

Parish Union Mass Draws 35 Sodalties

With approximately 35 parish and school sodalities represented, a Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Saturday noon, in honor of Blessed Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States.

The Solemn Mass was offered by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney assisted by diocesan officials and sodality directors of the city.

The question taken from Shakespeare's works, "What is a Name" was used as the basis for an inspirational address by the Rev. John A. Murphy, C.S.S.R., Rector of the Diocesan Retreat House of Our Lady of the Lake, Geneva.

Developing his theme, Father Murphy said "What is a Name" must be an arbitrary phrase, but God as told in the Scriptures, gave Himself a name when he said "I Am Who I Am." The Blessed Lady in her apparition to Bernadette answered the girl's query as to who she was by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception."

This name, Father Murphy pointed out is the best description of Our Lady. It stresses the value of purity and is an inspiration to Sodalties to keep that virtue uppermost in living and acting.

With the Bishop, the officiating of the Mass were Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., Deacons of Honor the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Ergan, Chairman of the Diocese and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, Dean of the Rev. Robert J. Fox, director Rochester Parish Sodality Union. Subdeacon the Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell, First Master of Ceremonies the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, Second Master of Ceremonies the Rev. Joseph Sullivan, Annuler the Rev. William Ayres and the Rev. Roy Hugerly. Thunders, the Rev. Elmer Heindl, Book bearer the Rev. Richard E. Burns, Cantorbearer the Rev. John Kleintjes, Crozier bearer the Rev. Frank E. Taylor, Miter bearer the Rev. Edward Kuchta, Gemade bearer the Rev. George S. Wood, Cross bearer the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Larr.

At the Offertory, the impressive procession in which Sodality leaders carry the host and wine and water for the Mass into the Sanctuary and present it to the Bishop at the throne was carried out.

Miss Florentine Dietrich of Holy Family parish, president of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union and Miss Evelyn Contestible of St. Andrew's parish headed the procession. Miss Dietrich bearing the host and Miss Contestible the wine and water. Prefects of each Sodality bearing a monetary offering followed. The offerings are used each year for a worthy purpose.

Nazareth College, St. Mary's Hospital, Nurses School and the Catholic high schools of Rochester sent delegations.

OBLATES CENTENARY

San Antonio. The centenary of the arrival of the first Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Western Hemisphere is being marked by the Oblate communities here.

Requiescant In Pace

- BARTHOLOMEW, Jacob, aged 71 years, died Dec. 3, Funeral, Sacred Heart, Pro-Cathedral Church, Dec. 5.
BURNS, Charles, died Dec. 5, Funeral, St. Francis Xavier Church, Dec. 9.
CLEARY, Ellen O'Hara, wife of Stephen F. Cleary, died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. John the Evangelist Church, Dec. 4.
CROWLEY, Gail Ann, aged 1 year, died Dec. 4, Funeral, Holy Rosary Church, Dec. 4.
EMBURGIA, Angela, died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. Margaret Mary Church, Dec. 6.
FISCHER, Pauline C., died Dec. 5, Funeral, St. Peter and Paul's, Dec. 9.
FITZMORRIS, Elizabeth Wilkins, died Dec. 9, Funeral, St. Bridget's Church, Dec. 9.
FORD, Thomas F., died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. Thomas Church, Dec. 9.
HOWE, A. Katherine, died Dec. 5, Funeral, Immaculate Conception Church, Dec. 9.
IPOLITO, Rose, died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. Agnes Church, Dec. 9.
KLEM, Fiera, Deenbach, wife of John Klem, died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. Joseph's Church, Dec. 9.
KNAPP, Homer, died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. Michael's, Dec. 9.
LA SCALA, Michela, died Dec. 4, Funeral, St. Michael's, Dec. 9.
LEWIS, Herbert, husband of Marion Reister, died Nov. 30, Funeral, St. Ann's Church, Dec. 3.
LIBORIA, Belle, wife of Angelo Liboria, died Dec. 3, Funeral, St. Carmel Church, Dec. 6.
MCLOUGHLIN, Nellie J., died Dec. 4, Funeral, Church of the Assumption, Dec. 6.
MCNULTY, Thomas, husband of Nellie Dalley McNulty, died Dec. 3, Funeral, St. Thomas Church, Leicester, Dec. 6.

