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Statue of St. Joseph
 As might be expected, the Christians of the Near East have great devotion to St. Joseph. He was a native of the Near East. Fifteen dollars will purchase a large statue of St. Joseph for a Near East mission chapel.

OLD CHAPEL DESTROYED
 Village Without Church After Storm
 Very few of us have ever attended Mass in a Church or Chapel like the one in the village of Hihat, in Syria. We will let the Apostolic Delegate tell you about it.

MISSION CHAPEL
 Without a Chapel the missionary must celebrate Mass in the open air in a room of a private house. When it rains or snows he can't say Mass out of doors. If he says Mass in a private house, only a few can attend. When he has a Chapel he can preach to them. Then his converts begin. Five hundred dollars will build a mission Chapel in the Near East. The donor can select the name, the Holy Father will select the site.

FOR OUR MEMBERS
 The missionaries offer fifteen thousand Masses for our members every year. These Masses are for the living and the deceased.

YOUR WILL
 Everybody should make a Will. If you die without a Will, the State will divide your property according to its own laws. When you make your Will, remember the missionaries. Put into it the name of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Our priests will never forget you.

THE LONELY MISSIONARY
 The lonely missionary often thinks of home and friends. His only wish is to win souls for Christ. Ask this priest to offer Mass for your intentions.

CHAPEL FURNISHINGS
 Wouldn't you like to furnish a mission chapel so it can be opened for Mass? The articles needed are: An altar, a crucifix and candlesticks, a chalice, a Missal, a set of vestments and altar linens. These can all be supplied for one hundred twelve dollars.

ALTAR IN THANKSGIVING
 No matter how new or fine a Chapel may be, it looks unsightly without a decent Altar. Many of our missionaries are using old boards held up by boxes and covered with cloths. These are the only Altars they have. Fifty dollars will erect an Altar in a mission Chapel. Give one in thanksgiving.

Send all communications to
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
 480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York, N. Y.

WOMEN'S WORLD

Our Social Swirl
Women's Board Plans Benefit

By MARY CALFIELD
 The Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital is completing plans for the benefit card party to be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 17 at 8:15 P. M. in the Nurses Home.

Mrs. William S. Hartigan as general chairman, has named the following ladies to assist her: Mrs. Charles J. Paisley vice-chairman, Mrs. Kendall B. Castle in charge of arrangement of tables and cards, Mrs. Harold Jenkins and Mrs. Fred Odenbach, co-chairmen of prize committee, Mrs. Rudolph Siebert and Mrs. Joseph Murray, co-chairmen of ticket committee and Mrs. John C. Menahan chairman of decorations and refreshments.

Mrs. Frank J. G. Connor Jr. Mrs. Alexander B. Hons and Mrs. Grace Murphy are on Mrs. Castle's committee and assisting Mrs. Siebert and Mrs. Murray in the promotion and sale of tickets are Mrs. William Winans, Mrs. James Stafford, Mrs. Frank X. Kelly, Mrs. John Jardine, Mrs. Benedict J. Duffy and Mrs. Francis J. Yawman.

Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Odenbach with the help of their committee, Mrs. Francis P. Beattie Mrs. David Lawless, Mrs. Leo Simpson, Mrs. Louis A. Lawler, Mrs. Edward J. Meyer, Mrs. Francis Yawman, Mrs. Frank X. Kelly and Mrs. Donald A. Dalley promise delightful surprises for winners at cards and of other prizes.

Assisting Mrs. Menahan in the selection of spring flowers and a green and yellow color scheme are Mrs. John Murray, Mrs. William S. Hartigan, Mrs. Donald A. Dalley, Mrs. Francis J. Yawman, Mrs. Eleanor Gleason and Miss Madeline Fahy.

Mercy Guild
 The Merry Guild of the Little Flower will hold its annual benefit card party on Thursday evening, January 25 in the Sagamore Hotel, Mrs. Thas Baker is honorary chairman, Mrs. Frank Dwyer general chairman, and Mrs. George Conway co-chairman.

Tickets for this party may be purchased from the committees or at the door. Proceeds will go towards the Mercy Motherhouse. Assisting the general chairman will be the following committee: chairs, subchairs, Mrs. Frank Dwyer, tickets, Mrs. Joseph R. Lora, cards, Mrs. Albert Comfort, publicity, Mrs. Joseph F. Ritz, candy, Mrs. George Conway and Mrs. Grace Bettin finance, Mrs. St. James and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy, refreshments, Mrs. Elmer Hohman, table prizes, Mrs. George Weisenbach and Mrs. Frank Eise, the door, Mrs. Edward Zimmer, reception, Mrs. Charles Baker.

Ladies Auxiliary
 The January business meeting and installation ceremony of the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Rochester Council 174, will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 18 at 8 o'clock in the Columbus Club Centre, Grand Knight Joseph P. Flynn will be guest speaker on this occasion and Mrs. Herbert Trimby will be in charge of the installation, assisted by Mrs. Otto Shultz.

