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 Quebec (N.Y.) A group of lay brothers, 89 in all, has just completed a three-day spiritual retreat at the College of St. Anne de la Pointe near here. Thirteen rural parishes were represented.

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What's Trump?
 By Rev. Donald M. Cleary

Everyone wants to be in style. A part of our human nature to wear, to do, to say, what the rest of the world is wearing, doing and saying. Fashion is wearing, doing and saying. It is the great force in the world. Do you want to be in style? Read on then!

In a previous article the young need for an intellectual appreciation of our Catholic faith for the benefit of both the individual and the world at large has been outlined. Serious minded Catholics in all parts of the country are answering this need and as a result we have the formation of discussion Study Clubs.

What is a discussion Study Club and how does it work? It is not a group of ten people, serious intent upon learning something about the religion which they love so dearly. It is a group of people who have taken to heart the words of the Pope's representative in the United States. "Never will we accept only for ourselves to extend the mind of the church into the mind of the world unless we are willing to use our own minds in learning more of the things of our blessed

Lord and of His Church." These people want to prepare themselves to the guidance of bishops and priests, to speak for the church. Through cooperative study and discussion under the guidance of a Study Club leader, a topic is laid open to all. The view of each member of the club and his reason for it is given. Each is free to speak to the very essence of the Club's discussion. Members develop a mastery of principles and of judgment to apply them in concrete instances. The objection might immediately be raised. I go to church regularly. I listen to sermons and I read the literature. Isn't that enough? We understand that it is not enough. We understand that we learn we learn only through discussion. For this is the only discussion done that the intellect of the individual is sincerely probed to make it comprehend clearly and completely.

Invites To Action
 The lay lists weekly or of ten, for good sermons, to religious lectures, and to church radio hours. Many adults can repeat accurately the formulae of the catechism, yet are often unable to present clearly or explain their religion to others even though they know the facts. Many people have not the academic preparation, the necessary reference material, nor the time to acquire sufficient accurate information to develop mastery of a subject. By working with others in a discussion Study Club, the individual's intellectual, spiritual and social development is stimulated. The stimulation that comes from group cooperation and the effective communication of ideas through contact with others arouses the desire to make real the individual's membership in the Mystical Body of Christ.

Lectures and the stereotyped question-and-answer method are fading. An individual Study Club for under that method is becoming increasingly ineffective and how much of even an intensely interesting lecture can one readily recall? A lecture may be above or below the general mental level of the group, while a discussion of a subject by all members provides a level for discussion. The question-and-answer method develops memory primarily. Discussion promotes thought and promotes clear expression. It develops latent talent and develops initiative.

Provides New Outlook
 All of this sounds dry and stuffy, doesn't it? Let us see how it works out practically. Imagine yourself a member of a discussion Study Club. You are meeting with a small group of people your friends, all interested in the same things, you are probably all of the same intellectual caliber. The subject is being held in your home. After the first chatty greeting, the over and your guests are comfortably engaged. The topic is laid open to discussion. Let us say the topic is "Why do Catholics use Ceremonies?" Immediately each mind repeats that question to itself. Each one is a little ashamed to admit that after years of upbringing and following Catholic ceremonies, the why of them is not known. A half hour's discussion follows.

Auburn Holy Name Men Oppose 'Youth Control' Measure

Auburn—The Holy Name Society of St. Augustine Church here voted on Tuesday to oppose the ratification of the so-called Child Labor Law. The society followed as a result of a resolution passed at its meeting on Tuesday night of Auburn Council No. 12, 12th of Columbus at the annual meeting Sunday, Jan. 12.

The action of officers and members took place at the meeting held in the recreation hall on Water Street. Officers included were President, Stephen H. Bauer, Vice-President, Alfred McGrath, Recording Secretary, Joseph E. Beck, Treasurer, Stephen Klempke, and Secretary, J. Francis Pool. Other members present were William McLane, Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Augustine Church in spiritual direction of the society.

Plans were made for a social to be held in February at St. Patrick's Party in March and the annual Communion breakfast in May. The society sponsors a 45 card party every Tuesday evening.

