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Basketball

St. Hyacinth's Top League

AUBURN As a result of the games played Dec. 16 before a fair sized crowd in the Catholic Church Basketball League on the Roman Club court, a highly talented St. Mary's quint was kicked from a first place tie with St. Hyacinth who now top the league with two victories and no defeats. St. Mary's and St. Peter and Paul together hold a second place tie with the St. Francis quint occupying the team to be watched after a slow start last week.

The Squires, representing St. Alphonsus Church still lacked a scoring punch in the final quarter and lost the initial game of the evening by a single point, the score being 23 to 22 against them. A smooth clicking St. Hyacinth quint which showed plenty of all-season form in the first half but slowed down considerably after the intermission finally found themselves to stay ahead of the ever threatening Squires.

The second thrill of the program found the slightly favored St. Mary's five opposing the doubtful St. Francis team.

The final score was 20 to 19 in favor of St. Francis quint who deserved to win after making such a splendid comeback in their second game of the season.

The last game of the bill proved to be the least exciting of the evening with the St. Peter and Paul entry having little trouble in administering the third straight setback for the unlucky St. Aloysius squad. The St. Aloysius club offered no threat to the strongly reserved Peter and Paul combination and could only manage to sink five baskets and an equal number of foul shots to total 15 points while their opponents scored at leisure and used twelve men in amassing 29 points.

Officials of the games: V. Leide, referee of the first game, J. Dempsey, referee of the second and third games, scorer, Felix Payne, timer, M. Stabodlak.

League Standings Dec. 16

Team	W	L	Pct
St. Hyacinth's	2	0	1.000
St. Mary's	2	1	.667
St. Peter and Paul	2	1	.667
Holy Family	1	1	.500
St. Francis	1	1	.500
St. Alphonsus	1	2	.333
St. Aloysius	0	3	.000

K. OF C. GROUP CONDEMNS USE OF WORD 'XMAS'

The custom of abbreviating the spelling of Christmas to the "pagan form of Xmas" was soundly condemned in a resolution and plan of action passed at the recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council of East St. Louis, Ill.

The resolution pointed to the religious significance of Christmas and the birth of Christ and that in recent years the season has been converted into a "season of commercial gains" with the commemoration of the day itself "relegated to the scrap heap of things old-fashioned."

Stating that it has become common practice to abbreviate Christmas to "Xmas," the resolution asked all members and all Catholics to discontinue the use of this form in business with the public and in private matters, and that business associates and friends be asked to follow the same practice.

The "Liga de Damas Catolicas" of Uruguay campaigned and planned for decency in the theater 35 years before the American Legion of Decency was organized.

Catholic Guidance Given In Current Events By Verein

(Because of the profound delimitation given in the Catholic Central Verein and their members they will be reproduced in this column from time to time.)

Chastity Is Positive

ST. LOUIS A comparison between the degraded moral conditions of ancient Greece and those obtaining in our country today is drawn in a resolution held in New York City.

The convention statement on chastity and morals, urged the Nation draw closer to God, especially during the present crisis. It recommends, further, that the virtue of chastity be presented in a positive rather than negative fashion.

The text of the resolution follows:

The increasing divorce rate, so large a number of objectionable motion pictures and stage plays, the lowered tone found in newspapers and magazines—including some of the better-class publications—the deplorable a moral standard of a considerable number of the so-called comic sections of our newspapers, which almost seem calculated to pervert the children and youth of our nation, have become a matter of grave concern to the members of the hierarchy, educators and serious minded people in general, not only of the Catholic Faith but of other Faiths as well.

Nor has the radio escaped the degrading influences of the times; certain of the serial stories and "comedy" programs, and even some of the advertisements, are hardly fit subjects for discussion in mixed company, to say nothing of the family circle. An increasing number of people are recognizing the similarity of the degraded moral standards of our day and the unchecked corruption and vice of ancient Greece and Rome which promoted the decline and fall of the ancient world.

Let us draw closer to God, especially during the present world upheaval, rather than follow the crowd denying recognition of their responsibility to the Creator. And let our members by their example counteract the prevalent conditions by upholding chastity and the Christian principles of morality. Let us in our families and in our parishes and societies, demonstrate the positive benefits deriving from these principles for the edification of our fellow men.

We can help young people particularly, not only by teaching and preaching purity and chastity to them as a series of "thou shalt not's" but also by presenting these virtues in a fine, positive manner, by glorifying them, picturing them as ideals of great beauty and attractiveness.

In the words of Father Felix Kirsch, O.F.M. Cap of the Catholic University of America, we can urge our young people to view not only their own bodies but also the body of every other human being they may meet as a beautiful and sacred trust, as a literal "Temple of the Holy Ghost," a vital member of the Mystical Body of Christ. The realization of the glorious dignity and beauty, individual as well as social, thus associated with the human body should be a strong positive motive for the promotion and preservation of purity and chastity.

No virtue is more necessary to us all than a modest simplicity.

Sioux Indians Listen To Message Of Peace To Men Of Good Will

(NEW Christmas Supplement)
"When I turned from the altar to address the congregation, I could see expectations and joy on every face even before I pronounced the theme of my Christmas sermon. Iyotau wankatu ekta Wakantanka wovitan yuha nunwe," the Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B., wrote in The Indian Sentinel, publication of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

Father Othmar was speaking of Christmas at St. Aloysius Mission, South Dakota. His text was in the Sioux language, and means, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

Describing his arrival at the Mission on Christmas Eve, Father

Othmar says he found everything in readiness for the observance of the great feast. The altar was decorated, the crib had been set up, chairs filled every available space, and "two sturdy chairs had been placed under the choir loft to make it strong enough for the large group of singers."

"The Indians delight in taking charge of preparations for a festival, and they go about it systematically," Father Othmar points out. "A month before Christmas, perhaps, a meeting of the Saints Mary's and Joseph's Society was held. Details were discussed and committees selected to carry out the arrangements agreed upon. It is all in keeping with the old Indian customs."



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