

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF REVIEW AND COMMENT CONCERNING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



By Scholastic

Plans have been completed for the transfer of flags to be held Friday afternoon in the Columbus Civic Center; students of all the seventh grades of the Catholic Schools of Rochester will attend.

Supreme Master John H. Reddin has sent to all the masters instructions for the contest, which will be the tenth held under the auspices of the Fourth Degree.

Others who have accepted invitations to attend are Frank E. Gannett, President of the Gannett Newspapers, Dr. Meyer Jacobstein, Publisher of the Rochester Journal-American; James P. Duffy, Charles F. Hutchinson, and Carl F. Lomb.

GIRLS AND BOYS READ THIS! You think that you are overburdened with school work, but what about the Chinese children? The Far East says this concerning the education of the little Chinese.

This column, CONCERNING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS wishes to cooperate with you and publish more news about your own particular school.

In spite of the financial condition of the present day, religious training for Catholic children must continue. We extend the heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn, which will be dedicated Thursday, October 12, by the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, S.T.D., Bishop of Brooklyn.

Nazareth Academy—September is over—how did you stand in the examination reports? Numerous parishes are represented by the pupils listed on the Nazareth Academy Scholarship Roll, for pupils obtaining an average of over 90% in the September tests.

Maria's Gotfred, 110 Woodward Street, senior of Our Lady of Mercy High School, and Nick Rivado, Benjamin Franklin High School were judged winners of the essay contest, conducted by the permanent committee of the Columbus Day Celebration.

Judges who selected the winners are Harry Rosenberg, Judge of the City Court; Charles J. Mondo, Charles Lambiase, local attorneys; Joseph Gessella, Councilman-at-Large; Dr. Anthony Sclafina and Dominick DeFrancesco, head of the romance language of Benjamin Franklin High School.

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Text of Archbishop Mooney's Address at Ceremony of Installation

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one with deeper significance than of a new bishop is it ever said that he enters into the labors of others. As a stranger who comes to work among you, I know but little of the story of the labors into whose fruitage I enter today; but in the splendid organization of this diocese, which even a glance at statistics reveals, with its seminaries and other institutions of advanced study, with its homes of charity and houses of prayer, with its well-equipped parishes and schools, "One who runs may read" something of the vision and the zeal and the sacrifice that went into their making.

Recalls Predecessors

The memory of your first Bishop, the strong-minded and valiant McQuaid, is the pride not only of this diocese but of American Catholicity in which his influence was so strongly felt. May I not hope that to have been nurtured in the traditions of a Gilmour in Cleveland is at least a basis of appreciation for the work done here in his own diocese by one who was Gilmour's brother-in-arms in the stirring battle for Catholic education?

It would be presumptuous in me to speak to you of the work of the kindly and generous Bishop O'Hern, whom you have so lately lost and deeply mourned. His work was your work, and he did that work in a way that has given him a secure place in your hearts. No successor can covet that place; though he may, in that instinct for the human consolation with which God is good enough sometimes to reward effort and encourage human weakness, hope through the passing years, in the intimacy of common aspiration, and effort and, if God grant, accomplishment, to gain for himself a place in your affections beside the figure of the leader who is gone.

Most insistently, however, there comes to me today, I must confess, the thought of the responsibility that weigh upon me. On assuming for the first time, after more than seven years of varied work as a bishop, a directly pastoral charge, I go back in vivid and touching recollection to the ceremony in which I was consecrated a Bishop, and I recall with a new and deeper sense of responsibility its clearly-expressed dedication of authority to service.

At the same time he is consecrated body and soul to the task which goes with that authority. For does the Church not pray that the oil of anointing poured upon his head may run down as it did on the body of Aaron, the High Priest, and that the power of God's spirit may fill his very soul and stand about his whole person?

