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WOMEN'S WORLD

Elders In America Who Misdlead Youth Assailed

NCCW Call To Youth Radio Program

NEW YORK (NC)—Elders in America who, "by unsound advice," are "rendering a greater disservice than service to the American youth," were criticized by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Sheen, of the University of America, Saturday in the national broadcast of the "Call to Youth" program.

The "Call to Youth" is broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company under the auspices of the Youth Committee of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Rochester Diocesan Council N. C. C. W.
536 Columbus Civic Center

We know our women will appreciate the following quotation from a circular letter addressed to the women of the Nashville, Tennessee Diocesan Council by their president, Mrs. Joseph Bollin, Jr.

During the Holy Season of Lent let us (Catholic women) endeavor to comprehend in all its magnitude and fullness the importance, the part assigned to us in the great spiritual drama. Let us in the sacred obligations which have devolved upon us sink deep into our hearts, and let every Catholic woman exemplify the true meaning of Lent. In addition to attending daily religious devotions, let us refrain from parties, movies and social activities. You may say this is not obligatory and that you are fulfilling the Lenten requirements, but as Catholics we must "stand out from the crowd" by our attitude and actions during the Holy Season.

Every Catholic woman who is a mother should instill in her children from the very earliest years that Lent is a time of giving up personal pleasures, as well as adding religious devotion. If in our homes we stream the fact that Lent is for the family, and each member tries in some way however small to observe it, our homes will be a happier place for the effort involved.

The Fourth annual CALL TO YOUTH program, presented by the Youth Committee of the NCCW in co-operation with the National Broadcasting Company, is entitled, "Elders in America." As they walk in the Twentieth Century, it presents the lives of women saints as guides to the youth of our day and the lasting members of society.

We have so far endeavored without success to have this program broadcast over our local Red Network station. We understand it may be heard over the Buffalo station, WREN, Tune in each Saturday at 12 P. M.

Last week's broadcast, the second in the series, on Our Blessed Mother, was given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen. A summary of his inspiring talk will be found in an adjoining column.

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The campaign for the Catholic University is now under way. The Women's Division, headed by our Diocesan and Deaneary Presidents of the N. C. C. W., will contact all parishes, parochial and inter-parochial, throughout the diocese.

A most enthusiastic Rochester Meeting on Tuesday evening last promises well for the success of the Campaign.

Remember that any subscription makes you a member of the Friends' Society of the Catholic University of America.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Zeller

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Hammill Zeller were conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Appel, 29 Lisbon St., at 8 o'clock with Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's Church.

Celebrant was the Rev. George J. Schmitt, assisted by the Rev. Gerald Kuhn, CSS.R., deacon, and Rev. Joseph Kleemann, CSS.R., sub-deacon. Present in the sanctuary were the Rev. Edward J. Knebel, CSS.P., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Thomas F. Connors, Rev. Francis Fenney and Rev. John Maloney.

The following nephews acted as bearers: Bertram, Harvey and Arthur Zeller, Frank and George May and William Hammill. Final blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery were conducted by Father Schmitt, assisted by the Rev. Edward Knebel.

CDA To Aid Papal Peace Efforts

NEW YORK Members of the Catholic Daughters of America in all sections of the United States and territorial possessions will receive Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, March 24, which they will offer up on behalf of Pope Pius XII's efforts to establish world peace.

Plans for the co-operation of the members in this regard will be discussed at the semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Directorate to be held here February 17 and 18.

The national convention of the C. D. of A. for 1940, will be taken up by the Supreme Directorate. The contest will be open to boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18 years. The subject will be "Aims and Objectives of the Catholic Daughters of America as Applied to Catholic Action."

Costumed Snowshoers Attend Mass Marking Convention's Closing

LOWELL, MASS.—Presenting an unusual religious spectacle, the International Snowshoers Convention was brought to a close here with a special Mass at St. Jean Baptiste Church.

Some 50 snowshoing clubs of the United States and Canada marched from the municipal auditorium to the church along streets lined with crowds. As each division entered the church, the flags of the various clubs, interspersed with American and Canadian flags, were borne to the sanctuary by the color guards and massed on either side of the altar. At the elevation the roll of the drum and the call of the bugle took the place of the customary unble of the altar bell.

The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Emil O. Hemond, assistant pastor of St. Louis Church, where the first Lowell snowshoers' club was recently formed.

Court Bars Communists

BUENOS AIRES—The Electoral Court of the most important Argentine Province, Buenos Aires, which deals with applications of political parties for legal recognition, has refused permission to the Communist Party to contest the forthcoming elections for the Government. The judgment holds that any Communist Party is essentially and by definition contrary to the interests of the Republic and it has been proved that the petitioners are connected with the International Communist Party.

Tells How To Stir Press Interest

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

An interesting suggestion for the stimulation of interest in the Catholic Press, made by a member of the Hierarchy, is retailed in the following article in America, Jesuit national weekly review.

"Recently, at a gathering of priests of his diocese, a Bishop made a suggestion which is entirely pertinent for Catholic Press Week, physicians and dentists' offices, observed the Bishop, offer a tempting display of the latest magazines. You can while away your time with the funny pictures or the latest tall stories of fisherman's luck while you are waiting to hear the 'next' that summons you. Your teeth to be filled or your aching sinus to be probed. Why could not parlors or waiting rooms, asked the Bishop, in parish rectories, in convents, in Catholic administrative offices, be provided with an ample supply of attractive and up-to-date Catholic reading matter?"

