Students Display Knowledge of Catholic Action in Symposium

[illegible] and Pennsylvania on the subject of Catholic Action.

After a brief greeting by Winifred Murphy, President of the Student Sodality of Nazareth College, Miss Catherine Harrington, of Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania, formally introduced the speakers of the evening, and announced the phase of the general topic to be treated by each.

The stage of the Academy was decorated with quiet taste, and armchairs presented an air of pleasant informality. The male student speakers were tuxedos and the young ladies were charmingly gowned in colorful formal evening attire.

Gordon Leahy of Canisius College, the first speaker, took as his topic the nature of Catholic Action, and stressed the fact that it is action by the laity rather than the clergy, which is the basis of the movement.

Miss Jean Reynolds of Nazareth College then discussed the Doctrinal Basis of Catholic Action. Not directly in the message of Christ, declared Miss Reynolds, do we find mention for this activity on the part of the laity of the Church. We find it rather in His underlying attitude, and spoken in [illegible] of the apostles of St. Paul. Miss Reynolds quoted particularly from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Verse 5, in the twelfth chapter, "So we being many are one body in Christ and every one members of another."

James N. Kelleher of Niagara University followed Miss Reynolds' speech with the topic of Catholic Action in America. Mr. Kelleher showed how lay activity in America had moved a tendency to follow, we will assume, meanwhile the most [illegible] of which was now the enthusiasm for and support of the missions, and the recently formed and very successful Legion of Decency.

Lester Wright of St. Bonaventure's spoke strongly on a practical program for organization in a religious enterprise as well as in any other form of activity. "We must have organization," emphasized Mr. Wright, and proceeded to show the course of [illegible] which societies have been able to exercise in contemporary history through being well organized. Spain and Mexico, he points out, are at the present time striking examples of the power of persecuted minorities have exerted for the purpose of saving rights and traditional privileges from the overwhelming majority of the Catholic population of those distressed nations.

An example of the splendid work being done under the banner of Catholic Action was the principal point developed by Miss Rosina Dietrich of D'Youville College. Miss Dietrich described the newly formed society of Oblate-Sodalists of Mary Immaculate a Society which originated in Buffalo, but has as its aim a nation-wide organization. The particular purpose for which the Oblate-Sodalists are striving is the enrolling of young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five in religious, social and play-time enterprises which shall center around the parish.

The concluding speech, delivered by Miss Gertrude Wachler of Villa Maria College, was a brilliant and dramatic summary of the most important points made by the preceding speakers, and an impassioned appeal for loyalty to the duties of Catholic Action.

The Rochester symposium was the second in a series of symposiums to be delivered during the Lenten season by these young collegiate students at various cities in the district represented by the co-operating colleges.

Preliminary to the symposium a dinner was given at Oak Hill Country Club by the Sodality of Nazareth College. Misses Molly Harrison and Marion Shamrick being appointed as a committee to arrange the affair. A reception was held in honor of the participants in Nazareth College following the program.

Forty Hours Devotions

March 31—Holy Rosary, St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester; St. Stephen's, Geneva; Macedon.

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Rochester K. C. Strive To End Member Drive With Success, Monday

Having passed the 100 mark Tuesday in the membership campaign being conducted for Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, team workers are outworking enthusiastically over the week end to double and even triple that number by the time the campaign closes Monday evening, April 1, in the K. of C. Rooms, Columbus Civic Center.

Spurred on by Grand Knight Dr. Walter B. O'Neill who cited Tuesday the reasons for Catholic manhood being enrolled in the K. of C. at this time, the workers under Campaign Director William T. Nolan, divided into two divisions, are striving to outdo each other when the campaign ends.

The Rochester campaign is being held in conjunction with councils throughout the diocese all co-operating in a nation-wide mobilization of Knights of Columbus for Catholic Action.

Head of Diocese Will Attend K. C. Meeting April 4

As a member of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Mooney will attend the next regular council meeting, Thursday evening, April 4, in Columbus Civic Center Building.

At the coming meeting, the Catholic Action section will have for topic of discussion, "State Aid to Parochial Schools," with chairman Philip H. Donnelly of the Catholic Action Committee presenting the subject for general discussion. The discussion held at the last meeting of the Council and led by J. Franklin Fennell treated the subject "Juvenile Delinquency."

Grand Knight Dr. Walter B. O'Neill will preside at the business session on April 4. A report on the local council's participation in the nation-wide mobilization for Catholic Action will be made by William T. Nolan, director of the Rochester Council campaign. Attendance at the meeting is expected to be the largest of the year.

The Knights on March 21 discussed "Juvenile Delinquency" and its causes following presentation of a well-prepared paper on the subject by Mr. Fennell.

Citing a statement by the Rev. Francis J. Lane, chaplain of Elmira Reformatory, that about 75 per cent of the violent crimes committed in the United States are perpetrated by youth of the country, Mr. Fennell declared that the real solution of delinquency and its result—crime, can only be found in the study of the individual delinquent and his background and history. This approach he said, is endorsed by religion and sound philosophy which in a sense isolates the personality of man from all that surrounds him.

