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Lenten Discussion Club Plans Stir Wide Interest

Genuine enthusiasm has met announcement of the Holy Mass as the subject for the 1940 Lenten Discussion Clubs of the Diocese of Rochester, according to the Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Director of Religious Discussion Clubs.

While the actual work of Discussion Clubs begins the first full week of Lent, activity in many parishes has already started to equal or exceed the number of groups last year.

Fifty-seven parishes reported for the 1939 series with a total of 360 groups studying "The True Church." St Patrick's, Elmira, with a total of 48 clubs, led all diocesan figures. St Alphonsus, Auburn, and Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, tied for second place with a total of 21 groups.

In Rochester, Immaculate Conception, St Augustine's and SS. Peter and Paul's Churches reported the largest number of clubs.

How To Form Groups

The Religious Discussion Club, free from formality and organization extends to all high school students and adults in a parish. Groups may be formed by dividing the parish into districts though the plan should be sufficiently flexible to allow formation of groups from other districts if desired. In other places it is advisable to solicit membership through existing parish societies men's, women's and young people's groups. Non-Catholic parties of mixed marriages are always welcome.

The Pastor or assistant priest designated by him, serves as parish Director. In large parishes a lay chairman assists him in the formation of groups with a sufficient number of leaders and aids in the distribution of pamphlets. The Director presents the Discussion Club program at regular meetings of all parish societies or at a special meeting, familiarizes the leaders with the subject in advance of the regular meetings, and provides for announcements and publicity from the pulpit, church bulletin board, or parish paper. The Priest Director should enlist leaders men as well as women from former groups who in turn should find members for their respective groups.

Groups are made up of 8 or 10 members who meet weekly for a period of eight weeks. Meetings are generally held in the homes of members or parish school and discussion is led by a lay leader. Best results are realized when members are conscious of the business of the meeting and limit discussion to the subject at hand. Since the meetings fall during Lent lunches are omitted.

Need for Work Stressed

Speaking of the needs of adult Christian Education Most Rev. Edwin V O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City and Episcopal Chairman of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has said:

Every thoughtful Catholic must be deeply concerned with the problem of adult religious education because it is so inextricably interwoven with every effort to advance the cause of religion. Our lay societies will not flourish without enlightened leadership. The lack of such direction has permitted our most ambitious and promising lay organizations to enter on a disastrous decline. Our able periodicals languish for lack of a Catholic reading public. The ablest writers will exercise their talents in the service of religion in vain if our Catholic people continue to lack interest in topics of intellectual character.

"Our laity must represent the Church to non-Catholics few of whom ever meet the priest. But to say that the laity are inarticulate in the face of non-Catholic interrogation is to confess that they have no adequate mastery of Catholic doctrine. We know that parents are divinely commissioned to teach religion to their children. How they shall be fitted to fulfill that sacred commission is a question which has by no means found a practical solution. These and a score of similar considerations point to the need of a program of adult religious education."

Every one who is able is urged to make plans to join a Discussion Club in his parish, on the Mass.

The Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus urges members to support Catholic Press Month.

Dr. Connell Slated To Address Deanery Holy Name Meeting

The Rev Maynard Connell, Ph D., M.A., Professor of English Litearture and Sacred Eloquence at St Bernard's Seminary, will address the meeting of the Rochester Deanery of the Holy Name Union Friday, Jan 19 at 8 P M at St Andrew's Church.

The biennial election of officers will take place at this meeting. Each society is entitled to send four delegates and the Spiritual Director to this meeting.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given at 8 o'clock after which the meeting is to be held.

All societies are urged to send full representation because of the important business on hand.

St. Bona Alumni Elect Doyle

The local chapter of St Bonaventure Alumni Association held elections last Friday evening with John G Doyle being chosen president.

Thomas Riley was elected vice-president George Whelehan, treasurer, James O'Neil, secretary and Louis Weider, sergeant at arms.

The club has been in the state of organization for some weeks and the election makes it officially a local chapter of the national association of St Bonaventure College alumni.