The leading Catholic periodicals, Catholic pamphlets, possibly some of the more entertaining recent Catholic books could be represented there. The Bishop himself, being a lover of good reading, sets an example by providing some of the literature in his own diocesan offices. A parish organization could make this work its care, see that the literature is freshly provided and that it reaches a useful destination after its brief stay in the service of the public."

WIN CATHOLIC ACTION CONTESTS



Competing with students of Catholic high schools and colleges throughout the United States, were these winners of the 1940 contests conducted by the Catholic Action Program Service of the N. C. Department of Social Action. They wrote the best short stories and plays embodying Catholic social ideals. Left to right, Grace Tully, Trinity College, Washington, D. C., who won the college short story contest; Betsy Fromm, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, wrote the best one-act play, in the college group and Mary Ann Reynolds Academy of the Holy Names, Silver Springs, Md., winner of the high school short story contest. (N.C.W.C.)

League Halts Birth Control

The work being done by the League of St. Gerard in Toronto to combat the efforts of birth control advocates is the subject of an article entitled "Battle For Babies" by Mary Fabyan Wirtz in the Catholic Women's World, a national magazine published at Marygrove College in Detroit.

The League was founded in 1938, the author says, "to offset the insidious preachments of birth control clinics." It was established in a section of Toronto inhabited by Catholic immigrants from Europe.

It had three announced aims:

- "To make St. Gerard more widely known and loved, especially as 'The Mothers' Saint'."
- "To combat the forces of Anti-life."
- "To help every good work possible."

Blessing For Expectant Mothers Listed Feb. 22 Has Increasing Appeal

A gratifying response to the announcement in the CATHOLIC COURIER that the Church Blessing for Expectant Mothers will be given at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22, at 3 o'clock has been received by those arranging for this unusual ceremony.

The ceremony has been given the approval of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and will be conducted by the Rev. Michael Kleemann, CSS.R., of St. Joseph's Church.

Included in the services will be a reading of the ideal of Christian Motherhood by Father Kleemann and dedication and consecration of the coming child to Our Blessed Mother.

While there is no obligation to receive this blessing, the Rev. W. J. Randall, C.M.S., writing in the Catholic Herald, points out that it may be of such importance in a particular case that to neglect it would be imprudent.

"According to the decrees of the ritual, this blessing is to be given only when there is some element of danger. Such danger speaking in general terms should not normally be present... must be remembered that motherhood is not a disease, the tendency to regard it in such a light is one of the pseudo-eugenic mistakes of today. Maternity is a natural thing, not an abnormality for a wife."

He points out that the reference to danger can be very wide in modern life, and that the term "danger" can mean either a slight or serious danger, may be either certain or probable.

"The solemnly probable, it comes within the canonical sense of the term, which justifies the giving of the blessing," Father Randall states.

Information about the ceremony can be obtained from Father Kleemann, 845 Westfall Road, Monroe 1351-W.

Monthly Concerts Booked At Monroe Auditorium

A series of monthly orchestral concerts will be inaugurated by the Rochester Music Guild when it stages its first presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Monroe High Evening School auditorium.

The orchestra which is the only organization of its kind in the evening schools of the city, was organized about three years ago, and comprises graduate students who were formerly members of the various regular high school orchestras throughout the city.

Several members of the group will be selected as soloists for the various concerts. Vocal selections by soloists from the Guild's mixed chorus of 50 voices will also be a feature of the affairs. The project will be sponsored by the Adult Education Division of the Board of Education.

Nazareth College in the News

What Nazareth College students are looking forward to is the first annual formal dance of the college Sodality of Mary, to be held on Friday evening, April 13. Although the plans are still largely tentative, according to Rosemond Carpenter, Sodality head, the dance will be an outstanding event of the spring social calendar.

Another dance to be held in Easter week, is the annual Junior Prom, which is one of the most important dances of the year. This year, while plans are still secret, that is, restricted to members of the Junior Class, the Prom looks like, from here, one of the most original and different dances that the campus has yet seen.

The Western New York Sodality Conference will hold its annual Lenten Symposium (the week-end of March 1). The conference, which will meet in Erie, Pa., Buffalo and Rochester, has for its topic, "The Length, Breadth and Width of Democracy." Miss Dorothy Craig will represent Nazareth. All sodalities of the city are invited to attend when the Symposium comes to Rochester.

The Nazareth College Press Bureau wishes to very heartily back to the CATHOLIC COURIER in its Press Crusade.

Monroe High Presents 'The Show-Off' Feb. 16

"The Show-Off" a three-act comedy will be presented publicly by the Dramatics class of Monroe High evening school, Friday evening, Feb. 16, at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

The class has been rehearsing two nights weekly for the past several weeks, and a fine performance is expected. Rehearsals have been under the direction of Santina Leone, dramatics teacher at the school. Matt Levy will play the leading role.

As an added feature, a mixed chorus of fifty voices also under the direction of Mrs. Leone, will sing during the intermissions. The affair is open to the public and tickets may be obtained at the school office.

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