

Labor College Renews Classes on Jan. 9

The Rochester Catholic Labor College concluded its first semester of this year's courses last Friday evening at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave.

The Rev. George E. Vogt, M. A., Director of the Labor College, announced that the second semester will begin on Friday evening January 9 at 8 o'clock. Lectures and discussions will follow the same plan.

Dr. Aaron I. Abell, Ph. D., head of the history department at Nazareth College, will conclude his series of lectures on labor legislation in America. Father Vogt will lecture on Ownership, using a text Dom Virgil Michel's booklet on the subject. Each class will last one hour, the first half hour being devoted to the lecture and the last half hour to an informal discussion of the lecture.

At this lecture last Friday evening, Doctor Abell considered the moral justification for labor legislation. He declared that class legislation is morally justified if it promotes the common good. In confirmation of his statement, he cited the general principle laid down by Pope Leo XIII in his great encyclical on "The Condition of Labor." "Wherever the general interest of any particular class suffers or is threatened with evils which can in no other way be met, the authority must step in to rectify them."

There is moreover a special need for labor legislation for as Leo XIII said "The richer population have many ways of protecting themselves, and stand less in need of help from the State, those who are badly off have no resources of their own to fall back upon, and must rely chiefly upon the assistance of the State. And it is for this reason that wage-earners who are, undoubtedly, among the weak and necessitous should be especially cared for and protected by the commonwealth."

Father Vogt concluded his consideration of Human Rights. The subject of his talk last Friday was "The Duty and Right to Work." This duty obtains not only from economic necessity, but also from a necessity of man's nature. For as Pope Pius XI said in his encyclical on "The Reconstruction of the Social Order" man is born to labor as the bird to fly.

An inevitable corollary to this duty is the right of all men to work. In this regard, Dom Virgil Michel states "The right to work in general also includes the right to the kind of work that is suitable to one's abilities. . . . Finally the right to work must always include the right to such work as accords with the dignity of human personality and the right to work under conditions that correspond with that dignity."

The discussion centered around the unemployment problem. Every one agreed that this will be a very serious problem when the war is over. Industry will not be able to absorb the displaced defense workers and the demobilized soldiers and technological improvements will continue to displace men in industry consequently we will be confronted with the problem of securing the right to work for these millions of unemployed. One plan advanced was to encourage workers to go back to the land as the primary and indispensable source of livelihood.

The next session of the Labor College will be held on Friday evening, Jan. 9, from 8:00 until 10:00 p. m.

BROTHERS MAKE UP PARISH CHURCH'S CHOIR

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. The La Falce family could have produced a whole baseball team. Instead they formed a choir. In fact, the nine La Falce brothers are the whole choir of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church here.

For nine years the brothers have been singing together under the leadership of the oldest, Frank, who plays the organ. The youngest is Johnny, 14. Last summer they sang their first High Mass together to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

The brothers have a musical heritage. Their mother was a singer in St. Peter's Choir. Beside Frank, Johnny, and Tony, there are Louie, Joe, Jim, Mike, Pat and Carmine.

Every successful merchant, every great lawyer, every brilliant orator of the last generation has established his devotion and has his shrine. Cardinal O'Connell.

New Mission Bishop



Rev. Humbert Kowalski, O. F. M., new Vicar Apostolic of Wu-hang, China. Bishop elect Kowalski is from Calumet, Minn. and has been in China since 1926. Ordained in 1911, he previously labored as a missionary among the Indians and Mexicans in New Mexico. He was formerly Vicar General to the late Bishop Sylvester Espelage, O. F. M., whose Vicariate he now fills. This mission territory has been under the care of the Franciscans of Cincinnati since 1925. (N.W.C.)

Third Order Of St. Francis

December meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, at St. Patrick's Church, under the direction of the Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien. Meetings are always held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Christmas is one of the true Franciscan feasts. St. Francis always held a special devotion to the Holy Childhood just as he loved everything small and humble. It was St. Francis who introduced the devotion of the Christmas Crib. In the year 1223 he obtained permission from Pope Honorius III to represent the mystery of Christmas in the form of a Crib.

On Christmas night the clergy and people of the little town of Greccio were invited to keep the feast of Christ's nativity with him. An ox, an ass and a manger had been brought into the rustic cave where Solemn Mass was sung. Then Francis spoke devoutly to the people about the birth of Jesus.

There were many who said that there was a little child asleep in the manger and that the child awoke when Francis took him in his arms. Thus St. Francis is often depicted in art with a little child in his arms usually with the nimbus of the Christ Child surrounding his head.

Nowhere is the feast of Christmas celebrated with more piety and solemnity than in Franciscan monasteries and churches and faithful to the example of their great founder, the Friars Minor never fail to erect in their churches a representation of the manger with the Holy Child and Mary and Joseph kneeling in adoration before their Lord and King. Every Franciscan tertiary should have a Christmas Crib in his home.

HENRIETTA, RUSH PASTOR LISTS CHRISTMAS RITES

Christmas services in the La Falce family under his charge are listed today by the Rev. Raymond M. Lynd, pastor as follows:

- Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta - Confessions, Wednesday evening from 7 to 9.
- Midnight Mass
- Morning Mass, Christmas Day, 10 o'clock
- St. Joseph's Church, Rush - Confessions, Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5
- Midnight Mass
- Morning Mass, Christmas Day, 9 o'clock

Soldiers, Poor Will Get Catholic Paper Through New Fund

ST. LOUIS A fund has been started here to furnish the St. Louis Register, official Archdiocesan weekly, to men in military camps and members of poor parishes in the Archdiocese. The fund was proposed and inaugurated with a \$25 contribution, by the local Catholic Literature Propagation Committee.

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