Again citing Father Lane who has said that the most dangerous years in the life of a boy are between 14 and 16 years of age, and that the majority of delinquents show their first tendencies during these years, the speaker gave six causes from which delinquency may arise, in the school, neighborhood, industry, places of amusement, home and most of all within the boy himself where all these external forces are having their effect upon him.

Symptoms of delinquency he said are truancy, idleness, unknown and unquestionable companions, disobedience, late hours and carelessness in performing religious duties and obligations.

Youth will go astray, he declared, due to a desire for entertainment or a good time. Parents instead of inviting or encouraging their sons to bring his pals to their home to make use of recreational facilities the home affords, try to thwart and stifle that desire for amusement only to find in course of time that other amusement has had dire consequences following.

The Rev. Gerald G. Lambert, council chaplain in the general discussion following said that the fundamental cause of delinquency is Original Sin, man's inclination to evil and he said that fact must be recognized in seeking to guard against delinquency in youth.

Msgr. Burns To Read From His New Book At P. T. A Meeting

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Geoge V. Burns, pastor of Sacred Heart Church will give a reading of his new book, "The Cycle of Life," at the regular mothly meting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Sacred Heart School, in the school hall, Flower City Park on Monday evening, April 1, at 8 o'clock.

Consisting of verse from the pen of Monsignor Burns, the new book is beautifully printed and follows a well defined plan in an effort to bring light to some of man's religious perplexities.

"The Cycle of Life" carries the imprimatur of Archbishop Mooney. Passages from it will be read by Monsignor Burns, author, at the coming meeting.

Mrs. C. F. Page, president, will preside. Miss Hazel Rogers will give a talk on the work being done by the blind and will also give a vocal selection.

Hostesses will be Mrs. W. T. Reynell, chairman; Mrs. George King, Mrs. Warren Davis and Mrs. C. C. Hahn.

French toast makes an excellent breakfast for those who prefer a sweet touch.

Touching Rites Marks Geneva KC Tribute to Leaders

By ARTHUR J. COWAN

Geneva — A most touching and at the same time impressive ceremony attended by almost 300 members of the Knights of Columbus with Supreme Director Daniel A. Tobin, as guest of honor, was conducted by Geneva Council, K. of C. Tuesday night.

Following introduction of guests and brief responses a beautiful tribute arranged by General Chairman T. Edward Bickle was paid to deceased past grand knights of Geneva Council.

As the names were read, a photograph of the past grand knights was unveiled by the daughter. Following pictures were presented: Dr. Charles D. McCarthy, Grand Knight, 1897,8,9 unveiled by Miss Genevieve McCarthy; Daniel Kane, 1900, 1, by Miss Elizabeth Kane; Judge Thomas H. Sweeney, 1902, by Miss Mary Sweeney; John V. Jones, 1909, 10, by Miss Kathryn J. Jones; William M. Cosgrove, 1920, 21, by Miss Mary Cosgrove.

Living Past Grand Knights answering the roll call were: Robert J. Wyatt, 1903, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19; Daniel W. Lynch, 1906, 7; William Groden, 1908; Matthew B. Kelleher, 1911, 12, 13, 14; Lawrence E. Tyndall, 1914, 15; Frank J. Conboy, 1922, 23; T. Edward Bickle, 1924, 25; Willis D. Lynch, 1926, 27; Louis L. McGuigan, 1928, 29; Judge Thomas A. Kane, 1930, 31; John J. Lee, 1932, 33.

Robert J. Wyatt in presenting the pictures to the council to be hung in the council rooms said he hoped the sight of the portraits and deeds accomplished by those who have passed away would always be an incentive to present and future members of the Council. Grand Knight John F. Gleason in accepting the pictures assured the knights that it would be an inspiration to study the lives of the men who have gone and said all could emulate the noble and high ideals as exemplified in their lives.

Tribute was paid the council by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, V. F., dean of the Geneva deanery and District Deputy John J. Leo of Auburn. Letters of congratulation were read by Toastmaster George W. O'Malley from Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody; International Chairman of the Mobilization Campaign, Michael Larkin; State Deputy Michael J. Walsh and Supreme Secretary William J. McGinley. The last named stated that Geneva Council's record is a challenge to similar and even larger councils.

In a stirring address, Supreme Director Tobin, guest speaker for the occasion, challenged the knights to go forth and enlist the leaders of the community, the professional men and the men with influence.

"These are the men we want," he declared. He urged the knights to stress that the Holy Father is anxious that such men join the order, that the standard bearers of Catholic Action must be organized and without organization there can be no success.

The Supreme Director cited achievements of the Knights of Columbus in co-operation with the Hierarchy of the country and said that the Hierarchy are anxious that every Catholic gentleman become associated with the Knights of Columbus.

He spoke of the work the order is doing at Gabriels in conducting a tubercular hospital, of the gifts of the kights to the Catholic University of America, and of recreational work done for youth in Rome.

Speaking of the need for Catholic Action he said:

"Today when supreme trials are testing the souls of the nation the proponents of Catholic Action believe in the doctrines of the old church of the ages, and in the treasure house of her teaching and experience, we at least of her communion have the most potent antidote against those pernicious evils which would engulf us all in a common ruin."