Formed in 1922 with 75 charter members, the society now has an active membership of 100. It is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Men and the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union and is affiliated with the Catholic Central Veres. The society sponsors the Columbus Society, the Holy Name Youth Organization. Under the direction of Father Straub it has been instrumental in the organization of the parish.

Guided by the leader and what ever text you are using. Point after point is brought up. New suggestions, subjects, questions, become manifest. You come to the end of the evening with the realization that you have learned something worth while. Your guests thank you for your hospitality, commend the fact that both you and they have participated pleasantly in a Catholic Action Day as just. My friend! It will be a fascinating experience.

In the Diocese of Rochester there are probably a thousand card clubs. Very likely a thousand a very low estimate. Once a week these groups meet in someone's home, ostensibly to pass a few hours playing cards. Those of you who have had experience with such clubs know that more than card playing takes place. Every topic under the sun comes up for discussion, from the latest styles to the changing situation. Every thing? Yes, everything except the one great concern of human lives, religion. Oh yes, religion does come in for its share of discussion but only that side of religion where you are concerned with what Father Straub said last Sunday or what happened in church. Can you imagine what would be the result if suddenly all of these card clubs were to spend the time engaged in chatter and useless card playing in discussing seriously and intelligently the fundamental truths of religion? Or if only they would give a part of the time, what an immense amount of good would result. An idle dream you say? Perhaps. But even dreams have their fulfillment. Before many days have passed, you will be appalled and surprised to find that you have been outlined. How? What is your answer? You say, "Are you going to wish to be used to take the time you ordinarily give to your card club? If you do my friend you will be adding up step each what is stylish in Catholic circles today. You are going to be passed by by a score of brilliant and able Catholics who are here to realize that they have something to say, something to add, something to offer, something to contribute. They have found the Pearl of great price and are going to add to its lustre which you poor soul sit idly by, surrounded by comfort in your own ignorance. What's Trump? Diamonds are the thing."

Another way to improve is necessary is to quit borrowing and become a lender. Leviticus 25:35

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An Address To A Bridal Couple

From an address delivered by the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan pastor of St. James Church, Trumansburg, at the wedding of his sister, Constance to Mr. Frank Lawlor in Rochester.

Many years ago Jesus was present at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. By His presence there He blessed matrimony and made it a sacrament of grace. In the beginning God had made marriage a holy state but soon forgot. God had decreed marriage a sacrament of His former sanctity. Although God had a purpose when He instituted marriage He could have found other ways of retaining His love and grace. He could have created a new kind of union, but He chose to do the angels. But He chose matrimony as a means of doing this. In so doing He made matrimony a symbol of the great mystery of the Trinity. For in the Blessed Trinity the Holy Spirit is the Son of the Father and the Son is the Father and the Father is the Son. In the same manner God has willed that in matrimony from the love and union of two personalities should proceed the third personality, and these three should ever be united in a trinity of love.

But marriage has another significance. It is also a symbol of the unity of the soul with God. For as the great joy of matrimony is the intimate union of personalities, so through marriage one may have a foretaste of the joy of heaven, for the great joy of heaven is the intimate union of the soul with any human personality, but with any created finite personality, but with the Infinite, love and Personality of God.

Hence you enter the married state not as the children of the world who know not the meaning of marriage, but with God in your hearts and with a clear knowledge of God's purpose in your minds. You are the children of Saints. You must not be as the children of the world, or as the horrid and male which obey the instincts of their nature but have no knowledge or understanding. For you marriage is a holy state, a symbol of things that are higher, a foretaste of joys that are to come.

Nazareth College Briefs

The annual Sophomore ball will be held at Nazareth College on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 o'clock. The ball will be given by the Sophomore class. The ball will be given by the Sophomore class. The ball will be given by the Sophomore class.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes held their regular meetings on Monday, Jan. 13, at 3-30. The meetings were held in the gymnasium. The meetings were held in the gymnasium.

The Senior Valentine Ball will be held at the College on Feb. 14. The ball will be given by the Senior class. The ball will be given by the Senior class.

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