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**Sodal talk**

Rochester Parish Societies Union Activities

The beginning of Advent has a special significance for Sodalists in the United States in the Christmas gift which they prepare every year for the Holy Father. The Pope Let this be your reminder then. Each Sodalist will offer an intimation of Masses and Holy Communion for our Holy Father on the three days preceding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception or thereafter. The illness of Pope Pius IX will make "spiritual bouquets" especially acceptable to him this year. Chairman of the Rochester Committee in your Sodality will please send the number of triduanas (not promises) in to Helen Gunter, 99 Chestnut Street, by December 11.

Men's suits sold for twenty-five cents and fur coats went for a dime! At the rummage sale conducted by the Union Apostolic Committee last year, 500 courses. The big event will be repeated again on Saturday, December 17, at 125 Clinton Avenue North. The purpose is to bring used warm clothing with the buying power of the meeky Chairman Eliazon Collins makes the last call to Sodalists for good winter clothing, suits, dresses, coats, hats, shoes, anything for men, women and children. Whatever is not sold will be given to the "Trinitarian Sisters for Disposal." It's the apostolic work, Sodalists! Let no one of us fail to contribute!

Speaking of Christmas Charity, we hope every Sodalist is taking care of some poor family or families with baskets of tasty victuals for Christmas. Here's the thought: Why not slip a holy card or two or a copy of the Christmas pamphlet into each basket?

Which brings us to the subject of Christmas shopping at Headquarters. Sodality plans and medals, Father Lord's books and pamphlets and many delightful timely gifts can be obtained for your friends. Drop an early and leave your order for Marguerite Donohoe or just drop in and look.

"Brigitte" has something which is "good for the nerves and the figure," the Bowling Parties which the Social Life Committee are arranging for Sodalists and Holy Family alleys from 6 to 8 on Sundays. Everybody interested see your Social Life Chairman. Some keen competition is to be witnessed before the year is out.

Holy Rosary Sodalists are going high-riding on December 30 or sleigh-riding depending on the weather. Clara Howard is chairman of arrangements. To Holy Rosary Sodalists goes a word of appreciation for their excellent preparation of the Union News Sheet. Brief and nice!

At least the pony express brought some news from St. Jerome's way out in East Rochester. Anne Dolan and Mary Rachel Albert, chairman respectively of the Educational Committee and Catholic Truth Committee, are preparing tableaux for their Christmas Banquet. A great stimulus to Sodality activity has been given St. Jerome's by Father Joseph Vogt's religion classes conducted in the new parish hall every Monday night. Fine. Father Vogt. Result: 100% increase in membership and division into Senior and Junior groups.

Marg Larkin and your roving reporter went visiting over the weekend and saw down to Newark (New York) to attend the re-organization meeting of the Geneva Treenery Sodality Union. Father James Lane of Newark and Spiritual Director of the Geneva District Union, presided at this meeting. Father Charles L. Sullivan of Seneca Falls and Father Ralph Nagel of Geneva were present with representatives and things were bright. Another meeting is scheduled for December 11 in Geneva at which time officers will be elected and plans for the year discussed. For long you'll see them down town travel without result. And incidentally those Newarkites down there in that Metropolitan area certainly treat you "right smart."

Holy Apostles Sodality will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Sodality's Primary Patron, on Tuesday evening, December 6. The celebration will open with devotions in the Church in honor of Our Lady and will be followed by a social program in the school hall. The Sodality will leave at six o'clock for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Sodality's Primary Patron, on Tuesday evening, December 6. The celebration will open with devotions in the Church in honor of Our Lady and will be followed by a social program in the school hall. The Sodality will leave at six o'clock for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Sodality's Primary Patron, on Tuesday evening, December 6.

Our hats off to St. Ann's Sodality when the Sodalists with their own and other have attempted to put their organization on the map.

A very important business meeting was held recently when the members of the Sodality met at the home of Ruth Reiland, president. Dolores Meyer vice-president, Thelma Holmes, treasurer, and Ruth Brown, secretary.

**Chinese Doctor Talks Up Duties At Mission**

**PEKING**—Dr. Shu Chao-an, medical graduate of the Medical School of Anzora University, Shanghai, has left here for his mission. He will be in charge of the mission at the Most Rev. Lo J. De Smedt, Vicar Apostolic of Swantao.

Lucretia Service Dr. Shu will be stationed at Swantao. He will be in charge of the medical work in the other missions as well.

**I Believe - I Battle**  
The Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South



**Chocolate Soldiers and Wooden Guns**

In 1935 Mussolini decided that he needed the country of Abyssinia in order to have an outlet for the fast growing population of Italy, to obtain sources of necessary raw material for his industries, and to make the natives of that African land happier under civilized rule. Whatever you may think of Duce's aims, his motives are not the question here. The tragic comic side of the situation when King Haile Selassie dared Mussolini to conquer his country might engage us for a moment.

The chieftain gathered his bare-footed warriors armed with spears and antiquated guns and massed them at strongholds where the enemy had to pass in order to take possession of the land. When these poor fellows were all set to fight and die for their country, the Italians, practically speaking, surprised them from behind, coming from the interior bringing them the "message": "Go home, your mother wants you." With modern warfare equipment, the Italian armies had taken the country before the poor fellows at the frontiers knew what had happened.

