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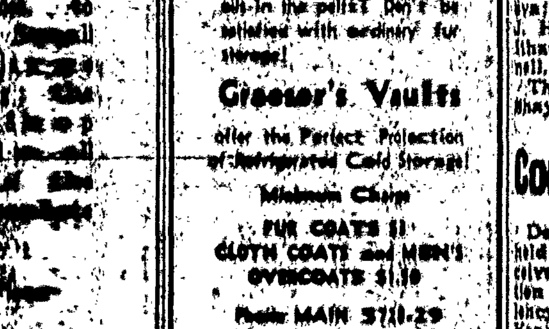

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DIOCESAN NEWS

ADULTS CONFIRMED — LAY RETREAT
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Laymen's Retreat Will Begin June 9

There will be but one Laymen's Retreat, this year, in this diocese, opening on Friday evening, June 9, at St. Bernard's Seminary at 7 P. M.

This year's retreat will be conducted by the Very Rev. James F. Glasenan, Rector of St. Columban's Seminary, Silver Creek, N. Y. He is widely known as a speaker and Retreat Master.

In announcing the retreat, Charles M. Dispenza, secretary of the Laymen's Retreat League, states in his letter: "Owing to the fact that there will be only one Retreat this year, we expect an over-registration and since we are limited to 225, only those who place their registration in advance or register before the quota is filled will be taken."

He is receiving registrations at 8 State Street.

Officers of the Laymen's Retreat League are: President, Charles A. Tucker; First Vice-President, Frank E. Wolfe; Second Vice-President, Walter T. Simpson; Treasurer, Retreat House; Charles J. Keller; Membership Chairman, Angelo L. DiNieri; Deanery Vice-Presidents: Thomas Kenny, Geneva; Frank Leach, Auburn; John J. Hassett, Elmira; Fred Wilcox, Ithaca, and John Mellinger, Hornell.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay is spiritual director.

Confirms 366 Adults

Deeply impressive were services held last Sunday as 366 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the hands of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester.

Comprised of mostly converts two classes were confirmed. At Corpus Christi Church, 148 men and women from the east-side parishes received the Sacrament at 4 p. m. while in the evening, at 7:30 P. M. a class of 218 was confirmed in the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

The Bishop spoke feelingly to both classes on the significance of the Sacrament and the spiritual strength brought by the Holy Ghost to those receiving it. He congratulated the persons being confirmed and bespoke for them many graces as a result of their act.

Pastors and assistants of the various parishes represented attended and there was a large crowd of relatives, friends and sponsors.

Communion Breakfast Held Mother's Day

GENEVA.—A Mother's Day Communion Breakfast was held by the boys and girls of St. Stephen's Scout troops at the Hotel Seneca on Sunday morning, May 14. The scouts and their mothers went to the hotel after receiving Holy Communion together at the 7:30 o'clock Mass.

The group of about 100 was addressed by Miss Regina Sweeney who chose the topic of "Hobbies." Miss Dorothy O'Malley, Golden Eaglet of the girl scouts, acted as toastmistress and Jack Hickey furnished piano music for singing.

Rev. Daniel Fraher of St. Stephen's Church was a guest of the scouts.

The committee in charge of arrangements included: Mrs. Nester Roberts, chairman; Mrs. James Reddy, Mrs. Thomas E. Quigley, Mrs. Raymond Dinan, Miss Jane Hennessey, Mrs. Paul Enright, Mrs. Anthony Gugino and Mrs. Harold D. Brooke.

Honor Past Presidents

AUBURN. — Immaculate Heart of Mary and Rosary Society of St. Alphonsus Church held its annual banquet at Springside Inn on May 24. Present and former priests of the parish were guests and special honor was paid to the past presidents, Mrs. William J. Henry, Mrs. Mortimer Hyland and Mrs. Lawrence C. Salzer. An interesting program was given and Mrs. Josephine N. Schwartzwalder lead community singing, assisted by Mrs. C. A. Hickok who accompanied the entertainers.

