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PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Parish EMBER DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are ember days. Working men and their families are permitted the use of fresh meat on Wednesday and Saturday.

Confessions for Christmas will be heard on Saturday, December 23 from 8:00 to 9:00 and from 7:00 to 7:30 o'clock.

The School Collection for the month of December will be taken up on Sunday, December 17.

The High School Religious Club will have its regular meeting on Monday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

St. Boniface Parish CHRISTMAS PARTIES LISTED

Christmas Parties seem to be the big item on the calendar this week and next. The Little Flower Guild will hold their holiday party at 8:00 P.M. on Dec. 17.

The Girl Scouts will celebrate the coming holidays on Wednesday evening, December 20 in the school hall.

Rev. Dr. Elmer McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Charitronian Club on Thursday evening, Dec. 14.

Parishioners who failed to see the moving picture on the Mass shown in the school hall last Monday night, are invited to see it again.

The movie was made in Hollywood by experienced men and women who did a fine job in simplifying the life of Christ.

NEW CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER FOUNDED IN FLORIDA

MIAMI—The Florida Catholic, official organ of the Diocese of St. Augustine, which made its first appearance here today, dedicated in its lead editorial to work for God, for the promotion of religion and piety and for the welfare of our common Fatherland.

Consisting of eight pages in the conventional full-size, it featured an article by the Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Thorne, of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md., in which he stated "The Florida Catholic completes the picture of lay activity in the South" and that "The Florida Catholic can win for Christ every soul in Florida."

The paper is completely balanced with features, local columnists, syndicated columnists and a sports department. Charles A. Dunn is the managing editor. Joseph A. Loughrey is Advertising Manager.

Fordham Priest Given Two Education Posts

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Rev. Charles J. Deane, S.J., Vice-President and Secretary General of Fordham University, was elected to posts of importance at the annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and Affiliated Associations held here.

Father Deane was elected a member of the Executive Committee representing the State of New York. The Eastern Regional Unit of the College and University Department of the National Catholic Educational Association, which also met here, elected Father Deane as Chairman for 1939-40.

MORE CHAPLAINS—NEW YORK—Recently authorized increase in the personnel of the United States Army and the United States Navy, more than 36,000 men in the former and some 30,000 in the latter, have made new demands on the Chaplains Aid Association. It was brought out at the annual meeting of that body held at headquarters, 401 W. 50th Street, here.

Communion Church Jubilee Noted—NEW YORK—The golden jubilee of the Church of Our Lady, of the Scapular, first establishment here of the Italian Carmelite Fathers, was observed at a dinner attended by more than 300 persons. The church is widely-known for its close association with Bellevue Hospital, New York's municipal hospital, which is in its parish.

Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi, Holy Family, SS. Peter and Paul's, St. Boniface, St. John The Evangelist

Introduction Approved Of 'Lily of the Mohawks' Cause

VATICAN CITY—The Official Bulletin of the Holy See publishes the text of the Decree of the Congregation of Rites whereby is officially introduced the Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, American Indian virgin who is known as "The Lily of the Mohawks."

"To this glory," the Decree says, "it seems that the Lord has raised Catherine Tekakwitha the Indian Virgin of North America belonging to the tribe called by the French 'Agoutis' and by the English 'Mohawks' of the people of the Iroquois. The Divine Wisdom raised this flower of sanctity from those very lands which had already been made fertile by the blood of her Indian ancestors and companions Martyrs of the Society of Jesus, and preserved intact and cultivated this immaculate lily among the heathen Iroquois who had been the executioners of those same martyrs."

"Born about 1656 in the village of Ossernenon, near Aurieville, in the present Diocese of Albany in America, Catherine Tekakwitha had a pagan father, but a Christian mother belonging to the nation of the Algonquias. At the age of four, she was deprived of both her parents and only brother by her uncle, a very fierce enemy of the Christian religion. She was taken into his family and in it educated according to Indian usage. Having strongly realized the attempts made to marry her, she was driven as it were from that tribe by an unknown love for virginity, she had to suffer much for this refusal."

"In 1667, three Jesuit missionaries stayed for three days with Catherine's uncle. One of these guests was entrusted to Catherine herself. Three years later a stable mission was constituted and subsequently named by her, Catherine was admitted among the catechumens by Father James Lamberville of the Society of Jesus, who the year after, in the Easter solemnity, taking into account her exterior virtues and the fact that she had sufficient preparation, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to her."

"To escape from the persecutions and dangers she might encounter against her faith, she fled secretly from her uncle's house, and took refuge after a long journey in the mission of St. Francis Xavier of Sault, which was called Caughnawaga territory, where there had been established a center inhabited only by Christians and catechumens whom the missionary Father directed both in spiritual and temporal interests and in the type of the famous 'Ridoux' of Paraguay."

