Brother-Educator, Native of Rochester Dies in Honolulu

Brother Clarence Henry Merzhauser, a graduate of SS. Peter and Paul's School, Rochester, died in Honolulu, as he was being rushed in an ambulance to St. Francis Hospital after suffering injuries from a fall. He had made a visit to the chapel of St. Louis College and fell coming through the main entrance.

Brother Clarence, word of whose death has just been received in a N. C. W. C. News Service dispatch from Hawaii, was for 11 years a member of the faculty of St. Louis College in Honolulu.

Sixty-six years of age, he would have observed his golden jubilee as a member of the Brothers of Mary within two months.

Brother Clarence has two sisters surviving here, Mrs. Louisa Carges of Honeoye Falls and Mrs. Margaret Rossenbach of Grand View Beach. Another sister, Mrs. John B. Schreiner of Allen Street, died three months ago.

Born in Rochester, Brother Clarence entered the society of Mary at Nazareth, Dayton, Ohio, when 16. He began his teaching career at St. Mary's, Alleghany, Pa. He taught successively in 13 other schools of the Society on the mainland and arrived at St. Louis College in 1921.

FIRST SOUTH AFRICA CATHOLIC BROADCAST

Lydenburg, South Africa—(N. C. W. C.—Fides)—A Catholic ceremony will be broadcast by radio from the chapel of St. Aidan's College, Grahamstown, at least once a month during the school year. The series began with a service at St. Aidan's, consisting of a sermon followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It was the first Catholic broadcast in South Africa.

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REFERENCE READING FOR STUDY CLUB MEMBERS

THE MASS LESSON 5

THE CATHOLIC COURIER publishes the following excerpts from reference reading suggested for Study Club members under Lesson Five in the outline of their text, "The Ceremonies of the Mass." Reference material for Lesson Six will be published next week.

Each week THE CATHOLIC COURIER will publish selections from the indicated supplementary references furnished by the Diocesan Office Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

"The Faith of Our Fathers"
—Gibbons.

The Sacrifice of the Mass is a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, a sacrifice of propitiation and of supplication.

First—The Mass is a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. If all human beings in this world, and all living creatures, and all inanimate objects were collected and burned as a holocaust to the Lord, they would not confer as much praise on the Almighty as a single Eucharistic sacrifice. These earthly creatures—how numerous and excellent soever—are finite and imperfect; while the offering made in the Mass is of infinite value, for it is our Lord Jesus, the acceptable Lamb without blemish, the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased, and who "is always heard on account of his reverence."

Second—The Mass is also a sacrifice of propitiation. Jesus daily pleads our cause in this Divine oblation before our Heavenly Father. "If any man sin," says St John, "we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the just, and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world." Hence the Priest, whenever he offers up the holy sacrifice, recites this prayer at the offertory: "Receive, O holy Father, almighty, eternal God, this immaculate victim which I, Thy unworthy servant offer to Thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offenses and negligences, for all here present, and for all the faithful living and dead, that it may avail me and them to life everlasting."

Third—The Sacrifice of the Mass is, in fine, a sacrifice of supplication. "For, if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of a heifer being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled to the cleansing of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, through the Holy Ghost, offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Tradition, with its hundred tongues, proclaims the perpetual oblation of the Sacrifice of the Mass, from the time of the Apostles to our own days. If we consult the Fathers of the Church—if we consult the General Councils, they will all tell us, with one voice, that the Sacrifice of the Mass is the center of their religion and the acknowledged institution of Jesus Christ.

What better or more efficacious way can we have of participating in His merits than by assisting at the Sacrifice of the Altar, where we vividly recall to mind His sufferings, where Calvary is represented before us, where "we show the death of the Lord until He come," and where we draw abundantly to our souls the fruit of His Passion by drinking of the same blood that was shed on the cross?

The Mass—Dunney.

Latin, of course, is the language of the Church. Latin supplanted Greek in the Western World because it was the official language of the Roman Empire and of the see of Peter. Where Latin is not used for the Mass, a dead language still obtains, such as Syriac or Greek. They are used for fear that a new language might not catch and hold the true meaning of the Mass. Once in the seventeenth century the missionaries of China appealed to Rome for permission to say Mass in the native language. The people found Latin extraordinarily difficult, utterly unlike their own in structure. The Church gave them permission to use Chinese; but insisted that the old classical Chinese, a dead language as changeless as Latin, be used instead of the ordinary speech of the people.

