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Ninth Diocesan Convention Opens Friday

Bishop To Offer Mass Opening Meet

Committees for the Ninth Diocesan Convention to be held at Hotel Seneca, Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, were announced at the regular meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W. held at Columbus Civic Centre, Friday, October 27, Mrs. M. H. Keogh, presiding.

The Convention program was discussed at length. The Convention will begin with the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by Most Rev. James E. Keane, D.D. at Old St. Mary's Church, South Street, at 9:00 A. M. Friday, November 10.

At the morning session Friday, at 10:30 A. M., after the reading of the minutes of last year's convention and the report of the Board of Directors, the diocesan officers will give their reports.

Speaks on Literature Drive
 At 11:30 A. M., Mr. Frank Wolfe will tell us informally of experiences in the Diocesan Campaign against indecent literature.

Our Most Reverend Bishop will be our guest of honor at the President's Luncheon which will be held in the ballroom at 12:15, and will have an inspiring message for us. Miss Agnes D'Abbraccio of Elmira will be heard in violin solos.

At 2:30 P. M. Miss Marion Schantz will describe her week at the Institute on Industry, held in Washington last June.

Miss Hilda Connor, Diocesan Chairman of the National Catholic School of Social Service, will lead symposium messages from the field, by graduates of the N.C.C.W.

Three-minute reports of Diocesan Presidents and of Diocesan Chairmen of National Committees will follow.

After the close of the afternoon session our members are cordially invited to visit the House of Hospitality, Clinton Avenue North, project of our Catholic Workers.

On Saturday, Armistice Day, the Convention will open with a Mass for Peace at 9:00 A. M. at St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street. We urge all who can possibly do so to assist at the Holy Sacrifice on both Friday and Saturday.

The business session will follow at 10:30 A. M. Credentials and Nominating Committees will make their reports. Directors will be elected for a term of three years to represent the following types of organizations: Altar Societies, Auxiliaries of Knights of St. John, Catholic Daughters of America, Hospital Aids, Rosary and Scapular Societies, Sacred Heart League and Young Ladies' Sodality, Delegates-at-large for Auburn and Geneva Dioceses will also be elected for a term of three years.

At 11:30 A. M. Rev. George C. Vogt, Ph.D., M.A., will tell us how we can help in the work of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, stressing especially the Visitation Schools.

A Peace Luncheon will be held Saturday at 12:15 in the Palm Lounge, Mrs. H. H. Keogh, President of Rochester Diocesan Council, will preside. Miss Mary G. Hawks, former national president of the N.C.C.W. will be the speaker.

Brief reports on the recent National Convention in San Francisco will be given by Miss Cecilia M. Yawman and Mrs. Teresa Ganster.

The afternoon session will begin at 2:00 P. M. Mothers of one of our Parent-Teacher groups will present a Study Club Panel, after which the report of the Election Committee and the Committee on resolutions will be presented.

The Board of Directors meeting will follow immediately after the close of the Convention Election and installation of officers for the coming year will take place at the Board Meeting.

All business sessions will be held in the Red Room. We trust all those interested in Catholic activities may find much of value in our convention meeting.

Luncheon tickets are 85 cents. Limit for luncheons 150.

Reservations for Friday's luncheon must be in by Wednesday.

Reservations for Saturday's luncheon will be taken up to noon Thursday.

Write of telephone reservations to Mrs. Agnes Rothwick, executive secretary of the Rochester Diocesan Council, 338 Columbus Civic Centre, Stone 192. Office hours, 9:30 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.

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Advance Foundress Cause



Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence in the United States, whose cause for beatification, it is hoped, will be successfully completed by October, 1940, when her Order will celebrate its centennial at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Terre Haute, Ind. The first log chapel, erected at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, in 1840, is pictured here. (N.C.C.W. photos.)

Maternity Guild's Benefit Party Set

To further the work of St. Gerard Maternity Guild, the annual party will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 15 at St. Joseph's Hall, Franklin Street.

