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Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union BULLETIN

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Officers of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union expressed pleasure this week with the manifestation of Holy Name interest shown by societies in the southern tier of the diocese. They have noted with interest the accounts of two meetings held during the past two weeks in Elmira at which the Rev. F. William Stauder, spiritual director and the Rev. Arthur A. Florack, assistant spiritual director of the Diocesan Holy Name Union were present and gave inspirational addresses. Attendance at the two meetings were reported good. An active diocesan organization in Elmira is expected to be a reality in the near future.

Immaculate Conception About 150 members of the society were present to hear an address by James E. Cull, former county attorney and president of St. Mary's Holy Name Society at the last meeting. His topic "The Blessed Sacrament from a Lawyer's Viewpoint" disclosed to the laymen present many ideas unthought of before. Recitation of the Holy Name pledge as a regular part of the prayers after Holy Communion on Holy Name Sunday was inaugurated at the Holy Name Mass on February 11 by this society.

St. Francis of Assisi Stefano Di Stefano, a member of this society, gave an interesting talk on "The Life of Christ" at the regular monthly meeting Sunday evening, February 11. After the business session, the members invited their families to help them celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of the society.

Holy Rosary During his address on the "Relationship of Catholicism and Americanism," Charles A. Tucker, chairman of the Holy Rosary Society, gave an interesting talk on "The Life of Christ" at the regular monthly meeting Sunday evening, February 11. After the business session, the members invited their families to help them celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of the society.

Nazareth Students Volunteer for Work At Press Exhibition The following members of various sodality committees volunteered for work at the Catholic Press Exhibit at the Columbus Civic Center: Kathleen Keenan, Jean Saalwachter, Claire Sigl, Margaret Hendricks, Helen Hendricks, Dorothy Rie, Jane McNally, Lois Metzger, Olive Murray, Julia Marie Gottry, Mildred McMaster, Ruth Rayson, Margaret Worthington, Virginia Downs, Mary Catherine Duffy, Alice Harris, Monica Conroy, Marion Schantz, Margaret Grant, Lois Hannah, Ruth Weber, Ruth Walsh, Margaret Beahon, Margaret O'Connell, Dorothy Craig, Mary Leane, Florence McCarthy, and Marion Odenbach. The entire Nazareth Academy sodality pledged support of the Catholic Press Exhibit.

Margaret Larkin, Prefect of the Sodality, has assigned the "Daily Six"—Mass, Holy Communion, Stations, Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, Mental Prayer, and Fidelity to the Character Builder as the March spiritual activity for each sodalist. The temporal activity is observance of National Vocation Week by special vocation program at each committee meeting.

The essay written by Elnor Stirna has been the faculty selection to send to the Gargas Memorial Institute in Washington, D. C. Essays written by Margaret Grant, Margaret Larkin, Margaret Mary Slattery, Ruth Rayson, Norma Ranson, Betty Kraft, Jane Ward, Rosemary McCarthy, and Ruth Crowley were entered in the "Best Idea Contest" sponsored by "The Queen's Work."

cellor of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, brought out the fact that some people believe that Catholics cannot be true Americans because of their allegiance to the Pope and to the Church. He clearly refuted the fallacy of such argument and proved that the man who is a good Catholic and true to his Church and his God is a good American.

Plans of the C.W.A. for group athletic meets were outlined by Edward Decker, C.W.A. Supervisor, at the regular monthly meeting on February 12.

B. Edward Shlesinger, president of the Diocesan Holy Name Union and president of St. Ambrose's Holy Name Society related his observations of conditions in Germany.

An interesting talk on the Catholic press and the reasons why every Catholic should have Catholic literature in his home was given by the Rev. John B. Sullivan, spiritual director of this society at the meeting held February 11.

Election of officers for 1934 resulted as follows: President, Eugene B. Garvey; Vice President, Edmund Prinepe; Recording Secretary, Arthur Farren; Financial Secretary, Roy W. Crissy; Treasurer, John Staib.