Thirty-five members attended this meeting held at the Cadillac Hotel and will form the nucleus of the organization. There are approximately two hundred fifty alumni in Rochester. All alumni are invited to be present at the next meeting February 2 at Cadillac Hotel.

The St Bonaventure Debaters were guests of the Club at a buffet luncheon held after the Nazareth-St Bona debate. The Rev Cornelius Madden, O F M addressed the club and complimented it for its work of organization.

Purpose of the club is to present an opportunity for all the alumni to become acquainted and to promote general good fellowship.

Third Order Meets At St. Patrick's

The January meeting of the Third Order of St Francis will be held at St Patrick's Church at 3 30 o'clock on Sunday January 28. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Benediction always follows the services.

There are many who believe the Third Order is an organization for old people or that the rule is too strict for ordinary people. As a matter of fact Third Order members do no more than any good Catholic should do.

The membership comprises representative people from all walks of life including many men who never miss a meeting. The great need is for young people to follow the Franciscan way of living.

Membership in the Third Order is not inconsistent with public life. Attorney General Frank Murphy just appointed to the Supreme Court by President Roosevelt is a Franciscan Tertiary.

Notre Dame Men Set Benefit Party

A benefit party for the Scholarship Fund of the Notre Dame Club of Rochester will be held Friday evening Jan 26 at the Elks Club from 8 15 until 1 P M.

The Notre Dame Alumni are planning a program to include prizes, refreshments and dancing.

BARTHOLOMAY DAIRY ADDS LATEST DAIRY EQUIPMENT

The Bartholomay Dairy which has supplied Rochester housewives with milk and other dairy products for many years, has just installed the latest in modern equipment so that it may continue to serve its many customers with the finest quality products.

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New offices have also been completed in the main building of the plant at 555 St. Paul Street. The public is invited to stop in and inspect the offices and plant and to see the fine equipment which Bartholomay Dairy has just installed so that its customers receive the best possible in Dairy Products.

NATIONAL LEADER

RAYMOND J. KELLY, national commander of the American Legion, will come to Rochester on Wednesday, Jan. 24 to speak at a dinner in Hotel Seneca. Among these to greet him will be fellow members of the Knights of Columbus and classmates at Notre Dame University. Chairman of the dinner is Past State Department Commander George M. Clancy. Joseph P. Flynn, grand knight and a classmate of Commander Kelly at Notre Dame, will head the K. of C. delegation at the dinner.

Dr. Abell, Next Forum Speaker

Dr Aaron I Abell of the faculty at Nazareth College will be the speaker at the Columbian Forum in Columbus Civic Centre on Friday evening, Jan 26 at 8 30 P M.

"The Guild System in Modern Dress" will be the topic for discussion with Dr Abell leading the discussion and answering questions. The public is invited.

In his treatment of the topic Dr Abell will endeavor to show how the spirit of the Guilds has affected the social and economic life of today. Conditions have changed, he points out but human nature and motives and ideals remain the same.

The Church today is trying to instill the spirit of the Guilds into the social order of today, and Dr Abell will explain.

Moderator of the Forum is the Rev Benedict Ehmann who will preside. The Columbian Forum is sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Activities Committee of which George L. McKay is chairman.

New England Alumni Laud St. Bernard's

HARTFORD. — Approximately half of the 178 priest alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, now serving in New England, assembled for a highly successful reunion at the Hotel Bond in Hartford, Jan. 9.

The gathering was the first of a series which, according to the Rev. John S. Randall, of Rochester, secretary of the national alumni association, it is hoped to hold in various sections of the country. Father Randall, after a dinner which was served in the Egyptian Room of the Hotel Bond at 1 o'clock, complimented the Hartford alumni on the excellence of its arrangements and the whole alumni body from the various dioceses of New England on the enthusiasm with which they had responded to the invitation to the meeting.

The guest of honor was the Most Rev Maurice F McAuliffe, D.D., Bishop of Hartford. Bishop McAuliffe was introduced by the Rev. Francis J. Surgrue of South Norwalk, toastmaster.

