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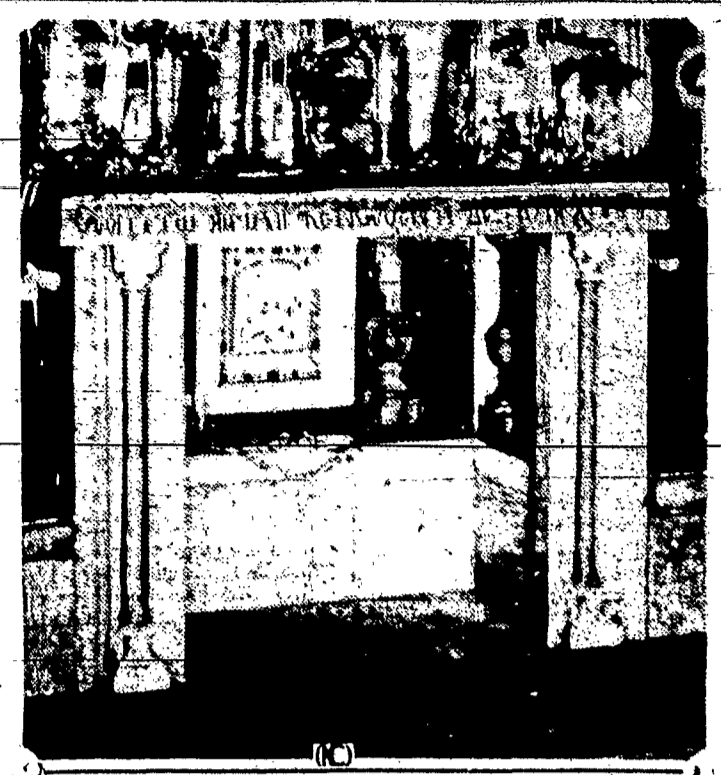
Secretary's Report Is Feature of Banquet of Knights of St. John

Members of the Knights of St. John Bowling League were highly commended and praised for their excellent spirit of sportsmanship shown by the teams and players during the past season in several short talks at their third annual banquet of the league held on Thursday last week at Badisher Thannherchor.

COMMUNION DAY

This very morn—oh! wondrous love! Came to my heart a Guest divine. His presence filled my soul with bliss.

Site of the Redemption



This picture was taken inside the chapel which marks the place on Mount Calvary where Our Lord died. The scene is at one end of a chapel, and shows a Greek altar which has been erected over the sacred spot.

1836—The Redemptorists—1936

Looking forward to the Centenary Celebration of the founding of St. Joseph's Church in Rochester in 1836, articles such as the following on the labors of the Redemptorist Fathers (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer) the world over, are appearing from time to time in the CATHOLIC COURIER, Rochester Diocesan newspaper in the prayerful hope that these occasional contributions will prepare a proper setting for the Centenary and will accord it a deeper meaning and a brighter glory.

Redemptorists and Lay-Retracts Retractions to laymen are an integral-statement of the Redemptorist apostolate. As far back as 1735 St. Alphonsus built the house at Clorani, in the Kingdom of Naples, on a large scale "so as to be able to lodge the fathers and the novices, and such priests and laymen as might wish to make the religious exercises in the house."

Little Sunda Island Rulers Attend First Retreat Held There

Techny, Ill.—(NCWC).—The Divine Word Fathers have pioneered again in the closed lay retreat movement. Word has just reached here of the successful close of a retreat conducted by the Fathers in Flores, Dutch East Indies, for the natives.

December 20, 1929, on the Promotion of Lay Retractions, naturally gave a powerful impetus to the movement. In line with the wishes of His Holiness the Most Rev. John J. McMahon, Bishop of Trenton, on May 21, 1930, sent a letter to all his pastors, which said in part:

"The Diocese of Trenton is indeed fortunate in having such a splendid Retreat House as San Alfonso, under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers, at West End, Long Branch, N. J. All laymen are invited to San Alfonso."

In June, 1930, more than a hundred men from the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, N. Y., members of the retreat club established in the Redemptorist parish, made the spiritual exercises at San Alfonso. This was the largest single crowd up to that time. During that year there were thirty-three retreats with an attendance of 1226 men, an average of thirty-seven for each retreat.

For the past years the retreats have been given by the Rev. Francis L. Kenzel and the Rev. John P. Murphy.

New Chapel Built To accommodate the increasing number of retreatants, a new chapel, easily seating one hundred and eighty men, was built in 1931. The main altar was donated by the Carroll Council, Knights of Columbus, of Union City, N. J.

Among the retreatants, July 10-12, was the well known Catholic Lecturer and author, Mr. David Goldstein. In an appreciative article, August 15, 1931, the Brooklyn Tablet said in part:

"It is consoling and encouraging to observe that in these times of spiritual unrest, a good percentage of non-Catholic and some Jews patronize San Alfonso, and leave not only enlightened as to Catholic life and doctrine, but deeply impressed with the spiritual advantages of these retreats."

In 1931 there were twenty-eight retreats with 1391 participants. Thus although there were five retreats less than the previous year, there were seventy-five more retreatants. Considering the depression that prevailed, this was a remarkable showing. In all eighty-six clubs have been organized, of which eighty-three are under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, but membership in these clubs is not limited to the Knights, who like apostles are striving to win others to the cause. The three remaining clubs are parish units. Of the eighty-three clubs sponsored by the Knights, sixty-one functioned in 1931. At least once a year Father Murphy addresses each of these clubs, and keeps in touch with them also by means of the San Alfonso Bulletin, of which he is the editor.

To make a retreat a man must attend seven of the eight exercises. No one who is not present on Saturday-morning is counted as a retreatant. Thus there is not padding of figures. The retreats open on Friday evening and close on Sunday evening. San Alfonso can accommodate two hundred men, but the Fathers prefer to limit the number to one hundred and seventy-five. About thirty per cent. of the men make a second retreat during the year. In deference to the wishes of men whose business requires their personal attention at week-ends, mid-week retreats were conducted during June, July and August, beginning in 1932.

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