"In this mission Catherine made admirable progress in Christian perfection, dedicating herself entirely to prayer and to mortification of the flesh in which she would have fallen into excess had she not been stopped by her confessor. Considering these dispositions of her soul, the missionaries making an exception to the rule, permitted her to receive the Holy Eucharist on May 25, 1679 to take privately the vow of perpetual virginity, in which she seems to have been the first among the Indians of that region. Spreading around her the sweet perfume of Christ, Catherine by her example, attracted to the village the catechumens other companions of her tribe, where they led a Christian life with great piety."

"Afflicted by many infirmities borne with the utmost patience, on April 17, 1680, Catherine, nourished by the Holy Viaticum, brought her with solemn pomp, and anointed with the Holy Oil, pronouncing the sweet words, 'O Jesus, I love thee, I love thee, Heavenly Spouse Whom I love and loved, Whom she had sought, Whom she had always desired.'"

"The fame of the sanctity which God made her tomb the goal of pilgrimages. It was guarded with all diligence by the religious of the Society of Jesus in the village Caughnawaga of the Iroquois mission, in the present diocese of St. John of Quebec, and those pilgrimages after a good three centuries, still continue."

"The illustrious testimonies of this fame of sanctity which she won by the introduction of the Cause presented to the Pope by the Plenary Council of Baltimore held in 1864 and the postulatory letters recently sent by the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the United States and of Canada and from very many Indians with their chiefs, which express the ardent desire of the American people."

"To respond to this desire the Bishop of Albany in America, in the years 1921-1922 instituted, with his ordinary authority the process for the beatification of Catherine's sanctity and then sent them to Rome. However this cause having to be enumerated among old ones, in virtue of the Motu proprio of Pius XI of happy memory, on February 6, 1933, it was entrusted to the Historical Section, added to this Sacred Congregation, to scrutinize the documents, to search for them and

to examine them according to the rules of criticism, with the object of giving deductions and judgments. The Section carried out this task most excellently. Therefore having fully demonstrated that these documents authentic and merited full confidence, the fame of sanctity of the Servant of God was perfectly proved by them."

The Decree then recalls with the usual ritual formulae that, on the instance of Father Carlo Meccinelli of the Society of Jesus, Pontifical Vicar of the Cardinals of the Congregation of Rites have pronounced the affirmative opinion concerning the introduction of the Cause and that the Congregation has ratified their sentence signing with his own hand the Decree for the introduction of the Cause."

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (INC)—Of the thousands of letters that poured in upon Don Herring, the Princeton football star, when word was printed that his leg would have to be amputated as the result of an injury on the gridiron, the coming from Catholics made a distinct impression. The "uniformly bore testimony of the faith in God that was obviously a part of that person's nature."

This is revealed by Donald Grant, former of Princeton, N. J. father of the injured player, in responding to a pledge of sympathy and prayers sent to Don by John Kelly, captain of the Notre Dame eleven during the season just closed.

This is a belated but nonetheless sincere acknowledgment of your message of warm sympathy and cheer to my son Don is permitted to write only a few letters a day, and he has chosen to answer personally the many letters from crippled children. He wishes me particularly to tell you how much your message meant to him, coming as it does from one of the outstanding representatives of the great fraternity of football players.

A great deal has been written about Don's courage. I have no desire to minimize it as certainly I would not exaggerate it. I prefer to think of his behavior as just what we expect of decent young Americans behavior we should expect of any young man of his grade of intelligence and of his fellows if of this great nation of ours were to become involved in war.

To me the greater significance of Don's courage is that of the instantaneous almost automatic reaction of a great section of the American people to that which touched their hearts. We may speak up into the headlines occasionally the names of heroes or Saints. But after all they are on the lythe acum that rises in the melting pot, the sound metal is underneath."

"I should be glad if you could show this letter to the Reverend Father, the Rector of Notre Dame, again. I wish to thank you, as representing the undergraduate sons of the great university founded in the name of the Holy Mother of God."

The Very Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame, wrote to Mr. Herring that "John Kelly has shown me your beautiful letter and I want to express my appreciation of your kind thought of Notre Dame. Perhaps I should have said on our hearts."

"Our hearts are naturally stirred by anyone in affliction of soul and your son's fortitude has aroused an unusual outburst of sympathy. Father O'Hara addressed to you this message incidentally, a crusade of prayer. "May God bless and protect you and your family."

The Library signpost column will interest readers of the better Catholic literature.

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