Catholic missionary endeavor in the Orient, and in the United States was emphasized over the past weekend when three missionaries from widely separated parts came to Rochester to confer with Archbishop Mooney, Bishop of Rochester.

Catholic College Students Impressive In 'Human Side of Saints' Symposium

The initial presentation of "The Human Side of the Saints," a Symposium by the College Council, Student Sodality Conference of Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ontario, was given last Sunday evening at Nazareth Academy Auditorium with Miss Betty Nash, Nazareth College Senior, as the Rochester representative.

Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, the Reverend Benedict Ehmman, John Newcomb, G. Stuart Hogan, Edward Lyons, George Schmitt, Robert Fox were present at the Symposium.

The six speakers were enthusiastically received by an audience of over 900, including faculty members, parents, friends, students, seminarians and delegations from D'Youville College and Canisius College, Buffalo.

A large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in whose honor the Sodality Conference is dedicated, had a prominent place on the stage. In evening attire and with a collegiate background of banners, palms, and flowers, the student speakers impressed the gathering with their sincere, devotional, convincing, and at the same time appealing manner in which they handled their subject matter.

Albert J. Burke, chairman, Canisius College, sounded the keynote of the Symposium in his introduction to the program, "What Are Saints?" when he said that we must be normal human beings with a natural enjoyment of life before we can be saints of God.

Miss Nash, Nazareth College, the first speaker, in presenting the title of "St. Therese of Lisieux" said: "Never in the record of human history has a woman captured the hearts of so many millions in so short a time. Her appeal lies in that she is human—she is one of us. Men feel they can find the Light of Christ by following her simple way. She was human, and yet she has risen to the height of perfection."

In conclusion, Miss Nash said, "The message of St. Therese to the modern world is gleaned from her life. That message is simply this: the path to Eternal Happiness is to be found in following her little ways of simplicity, humility, and confidence in God. . . The Little Flower is with us now,—lifting, leading, guiding men from the depths of abysmal darkness to Infinite Light."

J. John McMahon, Niagara University, addressed the audience on "St. Vincent De Paul"; the life of "St. Catherine of Siena" was presented by Miss Marcella Godfrey, D'Youville College; "St. Francis of Assisi" was given by Edmund J. Dwyer, St. Bonaventure College. Miss Costella Ressler, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa., talked on "St. Teresa of Avila"; and Francis Burt Schlegel, Canisius College, closed the Symposium with an account of "St. Aloysius Gonzaga."

The contents of the addresses were prepared under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Sisters of Mercy, the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, the Vincentian Fathers, the Franciscan Fathers and the Jesuit Fathers. The Rev. Alfred J. Barrett, S. J., spiritual director of the Sodality Conference, is in charge of the arrangements for the annual Symposium, and is author of "Cyrano of the Saints", a poem appearing on the cover of the program.

Miss Betty Nash and Miss Margaret Blumerick, president of the Nazareth College Sodality left Wednesday for Buffalo. At Buffalo they will join the other Symposium speakers and in a chartered bus will travel to Detroit, Michigan, where the second presentation of the Symposium will take place at the Tri-State Convention. The students will be guests of Marygrove College and Detroit University during their stay in Detroit. Leaving there Sunday, February 25, they will return by way of Cleveland where a third presentation will be given that afternoon at John Carroll University, Cleveland.

The remaining presentations of this Symposium will be given during the month of March at the following cities: St. Joseph's Academy, Lockport, N. Y.; Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, Ontario; Knights of Columbus Auditorium, Buffalo, and Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa.

Other officers of the Mass were: Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church, deacon, and Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, sub-deacon. The church was filled and in attendance was a large delegation of the Rosary and Scapular Society of St. Mary's Church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Bearers were: William P. Berkan, Joseph Berkan, Jeremiah Berkan, Martin Berkan, Dennis Kinsella and Frank J. Leath.

