

UNTRUE STATEMENTS ON HOLY SEPULCHRE Corrected by Correspondent

By Dr. Alexander Mumbrell
JERUSALEM - When a local newspaper recently quoted from an article on the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre here which had previously been printed in a prominent London daily, it brought to light a number of misstatements that are partly being broadcast concerning this shrine and its care.

Spurred on by the charge in the newspaper article that the three Christian communities responsible for the Basilica the Latins the Greeks and the Armenians have been guilty of "mismanagement" the author of this article has sought out the authorities for the truth on its present condition.

The newspaper article asserted that the Basilica "is in grave danger of collapse and the community responsible for its safety are in danger." As a matter of fact, the three communities, and the Government as well, know that there is no danger of the Basilica collapsing.

The article also said that "the interest of the Church has died down" and that "they lack the funds necessary for adequate repairs." This I have found to be entirely untrue. The three communities concerned have held the Government to its duty to pay for repairs that are deemed necessary, and they do not deny that some repairs are really necessary.

The article also says they can hardly expect the British taxpayer at home to meet the cost of expensive repairs to two Christian Holy Places exclusively occupied by non-British bodies. With regard to this one wonder why the author thinks English Catholics have no share in the Holy Places. Moreover, the British taxpayer will never be asked by the communities to contribute a penny for repairs.

It also was stated in the article that "about a third of the roof space of the Holy Sepulchre is owned by a Moslem religious trust, a part of the roof of the one-time church was owned by the Moslems, but no part of the roof of the present Basilica belongs to them."

Dominicans Open Mission
CHANG HUEH, CHINA
Three pioneer Polish Dominicans passed through Iohang recently on their way to Changking. They are to open up a new mission district in the Kwetchowshan sector of eastern Szechwan, a region at present administered by the Paris Foreign Mission Society, which is in charge of the Chungking vicariate.

Churches Set Rites To Mark Easter

Commemoration of the Resurrection will take place in all churches of the diocese, Sunday with solemn high Masses scheduled to emphasize the joy of the Eastertide.

In many of the churches, special musical programs have been arranged to add to the joyousness expressed in the liturgy for Easter Sunday.

His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will pontificate at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral at 11 o'clock on Sunday.

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Easter Music

- ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
ELMIRA, NEW YORK
11:00 A. M. HIGH MASS
Rev. William J. Brien
Pastor
Professional "Haez Dies"
Boys' Choir
Vidi Aquam Gregorian
Introit Resurrexat adhauc Tozer
Kyri and Gloria Missa Salve Regina
Adult Choir Hiebte
Graduale "Haez Dies" Tozer
Sequentia "Victizans Pascha" Tozer
Boys' Choir Graduale
Credo Missa Brevi Melodica. Kreckel
Adult Choir
Offertory "Terra Tremuit" Tozer
Boys' Choir
Supplementary Offertory Regina Coeli
Adult Choir
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei Missa Salve Regina
Adult Choir
Communion Pascha Nostrum
Boys' Choir Tozer
Recessional Holy God Traditional
Choirs and Congregation
Members of Adult Choir
Soprano: Mrs. Matthew Fennell,
Mrs. George Young, Misses
Claire Brophy, Julia Cain,
Louise Costello, Patricia Finnell
Alto: Miss Margaret Fennell,
Virginia McGill, Margaret Meighan
Tenors: James Burke, William
Murphy.
Bass: Andrew Regar, Joseph
O'Neill, George O'Leary.
Members of Boys' Choir:
James Flynn, Daniel Rose, John
Shields, Richard Grace, Jack
Batterby, Robert Sullivan,
Robert McQuinn, William
O'Leary, Peter O'Neill, Bernard
Daley, Robert Lagonegro,
Anthony Schwenker, Richard
Peel, Francis Palotta, James
Collins, Lawrence Lodicco, Louis
Lodico, James McGill, Jerome
Kerwin, Peter Shields, Walter
Ervyn, John Harkel, Joseph
Sayle, Bolton Terwilliger, Richard
Basler, R. Melneray, John
Rogan, William Thomas, Cornelius
Milken, Walter Creighton
Organist:
Mrs. Frances F. Lynch.

BEAUTIFUL NEW ALTAR IN ITHACA CHURCH



Center of Catholic devotion, and appealing to all cultured and art-interested persons in the community... the beautiful marble altar of Ithaca, richly laden with Florentine marble mosaics of variety... marking the centenary of the parish, erection of this altar has provided devotional stimulus for the parishioners and has quickened the interest of others.

Rites To Usher In Easter At New Marble Altar In Ithaca

ITHACA Catholic Action and Catholicism strictly an immaculate conception parish, here stand out prominently in the diocese as the parish enters its second century of existence.

