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**WRITING WHILE TRAVELING**  
When necessary to write while traveling in an automobile, train, or bus, press the elbows into the body just above the hips, and you will find the task easy.

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### A Happy Rendezvous For 'All Generations'

By Margaret B. Gerald

In a small room, adjoining the library at the Sacred Heart convent in Rochester there is a beautiful picture by Britton. It is called "All Generations" and portrays age and youth side by side bowed in adoration of the God who made them.

And so I thought were the days of the closed Retreat in that same convent over the Fourth of July weekend. True the very young—our high school students had just completed their retreat. Only one who has had the privilege of looking on during a retreat for this group can understand the love and devotion—the unwavering adherence to the rules of the day that these daughters of the world practice. True indeed of them are the words—"Their feet are on earth, but their hearts are in Heaven."

And so I might also say of the adults and their annual retreat. There you would see, if your eyes were not clouded with the worries of the material things of life, the daughter who is just finishing college, the young woman weary from the year in the school room, the mother of a family who realizes that she can serve her loved ones best in that way, even on a holiday week end, and the grandmother, who is looking back on the days of family cares and reaching out to touch the portals of eternity in a day not far in the distance. Yes, all generations were there at that retreat, as may it please God, they will be in the future at other retreats and in eternity when the God of retreats calls them to Himself.

**SIDE BY SIDE**

"All generations," I insist—and you can not separate youth and age this time—for three days and nights you find "all generations" side by side doing the same things with the same interest. The young woman, eager to go on in a world, where youth has a place today, bows her bright head just as devoutly as does the older woman, whose silver white hair and sad eyes, has known the joys and sorrows of many years, traveling the rough paths of life's journey. There was probably one difference between those at the beginning and the others who are nearing the end of that journey. Age has learned that the roses only bloom in patches along that path and youth is so sure that flowers are strewn like a fragrant carpet over the entire stretch, their gaily dancing feet will tread with a happy song in their hearts and a gay smile on their lips.

You are trying to be interested and all the time you are not thinking. "Why should I add a retreat to the practice of my religion?" That and the rest of your answer has echoed down through the ages since one a publican gave his monologue in the temple—reminding God that "he was not like the rest of men." Such questions may have tempted some of those who had answered the call of that retreat but the doubt gave way to a realization of true values long before the first instruction was finished that Thursday evening.

**RETREAT MASTER TALKS**

In low vibrant tones that struck resonant chords in the hearts of those one hundred and forty retreatants, the retreat master spoke. He told his listeners that they had come in answer to the voice of their Master, who was awaiting them with a look of happy expectancy on His Sacred Face. In later conferences, he challenged, "If you are conscious of the tremendous reality that you are not only Creatures but also children of God, you will walk the ways of life happy and secure in the fullness of your inner serenity."

"How sweet is the love of God—there is only one place where we can find tranquility—under the little flickering light—before the tabernacle on the altar. . . . That love came between us and the eternal damnation, which we deserved. . . . Life holds difficulties for many of us, but if we walk along with our hand in His, we will always possess the gift of the peace of Christ—a joy in spite of hardships."

**BISHOP ATTENDS**

Greeted by His Excellency, the Bishop of Rochester, on Thursday evening the retreatants were congratulated by him, because they had come to hold a "happy Rendezvous with Jesus Christ." Bishop Kearney went on to say, that their rendezvous was beginning most appropriately on the Feast of the Visitation. His words as always, left a message of peace and well being. They successfully banished

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The CALL TO SERVICE Conference in Geneva on Monday, July 13, will be held at Lewis Hall, Geneva Women's Club Building.

Sessions will be 10:00 a. m. to 12:30 and 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. with ample time allowed for discussion.

Mrs. Joseph W. McElroy, president of the Geneva Deanery Council and general chairman of the meeting, announces the following chairmen of Committees: Registration, Miss Cora Sweeney, Miss Elizabeth Kane, Reception, Mrs. Thomas A. Kane, Hall, Mrs. Thomas J. Boiger, Telephone, Miss Regina Sweeney, Publicity, Miss Mildred Jennings.

The Rochester Institute on Tuesday, July 14 will be held in the

Ballroom of the Columbus Civic Center Sessions 10:00 a. m. to 12 M. and 2:00 to 4:00 p. m.

Mrs. M. H. Keogh, president of the Rochester Deanery Council NCCW is assisted by Mrs. Louis A. Fangle, Mrs. Joseph P. Sobora, Miss Alice Kirk, Mrs. Edward J. Lucas, Mrs. Richard Kall, Mrs. Anthony Ryan, Mrs. Rose Croston, Mrs. Edw. L. Zimmer, Miss Laura Schilling, Mrs. Chas. Paisley, Mrs. P. J. G. Connor, Mrs. Beekman C. Little, Mrs. Louis C. Hock, Mrs. Henry Spiegel, Mrs. George Klee, Mrs. Susan Gibbons, Mrs. John Carmody, Mrs. T. J. Gallagher, Miss Helen Durnin, Mrs. Peter Carlin, Mrs. Chas. H. Baker, Mrs. Frank E. Gifford, Mrs. Lawrence V. Driscoll, and Mrs. Joseph Ashe.

The Conference in Auburn on Thursday, July 16, will be held in the Catholic Daughters Home, 44 South Street. For details of this meeting consult Auburn and Ithaca papers.

In Elmira, the Ladies of Charity are having their Mass in honor of St. Vincent de Paul (whose feast occurs on the following Sunday) on Friday, July 17th, because of our meeting. It will be celebrated at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, at 8:30 o'clock.

Sessions of the Institute will be held at the Mark Train Hotel. Luncheon (75c) will be served for those making reservations when they register that day.

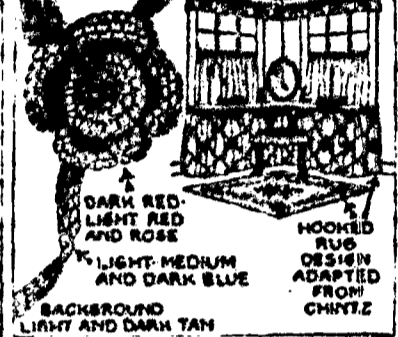
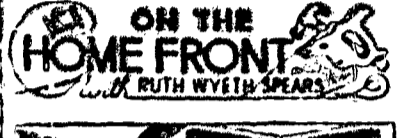
when the rays of sunlight, brightening the azure dome of the chapel, dropped lovingly to caress the gold ostensorium.

"The happy Rendezvous" had come to a visible closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The tiny white Host which was the Redeemer of Heaven and Earth, under that humble species, reposed in that golden setting on an altar graced by vases of majestic Easter lilies. Yes, it was the Benediction Hour and in it there was a promise for every retreatant.

You can never know the import of that message unless you have known the blessed peace and happiness of a closed retreat. It was not the end of that "Happy Rendezvous," it was only the beginning. Back into the world went those retreatants, with heads high, hearts light and souls at peace. Security had come to these daughters of God. Theirs will always be a "happy rendezvous" until at the judgment seat of God, they see the One with whom they made a closed retreat. A retreat—yes—but we who heard our Bishop that first evening—will add and "A Happy Rendezvous" beginning in that chapel home of His on Prince Street in Rochester and ending in all eternity in the blessed vision of God.

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of the door to the Convent of the Sacred Heart. And there it remained, until late Sunday afternoon, the last lurking worries and doubts of those, who were still torn by an allegiance to those left at home or a yearning for the more exciting week end from which they had turned to seek their Master.

"A happy rendezvous"—it was a new but a pleasant label for the closed retreat. A certain tenseness was gone from some faces, "the stone of peace" was rolled in front

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