Fourth Christian Culture Lecturer Is Fr. D'Arcy

Bishop Kearney Will Preside, Sunday, At Aquinas.

By a queer twist given nineteenth century thinking, the survival of the fittest notion arrived at by scientific workers, came to be applied to men and nations. Second reason cannot admit the truth of this transference of an observation made in the animal kingdom to man and civilizations.

This is the claim of Father D'Arcy, S.J. who lectures here Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at Aquinas Auditorium on Dewey Ave. His subject is "The New Survival of the Fittest."

The lecture assigned the learned Jesuit now in America is an extension of the theme which Mortimer J. Adler opened in his October lecture here in the Demonstration of Democracy by Dr. Adler. It was pointed out that democracy is the best form of government provided certain conditions are fulfilled. Father D'Arcy, who is professor of philosophy at Oxford University in England, will demonstrate the need of man's renunciation of his Creator as the image of God as one of those conditions which Dr. Adler suggested.

Holds Rare Honor. Master of Carleton Hall at originally Catholic Oxford, Father D'Arcy enjoys the unique honor of being the first priest in over 300 years to assist in the direction of Oxford University.

A careful precise thinker, the visiting English cleric is a gifted exponent of the principles of St. Thomas Aquinas "The Nature of Being," "The Mass and Redemption." St. Thomas Aquinas' are some of the several books he has written. He is the Catholic representative on the B.B.C. the government board which controls all radio operations in England.

His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney will preside at this fourth lecture in the Christian Culture Lecture Series. The lectures have been enthusiastically received by the Rochester community. Each of three preceding lectures has attracted an average of 1000 persons of all faiths and positions. The lectures are open to the public. Father D'Arcy's lecture begins at 8:30 P. M. this coming Sunday and will be followed with a question-answer period. Tickets for the lecture are obtainable at the door for 5% including tax.

CONFIRMS 12 SOLDIERS

Anchorage Alaska. A United States Army officer and eleven enlisted men from Fort Richardson near here, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a ceremony in Holy Name Church here. The officiating prelate was the Most Rev. Walter J. Fitzgerald, S.J. Coadjutor Vicar Apostolic of Alaska.



Rev. Martin C. D'Arcy, S.J.

Holy Cross Men's Club Resumes Thursday Socials

The resumption of the Thursday evening Socials with guests at the biggest attraction has occupied the time of most of the officers and men of the Holy Cross Men's Club who have taken over the reins after an intermission of over a year at the Auditorium on Latta Road.

Everyone is looking forward to the evening of January 7 when the public is expected to turn out in large numbers to hear the Rochester Gas & Electric Choral Society. They will present a program of music and entertainment that will be the highlight of the winter season.

James McVeigh has been named chairman and Roger Johnson is in charge of ticket sales.

K. of C. Plans Christmas

The Annual Christmas Fund of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus will be emphasized at the knights' Christmas Party to be held Thursday evening, Dec. 11, in Columbus Civic Centre.

A business session with Grand Knight Joseph P. Flynn presiding will precede the party program. First degree members of the "Father Loughlin Class" will be welcomed by the Grand Knight.

Special Christmas entertainment is being planned by Lecturer Frank H. Melville. A Christmas tree will be featured in the club rooms.

Knights are asked by their officers to bring staple foods to be placed before the Christmas tree and at Christmas time, these will be brought to the Precious Blood Fathers on Lexington Ave. Also before the tree will be placed donations of magazines, neckties, pads, cigarettes and other articles to be taken to the disabled veterans at Bath on Dec. 27.

The Christmas Fund this year will have included in its distribution gifts for members who are in the service and a contribution for St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 302 South Ave. Chairman Christopher H. D'Amadio announces Paul A. Pedmore financial secretary is receiving donations for the fund.

Heading the trip to Bath is Rocco F. Natale. He will be assisted by William J. Woerner in charge of transportation and Charles F. Raymond and Paul A. Pedmore, entertainment. John J. Boganski will be accompanist for the entertainers.

William J. Nolan is chairman of the transportation furnished by the knights for Old Folks Courtesy Party on Dec. 16.

The Immaculate Lord has consecrated to Himself an immaculate family even amid the thick body of filth of human sin. St. Ambrose

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