

# THREE CITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATE 366

## THE CAPITAL LETTER

NCWC News Service

WASHINGTON The Catholic Church in the United States in the past few years has had a most remarkable record in its fight against Communism. It has not only been a pioneer in this field but has also been a most effective force in the struggle.

A most striking example of this is the distribution of a questionnaire to the members of the Catholic Church in the District of Columbia. By the members of the House of Representatives asking them among other things whether they believed in God. The results of this questionnaire were promptly published and the question was repeated in a number of other newspapers. It is a measure of the effectiveness of the Catholic Church in this field that the results of this questionnaire were published in a number of other newspapers.

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## Dr. Zwierlein Decries German Persecution In St. Monica's Sermon

### Warns American Press Not To Become Victim of Nazi Propaganda Machine; Recalls Forecast of Mock Trials; Praises Protest of Ministers and Rabbis

At all the Masses in St. Monica's Church Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein of St. Bernard's Seminary denounced in scathing terms the anti-Catholic propaganda of Hitler's government in Germany.

He also warned the American press not to become a victim of Nazi propaganda. He recalled the forecast of mock trials and the persecution of the Jews and other minorities in Germany.

Dr. Zwierlein also pointed out the fact that the American press is being persecuted by Hitler's government. He therefore urged the American press to stand up to the persecution and to support the rights of the persecuted.

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## Rochester Priests Who Received Niagara Degrees



Here are the ten Rochester priests, principal of Aquinas Institute, the Rev. John V. Loughlin, the Rev. Orin W. Felton, the Rev. Francis A. Marks, the Rev. Arthur A. Wellizer, the Rev. Joseph G. Merkel and the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney. Father Mahoney is associate superintendent of schools of the Rochester diocese while the other priests are instructors at Aquinas Institute.

## Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy, Mercy Give Diplomas

### Archbishop Mooney Confers Honors at Three Commencement Exercises; Graduates Hear Noted Educators Deliver Addresses

Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy and Our Lady of Mercy High School graduated a total of 366 students at their commencement exercises during the past week.

Diplomas were awarded to 100 boys at Aquinas Institute's 33rd annual commencement in the school auditorium Sunday evening. The presentations were made by Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester.

In the commencement address the Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Ph.D., associate professor of education of the Catholic University of America, decried the present tendency to encourage youth to self-pity rather than aggressive action.

Dr. Johnson pointing out that man without God is weak, declared: "The kind of Catholic education you have received here has emboldened you not to easily accept any of defeat but to present your selves as a disciplined, trained and ready for the fight. Given the strength of God you can do all things."

The senior oration was delivered by Gerald J. Flynn, Nazareth Academy.

A total of 145 graduates of Nazareth Academy's sixtieth annual commencement exercises in the academy auditorium Monday night.

The Rev. Michael J. Larkin, superintendent of Catholic schools of New Rochelle, N. Y., warned the Nazareth graduates that they are going out into a world hostile to the principles of Christ. He said: "The tendency of the times is to make mockery of Him and His sacred laws. In the field of education today in a number of our large universities, in schools and periodic literature, tenets are daily inculcated which are grossly subversive to the first principles of Christianity."

Awards Listed: Jean D. Hemmer was salutatorian and Grace C. Wiesner delivered the valedictory. The class was presented by the Rev. Daniel E. O'Rourke and diploma awarded by Archbishop Mooney.

Awards were made as follows: The Rev. Mother Agnes Senior Class Medal for Apologetics (Gertrude Thomas, St. Boniface parish); The Junior Class Medal for Christianity (Moral, Helen McLean Bessing and Sacrament parish); The Medal for studies in Religion II (June Merrett, Holy Rosary parish); The Medal for studies in Religion I (Sylvia Noll, Holy Redeemer parish); The Medal for General Excellence with perfect record of attendance, deportment and lessons (Eileen Shannon, Sacred Heart parish); The Medal given by the St. Louis Society of America for the highest German scholarship in three years (Eileen Neary, Holy Redeemer parish); The Medal for highest scholarship in four years' study of Latin (Lucy Sheehan, Holy Apostles parish); The Medal for the highest attainment in two years' study of stenography (Rosemary Brennan, O.L.P.H. parish); The Medal for highest scholarship in English (Mary Mary Florentine English, St. Mary's parish); The Medal for the highest scholarship in French (Jean Hemmer, Holy Apostles parish); Grace C. Wiesner of St. Joseph's parish, third winner in the Seventy-Ninth National German Essay Contest, won the medal for highest scholarship rank in four years.

Perfect attendance records in four years of high school were made by Rosemond Carpenter, Rita Fromen, Jean Hemmer, Doris Hunkelmann, Dolores Schmeckel, Lucy Sheehan and Jeanette Smith.

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## HIERARCHY TO ATTEND LAYMEN'S RETREAT CONFERENCE AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO On the invitation of Rev. Eugene J. Conroy, pastor of St. Ignace, Chicago, and president of the Sixth National Conference of the Laymen's Retreat Movement, a group of laymen will attend a retreat conference at Chicago from June 27 to July 1.

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## RETREATANTS NAME WYNN TO HEAD LEAGUE

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## Called to Inform Readers

Other American newspapers are urged to inform their readers of the persecution of the Jews and other minorities in Germany.

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## Holy Name Speaker Urges Laymen To Fight Perils Of Communism

By LOUIS V. LANGE

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