Mrs. F. B. Abrams acted as chairman, assisted by the following committee: Banquet, Mrs. Joseph L. Barry, Mrs. Charles Hutson, Mrs. Mildred Woods, Mrs. George Hester; Reservations: Mrs. Earl Lee, Mrs. George Hester, Mrs. Charles Hulson; Hostesses: Mrs. Frank H. Steigerwald, Mrs. William Wildner, Mrs. William Yantch, Mrs. Carl Fleig, Mrs. William Wensel. Mrs. A. J. Toutant acted as toastmistress.

K. C. Hold Medina Degree

MEDINA—Among members of the Knights of Columbus who gathered here to participate in the exemplification of the Third Degree of the Order, Sunday were thirty-five knights from Rochester.

The degree was conferred by District Deputy Ovid M. Punch of Medina and staff. Music was furnished by the Rochester Knights of Columbus Choral Society, directed by Paul A. Predmore.

Grand Knights Leo F. Rombaut, Rochester; Ray Fellers, Medina and John Hunt of Albion were present. Candidates were from Batavia, Warsaw and Medina.

Sunday Novena Opens

A solemn novena in honor of St. Anne will begin Sunday afternoon, May 28 at 4:30 in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Stinson Street and Lexington Avenue.

The novena to be given by the Rev. Sebastian Contegiacomo, C. PP. S. will continue every Sunday afternoon for nine Sundays. Father Sebastian invites all interested to make the novena.

Nocturnal Group To Keep Vigil May 27

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will hold its monthly vigil at St. Patrick's Church Saturday night of this week, May 27th. At the last meeting held on Holy Thursday night, new members were not enrolled. For that reason it is expected that a very large group will be received into the society by the Reverend Director. The Vigil is from 10:00 P. M. Saturday until 6:00 A. M. Sunday.

Auburn Novena Draws Capacity Attendance

AUBURN.—A capacity crowd of 630 filled every available seat in St. Aloysius Church last Friday evening for the opening of a perpetual novena, honoring the Sorrowful Mother.

The novena was in charge of Rev. Lawrence Calkins, Servite Missionary Father, of Chicago.

The services which lasted but 35 minutes consisted of prayers and singing of hymns and was concluded with benediction. Rev. Earl Anable of Oswego conducted the solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, assisted by Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor of the church.

The priest and the parishioners recited prayers aloud together recalling the sufferings of the Mother of Christ. Prayers were said for the sick and suffering, for special graces, for the deceased, for a happy death and an act of consecration to the heavenly queen. A special prayer was also said for the sick of the parish. The novena included the Via Matris or stations of the Sorrowful Mother.

The novena services will be conducted at 7:30 o'clock each Friday evening throughout the year. Novena notes, which come from the headquarters in Chicago, were distributed to the congregation last evening. These booklets explain the services and tell of the progress of the novena in other cities throughout the country.

Honor Foundress

A Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Madeline-Sophie Barat is being celebrated this morning (Thursday) by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, at 9 o'clock in the chapel of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince Street.

St. Madeline-Sophie Barat was the foundress of the Religious of the Sacred Heart in charge of the Academy here.

The religious services in the morning are being followed by a general field day this afternoon in which students will participate.

Mercy High To Mark May Day On Sunday

The campus of Our Lady of Mercy High School will be the scene of much festivity as the annual May Day celebration is held on May 28.

The program, which begins at 3:30 P. M., starts with the procession of the students to the throne on the east campus. Here, the May Queen, Mary Faith Walder, will be crowned, attended by Patricia Doyle and Rita Glavin as maids of honor, and four Senior attendants, Clementine Haubner, Constance Schifferli, Mary Lewis and Ruth Brewer. Dorothy Adams and Elizabeth Craw are junior atendants.

A May pole dance will be given by the freshmen, while the underclassmen form a flower chain to line the path of the Queen and her court.