Mrs. Harold Kullsherr is Standard Bearer and Goddess will be Mrs. Harold Dorsey, Mrs. Thomas H. O'Connor, Mrs. George Schroeder and Mrs. Theodore J. Houck.

The following committees have been appointed for the meeting: entertainment, Mrs. Thomas Whalen, Mrs. Daniel Sullivan and Mrs. Walter O'Neill, refreshments, Mrs. Wm. Woerner, Mrs. Charles Raymond and Mrs. Nick O'Neil, publicity, Mrs. J. K. J. hostesses, Mrs. John H. Callahan, Mrs. Joseph Ritz, Mrs. John Skelly, Mrs. Harry Wilson and Mrs. Joseph Logan.

Mrs. Huber will preside at a brief business meeting which will be followed by cards.

Junior League
 The annual card party of St. Mary's League will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, in the gymnasium of St. Mary's Boys Home.

Mrs. Joseph W. Still has appointed Mrs. Leonard A. O'Connell general chairman and Mrs. Norman O'Brien co-chairman. They will be assisted by the following committees: tickets, Mrs. William McFall, chairman and Mrs. John Temmerman co-chairman; prizes, Mrs. Henry Ling, chairman, and Mrs. Walter Major co-chairman, tables, Mrs. Mark H. Tuohy.

Cards and tables, Mrs. Kerin McGroder, chairman, and Mrs. Raymond Turner co-chairman, decorations, Mrs. Ernest Van Bilburt, chairman, and Mrs. Rufus Maier co-chairman, candy, Mrs. Augustus Hehr, chairman, and Mrs. Joseph Deller co-chairman, reception, Mrs. Joseph W. Still.

Catholic Women's Club
 Mrs. Walter Nugent is chairman of a dessert luncheon which will be held at the Catholic Women's Club on Friday, Jan. 19, at 1:30 o'clock. She will be assisted by Mrs. Harold J. Coleman, Mrs. Leonard E. Golden, Mrs. Walter Ingling, Mrs. Herbert Kircher, Mrs. Harry Kilb, Mrs. Charles McAlpine, Mrs. Thomas O'Leary, Mrs. Edward C. Ritz and Mrs. William Tietel.

Church Unity and Conversions



A national Crusade Week, for the spread of the Faith and a nationwide dedication of its 200,000 membership to the cause of "Church Unity," will be sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America through its National Convert League. During the Church Unity Week are left to right: Rev. Francis D. Lyons, C. S. F. of San Francisco, national spiritual director of the Convert League; Bishop William J. Hatley, of Scranton, national chaplain, C. D. A. honorary chairman, Florence M. Winter, Washington, D. C. national lay director, and Mary C. Duffy, South Orange, N. J. supreme regent, C. D. A. and executive chairman (N.C.C.W.).

Nun-Postmaster To Retire After 42 Years In Post

ST. JOSEPH'S, N. Y. Mother Polycarpa, believed to be the first nun in the United States to be a postmaster is making ready to retire January 31 after 42 years as postmaster of St. Joseph's. She began her postal career in 1898 when she was appointed to the position of postmaster of the new federal post office which was then located at 70.

St. Joseph's Post Office is located here on the 1,450-acre tract of land in the Dominican Sisters of Brooklyn in Sullivan County, N. Y. There the late Cardinal Hayes passed three months each summer from 1908 until his death in 1933. He died at St. Joseph's just before the end of the last summer vacation there.

The post office, although located in the convent, serves a few outside families as well. In summer the office handles an average of 1,200 letters a day.

The post office serves St. Joseph's Convent St. Joseph's Mount St. Thomas House for the Holy Family, St. Joseph's Banquet, St. Joseph's Summer Camp for Boys, and St. Joseph's Summer Camp for Girls. In summer there are about 700 persons on the grounds in winter about 150. Besides being postmaster, Mother Polycarpa has been Mother Superior of the development since 1913.

The post office was established April 18 under the administration of James A. Gary as Postmaster General. William McKinley Immaculate Guild.

The monthly meeting of the Immaculate Conception Church was held Monday Jan. 8 in the school hall. Mrs. John Smith conducted the meeting, and Mrs. Vincent Collins read the Secretary's report. The semi-annual financial report was given by Mrs. M. Grant.

Election officers were held at this meeting and the following were elected for the coming year: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Donald J. Murphy; president, Mrs. Frances Kirby; vice-president, Mrs. Frank Schreiber; secretary, Mrs. James E. Martin; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. J. Skelly.

The Guild sponsors a card party every other Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the school hall. The next in this series will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at which time Mrs. Paul A. Predmore and Mrs. N. J. O'Neill will be hostesses.

Alhambra Ladies Dinner
 The Ladies Auxiliary of the Alhambra will hold dinner party, Monday evening, Jan. 15, at the Sagamore Hotel, at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Herbert L. Trimby is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Emmet O'Neill and Mrs. Sylvester Kirby, reservations, Mrs. F. Leuchter and Mrs. V. Monahan, prizes, Mrs. T. H. O'Connor and Mrs. F. Stephany, cards and tables, Mrs. Frank Beaulac, decorations, Mrs. Otto Shultz, publicity.

