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NCCW Means Unified Force For Church

Catholic women affiliated with a national-wide organization lend untiring support to the hierarchy's program carried on by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

This statement was stressed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at the President's Luncheon highlighting the Tenth Diocesan Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, the Bishop said. Through it may not be tangible, he emphasized the value there is in coordinated effort pointing to the work accomplished by the Legion of Decency and the National Organization for Decent Literature.

In a great many activities the bishops depend upon a united Catholic womanhood. Bishop Kearney cited the work done by the National Catholic School of Social Service and the Youth Conference. The Youth Conference, particularly bring before the public the names and deeds of St. John of Arc and Mother Seton as being influences of their high ideals to bear on others.

Works on a national scale set in motion by the church call for a vision extending beyond parochial limits. The Bishop said he was happy to see so many women who are active in other fields in parish diocesan and national work.

High tribute to Miss Cecilia M. Yerman, who was elected president of the Rochester Diocesan Council was paid by the Rt. Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, V.G. who cited the brilliant record in the field of Catholic activity made by Miss Yerman not only in the organization she heads but in many other groups working for the church.

Greetings from the National Council were read by Miss Anna E. Brette, field secretary. Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. Social Action Department of the N. C. C. W. (Clergy Progress Made).

Miss Brette outlined the growing achievements of the National School of Social Service and the steadily developing program being carried on in the industrial field. Conferences such as just closed in Rochester.

"Faith and Service For God and Country"—the motto of the National Council of Catholic Women should spur the members to no greater heights, she said.

The Rev. Stephen W. Aulbach, pastor of St. Joseph's Church who had celebrated the High Mass in honor of the late and deceased members living of the influence women affiliated with the N. C. C. W. could have on a family life.

Twenty-eight resolutions on members of the diocese were adopted by the convention. In the resolution on Peace the people of the world who hold faith in many supernatural destinies are the bulwark that stands against the encroachments of absolutism in its various forms.

"We, as a nation of peace, are blessed beyond measure in the employment of tremendous power and wealth of our country, in which the spirit of Christian justice and brotherhood is clearly discernible, and hence have a mission in a troubled world."

A program on record as approving a program of adequate National Defense.

Besides hearing reports of Diocesan and Diocese Presidents, the convention heard an informative report from Miss Frances O'Reilly, the young girl sent by the Rochester Diocesan Council to the Women Workers School in Washington, this summer.

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

The booklet containing the names of our Sustaining Members has now been sent to all contributors. We regret that the name of Mrs. Walter P. Core was omitted by mistake. Should any other errors be reported we will be most happy to correct them.

It was gratifying to see so many of our women attending the sessions of the Conference on Industrial Problems. Women should be vitally interested in all that relate to industry and labor, as these problems have their repercussion on family life.

Follow Sister Marcella To Last Resting Place



Death Comes For The Principal Of Nazareth

(Because so many of the dear friends of Sister Marcella have asked for it, and because they would wish such a beautiful chance to a remarkable career, one of her sisters has given to the CATHOLIC COURIER the following impressive story.)

On Tuesday morning Sept. 17, Sister Marcella died in her room in an adjoining room with a commemoration for the grace of a happy death and Sister followed it from her dying bed. The Bishop gave Sister Holy Communion at Viaticum. After Mass, he talked with her of the end so near, which Sister had envisaged calmly all along. On entering the room, he said, "Well, Sister Marcella?" Sister put up her hand, took his and kissed his ring. "Then she said, 'This time, it is goodbye. I love you, Bishop, for all your dear, gracious kindness to the Sisters, and to my little girls at Nazareth.'"

"Then indeed Bishop—" Then said the Bishop with a smile, "And don't forget the rest of us!" Sister Marcella looked at the Bishop steadily for a moment, then said slowly, "I will always remember Rochester."

The Bishop bit his lips as he turned away for a brief moment. Bishop Kearney then gave Sister the final absolution and the plenary indulgence for the dying. What consolation he had given her by interrupting his official program of Masses for the opening of schools, to say that last Mass for this dear servant of God. Surely her intercession for him will be more than commensurate with his generous kindness.

After the Bishop left her, prayers for the dying were said again as she seemed to be sinking, but she rallied and the chaplain, Father O'Connell, thinking she would probably outlive the day, went to his duties in the school and her Mother Rose Miriam returned to the Motherhouse.

During the morning Archbishop Hickey visited Sister and imparted the blessing, the last gesture of a long and beautiful friendship. Throughout the morning, Mother Sylvester, her lifelong friend to whom during her administration as head of the community Sister Marcella had been an official confessor and a tower of strength, remained by her bed. Other Sisters came from various places and the members of her staff in the Academy, to whom she was principal, friend and mother, came and stayed throughout their duties in the school permitted.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, a scheduled change was evident. The Chaplain, Father O'Connell, and Reverend Mother were summoned, and again the prayers for the dying brought to the aid in these last moments all the inhabitants of Nazareth, Saints and Angels, Mary her Mother, St. Joseph her patron, in whose name her life was dedicated sixty-two years ago in the service of God. Her humanity as a Sister of St. Joseph's and above all, Sister Marcella herself who had come to her to her as a young girl, her companion on the way to the visible presence of God. Very quietly, clasping the Crucifix, she lay while the prayers went on about her, her face turned toward that side of the bed where the priest, Reverend Mother Rose Miriam, holding the blessed candles in Sister's hand, and the two Sisters who had especially devoted themselves to her since her health began to fail, knelt closest to her.