Under the capable direction of the Rev. William Byrne, pastor of the immaculate conception church and formerly president of Aquinas Institute in Rochester, and with the able cooperation given by the Rev. Donald G. Kelly, Father Byrne's assistants, the parishioners have recorded wide progress not only in the practice of their religion but in many other phases of Catholic Action.

With concern for the growing number of Catholic students at Cornell University attention has been given their religious welfare since 1922, one of Father Byrne's assistants has been taking care of the work which is now carried on so well by Father Cleary.

Among other outstanding work is the special missionary work in summer months carried on by lay Sisters of the Transfiguration under the advancement of the diocesan discussion clubs reaching a high of some 30 clubs this year.

The three-act comedy "It Pays To Advertise" was first presented in the George M. Colan Theater in New York City and it is one of the better known comedies. The play will be directed by Edmund Plant, well known in amateur theatrical circles.

Miss Louise Schramel, graduate of Naarths College, will have the leading feminine role in "Hans and Gretchen" who has appeared before on the Holy Family stage and has been active in amateur productions with the leading male role.

There will be a matinee for the children on Sunday afternoon and evening admissions will be 25 cents.

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ITHACA PROMINENT PASTOR ERECTION OF ALTAR Marks Century Of Parish Life



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With one hundred years of Catholicity gloriously recorded, the same Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered up on Easter morning before that altar as was celebrated by the Rev. Peter Contilly who came from Auburn in 1837.

The altar is the gift of a generous benefactor, the late Mrs. Mary Callus, life-long member of the parish, who provided in her will for its erection.

In designing the altar, Mr. Rumbach, the noted church architect, considered the construction from the following aspects: the liturgical, the decorative-architectural, and the popular appeal.

The liturgical requirements have been carried out. The altar is of marble with the mosaic, or upper part formed of a single slab of unbroken marble, the ends and center of which are marked with the sign of the cross.

Above the mosaic is a gradine or step supporting the candlesticks and tabernacle, the latter being free-standing and surrounded on the top and sides with a row of candlesticks, the latter standing on a straight line behind the tabernacle. The entire altar is of the same marble.

PLAY INAUGURATES New A elivty At Holy Family

In the interest of Parish Dramatics, the Teakawatha Club of Holy Family Church will present its first play on Sunday and Monday, May 2 and 3.

This club, of which the Rev. Roy Murphy is spiritual director, was founded primarily for the purpose of promoting educational and social activities among the younger members of the parish.

It celebrated its first anniversary on April 12. The three-act comedy "It Pays To Advertise" was first presented in the George M. Colan Theater in New York City and it is one of the better known comedies.

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Immaculate Group Schedules Party

The Immaculate Conception Youth Association will sponsor a "Bunny Hop" in the school auditorium, Edinburgh and Glasgow streets, Thursday evening, April 21.

Decorations, Louis LaBelle, Russell Barber, Jack Stalder, Stephen Tifano, Catherine Clocman and Margaret Mellon.

Refreshments, Thomas Lamphier, John Clocman, Paul Liney and Jack Barry.

Publicity, James Smith, Jack Flordan, Louis Singer, Edson Crowley and Jean Wilson.

The Merry Men will furnish the music.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM Set At Academy Of Sacred Heart

The Academy of the Sacred Heart announces a competitive scholarship examination which will be open to eighth grade girls students in the Parochial Schools of the city.

To be eligible for this competitive examination, a student must fulfill the following conditions: she must be graded in the upper fifth of her class and she must have a recommendation from the Principal of the school which she is attending.

This competitive examination will take place at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1 Princes Street, on Saturday, June 4, at 9 A. M.

Women's Club Sets Bridge-Tea
The Business Women's Group of the Catholic Women's Club will sponsor a bridge-Tea, Saturday, April 23, at 3 o'clock at the clubhouse on Alondra Street.

Arrangements committee consists of: Miss Mary Allen, Isabel Allen, Mary Dunbar, Eleanor McLaughlin, Mary Clark, Rose Moore, Alice Kirk, Anna Lavelle, Marie Poiry, Chlo Callaghan, Ada Meier, Margaret Wagner, Elizabeth Tracy, Lucy Hall, Alice Corgan, Mary Huette, Hildegarde Blakey, Teresa Brayer, and Mrs. Cornelius McHenry.

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NATIONAL RETREAT MOVEMENT PLANS Set for Summer At Niagara U.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY is planning a national retreat movement for the summer of 1938. The conference will be held at the Niagara Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Arrangements for the retreat will be made by the Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Connell, S.T.C., of the University. The retreat will be held from July 15 to July 22.

With the exception of the Holy Hour and the Benediction at 6 o'clock, all other activities will be held at the campus of Niagara University. The retreat will be held at the Niagara Falls Hotel.

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