Heading the reception committee is Mrs. Cal Lofink, president, assisted by Mrs. James Burke, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Eugene Bopp, Mrs. J. Crowley, Mrs. J. Carney, Miss Helena Costello, Mrs. Harold Dorsey, Mrs. Patrick Dwyer, Mrs. J. Dunningan, Mrs. Dan Ehmman, Mrs. Leo Ehmman, Mrs. A. Furiosa, Mrs. Philip Halfer, Mrs. Ed. Kummer, Mrs. L. Leudler, Mrs. Joe Logan, Mrs. R. F. Murphy, Mrs. A. Maceuel, Mrs. Lester Munding, Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. Gerald Mahon, Mrs. J. Norman, Mrs. N. A. O'Brien, Mrs. Bertha O'Connor, Mrs. N. E. Owen, Mrs. Oliver Pausch, Mrs. Paul Predmore, Mrs. Chas. Raymond, Mrs. E. Shubert, Mrs. Wm. Senz, Mrs. Geo. Schroefer, Mrs. J. Segar, Mrs. Geo. Sullivan, Mrs. J. Skelly, Mrs. R. S. Torrey, Mrs. F. J. Torney, Mrs. Wm. Woerner, Mrs. Bernard Wolfe, Mrs. Thos. Whalen, Mrs. Francis Weinhart and Mrs. L. Wagner.

AS ONE WOMAN TO ANOTHER

ROCHESTER DIOCEAN COUNCIL N. C. C. W.
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Our first glad tidings of the New Year from headquarters was the announcement of our 20th annual National Convention. Keep these facts in mind in making your plans for 1940 the place, Detroit Michigan the dates, October 28 to 30, headquarters, Hotel Statler.

We quote from a letter received from Dr. Anna E. McCaughey, National Chairman of the School of Social Service.

"On behalf of the National School Committee I wish to express our appreciation of the loyalty and enthusiasm which you bring to this project of the N. C. C. W."

"I feel fortunate indeed that Mrs. M. H. Keogh is in your province to represent the School as one of my co-chairmen."

"I believe that with you and Mrs. Gustave active in your area we will be able to meet the needs presented to us at San Francisco by Father Lawman and Miss Regan, our director and consultant."

"We remind our members that the meeting for our donations to the School are to be made before or at our Deansery Meeting on January 26."

It is significant that, in this month of the Holy Family, an Exposition is being planned by the Council of Church Women at the Central Church, January 23 to 26, having the Family as its theme.

The exhibits aim at showing the many surrounding the family, either help or handicap family living today.

Emphasis will be laid on the various contributions of our community life to wholesome family living.

The great need of religion in the home is felt, and will be illustrated by exhibits showing how this is interpreted by Catholic, Jewish and Protestant groups.

With the approval of our Bishop an endeavor will be made in our exhibit to show how Religion, Education, Social Welfare and our Recreational Work are all intertwined.

Rev. George J. Vogt, Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, is in charge of our exhibit on Religion; Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, of our Educational Exhibit; Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Director of Catholic Charities, will show what we are doing for Social Welfare; and Rev. Joseph E. Vogt, Diocesan Youth Director, will sum up our Settlement and Youth Work. All these will be combined in one room.

Other exhibits will be: Public Education, Community Institutions for Public Protection, Social Service, Aids to Learning, Spending and Saving, Health, Modern Housing, and Hints to Successful Family Living.

The whole will be summed up in the Ideals of the Home become those of the Nation.

At an Interfaith Luncheon on the closing day, this topic will be treated by three speakers, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. Rev. Arthur E. Rattigan, Assistant Director of Catholic Charities, will speak for us.

We are entering into this Exposition with a view to letting our neighbors know how our Church is benefiting the Community, not only spiritually but even from a material standpoint.

Unity in Christ is the only hope of mankind.

The Church Unity Octave begins on the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome on Jan. 18, and ends on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25.

We recommend its observance to all our members.

SISTER MARY AGNES' DEATH MOURNED BY ALUMNAE HERE

CONVENT STATION, N. J.—Sister Mary Agnes Sharkey, one of the best known members of the Sisters of Charity community here and formerly directress of the Academy of St. Elizabeth on the convent grounds here, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J. after an illness of six weeks.

She was a member of the community for fifty-four years.

Sister Mary Agnes was known to many alumnae of the College of St. Elizabeth in Rochester.

Sister Mary Agnes was born in Mauch Chunk, Pa.

For some years after her graduation from the Academy of St. Elizabeth, Sister Mary Agnes taught Latin and English at the academy. When the College of St. Elizabeth was founded on the convent grounds in 1899 she became a trustee, holding the post until her death. She was for a time the head of the English department of the college.

Sister Mary Agnes served as directress of the academy from 1915 to 1921. In 1921, because of ill health, she abandoned teaching to write. She was the author of a three-volume history of the Sisters of Charity of New Jersey and of numerous articles and brochures. She founded years ago and edited until her death the monthly magazine Caritas, a publication dealing with community affairs of the order.

Converts often say "If only I had known sooner." How many Catholics can answer questions on Catholicism?

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