Auburn Dist. Deputy Attends K. C. Event In Geneva Tuesday

Auburn – District Deputy John J. Leo, Grand Knight Raymond J. Wall, Chairman Frank J. Lesch of the Auburn Unit, Mobilization for Catholic Action and other delegates represented Auburn Council, No. 207 at the "Past Grand Knights Night" program given Tuesday evening, March 26, by the Geneva Council at St. Francis de Sales High School Hall, Geneva. Supreme Director Daniel A. Tobin of Brooklyn was the guest speaker.

Macedon Holy Name Men Elect Officers, Plan Future Social Events

Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, held its second quarterly meeting, March 20, at which officers were elected and plans for future church and social activities were discussed.

Officers named are: President, John Dwyer; vice-president, William Doyle; secretary-treasurer, Francis McGarry. The Rev. John E. Masseth, pastor, is spiritual director.

The Holy Name men decided to hold a barbecue after Easter and a lawn festival in August.

READS BAZAAR

Auburn—State Conservation Commissioner Lithgow Osborne of Auburn has been named general chairman of the big bazaar to be held early in May at the Holy Family Auditorium, North Street, for the benefit of Mercy Hospital.

St. Andrew's Boy Wins National Contest Award

Donald Leahy, a second year student at St. Andrew's Seminary, has been awarded third prize in a national essay contest on the assigned subject of "Modern Martyrs," it was learned Friday at the Seminary. Young Leahy lives at 25 Bradburn Street and is a member of St. Monica's parish.

The contest, open to all high school and college students in the United States was divided into two departments, one for high school students and another for college entrants.

Honorable mention in the contest was awarded to Joseph Egan of Horseheads, N. Y., who resides at St. Andrew's House, Rochester, and who was entered in the college department. Young Egan won the CATHOLIC COURIER editorial writing contest during Catholic Press Month a year ago. Also given honorable mention in the national contest was Joseph Coonan of 333 Tremont Street in Immaculate Conception parish who was entered in the high school department. Young Coonan is a CATHOLIC COURIER Carrier. Both are students of St. Andrew's Seminary here.

This is the fourth contest in the past year in which students of St. Andrew's Seminary have been prize winners, it was announced this week at the Seminary.

Canandaigua Priest Addresses Auburn C.D.A.

Auburn Rev. Raymond Nolan, a former Auburnian, now assistant at St. Mary's Church, Canandagua, addressed the members of Court Auburn, 263, Catholic Daughters of America Monday evening at the Court House, South Street. His subject was "Persecution in Mexico." A musical program, conducted by Mrs. Marie Conners, was presented at this event.

Auburn Nocturnal Adoration Society, In Fourth Year, Will Elect Slate

Auburn—Election of officers in the Auburn Nocturnal Adoration Society will take place at 3 p. m., Sunday, March 31 in Holy Family Auditorium. President William J. McLane will preside. The society, organized March 20, 1932, is entering its fourth year.

The nominating committee will present several names to be voted for a term of three years. At the meeting other matters of importance will be discussed. Arrangements will be made for a Communion breakfast after the Lenten season. All Catholic men and boys over 16 years of age from the various parishes in the city have been invited to attend.

Present officers of the Society are: Spiritual Director, the Very Rev. John A. Conway, V. F.; President, William J. McLane; First Vice President, John E. Stapleton, Second Vice President, Albert Shamon; Treasurer, Hugh H. Kimball; Recording Secretary, Frank H. Wiathuechter; Corresponding Secretary and Marshal, Alban J. Linnenbach.

Leaders of the various bands are James J. Brady, Hugh R. Kimball, Alban J. Linnenbach, William J. McLane, John E. Stapleton, John J. Tracey, Joseph O'Connor and Frederick Welch.

The next all-night vigil of the society will be kept in Holy Family Church, on Saturday evening, March 30 beginning at 10 o'clock. The night of adoration will be observed by eight bands each spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. New members will be received into the society at 9.30 o'clock.

Secretary Linnenbach announces this week that since the society was organized in 1932, the first meeting having been held Holy Thursday night, March 24, that year there have been 36 nights spent in adoration with 288 hours and 5,348 individual hours. The average attendance per night was 149, the average per hour 19. The largest attendance for one night was 193, the lowest attendance for one night was 112. 78 were dropped for various reasons and the present membership is 196.

Members, he states, have been very faithful in their attendance. It has been the purpose of the officers to seek only men who realize their responsibility and will report faithfully each night of adoration. Growth has not been rapid but it has been steady. The men who have joined in the past three years have been as faithful in their attendance as the charter members.

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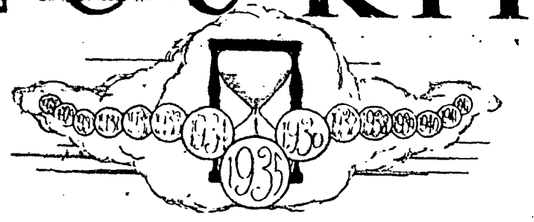

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