

St. John the Baptist Parish

SODALITY BREAKFAST HELD

"Christianity raised Motherhood to the highest dignity in the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was through her Motherhood that the Redeemer of mankind came upon earth."

This was the message given by Miss Mary Fitzgerald, executive director, Elmira Catholic Charities, in her address "Mothers—Moderns But Blessed," to more than 100 members of the Sodality of Our Lady at its 44th annual Communion Breakfast Sunday. The Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, spiritual director of the Sodality was toastmaster.

Guests were greeted by Sodality President, Miss Margaret C. Kennedy, Miss Mildred Miles, a senior at Elmira College offered a group of songs accompanied by Mrs. John E. Bacon. Mrs. Bacon and Mrs. Paul F. Afoff were chairmen of the breakfast program.

In her address, Miss Fitzgerald said in part:

"We are living in the midst of a world chaos which is the result of the complete abandonment of the ideals of Christianity. Over 200 years ago Christian women played a prominent part in conquering the world for Jesus Christ. Today Christian mothers must come to the front and win the world back to Christianity. We have met the too loving mother, doting and gushing, melting with emotion, the martyr who brings up her children amidst constant reminders of the terrifying burdens of motherhood, the lioness with cub type who de-

feats her child whether she is right or wrong, and the absentee mother who finds many substitutes for herself in the life of her child so that she may spend her time more interestingly.

"We are fully concerned this morning with good mothers, modern but blessed, who know how to regulate their affection and the appreciation of it, who joyously accept the inconveniences of motherhood who defend us when we are right and gently show us our error when we are in the wrong, who give us themselves in daily attention and care, but who show all keep an ever conscious of the model of all mothers and daughters, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"It seems fitting today that we should share the honor which we pay to our earthly mothers with our Blessed Mother. You can not separate a Catholic Mother, modern but blessed, from Mary, Queen of all mothers, blessed in ancient and modern days, and to every Catholic mother who has given her son to his country, perhaps in a Calvary's embrace. Our Blessed Lady presents us Mother Mary when these men will be returned as her Divine Son was to her on the morning of His Resurrection.

"We do not need to consider the philosophy of some modern groups. It is possible to keep the Commandments and still hold your place as a modern mother or daughter. When we consider the First Good Friday and hear the words of the God Man, 'Woman behold thy son, Son behold thy Mother,' we realize that this is the basis of an ideal parent and child relationship."

ST. PATRICK'S (Elmira)

MRS. AGAN HEADS SODALITY

Mrs. Eugene F. Agan was elected president of St. Patrick's Sodality of Our Lady at the May meeting in the assembly rooms of St. Patrick's Church.

Other officers and committees follow:

Vice-President, Mrs. Samuel L. Terwilliger; recording secretary, Miss Anne Battersby; financial secretary, Mrs. J. Gerald Loughlin; treasurer, Mrs. J. Henry Brown.

Eucharistic committee, Mrs. Edward M. Hennessy, Mrs. George E. Turner; Our Lady's committee, Mrs. Catherine Corain; apostolic committee, Mrs. John J. Foley, Mrs. Frank Swanson; Catholic Truth committee, Miss Ruth Hughes; social life committee, Mrs. Ivan F. Brady; junior-sacristans,

Miss Regina Schneck, Miss Alice Hughes.

Mrs. Agan succeeds Miss Rose Kingston who served as president during the past year.

Members of the Sodality are looking forward to the two-day retreat next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20, which will close on Wednesday evening with Solemn Reception of new members. The Rev. William Cannon, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Addison, will be the retreat master.

Forty Hours Held

The Forty Hours Devotion was conducted at St. Patrick's Church this week. The Rev. Thomas Tapp, C.S.S.R., of the Redemptorist retreat house of Our Lady of the Lake at Geneva conducted the services.

ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)

ST. THERESA TRIDUUM

An impressive Triduum in honor of St. Theresa, the Little Flower, to be celebrated on the 17th anniversary of the Saint's canonization, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15, 16 and 17, in St. Anthony's Church.

Solemn High Mass at 10:30 A.M., Sunday, May 17, and the significant ceremony of the blessing and distribution of roses to persons attending the services at 7:30 P. M. will bring the triduum to a solemn close; it is announced by the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor.

The committee for the Triduum consists of Rose Caporiccio, Lucy Ciancristoforo, Angelo Maria Legonero, Miranda Cleri, Rosaria D'Abbracci, Concetta Liet, Incoronata Cleri and Teresa Simoncelli.

Hobby Fair Opens

The Hobby Fair which was conducted by the Rotary Club was the enthusiastic approval of children, will be conducted by St. Anthony's parish in the church hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.

With the close of the Rotary Club's Hobby Fair, St. Anthony's children won a bronze Plaque weighing over 100 pounds and made by the boys at Elmira Reformatory which suitably inscribed. The children who participated in the previous shows at which they won the plaque twice will participate in St. Anthony's program. The Hobby Fair, this year, is under the supervision of the pastor Father Hanna, and School Physical Director Alice P. Quatrone.

On the committee of judges are: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Halbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. Northrup, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDowell, Harry Lagonegro, Gerald J. Loughlin,

Fred C. Tomlinson, C. Smith and the Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, assistant pastor of St. John the Baptist Church.

There are 145 entries in the Fair with Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of St. Anthony's School participating.

First Holy Communion will be received by a class of 26 Sunday, May 17, at St. Anthony's Church at the 8 o'clock Mass.

Following the Mass breakfast will be served in the church hall by a committee of the women of the parish.

The usual parish benefit party will be held Wednesday evening in the church hall.

School Exhibit

The results of the work of the pupils of St. Anthony's School will be placed on display in the classroom Sunday for inspection by members of the parish.

The display will be opened after the last Mass and the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor, the Rev. Francis Vogt, assistant pastor, and the Sisters of the school are desirous that a very large number of parishioners avail themselves of the opportunity to see the fine work being done in the school.

POEMS INSPIRED

QUITO, Ecuador.—A number of poems in the newly published collection of verse by the Rev. Aurelio Espinosa Felt, S.J., were inspired by observation made during his recent visit to the United States. The title of the new book is *Sea of Mirrors Laid (On the Same Note)*.

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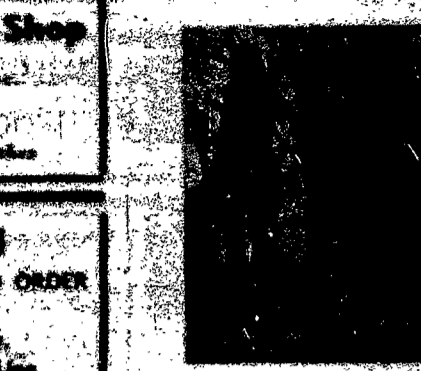
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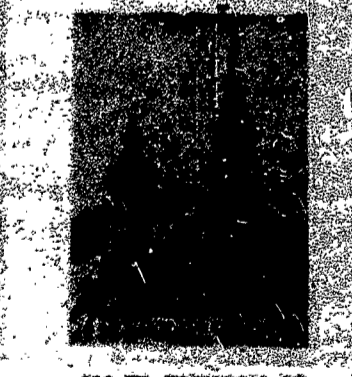
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