

Open Diocesan-Wide Campaign For Sale Of New Bible

Christ's Love Will Conquer Hatred, Flower Guild Told

AUBURN—Rev. Martin Watley of Syracuse, head of the Propagation of the Faith in the Syracuse Diocese and noted radio speaker was the guest speaker at the annual Mothers and Daughters Dinner of the Flower Guild of Mercy Hospital.

Miss Kathryn Nugent was the toastmaster and the words of welcome were given by Mrs. Frederick Welch, president of the Guild.

Brief talks were given by Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church; Rev. John E. Crowley, pastor of St. Aloysius Church; Rev. John Neary of Aurora; Dr. Roland J. Walker, chief of staff at Mercy Hospital; Miss Isabel Goss, advisor of the Guild, and Miss Loretta Donahue gave a review of the activities of the organization and explained the operation of "Central Supply Service Room," which is sponsored by the Guild at Mercy Hospital.

Miss Margaret Reilly was named chairman of the annual banquet which will be held sometime in June.

Father Watley began his address by quoting the words of the Angel's Song which the shepherds heard on the hillside of Bethlehem when Christ was born—"Peace on earth to men of good will." He said: "The infant born that night was the unbegotten son of God. He assumed human nature, became man out of love for all mankind. This was the message which he brought to the world, the power of which still lives. His apostles went forth to battle against hatred and greed and vice with no other weapon than the gospel of love which the Master had taught them. When the day of victory finally came and the world of that day accepted the message, then came the invasions of the Empire by the barbarians from the North and the East.

"The men of Christ taught them of love and led them to the arts of peace and taught them the Christian way of life. In all the developments of thought and culture the strength of this love was the motivating principle. It followed down through the ages. Men and women accepted it and lived it and died for it. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Theresa, Joan of Arc, Mother Seton and countless others of all the ages have been the apostles and exemplars of this love which surmounts every obstacle and overcomes every difficulty.

"We bow in reverence and admiration to the greatest of them all and this was not a man but a woman, Mary the incomparable, our tainted nature's solitary boast, the glory of the race, the supreme perfection of God's created world. The spirit of love and strength to suffer for it is found today in the hearts of the mothers, the wives and thousands who are going forward to save their country, if need be to die for it and it will follow them in all the vicissitudes of the future. It will be with them in the silent and conflict and the agony of suffering. Then love will conquer hatred and will never be overcome and this will be the victory of God."

RESIDENTS OF HOME MARK 103RD, 104TH, BIRTHDAY

BALTIMORE—Two residents of the Old Folks Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor here have just observed their one hundred and third and one hundred and fourth birthdays. They are Michael Welch, a native of Ireland, 103, and John Justin, a native of Russia, 104.

The anniversaries, while on different days, were celebrated jointly on Mr. Justin's birthday. A Baltimore baker donated a cake that was so big everybody in the home had a slice.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again. But alas! Those who see the crushing may not live to see the rising. — Chattanooga "News-Free Press."

Ideal of Womanhood Periled In Wartime, Avers Dr. McNamara

"Christ restored marriage to its pristine state of monogamy as God had intended it in the beginning, and He forever shut the door to the abuse of divorce which through the ages has

been one of the chief sources of woman's degradation," declares Rev. Dr. Elmer McNamara in his stirring address on "The Sacred Concept of Womanhood," which he delivered at the annual banquet of the Rosary and Scapular Society of St. Mary's Church.

The banquet was held at Spring-side Inn and was attended by two hundred members of the Society.

Mrs. Dora Mansfield, president, welcomed the members and the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen pronounced the invocation and acted as toastmaster for the occasion.

Mrs. Leona Fitzgerald and Mrs. Josephine Milhausen sang a duet. Miss Elizabeth Shamon a solo and Mrs. Emma Flarity gave a recitation. Gerald Conroy was the accompanist for the singers.

Remarks were given by Rev. Joseph McNamara, Rev. Dennis Hickey and Rev. Edwin Agoniz, O.M.C., assistant pastors of St. Mary's Church. Mrs. Edna Keefe was general chairman of the Committee. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Elmer McNamara, a professor at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Fundamental Topic
Doctor McNamara opened his address by saying:

"My dear Catholic women, I am going to speak to you this evening on the concept of womanhood. It may seem like a prosaic subject but I feel that it is one of fundamental importance, especially in these days of national stress and crisis.

"I believe that the women of our country are faced with a very serious danger, a danger which is all the more insidious because the majority of American women seem to be quite unaware of it. The war has not produced this danger. It has merely brought it into sharper focus and increased it. I refer to the danger which woman risks of lowering and perhaps losing her God-given womanhood, with all the honors and privileges that belong to it.

"I would be naive indeed, if I were to presume that our Catholic women, merely because they are Catholics, are thereby exempt from the deteriorating influences of the times in which we live. Such is not the case. And even if it were, any danger anywhere which strikes at womanhood, strikes at Catholic women. For all that is glorious and noble and inspirational about women is necessarily Catholic in its roots."