In the sanctuary were the following clergy: The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hart, V. G.; Reverend Father Foery, Gerald Brennan, John Newcomb, Charles Reynolds, Ralph Neagle of Rochester, Rev. Edward J. Lyons of Scipio, Rev. Bartholomew L. Quirk and Rev. John Moore of Seneca Falls, Rev. John Ball of Cato, Rev. Henry J. Doerbeck of Aurora, Rev. John Neary of Montezuma, Rev. John B. Crowley, Rev. Robert Fennessy, Rev. Leo Jones, Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Rev. Thomas Carley, Rev. John Bohmwech, Rev. John E. Masseth of Auburn and Rev. John Leary of New York City.

Race Problem Play Given by Nazareth Group "The Public Achievement", a retable series, was accomplished at Nazareth College Student Hour, February 15 in the form of a play, "Number 402", written by several members of the College Mission Study Club in collaboration. The central theme was the race problem; the background a negro settlement house. The cast included the Misses Rita Barry, Eileen Burns, Grace Carroll, Ingeborg Giese, Mary Catherine Maguire, Rosario Maurizio, Harriet Miljour, Abigail Mosey, Mary Rita O'Connell, Frances Owens, Dorothy Rankin, Florence Sullivan, and Dr. J. Eastham.

Many Priests Assist At Funeral Mass For Fr. Bergan's Sister

By PAUL W. PINCKNEY Auburn.—Rev. William E. Bergan, Catholic chaplain at Auburn Prison, and former professor at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, was celebrant of a solemn high Mass of Requiem at the funeral services of his sister, Miss Sarah Theresa Bergan, held Thursday morning of last week from St. Mary's Church. Miss Bergan, a well known member of the local nursing profession, died Monday evening as a result of injuries suffered late last fall in an automobile accident on the Auburn-Seneca Falls state highway.

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Those who conferred with Archbishop Mooney were the Rev. Yves Cossard, Paris Foreign Mission Society priest on his way to Japan; the Rev. Frank S. Wyss, C.S.C., Holy Cross Father from Dacca diocese, Bengal, India, and the Rev. Arnold Heimmann, O.M.C., Franciscan missionary among the Navaho Indians in Arizona.

Something of the problems confronting priests in missionary fields were told by the missionaries in interviews given in the Diocesan Offices, Society for the Propagation of the Faith to the Catholic Courier.

Father Cossard who is returning from France to Japan to become spiritual director of St. Francis Xavier Seminary in Tokyo, and who does not speak English talked through the Rev. Patrick Cleary, M. M., Maryknoll missionary of this diocese home on leave from Korea. Father Cossard's work in Japan will concern itself with training native Japanese for the priesthood.

Father Cossard left Rochester for a short visit in Albany with five native Japanese novices in the Religious of the Sacred Heart Convent in that city.

Back in the United States after nearly ten years spent in the Holy Cross missions in India, Father Wyss of Fort Wayne, Ind., told of the many changes that had taken place in the United States since he left and spoke of conditions in his missionary post in India.

Father Wyss' mission of Tomillah is about 100 miles from Calcutta in the diocese of Dacca in which twenty years ago there was not one Catholic. There are about 40,000 people in the diocese consisting of Hindus, Mohammedans and Gargas and all are potential Catholics, Father Wyss stated.

Speaking of his work among the Gargas, he said that these people welcomed the Catholic religion and had even asked for a priest to instruct them. They have no caste system and find it easier to accept the Catholic religion than do Hindus or Mohammedans. At the present time the work of the Church has progressed to such a point in his mission, Father Wyss said that a native community of Sisters is being formed there.

Where he is stationed, Father Wyss related is about two feet above sea level and transportation has to be by boat through rice fields. Humidity is high with the temperature ranging from 55 degrees to 105 degrees. In the rainy season the cold is felt even at the 65-degree temperature. He said he did not mind the high temperatures so much.

Father Wyss' work on his stay in the United States is concerned with the formation of clubs to direct their efforts towards aiding the Holy Cross missions in Bengal.

ORPHANAGE DAMAGE SLIGHT Quebec.—(NCWC)—St. Bridget's Home, an orphanage conducted by the Sisters of Charity for English-speaking children of the Archdiocese of Quebec, was only slightly damaged by the fire which occurred there a few days ago.

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