From the east campus, the procession, headed by Rita Rockenbrock as standard bearer, will proceed to the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin. The May Queen, while the student body sings a hymn to Mary, will transfer the flower crown from her head to the statue of the Virgin Mary.

Then the entire student body proceeds to the altar, erected on the west campus where a sermon will be deliverd by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney. Benediction will follow.

The singing will be lead this year by Margaret Caufield. Marie Hafner and Marie Wolfer are to be buglers. The May Queen's train will be borne by Audrey Loeb, Dorothy Quetchenback. Marguerite Gruntler and Irma De Voldre. Shirley Aman will be crown bearer and Rita Chimera will carry the scroll.

Final Services Held For Miss Burket

Miss Susie H. Burket of 199 Lake Avenue who for a period of 18 years taught at the old Cathedral Grammar School died, Monday, May 22. Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Church.

Miss Burket was considered an ideal teacher by the Sisters of St. Joseph with whom she worked at St. Patrick's School on old Frank Street.

She is survived by three sisters, Miss Sarah Burket, Mrs. George Mayer and Mrs. George Ayotte, three nieces and three nephews.

Asks Beatification

Warsaw—A petition signed by 40,000 Poles has been sent to His Holiness Pope Pius XII requesting the beatification of Queen Hedwig of Poland, the wife of King Ladislaus.

Election Day Set For Rochester K. C.

Election of officers in Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will take place on next Thursday, June 1, in the K. of C. Rooms, Columbus Civic Centre.

Polls will open at 2 p. m. and remain open until 9 p. m. Tellers will be Edmond P. Rombaut and Victor Love.

After the polls close, results of the election will be announced by Grand Knight Leo F. Rombaut as the regular council meeting is continued.

Stresses Value Of Chest Team-Work

By FRANK J. CONBOY

GENEVA—The team-work of a Community Chest Campaign has both a temporal and spiritual value, Rev. Raymond P. Nolan of St. Stephen's church told the workers at their opening dinner of the 1939 Chest Drive in the Masonic Temple Hall on Monday evening, May 15th.

"The Chest work is a very praiseworthy endeavor," he said, "There is also a real value to the community in the cooperation of a large group of men and women working together for a common goal."

From the spiritual side Father Nolan said he believed that in such a campaign there is a dominant religious motive. In this vein he quoted the Biblical quotation, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Services Held For Sr. Ludegarde

Funeral services were held for Sister Mary Ludegarde Keyes last Tuesday morning, with the Rev. Hubert Bisky celebrating the Requiem Mass. Sister died May 20 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Sister Ludegarde had worked for forty-seven years among boys at St. Mary's Home on West Main Street. She had entered the order of Sisters of St. Joseph at the old Nazareth Convent on Jay Street.

After teaching German for a short time in a parochial school, Sister Ludegarde joined the staff at St. Mary's Boys' Home. She has supervised after-school recreation of the boys for the past four decades.

John Cannan Rites Conducted by Brother

Requiem Mass for John H. Cannan was offered by his brother, the Rev William A. Cannan, pastor of St Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport, on Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester.

Mr Cannan died Saturday, May 20 at his home, 161 Bronson Ave.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Goss Cannan: two sons, John A., and William D. Cannan: his brother, Father Cannan and one sister Mrs. George A. Bauman of this city

The missions at home and abroad are the concern of all of us. Read mission news in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith Column, this issue.

Friars Cast Hailed In Comedy

The Blackfriars brought their first theatrical season to a successful close the last three days of last week with the presentation of "First Lady" comdey of life in the nation's capital, in Immaculate Conception auditorium.

Appreciative audiences gave their approval to the production which was well directed, well staged and well acted throughout.

"First Lady" dealing as it does with the struggles of two wives seeking to have their husbands elected to the presidency called for exacting work on the part of feminine leads. Doris Weber a handling of the role of Lucy Chase Wayne, wife of the Secretary of State was excellently done as was that of Virginia Waller as Irene Hibbard, wife of the Supreme Court Justice.