The Bishop summarized the friendly and spiritually profitable relations which have existed for many years between the Diocese and St Bernard's Seminary and called to mind the fact that more than two score students are now preparing for service in Connecticut at the Rochester institution.

The main speaker was the Rev. Thomas Cullen, chaplain at the Convent of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary at North Providence, R. I. In a learned, eloquent and witty address, Father Cullen recalled many of the famous names connected with the Seminary, including the most famous of all, that of Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, Bishop of Rochester, who founded St. Bernard's.

Father Cullen compared Bishop McQuaid's career with that of Bishop Carroll, great American prelate who was chief among the pioneers of the Catholic Church in America, and found many points of similarity.

The Rt Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, Vice-Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, represented the faculty at the meeting. He expressed his gratification at the large attendance and expressed the hope that the alumni would manifest their interest in their alma mater by their visits and by their presence at the various reunions which would be held.

The meeting was concluded with a blessing by Bishop McAuliffe.

Nun, Foundress of Home, Dies

New Orleans —Sister De Sales Douglas, founder of the Louise Home for Employed Women, has died here after a long illness. A native of California, she spent 40 of her 64 years in houses of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Surviving is a sister, Sister Mary Theresa, of the House of Providence, Syracuse, N. Y.

Florack Scores Charges Made In 'Christian Front' Expose

"The Social Justice Club of Rochester is an independent and local organization. Father Coughlin is in no way connected with it nor is it a branch of the radical Christian Front." In the light of present day publicity Bernard Florack vice president of the Social Justice Club, issued this statement at the regular meeting of the Club last Monday evening at Old St Mary's Hall.

"Father Coughlin has no organization. Millions of persons listen to his radio addresses every Sunday and some want to do something about what he discusses. Some of them form organizations but never has the stamp of approval on this or that organization come from Father Coughlin.

Some leaders are honest and some are not some groups are honestly intentioned and some are 'deceptive plants." The claim on the part of any subversive group that Father Coughlin is their leader, is used to attract supporters.

"Our meetings are open to the public. On many occasions a reporter from the morning paper was present.

"The purpose of the Club is to propagate the sixteen principles of Social Justice most of which have come from the Pope's encyclicals such as liberty of conscience and education a just annual living wage labor's right to organize, etc.

"The Club opposes Communism and Nazism as well as class hatred and religious or racial bigotry. We praise the FBI for their constant effort to "smoke out" such un-American groups as the 'Christian Front, the Nazi Bund and the Communist clan.

"It is such groups as those which are a greater menace to American peace and prosperity than all the armies of the world combined. America, today is full of foreign propagandists as well as foreign, radical un-American groups. If these groups are not exposed, then shortly the country will face a revolution and all that our 'founding fathers' fought and died for will be wiped out.

"American democracy will last as long as subversive activities are disintegrated or at least kept in check."

Named To Nursing Staff For Dionne Quintuplets

NORTH BAY, Ont. Miss Leona Dubeau, a graduate of St Michael's Hospital, Toronto, has been named nurse on the staff of the Dafoe Hospital at Callander, the home of the famous Dionne quintuplets.

February is Catholic Press Month.

✠ Requiescant In Pace ✠

ALLEN, **Sarah** died at Funeral Jan 1? at Corpus Christi Church.

AMICO, **Michelina** wife of Salvatore died Jan 10 Funeral at St Anthony of Padua Church.

BEARS, **Mrs Katherine** died Jan 8 Funeral Jan at the Church of the Most Precious Blood.

BIANCHI, **Demenica** died Jan Funeral Jan 17 at Holy Family Church.

BISHOP, **Edward**, husband of Martha died Jan 11 Funeral Jan 13 at St Joseph's Church.

BISHOP, **Mary**, died Jan ? Funeral Jan 16 at St Peter's Church Le Roy.

DOYLE, **Mary**, died Jan 11 Funeral Jan 15 at St Bridget's Church.

DUGAN, **Mary**, died Jan 10 Funeral Jan 13 at St Mary's Church.

ERTLE, **William**, husband of Mary died Jan 12 Funeral Jan 15 at SS Peter and Paul's Church.