Catholic Encyclopedia (Vol. IX, p. 709).

Low Mass said by a priest alone with one server, is a shortened and simplified form of the high Mass. Its ritual can be explained only by a reference to high Mass. For instance, the celebrant goes over to the north side of the altar to read the Gospel, because that is the side to which the deacon goes in procession at high Mass; he turns round always by the right because at high Mass he should not turn his back to the deacon, and so on. A sung Mass (missa Cantata) is a modern compromise. It is really a low Mass, since the essence of high Mass is not the music but the deacon and subdeacon. Only in churches which have no ordained ministers except one priest, and in which high Mass is thus impossible, is it allowed to celebrate the Mass on Sundays and feasts) with most of the adornment borrowed from high Mass, with singing and generally with incense.

Ref. from Vol. X, p. 21.

By a mass-stipend is meant a certain monetary offering which anyone makes to the priest with the accompanying obligation of celebrating the Mass in accordance with the intentions of the donor. Originally consisting of the necessaries of life, the stipend was at first considered as "alms for a Mass." The now customary money-offering which was introduced about the eighth century and was tacitly approved by the Church is to be regarded merely as the substitute of commutation of the earlier presentation of the necessaries of life.

Sunday's Mass

A GUIDE TO THE LITURGICAL YEAR

By The REV. PAUL BUSSARD
(Editor, The Leaflet Missal)

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Upon the mountain Christ is transfigured before the Apostles and before us. It was to prepare them, and us, for the darksome time of His bitter passion. From this momentary glimpse of His glory, the Apostles, and we also were to take courage and consolation. That is the goal of Lent and of life too, that we should pass through some suffering to the glory of Easter's resurrection.

The voice of God the Father tells us to listen to our Lord. He is our Teacher. His word in our minds can make us truly wise. His grace in us, through the Sacrifice of the Mass, cleanses us and enables us to have some share in the glory of His resurrection, thus we are made holy and that is the will of God our sanctification (Epistle).

As a matter of fact we are taught by Christ every day in the Mass of the Catechumens. In order to learn we need only have the will to learn and to pay attention. Then in the Mass of the Faithful we are sanctified. This is the Will of God.

(NCWC Features)

Lenten Services Given For Suburban Churches By Fr. Baier, Pastor

Schedule of Lenten devotions for the remainder of Lent at his two parish churches were announced today by the Rev. John J. Baier, pastor, as follows:

St. Theodore's Church, Spencerport Road: Each Tuesday evening, Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at 7:45. Each Saturday evening, Stations of the Cross, 7:45.

St. John's Church, Ridge Road, Greece: Each Wednesday evening, Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at 7:45. Each Friday evening, Stations of the Cross, 7:45.

10 Burmese Troopers Embrace Catholicism

Mandalay, Burma (NCWC Fides) Seventeen Kachins have been received into the Church at Maymyo, by the Fathers of the Foreign Mission of Paris.

The men, 10 in all, belong to the Burma Rifles and represent various ranks from Subadar Major to Naik. They wore their regimental uniform at the baptismal ceremony. The women, wives of some of the converts, wore the picturesque national dress of the Kachin tribes.

At the High Mass which followed, a Burmese priest gave First Communion to the 17 new converts and to six other Kachins who were baptized recently.

There are no grades of vanity; there are only grades of ability in concealing it. —Mark Twain.

LAME PUPILS DENIED BUS RIDES IN N. Y.

New York (NC) The Board of Education of this city has rejected the request of the Board of Estimate that free bus transportation be provided for physically handicapped pupils of Catholic and other non-public schools which charge no tuition.

This action came when a resolution authorizing the transportation was lost by a tie vote of 3 to 3. Three Fusion members voted against the measure although the Corporation Counsel's Office had pointed out that it was the duty of the board to provide such transportation, saying that the State Education Law called upon the Board of Education either to educate the handicapped children in its own schools or to transport them to non-public schools.

The Board of Estimate voted unanimously last July a measure directing the Board of Education to supply bus service for handicapped children attending the religious public schools, effective with the school term of September 1935. No action having been taken meanwhile, Col. Walter Jeffreys Carlin, a member of the Board of Education, introduced a resolution calling for action. His resolution pointed out that the Board of Estimate had called for the establishment of the free bus transportation "so that no child in the city shall be deprived of school advantages during any portion of the school year," that the Corporation Counsel's office had stated "it is the duty of the Board of Education to provide educational facilities, including transportation for physically handicapped children where there are ten or more such children in the city," and concluded by authorizing and instructing the Superintendent of Schools to take necessary steps to provide this transportation.