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, all Catholics are re-created into God's army. They do not take stock in the Apostle's advice: "What things so ever were written, were written for our learning." They do not care for the learning that Catholic reading imparts. They are not interested to draw the Gentiles by greatness and divinity of the Catholic Church so that these non-Catholics may glorify God.

Our Apostolic Delegate, Most Reverend Archbishop Ciccognani, uttered these words some time ago: "You cannot fit yourself to bring the mind of the Church into the mind of the world unless you use your mind by learning more about Christ and His Church. You must educate yourself." If we are not mistaken, he did not address this demand to an audience of riverfront roustabouts or CIO truck drivers, he directed this advice to a well-educated group of Catholics.

Not until our Catholic lay people realize that if the Church is to make an impression on present-day society they are the ones who must be prepared and equipped to fight its battles on the outside. Without constant Catholic reading, our educated men and women will be like chocolate soldiers with wooden guns, whose efforts can mean nothing to the spread of God's kingdom.

**Prize Contest Open To Students**

A prize contest is to be conducted under the auspices of the American Federation of Teachers in which every high school student in America may compete.

Each contestant must submit a typewritten paper of from 100 to 200 words (10-15 typewritten pages) on the subject, "Organized Labor—America's Problem or Opportunity."

Each paper must carry the name and address of the contestant and the name and address of the high school he attends.

Prizes are First \$175 or aid toward visiting the World's Fair in New York, if preferred second \$75 third \$50 fourth \$25.

Board of Judges consist of Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, William Green, President American Federation of Labor and Jerome Davis, President American Federation of Teachers.

**5,144 Baptisms Year's Work of Two Parishes**

The missions of Mowandental and Changtanzkow in the Vicariate of HanYang recorded 5,144 baptisms of the 11,091 administered in the vicariate in the course of the past year, reports laymen service.

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**Nazareth College Gleanings**

**A FINE PERFORMANCE**

Convent life noble in purpose, beautiful in its simplicity, was picturesquely portrayed by students of Nazareth College in "The Cradle Song," given at the Academy auditorium last Tuesday evening.

Showing the results of weeks of careful rehearsal under the tutelage of Marston O'Neil, the play was presented flawlessly.

In the early scenes the young novices fairly radiated with effervescent happiness as they took delight in little privileges extended them. "Sister Marcella" was particularly effective in her enactment.

"Sister Joanna of the Cross" gave a fine performance displaying such touching tenderness that it hardly seemed assumed. The farewell scene was especially sad and well done.

Dr. James N. Keatham as the patient, unassuming, old doctor, bestrode the stage with a bearing that presented an splendid reaction to the usual seriousness of the play, and deserved the plaudits which greeted his appearance.

"Sister Irene" and "The Vicar" spoke sparingly, but on each occasion their utterances were gems of wit which found immediate recognition in an understanding audience.

The youthful friends, Teresa and Antonio, in their own conception of love, depicted it truly beautifully in a sincere, Christian light—so effectively that the play was concluded as a foregone conclusion.

In all the play was enacted in a manner fully consistent with the lofty ideals contained within its plot. It is to be hoped that another fine success for the Nazareth College Dramatic Club.

**TRA PARTICIPANT**

The Junior class of Nazareth College will sponsor a series of teas Wednesday from 1:30 to 5:15 P. M. at the college. There will be three teas before the Christmas vacation and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the Social Service field and plans to be the sponsor of a series of teas at the college.

Sister Paulette, Ph.D. Professor of Sociology is faculty adviser for the club.

**BANQUET DEC. 1**

The Italian Club of Nazareth College is to have its first banquet at Catholic Education on North Street Saturday evening, Dec. 1. Miss Angelina Gonska is the faculty director of the organization.

**Polish Rams Prepare for Shift Season**

The Polish Rams basketball team led by their spectacular quarterback shot Martin, and variety, was open last season carry in a number of fine seasons in previous seasons. Team appears as usual to be in the top of the season.

Unfortunately, when the curtain fell on their first game, the team was without the services of one of their star players, Martin, who had a bad cold and was unable to play. The team was led by their captain, who played very well, but the game was a close one. The team is being drilled by Harry Paterson and from all indications are returning rapidly into shape. They will display a fast, fancy squad with several "pop" artists ready to go as soon as they get the ball.

The team was probably open the season with the County team and outplayed at the outset. Norm Bell at the pivot position, Stan Warynski and Hank Koubian or Gene Malinowski at the four position.

Joe Laska, Chet Lampert and Hank Ostinski will be in reserve.

Among the teams whom the Rams will meet this year are included Auburn, Medina, Fairport, Brookport, Spencerport, Geneva, Buffalo, Hilton, Western Henrietta, Crusaders and the Celtics.

**FINING OF PRIEST UPHOLD BY MEXICAN HIGH COURT**

**MEXICO CITY** The Supreme Court has granted a judgment to the Rev. Ildefonso against one of the municipal magistrates, Tonalá, Chiapas, who fined him 500 pesos for officiating in a private home in that town.

The Supreme Court held that in doing this the magistrate was arrogating to himself faculties in that he applied a sanction within the competency of the Federal Government and also that the magistrate was attempting to dictate dispositions regulating the Law on Religious Worship.

At San Lorenzo, Vera Cruz, an individual named Enrique Garbala criticized the pastor of the town. The priest paid no attention to him but the people ferociously brought Garbala to the rectory and made him retract his statements, verbally and in writing. The pastor gave him publicly.

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