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Edward F. Mohrle, President, Rochester Branch, Catholic Workers' Heads Verein, of Buffalo (Story on Page 17)

CATHOLIC WORKERS HELPING SPREAD CATHOLIC FAITH

Catholic Workers in Rochester, during a recent busy active meeting, were engaged in giving assistance to the St. Peter Claver Center in its mission work among the negroes. They will also cooperate fully with the newly formed dramatic club, that is expected to develop into a theatrical dramatic club.

The program also includes a newspaper campaign through the distribution of the "Catholic Worker" and pamphlets published by the New York branch.

A part of this work the Rochester heads sponsored a Catholic Youth Conference last August. Speakers included the Rev. Dr. John P. Dineen, Bishop of the New York State Labor Relations Board, the Rev. Joachim Benson, Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo.



John O. Fox, leader in Catholic Workers

tion of the Faith" Richard Deverell, editor of "Christian Front," the Rev. Basil Steinhilber and the Rev. Joseph Vogt.

To assist among all people in general and among the laboring classes in particular, a greater knowledge of the Catholic Faith is essential and essential is one of the chief aims of the Catholic Workers in Rochester.

It also fills in a temporal way to help the suffering of the unfortunate by giving food and clothing to these families whenever possible. For the members themselves it affords a chance to study these problems at first hand and also to learn the Catholic attitude on many problems of the day, be they war, peace movements, labor struggles or any of the numerous social questions which arise from time to time.

Catholic and Non-Catholic alike should have a very definitely Christian attitude toward these points of argument. In order that the Catholic Worker might learn this attitude, it has had speakers at meetings who are unswerving on these topics.

Noted Speakers

During the past year Catholic Workers had such speakers as their hosts, including William Callahan of the "Work" staff in New York on "Technique of the Catholic Worker," the Rev. Geo. Vogt on "The Christian Revolution," Christian Economics by the Rev. Virgil Michal, Peter Maurin and Fascism, Dorothy Day of Catholic Worker, Philosophy, Edward Murphy on "The Wagner Act in its Relation to Class Warfare" and Peter Maurin on "The Christian Revolution."

Diocesan Newspaper
 Printed in Des Moines

DES MOINES—Announcement that transferred the Des Moines "Messenger" will be printed in this city's daily by the Most Rev. Gerald R. Bergen, Bishop of Des Moines, in the current issue of the Diocesan weekly.

Bishop Bergen affirms nothing that for the last year the paper has been published under the guidance of the Des Moines Catholic Missionary Society, the local organ and organizes its efforts. He expressed his hope that the paper would find a welcome in every home in the diocese.

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Student Sodality Conference Ready for Aggressive Action

Supplementing a set program of activities for the coming year, the Student Sodality Conference of Western New York is today preparing to meet new situations as they come along to take a stand and play a part as issues appear. What will these issues be? Only the passing of time can tell. Just as the Sodality entered the arena when a social play was booked for presentation in a theater of a Midwestern city and carried out their determination to have it "cleared up" or the booking canceled, so will they engage in all forms of practical Catholic Action as circumstances require it. The results of their efforts were obtained quickly.

Five thousand letters and cards were sent to the mayor, the police commissioner and manager of the theater demanding that the booking be canceled or that there be no showing.

They yielded to the pressure of public opinion.

There is only one illustration of what can be done when duty calls Sodality to take the lead in action for the public good. As one writer said:

Proof of Power
 The success of this action is proof of the power that Catholic Sodality can wield. It is no choice, it is a matter of the will of the Sodality.

The Western New York Student Sodality Conference was brought into existence eight years ago at Buffalo, where an enthusiastic group of several hundred Sodality members, led by the Rev. Daniel J. Lord, S. J., describe plans under which the efforts of college and high school Sodality of the district might be solidified and made effective.

Due to that beginning the conference has developed into a body embracing two neighboring dioceses—of which Rochester is one—but the idea has extended over the entire nation.

The schools of the Rochester Diocese which are included in the conference are St. Ann's College and St. Ann's Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School and Sacred Heart Academy, all of Rochester, St. Joseph's School of Nursing of Elmira and Tappan High School of Geneva.

A Resourceful Leader
 Credit for the solid establishment of Sodality in the vicinity of Lake Erie—marking a successful beginning—belongs to Father Lord, but others who took up the work made steady headway in bringing the Sodality to work together on different projects.

Notable among these leaders was the Rev. John Ryan, S. J., who dedicated himself to uniting hundreds of young people into an active, interested organization with desire and ability to accomplish things that need to be done.

Different methods were tried. For a time the Sodality of the high schools engaged in annual oratorical contests for the purpose of increasing the number of students who could appear in presentations of the conference.

Last year the Junior Symposium was instituted. Two Sodality members from each school acted and delivered a part of an illustrated lecture on the Mass. There were twelve presentations in the vicinity of Buffalo.

Plays To Teach Lesson
 Instead of a Junior Symposium for the high school members of the conference, Catholic youth will be presented dramatically this year in a series of one-act plays to be presented by the Junior Conference Players.

Sodality of the nation have heard much of the Catholic Symposium, conducted annually in this district—the first symposium on Catholic education being arranged by Father Ryan. This year the topic will be "Church and State."

Since 1928 an annual convention has been held.

The Student Sodality Conference now functioning for more than eight years, has a regular formula for beginning its activities each season. Early in September cards are sent to the various moderators and priests inviting them to attend an organization meeting, where routine activities which are to engage their attention in coming months are discussed.

Then a program is made out. Exact additions will be made to it as the course of events in public affairs becomes outlined with the advance of time and duty points the way for Sodality.

The local newspaper each month of the school year the conference issues a news bulletin, "Mariana," which is said to be the "smallest newspaper on earth for the greatest cause in heaven."

It helps to keep all members informed, united.

A new project which makes it

Nocturnal Group
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 Found he could not get along without it.

With the aid of Supreme Court Justice James P. B. Duffy, who was then a member of Congress, the center of Nocturnal Adoration was founded in Washington.

Exercises of nocturnal adoration in Rochester are held in St. Patrick's Church on the last Saturday night of each month, beginning at 10 o'clock and ending at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Those eligible to join membership is open to any man or boy past sixteen years of age who is willing to spend one hour a session in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in this church.

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possible for various Sodality to hold joint spiritual meetings provide for a Day of Recollection at regular intervals.

In May the Sodality year will be brought to a fitting climax by giving honor to our heavenly patroness, our Holy Day. During recent years students have made a pilgrimage to the beautiful shrine of Our Lady at Downsville, N. Y.

The officers of the Western New York Student Sodality Conference are: Richard C. Spitzer, Canisius College, Buffalo, prefect, Helen Gorman, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa., vice prefect, Rosemary Zwick, Mount Mercy Academy, Buffalo, secretary, George Halsey, Our Lady of Victory High School, Lockport, N. Y., treasurer, Mary Jane Egan, Villa Maria College, Erie, Pa., representative of conference on National Sodality Advisory Board.

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