The Brooklyn Tablet, in a front-page editorial, says "the action on Wednesday of the City Board of Education in voting down the Board of Estimate bill to convey crippled children to religious public schools just as they are conveyed to tax-supported public schools is one of those things which make people wonder whether the human race is progressing or not."

"The city," the editorial continues, "provides health, fire, police and inspection services for the children in the religious public schools. It contributes free lunches and other works to those dwelling in poorer neighborhoods. This is done not only because these children are attending a legal and recognized school, and not only because the parents of these children are city taxpayers, but because our city officials are humanitarians. They believe all children are really human beings and they need help and protection no matter what their race or what type of public school they attend."

The paper says it believes it speaks the minds of the Board of Estimate and of the majority of the people of this city when it calls Wednesday's action one of the most shameless deeds in the history of our city."

Hibernians To Hear 'Pat' Ryan, Tenor, At Annual Ball

Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual ball at the Seneca Hotel Tuesday evening, March 17.

"Pat" Ryan, well known Irish tenor, will head the entertainment program. He will offer a number of the Irish folklore songs for which he is famous. Music will be furnished by Fagin's Orchestra.

Patrick J. O'Hara has been appointed general chairman. Members of the Committee assisting him are: Mrs. John Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Fenelon, Mrs. Margaret Finn Ross and John M. Mahon, Joseph Redding, Charles F. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCarthy, Mrs. P. J. O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Walsh, Walter Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. David Shannon, John Joyce, Michael O'Brien, Miss Irene Healy, Miss Bessie Kelly, Mrs. Patrick O'Grady, Mrs. Anthony Biersmith, Mrs. Frank Doherty, Mrs. Mary Morrison, Mrs. Martin Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. John Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lawlor, Mrs. Mary Sloan, Mrs. Nora Healy, Mrs. Jack Naughton, Mrs. Walter Reagan, Mrs. Helen Wenzel and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hennessy.

YOUNG BULLOCK DELAYS SLAUGHTER BY HIDING IN GARDEN OF CHURCH

BY GEORGE BARNARD
(London Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

London (NC)—Having escaped from a slaughter-house in South London a two-year old bullock deferred its execution for a glorious day by rushing through crowded streets, wrecking a milk van and taking refuge in the garden of the Holy Ghost Church, Balham.

Amateur cowboys failed to lasso the animal, slaughterers could not get near enough to slaughter it.

After a seven-hour effort it was decided to leave the bullock in possession for the night. Meantime it trampled down the flowers and ate the rose bushes belonging to Canon Thompson.

The congregation was compelled to enter and leave the church by the side door.

On Monday morning the bullock decided to go quietly and face its future with equanimity.

ELMIRA DEANERY DOINGS

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St. Patrick's Banquet Set

Elmira—The Elmira Council of the Knights of Columbus is preparing for its annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet to be held on Sunday, March 15 at the Mark Twain Hotel.

The committee under the chairmanship of D. J. Bermingham is as follows: Clarence Kennedy, [illegible] John Hayes, Cletus A. Gibbons, Joseph O'Leary, M. J. Kelly, Edward J. O'Connor, William Manning, James Casey, James McGill, Henry Farrell, Samuel Hollers, Richard J. Connelly, Jr., Joseph Cleary, George Givens, Frank Barton, John Fagen, Charles Carter, Thomas McCarthy, Leo Bourchier, David Faul, Jr., James Collins, Raymond Costello, Robert Murphy and John Lee.

The principal speaker will be John C. Armstrong, LittD., professor of English and History and head of the Department of Public Speaking at St. Bonaventure's College. Dr. Armstrong, who was formerly editor of the Olean Times-Herald and associated with the New York Herald Tribune, is an expert on topics of the day and on national and international policies of government and has long been famous as a speaker throughout the East. He has spoken extensively as a representative of social and governmental agencies and is also a prominent lay spokesman of the Third Order of St. Francis of which he is an officer.