Outlining the sacred concept of woman and tracing the history of womanhood through the ages, the speaker continued:

"True to the teaching of Her divine Founder, the Catholic Church has made every effort to keep woman on that sublime level to which God has assigned her. Against the polygamy, the capricious divorces, and unrestrained licentiousness of a pagan and bar-

barian world she set her one, chaste, holy and unbreakable bond of matrimony, and by the grace of God these barbarian nations bowed their wills and accepted Christ's sweet yoke. Never once in doctrine or in practice has the Catholic Church failed in her duty to the womanhood of the world. Wherever and wherever woman's rights and duties have been attacked, the Church has resisted with the constancy of her divine commission and power.

One Secure Haven

"From the fifth to the eighth century when Europe was threatened with the invasion of barbaric, warring tribes from Asia and Africa, the Church was the one secure refuge for women and the defender of all that woman held dear. In the Middle Ages against the selfish lusts and vaunted power of landed princes she protected woman with her then mightiest weapon, the anathema of Peter's successor at Rome.

"Then came the era of the Reformation, Luther and his lesser satellites struck a death-blow at the very heart of womanhood. Luther himself even remained indifferent about a plurality of wives, permitted divorce, and ridiculed virginity and the single life. And although once again Holy Mother the Church struck back with all her dignity and power, the malicious wills of princes and people prevailed in many countries. And from that day to this woman has walked a downward path. With the event of Rationalism and the French Revolution a climax was reached. The cry of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity was raised on every side. The individuality and independence of woman was singled out as the most striking example of the equality. Little did women realize that by the very symbolic act by which she was apparently exalted she was in reality damned to ignominy and servitude.

For the French Revolutionists emptied the Tabernacle of the Eucharistic Christ and placed upon the altar a lute chorus girl, the goddess of reason. Though most right thinking women repudiated them and would repudiate now this insult to womanhood, the seeds of the Reformation and of those rationalistic centuries have gradually borne fruit.

Cites Current Evils

"The fruits are all too evident in our day. I need only call your attention to the accursed evils of divorce, birth control and unrestrained freedom which afflict the world we live in and notably our own beloved country.

"That these evils are a blow not only at the heart of God, our homes and our country, but also at the sacred concept of woman, her

privileges and dignity, needs no proof.

"I do not mean to exempt man from his part of the blame in these evils, but I do affirm that in all the great issues which affect society woman has been and always will be the go or the stop signal for good or for evil which ensues. If she has not the foresight and the vision to realize that these so-called signs of equality and freedom in our modern world are but shackles and chains which bind her to the inexorable fate of tyranny, degradation and oppression she has no one but herself to blame. If again, she persists in confusing this equality with men as a mathematical unit and believes that it gives her unrestricted right to intrude herself into every domain of public, industrial and civic life, then she must be prepared to be treated as a mathematical equal.

"That, my dear Catholic women, is precisely what has been happening in our own country. Because too many women have forgotten in what their God-given dignity and equality consist, and have failed to recognize that the predominant, I do not say exclusive, sphere of her action is in the home and in the hearts of men, we have men themselves forgetting the same excellent facts. The result is that once again woman is being reduced to the level of the days that knew not the lofty principles of Jesus Christ.

"Unfortunately the war in which we engaged bodes no easy path for our women. It should indeed be a time when the steel of woman's courage and the constancy of her virtue and example should put fire in the hearts of men. But on the other hand, unfortunately, it may be a time when the abnormal circumstances of war will facilitate the already dangerous position which she has chosen for herself.

"No one denies that woman owes a duty of patriotism to her country at all times and especially in time of war. No one denies that if that duty clearly and with necessity

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First Communion At Ludlowville To Draw From 25 Mile Area

KING FERRY—A class of thirty-six will receive Holy Communion for the first time in All Saint's Church in Ludlowville, at the 9 o'clock Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Nineteen boys and seventeen girls attending Sherwood, King Ferry, Ludlowville, South Lansing and Asbury Schools comprise this class and the homes of the children are scattered over an area of twenty-five miles. All of these children have been under religious instruction in their own communities, throughout the school term. The ages of the children range from 7 to 12 years.

The First Communicants will be escorted to the altar by Jane Hranek and Marion Zischock. Miss Margaret Cowley will preside at the organ and the children's choir of All Saint's Church will sing hymns during the service. Father Geiger has urged the parents to receive Communion with their children at this Mass and he extends a cordial invitation to the people of the communities represented to attend the service. The enrollment of the children in the Scapular of Mount Carmel and the renewal of the Baptismal vows will conclude the service. A photographer will be present to record the event for the future benefit of the children.

