long last glances last week's campers left and a new group took their places. The few tears that were shed were not from homesickness. The new encampment numbers about seventy.

The over-night encampment took place at Fall Brook near Geneva. This is only a short distance from the Geneva River, a beautiful and wild country. The time was spent very pleasantly between hiking, swimming and exploring the wooded ravines, snakes and furry creatures of all kinds were scouted out and some were captured after exciting chases. Many trophies were brought back for the 'bug-house'.

Companies F & G spent the night in pup-tents but the rest slept (or made a pretense at sleeping) under the open skies. Some boys took it upon themselves to warn the sleepers in case of Indian raids. They were several in the few hours of the morning, keeping the camp in a constant uproar. Luckily no one was scalped. Many ghosts were seen stalking about muttering to themselves but none was captured. At the first peep of daylight all went for a swim in the river.

So many campers and visitors have viewed the shrine on the beach that we have placed a few kneelers before the statue to make it more convenient for those who wish to pray.

The Camp has a newspaper which is published during each encampment (every other week). It is called the "O.S.M. Star". Articles are contributed by counselors, campers and Chaplain. The Camp activities are well covered. Each camper was presented with a copy of this paper as he left Camp as a souvenir of his stay. We are greatly indebted to Father Leonard Kelly, a former counselor, for providing facilities and giving his help in making our Camp paper possible.

An uproar was created on Sunday evening by Billy the goat, who suddenly took it into his head to assert himself. He butted everyone who came in his way driving several upon the porch. Congratulations, Billy! you are learning fast!

We are indebted to the Angels of Wayland for the loan of Billy the Goat. He is a constant source of fun and amusement.

How long will the Camp stay open? The last encampment begins on August 13 and runs to the 19th, if there are enough campers registered, we will tack on another week and run until the 26th of August. There is still room for a few more campers next week and for the last (the Boy Scout) week. Boys who are not Scouts may register for the Boy Scout week.

Parents and friends are invited to the Camp next Sunday to witness a little entertainment given by the campers. The Knot Hole Band will be present to provide a concert. The show begins at 2:30 o'clock.

Many have asked how we can give the boys such a good time on a dollar a day and feed them so well. The answer is that we are depending upon our big Social in August to carry us out of the 'red'. Are you planning on coming?

The list of campers for this week is as follows: Ralph Adams, Robert Adams, of Waterloo, Walter Adams, Edward Adams, Lawrence Anderson, Henry Atwell, Robert Belori of Buffalo, Ed. Burke, John and Richard Collins of Avon, Bill Cronin, Joseph Curran of Elmira, Charles Dodge, John Donovan, Robert Draxel, Robert Ebrland, James Fahy, Arthur and Tano Frigerio, Edward Fuller, Robert Hall, John Hallinan of Newark, Jerry Hart, Fred Howes of Tonawanda, Clarence Hoffman, Jack Hutto, Edward Jacoby, Henry Jencener, Robert Kanka of Geneva, William Kelleher of Seneca Falls, Robert Kehoe, Albert Keldel, James and William Kelly of Hornell, Charles King, Frederick Lang, Lawrence Landis, John Law, Earl Lenhard, James Lynch of Byron, Frederick McCarthy, Dan McGuire, William McNally of Avon, Dan Meagher, Jr., Bernard Merkel, Bernard Miller, Benny Morlyn, Gerald Murphy of Moravia, Paul Norman, William O'Brien, Richard Orlando, Jimmy Powers, Richard Powers, Lawrence Quintas, William Rund, Edward Shlesinger, Bob and John Schnacky, George Sophie, Frederick and Bill Springer, Dick Sullivan, Andrew Thomas, Albert Vetter, Dick Wagner, Bob Williams, Albert Walz, Joe Welch, Billy Watson of Batavia, William Zielinski.

RETURNS AFTER 4 YEARS
Tatsienlu, Szechwan, China.—(N.C.W.C.)—After four years of forced absence, Father Nussbaum of the Paris Missions, has been able to return to the Christian community of Batang, on the Tibetan border, where at one time he resided. The people, left to themselves for four years without the ministrations of a priest, were delighted at the missionary's return and received the Sacraments in large numbers.

Current questions in the light of Catholic principles are discussed in the Catholic Courier.

CIRCULATION OF DIOCESAN PAPER GROWS

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some time past, and James Collins, St. Andrew's, Leo Kusser and David and John Collins, St. Monica's, Thomas Rayor and Francis Govey, St. Donatus, Charles Wolf and Raymond Steber; Holy Redeemer, Bernard Florack, and John Basom; Sacred Heart, Robert LaVecque, William Dennis and John T. O'Connor. Other boys are being added to the staff in these parishes by Mr. Tucker as this is written. Sampling of the Catholic Courier took place in the above mentioned parishes on the Sunday before last and on last Sunday new subscribers wrote their names on cards and handed them in at the various Masses.

Sampling took place last Sunday in the following churches of the city: St. Francis Xavier, Holy Apostles, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Peter and Paul and St. Thomas. The newspapers were taken by parishioners. On next Sunday parishioners will turn in their cards and carrier boys will be assigned in the parishes. On Sunday, August 13, sampling of the Catholic Courier, current issue will take place at St. Margaret Mary's Church and at Holy Family Church.

Outside Parishes Cooperating
From parishes outside of the diocese, a great number of orders for the newspapers to be sold at church doors has been received in response to the letter sent out by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar Capitular of the diocese.

In his contacts with the pastors of the city, Mr. Tucker has received many worthwhile, constructive suggestions for the betterment of the official newspaper. With a wide reader interest, the influence of the Catholic Courier will grow. These in charge of the paper will be enabled to continue to improve it.

A firm foundation is thus being laid for a diocesan newspaper in the Rochester diocese. All who have not yet interested themselves in the Catholic Courier are urged to do so and to lend every aid possible in this movement which will secure each week a medium of Catholic news and views of timely interest.

ANTI-CATHOLIC MONTHLY QUINCY
Zarapath, N. J.—(N.C.W.C.)—The Good Citizen, anti-Catholic monthly published here over a period of more than 20 years, has ceased publication. The organ, issued by the "Pillar of Fire" was edited by Alma White.

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