

ST. STEPHEN'S, Geneva

AWARDS 46 DIPLOMAS

GENEVA — Red and white roses and greens decorated the main altar of St. Stephen's Church for the annual Commencement of St. Stephen's School on Friday evening, when forty-six graduates received their diplomas. Rev. Joseph Sullivan, assistant at St. Francis de Sales parish, delivered the Commencement address.

Class members were introduced by the pastor, Rev. William H. McPadden, who praised the graduates for their record which he said was exceptional. He then presented two prizes, the first a gift of the Geneva Council of the Knights of Columbus to the student having the highest average in Christian doctrine, and the second, a prize offered by the American Legion Auxiliary to the student having the highest average in American History. The Christian Doctrine prize was won by Anne Smith and the History prize by Lawrence Tyndall.

Greeting the graduates and general assembly, the Commencement speaker said:

"During these days everybody has been learning a great many things about war. Even you boys and girls in school understand quite well things of a military nature. You know the position of a general in the war. It takes a long time and a great deal of study to become a general. And it is not wise for him to be in the very front ranks. He must be where he can keep his eye on what is going on in order to direct his men and decide upon proper strategy. He knows the science of war. Other soldiers do not."

Father Sullivan took an opportunity here to relate a story to illustrate the point which he wished

to emphasize. It was a story of a man whose wife had died and whose only son whom he had watched over for many years, was about to go into battle. As he embarked on his journey, his father warned him to be careful, to stay away from danger and to "keep close to the general."

Father Sullivan called Christ "the Great General" and advised the graduates to "stay close to the General" all during their life time. "You are not yet finished soldiers," he warned, "you have not yet grown up. You have not arrived at manhood and womanhood. But you are now preparing for your future life. You may never again be asked the questions which the examiner asked you last week in your examinations, but you will be asked 'what kind of a soldier of Christ are you?'"

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed and special music was sung by the students of 1942 Graduation Class.

The list of graduates follows: John Buckley, William Burke, John Campbell, Ellen Claffey, Martin Conroy, Anne Cook, Aldene Cunningham, Gerard Dalton, Florence Damick, Sally DeD Witt, Joseph Donahue, Humphrey Donahue, Mary Ann Dreher, William Earing, Jean A. Enright, Elizabeth Fryer, Renee Gigliotti, William Gilbert, Mary Jane Glindling, Robert Gonzalez, Anne Holleran, James Kane, Jean Kraus, John Lathrop, John Lawler, Dolores Liberatore, Colleen Linehan, Robert Maney, Mary Marchese, Arthur McCann, Helen McGovern, Elizabeth McGrath, John O'Malley, Loretta McHale, Constance Ryan, Dorothy Sabatini, June Shirley, William Smenda, Anne Smith, William Sweeney, Jean Thurian, Ruth Tills, Lawrence Tyndall, Doris Updike, Paul Updike, Helen Walsh.

St. Francis De Sales, Geneva

53 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

GENEVA — St. Francis de Sales Church was the scene of the annual Commencement of St. Francis de Sales parochial school Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, when Rt. Rev. Monsignor Walter J. Lee presented 53 diplomas to the members of the class of 1942. The Commencement address was delivered by Rev. Joseph Sullivan.

Bouquets of roses and greens and lighted tapers decorated the main altar for the Commencement program, which was opened with the processional including the clergy and members of the graduating class.

The opening hymn by the graduates was "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother," after which the class was presented by Rev. William J. O'Brien. Diplomas were then awarded by Monsignor Lee.

In an informal address to the graduates, Father Sullivan warned that members of the class had not yet arrived at manhood and womanhood but were just beginning the preparation for future life. He advised them to keep always in mind the principles of their religion and to continue on to a higher education which would fit them to become the best of citizens.

He reiterated, as he did at the St. Stephen's parochial Commencement on Friday, that the graduates should always "keep close to the General," pointing out that Christ is the greatest general of all, and that those who follow after Him will be happiest.

After the Commencement address, the graduates sang the hymn, "O Heart of Jesus, Heart of God."

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, after which the graduates sang the closing hymn, "O God of Loveliness." Haydn's recessional concluded the program. Class of 1942

Members of the graduating class are as follows:

Mary Alvaro, Anna Marie Ballistreri, Jovina Battista, Francis Bertino, Emma Braell, Margaret Bree, Eunice Calabrese, Helen Carroll, James R. Casey, Nicholas Cocola, Palma Mary D'Amico, Mary Deul, Stephen DeMeo, Eugene P. Doran, Rita Fallon, Marie Fenner, Josephine Fera, Antonette Ferugia, Alfred Finnerty, Sarah Marie Graziano, Rose Gringeri.

Ramon Haines, Richard Handlon, Lyle Hargrove, Alfred Heffernan, Robert M. Hendrickson, Elizabeth Jennings, Jean Marie Knight, Joseph Knight, Elizabeth S. Kitcher, Peter Laquinta, Charlotte Leader, Carmen Liberatore, Irene Loongo, Mary Ellen Lynch,

Shirley A. Madden, Marie Marino, Robert McCarthy, Donald McCusker, Richard McCusker, Thomas Moran, Louis Pasqua, Francis Paul, Christine Picchi, Vincent Pirozzi, Francis Pullano, John William Salone, Antoinette Saso, Louis Tandle, Alfred C. Taney, James Toner, Maureen Toner, Maurice Valentino, Mary Ann Yannoni.

Myndersø Graduates Hear Father Quirk

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"Let me assure you of one thing that is absolutely a truth and which I ask you to place deep in your memory—this war is proving one thing—one thing alone—it is a titanic struggle to decide whether the moral law of God shall be the basis of individual and social life or whether the physical life of the ruthless sword as personified by a man called Hitler and the infamous Japs shall rule the world.

"The leading names in the mouths of men the world over... and I hate to combine them, are those of our own great president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the name of the German dictator. Dedicated To Faith

"Our president's name symbolizes a government dedicated to faith in the living God, to the dignity of mankind and to the sacredness of contracts. We are now at war testing our strength as to whether this form of government can be preserved or whether we are to be cast back to the pagan rule of a Caligula or a Nero.

"The founding fathers of our country believed in God and his divine providence and believed in our moral law governing the conduct of individuals and nations. They believed that all were created equal with a God-given dignity that demands respect and believed in certain inalienable rights, all of which are written into our fundamental law, and now we are face to face with a major foe that believes neither in God nor in his law and will use every treachery and brutality to destroy the laws of God."

Decadence of Religion
Father Quirk spoke of the decadence of religion in the United States and declared, "This indicates that we have countless potential Hitlers, now citizens of the United States, who, upon proper occasion and with their logic, would not hesitate to do to our government what Godless men have done in Germany.

"Catholics, as part of their religious debt to our dear America,

always have striven wherever it is possible to erect a parish school because we wish to make sure that our children will go into life not only with what the state requires

but with what God expects. We cannot be loyal and dependable citizens capable of giving the greatest devotion to our country unless our heart and spirit is

educated in the law of God and its precepts as well as to the culture of the flesh. Other elements of the whole look part in the picture.

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