The first Communion class of 1942 includes Edward and Paul Mikula, Mary Ann, Betty and Rose Slovik, Monica Nolan, Robert Armstrong, William Desmond, Robert Rafferty, James Richard and Frank Turo, Marilyn Shiels, Virginia Trabold, Donald and Robert Gofoni, Donald La Favor, Beverly Rodec, Fred Albanese, Joseph and Elsie Domitrovits, William LaLonde, Joseph Burin, Bruce Croft, Julie De Kay, Joseph Hradilsky, Ada and Mary LaLonde, Jennie Myskow, Julius and Louise Schol, Joseph Trinkl, John Marchell, Dolores Kischock and Edna Favalora.

There will be only one Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church in King Ferry, on Sunday, May 24, and the hour is 7:00 A. M.

Plan Enlisting Parish Groups Announced By Confraternity Leader

"A well-read New Testament in every Catholic Home"

This clarion call of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine sounded, this week, throughout the United States, is re-echoed throughout this diocese by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, who desires earnestly that every Catholic home in our diocese possess a Revised New Testament.

The nation-wide call has been given by the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City and Episcopal Chairman of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as a call to action embodying one of the confraternity's chief goals.

Confraternity Plan

Pastors of the diocese have been informed of a new plan for the distribution of the Revised New Testament by the Rev. George C. Vogt, diocesan director of the Confraternity.

It is suggested that a campaign be conducted in the parishes within the weeks of May 24 or May 31. Parish groups, societies and sodalities are suggested as organizations to carry out the campaign. A small financial return from the sale of the Bibles will be available for worthy works within the parish or for Sodalists going to the Summer Schools of Catholic Action.

In the first year of the distribution of the Revised New Testament in which the Holy Name Societies of the country participated and the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union handled the distribution here, the unprecedented total of 700,000 copies were sold.

Homes Without Copy

Despite the extensive work done here by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union in their campaign, there still remain a large number of homes in this diocese without a copy of the Revised New Testament, Father Vogt states.

When the first campaign began on Catholic American Biblical Sunday, May 13, last year, ninety-two Archbishops and Bishops including Bishop Kearney issued special letters commemorating the publication of the Revised Text.

The most treasured letter received was from Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, president of the Pontifical Biblical Commission in Rome, lauding the "prompt completion of the revised version of the New Testament," and which concluded: "May it be welcome everywhere in the Catholic homes of your beloved country. It is the word of our Beloved Lord, a word of divine wisdom and infinite love, a word of mercy and peace, a word of everlasting life!"

The Revised New Testament will be sold at the price of \$1.25 per copy. Information concerning the campaign can be had from the Rev. George C. Vogt, Diocesan Confraternity Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y., Main 3421.

Pope Sees Mexican Priests, Returning After Rome Studies

VATICAN CITY.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII, on May 5, received 20 Mexican Missionaries of the Holy Ghost, who are leaving the Eternal City for their native land after completing their ecclesiastical studies.

To each, the Holy Father addressed paternal words of rejoicing and blessed them, expressing the wish that their ecclesiastical labors in their native land will be blessed with most abundant fruits.

The missionaries were presented to the Holy Father by the Procurator General of the Missionaries of the Holy Ghost, the Rev. Joaquin Paredes.

NAMED TO BOARD

New York.—Daniel Sargent, poet and historian, has been selected a member of the Board of Editors of the Catholic Book Club. He is the first person to be added to the Board since the Club's inception in 1936.

Auxiliary Fetes K. of C.

AUBURN—The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus entertained the Knights at a dancing party at the K. of C. Home on Wednesday evening. Dancing, both modern and square, was held in the Red Room and luncheon was served in the dining room during the intermission. Mrs. Joseph Paul was general chairman and she was assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Carmen Colella, chairman of the Music Committee, assisted by Mrs. Edward F. Secaur, Mrs. Frederick Woods and Mrs. Thomas Cappbell; the Luncheon Committee was in charge of Mrs. Joseph Stapleton, chairman, Mrs. Raymond J. Wall, Mrs. Robert M. Hanlon, Mrs. Charles Peacock and Mrs. Joseph Ryan; Mrs. Avery E. Neagle headed the Publicity Committee and the members of her committee were Mrs. Francis W.

Shields, Mrs. Edward Carroll, Mrs. Kay Hancock and Mrs. Louis Donnelly. The Reception Committee was made up of Mrs. George B. Shamon, chairman, Mrs. Stephen Doyle, Mrs. Arthur Donnelly, Mrs. Emilio Darbini and Mrs. William Ferree.

Mr. Ronald Cox has been appointed general chairman of the committee in charge of the rummage sale to be held on Friday and Saturday at 40 State Street. The members of her committee are Mrs. Elizabeth McQueency, Mrs. Ruth O'Donnell, Mrs. Frederick Woods, Mrs. Joseph McLean, Mrs. Francis Murphy, Mrs. Agnes Lovell, Mrs. Thomas Ryan, Mrs. Joseph Ryan, Mrs. Dennis Renahan, Mrs. Joseph Stapleton, Mrs. John Ganey, Mrs. Edward Carroll, Mrs. Frank Shields and Mrs. Carmen Colella.