All around the bed in the room and in the hall outside, gathered the Sisters, praying with loving insistence for her. Their story was told and might be given her. Father O'Connell then began the Requiem. During the first decade of the glorious mysteries, very gently his head began to close over his widow's eyes. Lighter and lighter was the breathing, so gentle that the watchers could not distinguish which breaths were the last. But the second decade that of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, ended with the significant words, "May she rest in peace." The rest was silence.

Sister's end had come just before noon. After the noon recess the class was dismissed. The students in the Academy who had been praying for her at intervals throughout the day, in absolute silence without an admittance word, the student body of a thousand girls filed into the auditorium, to hear the funeral announcement and to offer prayers for their departed mother.

Sister Marcella's beautiful death with all the consolations was the final triumph of a life lived in the spirit of her last words to a Sister who came to see her on Sunday, two days before her death. The Sister said, "I am glad you are awake so I can speak to you." Sister Marcella answered, "I am glad it is the last time." The Sister said, "No, I shall come many times yet." Sister Marcella replied, "Whatever God wants; whatever God wants." "That was all she ever wanted," the Sister said. "God wants." These words seemed to anticipate the text in which the Bishop summed up her life in the eulogy at the Requiem, "I have done the work Thou gavest me to do."

An Alumna's Tribute

Editor, CATHOLIC COURIER

As one of the older members of the Nazareth Alumnae Association I wish to add my small tribute to the thousands paid to the memory of our beloved Sister Marcella.

It was in the class Academy on Jay St. that I first came to know her and love her. In the classroom she was my inspiring and always just teacher, as a boarder I found her a kind if stern mother and in all the years since she has been my loving and dependable friend.

In these relationships she has walked graciously yet firmly at the side of thousands of girls in almost every city and town of the diocese and even beyond, leading them on to right living and high thinking. Her personality was so strong that she has always been a living vital influence on all Nazareth girls wherever they were and the undying power of her spirit to leave its mark for generations to come.

In her educational ideals Sister Marcella compelled the recognition of the three essential goals of intellect and body very Nazareth girl can attest to her essential spiritual direction her successful emphasis on the highest standard of scholarship and her insistence on physical fitness and order.

She was the queerest woman I have ever known with all the qualities of a royal soul and she fulfilled as nearly as any humanly possible the poet's ideal of perfect womanhood.

A perfect woman, nobly planned To wear to comfort and command; And yet a Spirit still, and bright With something of an angel light.

Marie Fitzmaurice Purcell,
18 E. Second St.,
Corning, N. Y.

Alhambra Auxiliary Lists Bridge-Lunch

Ladies of the Alhambra will hold a luncheon and bridge for members and their friends on Tuesday, October 2, at the Alhambra, beginning at 12:30 P. M. Mrs. Clarence M. Lofrenk, president, has named Mrs. Elmer Schubert, chairman.

Religious Correspondent

Prague. The Rt. Rev. Magr. Josef Gruener, German-speaking prelate of the Archdiocese of Prague, has been appointed Commissioner for Religious Affairs of German Catholics in this archdiocese.

Rochester Couple Wed In Dakota

BURKE, S. D. — In a simple ceremony Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, August 22 in the Church of the Sacred Heart, here, in the presence of the congregation and friends, Miss Bessie Butler became the bride of Emmet Connaughton, both of Rochester, New York.

The ceremony was performed by the very Reverend W. J. Connaughton, brother of the groom. The bride's only attendant was Miss Laura Connaughton, sister of the groom. Mr. Connaughton's best man was Mr. Charles Ebbert, also both of Rochester, New York.

Upon their return from a sojourn trip to the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park the couple will be home after September 15th at 790 Flower City Park, Rochester, New York.

Prenuptial events were given by Miss Anna Murphy, Misses Elsie and Lenora Connaughton, Miss Minnie McGrath, Mrs. Charles Harrison, Miss Lillian LaBar, Mrs. William McGrath, Mrs. Elizabeth Grab, Mrs. Lou Fisher, Mrs. Marjorie Strubek, Misses Esther Kincaid, Miss Laura Connaughton and the bride's only bridesmaid, Miss Mrs. E. E. Connaughton and Mrs. Ernest Connaughton and Mr. Ernest Connaughton who were guests of Father Connaughton. Left Rochester morning for Yellowstone Park. Emmet Connaughton accompanied them as far as Rapid City for a few days visit.

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