COMING SERMONS

Elmira—The Rev. Casimir Kirk, O.F.M., speaking on Wednesday evenings at St. Patrick's Church has chosen the following sermon topics: March 11, The Burning Lamp; Divine Mercy, March 18; Blessed Moments; Holy Mass, March 25; Mother's Love; Mother of God, April 1; Our Daily Bread; Holy Eucharist. Services begin at 7:45 p.m.

MAJOR GRAVES CHAIRMAN

Elmira—Major Graves has been appointed parish chairman of the 48 study clubs of St. Patrick's Church.

DEBATE PLANNED

Elmira—The Holy Name Society announced for their monthly meeting at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, March 5 a debate by the Catholic High School Debate Club on "The Townsend Plan."

KNIGHTS' MONTHLY BANQUET

Elmira—150 Knights gathered at the Columbus Center last week for the monthly supper. The guest speaker was Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure's College. The next supper is scheduled for March 28.

MASS WELL ATTENDED

Elmira—Crowds of both Catholics and non-Catholics are attending the noon-day Mass every day at St. Patrick's Church. The people are finding the short instructions most interesting.

MOVIE LISTING

Keeney Theater: March 8: Follow the Fleet—Class A Sec. I

Auburn Deanery News

Scout Awards Made

Auburn—A 1936 charter together with tenderfoot badges and certificates, have been presented to scouts of Troop 12, St. Alphonsus Church. Rev. Walter A. Fischer, chairman of the Troop Committee, received the charter on behalf of the troop from Scout Executive Hazen A. Ross. Scouter certificates were presented to Rev. Walter Fischer, Rev. Francis Wuerstner, Rev. Frederick G. Strub, Scoutmaster Schmitz and Assistant Scoutmasters Roach and Kampner.

Tenderfoot badges and certificates were awarded to Charles Bernett, William Bouks, Robert Dean, William Kasmeschmidt, Frank Kelly, Richard Hanlon, Richard Jreland, Harold Lauder, Charles Mills, Raymond Newman, Eugene and Maurice Parenzan, Edward Richards, Albert Rogers, Richard Schumacher, Paul Thompson and Donald Tortant.

Membership certificates were presented to John Conca, Jack Fegar, Jack Frenga, John Gilbride, Kenneth Heintz, Robert Herron, Thomas Kunkel, William Mullfley, William Pontani, Charles Weaver, David Waugh, Robert Nelson, Louis Rumpf, Frederick Salzer, Clark Schell, John Smith, Parker Stevenes, Arthur Tolan, Robert Vetter and William Wildner.

Keep All-Night Vigil

Auburn—The Auburn Deanery Nocturnal Adoration Society kept its customary all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Family Church, beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday evening and ending at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church, and head of the Auburn Deanery, is spiritual [illegible]

Knight Heard on Air

Auburn—Another broadcast was conducted at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus. Rev. Walter A. Fischer, chaplain of the Catholic Evidence Guild, Frances J. Cuddy was the speaker and his topic was "How Do You Get There?" The program was broadcast over radio station WAIBO, Auburn.

Church League Results

Auburn—St. Francis d'Assisi Church five of the Catholic Church Basketball League triumphed over Coach Peter Vicarelli's Columbians Squire basketeers of St. Alphonsus Church 22 to 19, Sunday, at Recreation Center, Water Street. The Squires gained a 10-8 lead at half time only to have the Franciscans rally in the last two periods to capture the decision. Nea Howland and Thompson Howland featured for the losers and Trillo and De Angelo paced the winners. The lineups: Squires—Howland, rf; Mahaffy, lf; Hanlon, c; Sweeting, g; Bishop, lg; St. Francis—Testa, rf; Fralle, lf; De Angelo, c; Averett, rg; Palumbo, rg; Martino, lg; Gil to be.

Strength for High Five

Auburn—Spurred on by John Lore, sharpshooting point who accounted for 12 points, Holy Family Parochial High School chalked up its seventh triumph of the current scholastic basketball season by vanquishing a highly regarded Cayuga Lake Academy quintet of Aurora 32 to 25, Friday night, at the Fulton Street School Auditorium court. The lineups—Holy Family: Tonzi, Lende, Hickey, Poole, Kelsh, Oliver and Symons; C. L. A.: Fortner, Jones, Avery, Purcell, Gilmore and Chase.

Canandaigua Activities

Canandaigua—Officers of the Catholic Women's Club, including Lee Lyon, St. Mary's Parish, Canandaigua, All Catholic organizations are also sponsoring adult Catholic study clubs, many of them conducting study periods with their regular meetings.