The audience particularly liked the natural manner in which Jane Fowler portrayed "Belle Hardwick." Thelma M. Flaherty was an efficient, industrious and wise Sophy Prescott, secretary. As Mrs. McCreevey, Janet Ferguson had a difficult role but handled it well. The school girl role of Emmy Paige was given the right treatment by Marion O'Neil who demonstrated her versatility in handling it.

In the male leads Emmet J. O'Neill as Stephen Wayne, the secretary of state and Dr. James N. Eastham, as Carter Hibbard, a Supreme Court Justice made the characters believable. Both shaded their mannerisms and lines in the proper manner to emphasize the comedy intended.

George McDermott in the Tom Hardwick role was a gruff old blunt Senator and David Van Winkle as Senator Keane was a likeable younger member of the Senate. As Ellsworth T. Powers, a chain-newspaper publisher, John W. O'Connor spoke his lines clearly and distinctly and acted the part.

Supporting players who were seen to advantage in their respective roles were John Goschar, Jean Ennis, Mary L. Skelly, Geri Bishop, Lucy Hope Lyon, Elinor M. O'Connor, Stephen Richard Storm, Gordon Moll, Paul L. Ryan, Gregory J. Callahan with an excellent make-up as a tottering old man; Helen V. Kane, Arnold Morrison, Fred Shortall, E. Royce Letson and Floyd J. Green.

The play was directed by Francis Ballard and gave evidence of his ability in that department.

"First Lady" ended a pretentious season for the Blackfriars which included "The Late Christopher Bean," starring Helen Menken, Broadway star; The Kingdom of God, Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp, Aaron Slick of Punkin Creek, Stage Door and the concert by Nino Martini.

The Blackfriars distributed a questionnaire at the final performance to ascertain choice of plays for next year.

Knights Pledge Aid In Decency Drive

Full support of the Knights of Equity in the drive on indecent literature was pledged to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, at their last meeting.

The resolution is as follows: "That we, the members of Court 10, pledge to Your Excellency any support it might be possible for us to extend to you in your timely crusade against immoral and indecent literature.

"That the services of our entire membership are at your disposal in this most necessary effort.

"We pledge you that we shall not purchase and shall use our efforts to prevent others from purchasing any periodicals that savor of indecency.

"We further promise that if your earnest efforts are of no avail with the purveyors of indecency that we will withhold from them any patronage it might be in our power to extend."

The Sodality is a rapidly developing youth movement. Its activities are reported under the "Sodaltalk."

Communists promote lewd literature, their program opposes preserving morality.

Requiescant In Pace

BELSITO, Thomas, husband of Lena, died May 13. Funeral May 19 at St Anthony of Padua Church.

BEREND, Elisabeth, wife of Joseph died May 19 Funeral, May 23 at Holy Family Church.

BIANCHI, Giacomo, husband of Pauline, died May 16. Funeral, May 20 at St Francis of Assisi Church.

BORZILLIERE, Giuseppe, husband of Angelina, died May 18 Funeral, May 22 at St Bridget's Church.

CANNAN, John, husband of Irene died May 20 Funeral, May 23 at Immaculate Conception Church

CASEY, Lawrence, husband of Mary, died May 20. Funeral, May 23 at Corpus Christi Church.

CIAVATTA, Italia, wife of Anthony, died May 16. Funeral, May 19 at the Church of the Annunciation

DELLARIO, Louis, died May 18 Funeral, May 20 at St Bridget's Church.

EBER, Marie, wife of Florent died May 14. Funeral, May 17 at Holy Apostles Church.

ERATH, Joseph, husband of Barbara, died May 18 Funeral, May 22 at St John's Church, Greece

GARVIN, Madeline, died May 14 Funeral, May 17 at Holy Rosary Church.

GLASSIR-MUSHARD, Margaret, died May 20 Funeral, May 23 at Immaculate Conception Church

HEINRICHS, Paul, died May 21 Funeral, May 24 at Holy Rosary Church.