Pointedly, too, the Bishop is admonished concerning the traits of conduct which should stand out in the discharge of that task and the use of that authority. Faith unweaving, charity pure in its every motive, the frank simplicity that makes for peace—these are the fundamental personal virtues with which the Church prays that God may endow a Bishop. In his direction of others, he must be untrifling in his zeal, unflagging in his enthusiasm, "Solicitude impiger spiritu fervens". How else, indeed, can he be the leader of men the Bishop after Christ's heart must be, how else can he call out the best that is in his priests and people for the advancement of the cause of Christ? How else can he prevent, as he should prevent, a sad wastage of the finest human material our sordid earth knows—the sacrificed lives of those who give themselves to what seems at times the humanly hopeless, but is ever the divinely hopeful, task of carrying on God's blessed work in God's own world?

It is noteworthy that the words of the Pontifical are trenchantly strong in inculcating upon the Bishop that he must hate pride—to which authority so inclines a man, and in warning him that vainglorious use of the immense, because divine, power which is placed in his hands would make him pull down where God looks to him to build up. Conversely, he is told to love humility and to cultivate that readiness to learn even from the least of his brethren, which is one of humility's finest and most valuable gifts.

It is clear that the Church expects a Bishop to be strong, a man who will stand by the truth without allowing himself to be swayed by fear or by flattery. Not less clear is it that she would not have him headstrong—a man who refusing to conform pre-conception to fact, would ever try to make out "that white is black or black white, that good is bad, or bad good." How striking that admonition is in the strong Latin phrase: "Ne ponat lucem tenebras nec tenebras lucem, non dicat malum bonum nec bonum malum."

Such, then, are the outstanding characteristics which in the mind of the Church will determine the quality of a Bishop's leadership, as they will constitute the gauge of his fidelity and the measure of his success in consecrating authority to service.

And if, almost in bewilderment, he asks where he is to find the strength to work out in human weakness this more than human ideal, the Church points in answer to the prayer she says over him at his consecration: "Be Thou O Lord his authority, be Thou his power, be Thou his strength."

Touched more poignantly than ever before by the responsibility which all this implies, I beg of you, my brethren, I beg of you feelingly and urgently that you pray for me, that, as God shall be my authority and my power in ruling this diocese, too, may He be my strength. I ask of you, particularly my priests and people, often to repeat for me and for yourselves the prayer which was said in the Mass today: "Grant us, O Lord, to be constant in our service for the accomplishment of Thy holy will, that, in our day, those who serve Thee faithfully may increase in number and advance in merit." This sums up the whole work we have to do, and may God help us and bless us in doing it together.

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Missionary Doctor



Dr. Eleanor Stern, the first missionary of the season to be sent to India by the Catholic Medical Mission House, she will be permanently stationed at Holy Family Hospital, Rawal Pindi. Dr. Stern was born in Szolnok, Hungary, and graduated with high honors from the Fernex Josef University in 1929.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD OVER

Editor Named Rector Albany (NCWC) The Rev. William H. Taffe, assistant editor of the Evangelist, diocesan weekly newspaper, has been appointed rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, here.

New Era Inaugurated Berlin (NCWC) That a new era of peace and good will is to be inaugurated in the relations between the German Government and the Catholic Church with the final ratification of the Concordat was signified by the celebration of a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving, in St. Hedwig's Cathedral here in the presence of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Cesare Orsenigo, Apostolic Nuncio, and representatives of all the National Socialist formations who had come in their uniforms and with their field flags.

Lands Priest's Heroism Kampala, Africa—(NCWC) Fides—The secular press of East Africa is lauding the heroism of Father Wolters of the White Fathers and a missionary in Uganda over 30 years. During a severe outbreak of plague, Father Wolters upon learning that four of his converts were fatally stricken, disregarded personal danger and courageously insisted on administering the Last Sacraments. Two days later he died.

Visits Convent Garden London (NCWC) Princess Victoria, sister of King George on a surprise visit to the Convent of St. Martha at Rottingdean, Sussex, found it a quiet and pleasant retreat. She asked for permission to sit there whenever in the neighborhood and in need of rest. Later the princess, called at the convent and presented to the Rev. Mother a picture of the Crucifixion. After signing the picture, Princess Victoria mentioned that it had always hung in her own room.

Host to 300 Nuns New York—(NCWC)—Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, played host to 300 Sisters in the tower of the Empire State building on the occasion of the National Conference of Catholic Charities held here. The religious were Sisters of Charity, Sister Eileen, director of social service at St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, presented a medal of St. Joseph to Mr. Smith.