Proceeds from the card party will be used to take care of the cases presented to the Guild for benefit and to purchase material for making complete layettes. The layettes are distributed to needy cases.

Mrs. Charles W. Mayer heads the committees as general chairman with Mrs. May McAlpin and Mrs. Harriet Reilly as Co-Chairmen.

Other committees are as follows: Mrs. Benedict Ehmman, Chairman, Returns, Mrs. Mary Louise Galligan, Chairman, Mrs. Margaret White, Cards, Mrs. Miriam Braun, Chairman, Mrs. Charlotte Henchen, Co-chairman, Mrs. Emma Pfang, Miss Mary Woerner, Raymond Forrest.

Prizes Table, Mrs. Madge Spiegel, Chairman, Mrs. Magdalena Hess Door, Mrs. Louise Boss and Mrs. Frank Yattson, Special Prizes, Miss Kate Kane, Mrs. Margaret DiStefano and Lucille Byrnes, Refreshments, Mrs. Mary Kuhn, Mrs. Anna Metzger, and Mrs. J. Schmiedlin.

Recognition Mrs. A. Russert, Chairman, Mrs. Loretta Monahan, Mrs. Mary Kios, Mrs. Susan Keogh, Miss L. Meyers, Mrs. Agatha Kessel, Dr. Marie A. Walk, Mrs. Anna Kastner, Mrs. Maria Donnelly, Mrs. Anna Reichardt, Mrs. Y. Johnson, Miss Julia Fisher, Mrs. Henry Richter, Mrs. M. Waterstraat, Mrs. Teresa Ganster, Mrs. Mary Sander, Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, Mrs. Loretta Kauffman, Miss Catherine Feltner, Miss Mary Finucane.

Publicity, Miss Laura K. Schilling.

Anyone desiring to play at home can do so and prizes will be given. National Convention in San Francisco will be given by Miss Cecilia M. Yawman and Mrs. Teresa Ganster.

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Life of Madame Rose Lummis

By REVEREND RALPH J. MEYER

ARTICLE XXII
 It was remarkable that with her enthusiasm and unflagging zeal for souls she could preserve that equable temperament which was one of her greatest charms; her dignity, sweetness, and what Father Faber called "obstinate cheerfulness" never failed.

She had more than her share of disappointment and ingratitude; she was abused, even derided, by those on whom she had bestowed favors, but an angry look or word never escaped her on such occasions. A friend once witnessed such an experience, and in an outburst of affection and indignation exclaimed vehemently: "Why don't you crush them?" Madame Lummis was lying on her sofa in great suffering but instantly the hurt look vanished, and glancing up with her old but serene smile she said: "Because," as Dr. Johnson said to Boswell, "I've nothing ready, sir."

Then in an instant an inner light radiated from her beautiful eyes and she murmured softly almost reproachfully, "And Jesus held His peace."

One was instantly subdued, and the calm in her utterly dissipated all further thought. Discussion if she felt an injustice needed reproach, she gave it kindly and impartially, but the matter was then dismissed from her mind, and never further alluded to in any form. The device she gave was, "You can say nothing kindly of another, then be silent," and this rule she kept to the letter. Everyone who knew her felt that his or her character was safe in her presence. She had such a pleasant way of changing the conversation when it drifted towards uncharitableness, one scarcely realized that breakers were near, and one floated into merry sparkling waters without a ripple of annoyance.

We have seen that her love for the poor was a great and strong love. The following lines of Joachim Miller, which were found copied in her notes, expressed her feelings towards those, God's chosen ones:

God's poor came first, the very first.
 God's poor were first to see, to hear.
 To feel the light of Heaven's burst
 Full on their faces. Far or near
 His poor were first to follow, first to fall.

What if at last his poor stand first of all!

To give to those in need was a crying necessity of her nature, and a pleasure she never would forego. She used to say: "Scanty fare for one will often make a royal feast for two," and she gave freely. When the money came from no one ever knew. It is a fact that the day of Mrs. Lord's death she possessed but two dollars—owing to an unexpected demand on her generosity. She could never resist an appeal from those in sorrow or need.