FAMIANO, **Carmella**, wife of Cataldo died Jan. 10 Funeral Jan. 13 at St Francis Xavier Church.

FLANAGAN, **Patrick**, died Jan 9 Funeral, Jan 11 at Corpus Christi Church.

GRIPPO, **Maria**, died Jan 9 Funeral Jan 12 at St. Lucy's Church.

HECKEL, **William**, died Jan 11 Funeral Jan 13 at St Bridget's Church.

HILL, **Albert**, husband of Rose, died Jan 14 Funeral Jan. 17 at Corpus Christi Church.

HOFFMAN, **Mrs Laura** died Jan 6 Funeral Jan 10 at St John the Evangelist Church.

HORGAN, **Leo** died Jan 9 Funeral, Jan 11 at Holy Rosary Church.

HURLEY, **John** husband of Margaret died Jan 4 Funeral Jan 6 at the Church of the Assumption Fairport.

JUDD, **Walter** husband of Ida died Jan 11 Funeral Jan 15 at St Mary's Church.

KELLEY, **Olive**, died Jan 10 Funeral Jan 13 at St Columba's Church.

KINSBURG, **Mrs Minnie**, died Jan 11 Funeral Jan 15 at St Augustine's Church.

LEONE, **Pasquale**, husband of Anna died Jan 14 Funeral Jan 20 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

MARTENS, **Julius**, husband of Renetdia, died Jan 14 Funeral Jan 17 at Our Lady of Victory Church.

MARTIN, **Marie**, died Jan 9 Funeral, Jan 12 at St Brigid's Church.

McCORRY, **Rose**, died Jan 14 Funeral, Jan 17 at Holy Apostles Church.

McHUGH, **Lucy** died Jan 12 Funeral Jan 16 at St Ambrose Church.

McNAMARA, **James**, died Jan 12 Funeral Jan 15 at St Mary's Church.

MELL, **Joseph**, husband of Rose died Jan 11 Funeral Jan 17 at Holy Rosary Church.

MORRELL, **Edmon**, husband of Cora died Jan 12 Funeral, Jan 15 at S Peter and Paul's Church.

NOLAN, **Julia** wife of Dennis, died Jan 14 Funeral Jan 8 at St Patrick's Church.

PASTORELLE, **Michelina**, died Jan 12 Funeral Jan 15 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.

PATULSKA, **Agnes**, died Jan 12 Funeral Jan 16 at St Stanislaus Church.

POMPONIO, **Camille**, husband of Mary died Jan 8 Funeral Jan 11 at the Church of the Assumption.

RAIMONDO, **Guiseppe**, died Jan 9 Funeral Jan 12 at St Francis Xavier Church.

SALLY, **Andrew**, died Jan 13 Funeral Jan 15 at St Patrick's Church.

SERDAK, husband of Lottie, died Jan 13 Funeral Jan 16 at St Theresa's Church.

SCHICKER, **Joseph**, died Jan 10 Funeral Jan 13 at St Philip Neri Church.

SCIOGLIO, **Domenico**, husband of Josephine, died Jan 11 Funeral, Jan 15 at Mt Carmel Church.

SMITH, **Mary**, wife of Charles died Jan 6 Funeral Jan 10 at St Charles Church.

SWANN, **Sadie**, wife of George died Jan 9 Funeral Jan 11 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

VOLZ, **Sarah**, died Jan 12 Funeral Jan 15 at Holy Apostles Church.

WEIGEL, **Mary Katherine**, died Jan 7 Funeral Jan 10 at St Boniface Church.

WEILAND, **Edward**, died Jan 14 Funeral Jan 16 at St Monica's Church.

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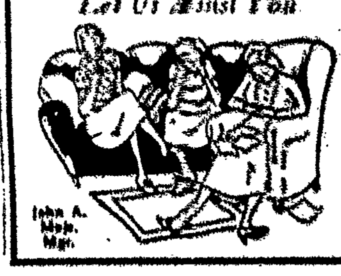
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In winter its bare branches creaked with every biting gust of wind. Its presence was a comfort and added substance as well as beauty to my lawn.

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