Reveal Trend to Right Madrid—(NCWC)—A definite trend to the right in Spain is evidenced by the results of the last two appeals to the electorate—the balloting for the municipal councils and the Court of Constitutional Guarantees. In the Tribunal elections the Rights won a great victory. The advocates and professors of the universities voted for four Catholics.

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Catholic Evidence Work Leaders Meet In Washington; Change Name

At the close of the second annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Evidence Guilds, held in Washington, D. C., October 7, 8, the delegates voted to change the name of the organization to the National Catholic Evidence Conference.

The Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Director of the Catholic Truth Guild, Boston, of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, and Managing Editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, headed the Rochester delegation, which included the Rev. Patrick Cleary, M.M., Korea Missionary, Helen Coyne, and Mary Moran, members of the Nazareth College Alumnae Association. Nazareth College and New Rochelle College were the only girls colleges represented.

The Washington Evidence Guild was host to the Conference, James Hayes, of New York, president of the national conference, presided. The Saturday morning session, devoted to apologetic work with particular reference to Catholic Information sent by mail, was welcomed by Leo A. Gadd, of the Washington Guild. Karl Rogers, secretary of the Catholic Information Society of Narberth, Pa., led the discussion with a talk on the work being done by that organization, in propagating Catholic information through simple, locally written pamphlets sent to hundreds of Protestants every month.

On Sunday afternoon an open air pitch was held in Franklin Park, and the delegates with hundreds of others heard addresses by Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Bowen, Mr. Codd, Mr. Reichenow and John J. O'Connor. The marked for Mr. Goldstein was the end of a two-year tour during which he traveled 52,000 miles and addressed 640 meetings in connection with Catholic evidence work.

How to present the Catholic religion in an appealing manner to radio audiences and to indoor gatherings was the problem confronting the second session. Comments on the art of presenting more interesting radio programs were made by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, of Rochester, Father Schmidt, of the Rev. John T. Gillard, S. J., of the Baltimore Catholic Laymen's Union, Frank Brady, of Baltimore, and Father Funk, of the New York Guild, and Edward Heffron, director of program of the "Catholic Hour" conducted by the N. C. C. M.

Sunday morning the delegates attended Mass at St. Matthew's Church, and received Holy Communion in a body. The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Hart, moderator of the Washington Guild, delivered the sermon. Dr. John G. Bowen, president of the Washington Guild; George Reichenow, of Baltimore; David Goldstein,

Catholic Actors Guild Issues Motion Pictures To Swell Relief Fund

New York—The Catholic Actors Guild of America completed arrangements a short time ago with Mentone Productions whereby thirteen two-reel motion picture features are to be made. The release of which the Guild receives from the pictures is for their sick and relief fund.

The casts appearing in these features include Guild members and other prominent stage, screen and radio performers in accord with the aims and principles of the association. It is expected that receipts from this source will greatly assist in alleviating the distress among theatre folk which has increased during the depression years.

The first completed subject is called "On the Air and Off" and includes the following list of principals: Nick Lucas, the crooning troubadour, known to vaudeville, motion picture and radio audiences, Adelaide Hall, one of the foremost colored entertainers of the world; the Bovard Sisters and Murray, popular harmony trio; Hizi Koyke, celebrated Japanese prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Eddie Carr premier American mime who presents his impersonations of Cheever and Ed Wynn; Leon Belasco, well known musical maestro of the St. Moritz Hotel, New York. Alvin Waterfield, stirring English comedian who was an overnight sensation on a recent coast-to-coast broadcast, Kelvin Keech, popular NBC announcer and Sam Liebert prominent character actor.

TO BEGIN FINAL WORK Omaha, Neb.—(NCWC)—Completion of the interior of St. Cecilia's Cathedral sanctuary and the finishing of this portion of the edifice with marble will begin next week. It was announced last Sunday at Masses by Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Aherne, rector. Completion of the Cathedral was one of the major objectives of the Confraternity of the Lally, when the diocesan campaign was staged in 1930. It is hoped to have the entire structure completed in time for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Omaha in October, 1935.

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