Is thy burden hard and heavy,
 Do try steps drag wearily?
 Help to bear thy brother's burden:
 God will bear both it and thee.

This she wrote among the things she wished to remember. Her heart indeed grew rich in giving, and when kindness or generosity came from unexpected quarters she would smilingly say: "Have I not 'old you?' Can't your bread upon the water, and it will surely return."

Once she was much touched by such an instance. During her years in the mountains she had often as-

Our Social Swirl

League To Hold Rummage Sale

By MARY CAUFIELD
 St. Mary's Junior League will hold its annual Rummage Sale at 168 Clinton Avenue North, on November 9, 10 and 11, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of the Christmas party given each year for the boys of St. Mary's Boys' Home.

Donations for the sale will be accepted at the store on Wednesday afternoon and evening, November 8. Anyone interested in contribution new or used articles of wearing apparel, dishes, books, magazines, or toys is requested to call the Collection Committee of which Mrs. Leo Fraver is chairman.

Mrs. Joseph W. Still, president of the League is honorary chairman of the affair. She has appointed Mrs. Raymond P. Ougel general chairman and Mrs. Marie H. Toubert co-chairman. They will be assisted by a large staff of workers.

Mission Society

The Mission Society of St. Joseph's Church will hold a card party on Wednesday evening, November 8, at St. Joseph's lower hall for the benefit of a new chapel in Puerto Rico. Members and friends of the Society are urged to attend.

The committee in charge of the party includes Mrs. Martin Erni, Mrs. Mary Murphy, Miss Helen Klem, Miss Rosalia Sercu, Miss Elizabeth Corrier, Miss Ruth Stoller, Miss Frances Wannamaker, Miss Mary Heller, Miss Magdalen Lill.

Also Miss Clarissa Wolf, Miss Ida Engel, Miss Lulu Angeli, Miss Loretta Angeli, Mrs. Alice Schwall, Mrs. Richard Kall, Mrs. Frank Kuler, Mrs. Charles Olatz, Mrs. Roger Hogan and Mrs. Geo. Coleman.

Alter Society

St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Society held a Halloween Masquerade party on Thursday evening, November 2, following the regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. George Gantert, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Thomas Deane, Mrs. Kenneth Doyle, Mrs. Thomas Greenleaf, Mrs. Helen Lamm, Mrs. Edward Mark, Mrs. Edwin Randall, Mrs. Oscar Rieff, Mrs. Emmett Taylor, Mrs. Patrick Waters and Mrs. Raymond Whitaker.

Messersch P. T. A.

The Nazareth Hall Parent-Teachers Association will meet on Tuesday, November 7, 1939, at 2 P. M. in the Messersch Hall. The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. G. G. Gantert. It will be served after the meeting.

Rochester Alumnae

Mrs. Joseph Hostler of 41 Dunbar Street will be hostess at the November meeting of the Rochester Alumnae Association of the College of St. Elizabeth, on Saturday, November 4.

This is the date set for the annual Fall Alumnae Meeting to be held this year at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, as well as for the individual chapter meetings. Plans for the coming year will be discussed at this time.

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 When we have fallen into sin, through repentance and the Sacrament of Penance restores us to the life of grace.

Sorely disappointed, as she had depended on the sum for pressing needs, she arrived at her next mission expecting to find a check at the Post Office, only again to be met with disappointment. Some days must elapse before she could hear from Canada, and meanwhile to whom was she to turn in this new mission, where she was an utter stranger? As a last resource, she wrote of her dilemma to a son who had been a missionary in the Catholic Church, through the indifference of his parents, whom, with the rest of the family, Madame Lummis had brought back to the faith. Our missionary had never seen him, but by letter had shown him every sympathy and help in the business which he had then recently started.

Her letter asking for a loan of 10 pounds with interest for two weeks met with a kind and immediate reply. Interest he scorned; he was glad to oblige her in any way.

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