The Canandaigua Council of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal, Catholic study period following the regular meetings on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month. An educational club is being sponsored by the Canandaigua Court of the Catholic Daughters of America. Club meetings are to be held each Thursday evening. Both of the above Catholic study classes will be held at the K. of C. Hall.

The Holy Name Society Study Club was supplemented by a Study Club for men and women at St. Mary's School Hall. The combined Study Club of the Rosary Society and the Mothers' Circle convene the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Tuesday of each month.

The St. Mary's Parish Catholic Study Club will meet at the School Hall on each Friday following the regular Friday evening Lenten services.

William F. Hannon, Grand Knight of the Canandaigua Council of the K. of C., in a statement to The CATHOLIC COURIER said: "In my capacity as Grand Knight I wish to urge upon every Catholic adult the importance of earnest Catholic study during the Holy Season of Lent. I believe that one of our greatest needs in our daily life is the [illegible] Catholic standing of our Catholic Religion. No sincere Catholic adult should have excuse for not participating in Catholic study at this time."

The Rev. M. C. Wall, pastor of St. Mary's Parish, expressed pleasure with the "spirit" at the Wednesday and Friday evening Lenten services. "There is still plenty of room for improvement and we hope to see still more Catholics attend these important services," Father Wall concluded.

EXPOSE SPIRITUALISTS

Mexico City (NC)—The Rev. Carlos M. Heredia, S.J., taking as his thesis "Spurious Frauds and Metaphysical Phenomena" has ably refuted the theory that the living can communicate with the dead.

NOTED ITALIAN LAYMAN DIES

Cesare Sconfietti, Italian representative of the Italian government here for the past twenty-five years, died in his sleep of a heart attack early Monday morning, Mar. 2.

Mr. Sconfietti came to Rochester 25 years ago to represent the Italian government as consul. He was associated for 15 years with Alfonso Giofa in the private banking business from which he retired two months ago.

Three decorations by the Italian government, he received the Royal Order of the Crown as a knight, was made an officer of the Royal Order and finally received the title of Commander of the Royal Order of the Crown by writ of King Victor Emmanuel III.

The only other Rochesterian ever to receive that honor was the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern. At the request of his king, Mr. Sconfietti delivered the symbolic Cross to the late Bishop in the ceremonies at the Columbus Civic Centre, March 19, 1931.

One of Mr. Sconfietti's last acts was to assist at Mass last Sunday with the members of his family at Blessed Sacrament Church where for the past three years it was his custom to perform his religious duties. All of his children except James were graduated from Blessed Sacrament school. His daughters later attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince St., Dansville. His son, Donald, is at present a student at Notre Dame University.

Besides the widow, Mr. Sconfietti is survived by five daughters, Mr. Joseph Wattles and Emile Corinne Ehlers and Lucile Cornelius, and two sons, C. Donald and James.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Thursday morning of this week at Blessed Sacrament Church.

AIDS 5,000 DEAF

Chicago (NC)—Preaching a specially designed course in education for more than 5,000 deaf children to date, is the record of the East Data School for the deaf.

500,000 Visit Oratory In Montreal In Year

Montreal (NC)—More than 500,000 persons visited St. Joseph's Oratory here in 1935. Brother Andree, C.S.C., apostle of devotion to St. Joseph received at least 194,000 letters during the year.

176 GO TO MISSIONS

Dublin (NC)—Between November, 1934, and November, 1935, 176 priests, Brothers and Sisters left Ireland for foreign missions in various parts of the world.

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Baby's Cry Warns Of Fumes Danger

Two men, a woman and a three-year old child last night showed few traces of the near tragedy they faced earlier in the day.

It was the cry of Patricia, 3-, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ——, 65 South —— Street that awakened them at 2 a. m. and led to discovery their apartment was filled with gas —— jumped up and threw open windows. Meanwhile —— occupying the upstairs apartment, noticed the fumes. He phoned for an ambulance, and the Highland Hospital responded. Members of the family were treated and remained at home.

Courtesy Democrat & Chronicle
February 15, 1936

WHAT if your home were menaced tonight by the silent, unseen threat of noxious fumes, surreptitiously invading every nook and cranny? What if you awakened gasping for breath? Would your cry for help go unheeded, or would there be a telephone handy to carry your plea to the outside world—to bring assistance before it was too late?

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