HELTEN, Charles, husband of Julia, died May 18. Funeral, May 20 at St Ambrose Church

KEELER, James, died May 9 Funeral, May 16 at Corpus Christi Church.

KEYES, Sr. M. Ludegarde, of St Mary's Boys' Home, died May 20. Funeral, May 23 at St. Mary's Home.

KIERECKI, Max, died May 18. Funeral, May 22 at St Stanislaus Church.

LEACH, Mary Estella, died May 15. Funeral, May 19 at Immaculate Conception Church.

LEE, Edward, died May 21 Funeral, May 23 at St Columba Church in Caledonia.

MANDIRY, Raymond, died May 19. Funeral, May 22 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

MAXWILL, Henry, husband of Mary, died May 17. Funeral May 20 at Immaculate Conception Church

MAYER, Arthur, husband of Elizabeth, died May 16. Funeral, May 20 at Holy Redeemer Church.

MONAGHAN, David, died May 17. Funeral, May 20 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

MONAGHAN, Mary, died May 16. Funeral, May 17 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

MUTSCHLER, Nellie, died May 17. Funeral, May 19 at St. Fidelis Church.

POWERS, Lowell, husband of Loretta, died May 21. Funeral, May 24 at St. Margaret Mary's Church.

QUINLAN, Sarah, wife of John, died May 14 Funeral, May 17 at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

REIS, Hermine, died May 18. Funeral, May 22 at St. Michael's Church.

RYAN, Fred, died May 18. Funeral, May 22 at Holy Rosary Church.

SCHICKER, Catherine, died May 17. Funeral, May 20 at Holy Rosary Church.

SMITH, Ida, died May 16. Funeral, May 19 at St. Monica's Church.

SPAHN, Mary, died May 21. Funeral, May 24 at St. Salome's Church.

SPIEGEL, Frank, died May 18. Funeral, May 22 at St. Andrew's Church

STAPPINBACHER, Margaret, died May 17 Funeral, May 20 at St Augustine's Church.

THEIN, Walter, died May 15. Funeral, May 17 at St. Michael's Church.

TWAMLEY, Frank, husband of Anna, died May 16. Funeral, May 19 at Sacred Heart Church.

Rochesterians Going To California

Catholics not affiliated with the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union are being invited to join the Rochester delegation going to the National Convention in San Francisco.

The annual meeting of the two organizations will be held from July 29 to August 2 with convention headquarters at the Empire Hotel.

Monday, July 31 has been designated as "Catholic Central Verein Day and German Catholic Day" at the Golden Gate 1939 International Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco.

A remarkable convention tour is being arranged for delegates and friends of the two organizations. Details of the tour are being handled by Burlington Escorted Tours. The westward trip will include the Indian Detour in New Mexico and the Grand Canyon in Arizona, sightseeing at Los Angeles and Hollywood and a voyage to Catalina Island.

Two return routes are offered—one via the Pacific Northwest, Glacier Park, Yellowstone and Colorado (a grand circle of the West's most famous scenic regions), and the other directly east via Salt Lake City, the Colorado Rockies and Denver (the scenic way across America).

Cordial invitations to members and friends of both organizations have been issued by William H. Siefen, national president of the Catholic Verein of America and Mrs. Mary Filser Lohr, national president of the National Catholic Women's Union.

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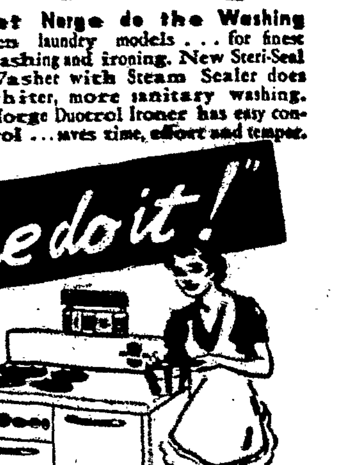

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