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At a USO Club Overseas



Far out on the island frontiers of the nation, the USO is carrying on its extensive program of entertainment and recreation for service men. Typical of the 35 overseas "homes away from home" for men in uniform is the USO club in Ponce, Puerto Rico. At the club, Director John Grabowski (left) signs up an Army staff sergeant for the evening's entertainment while a USO hostess looks on. Director Grabowski is a member of the field staff of the National Catholic Community Service, USO member agency, who volunteered for service with the USO Overseas Division.

C. D. A. Court Buys \$1,000 War Bond

Purchase of a \$1,000 War Bond has been voted by Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, Grand Regent Elizabeth Holleran has announced. The action was taken on recommendation of the board of trustees and the funds were withdrawn from the court's building fund to make the purchase.

Asks Child Welfare Plan Safeguard Faith, School Affiliation

ALBANY N. Y. (NC) Declaration that the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee is particularly interested in any program of the State War Council which deals with the establishment and maintenance of so-called child care and development centers was made in a letter sent to Governor Herbert H. Lehman by C. J. Tobin, secretary of the welfare agency.

Listing the points that his organization would like to emphasize in connection with any such program, Mr. Tobin mentioned first that the child's religious faith and school affiliation be absolutely protected.

Existing schools, institutions and agencies, Mr. Tobin said, both public and private, should be used before any new center is established within a given locality. He also urged that the care, protection and instruction of a child be explicitly placed under existing health, welfare and educational agencies, public and private, rather than a new agency to be established.

The letter requested that in planning and establishing the rules and regulations governing the program there should be obtained the active participation of the State Charities and Association, the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee and the Jewish Welfare Federation.

The letter further requested that the program be set up on a wartime emergency basis "in order that it can be definitely eliminated after the war."

month of August has been arranged by the committee of hostesses which includes Mrs. Harry Elias, Mrs. Theodore Doran, Mrs. Julia Danaher, Mrs. Helen Dalley, Mrs. Joseph M. Dalley, Mrs. Alice Frawley, Mrs. Henry P. Farrell, Mrs. Margaret Frisk, Mrs. Uri French, Sr., Miss Margaret Collins, Miss Josephine Collins, Miss Anne Fitten.

A rummage sale will be conducted Aug. 6 and 7 at 103 E. Water St. The proceeds will be devoted to the court's charity fund. Mrs. Josephine Elias and Miss Anne Fitten will be in charge.

The Court will hold an outing Aug. 12 at Hoffman Park. Games and cards will be played in the afternoon followed by a picnic supper. The committee is headed by Mrs. Uri French, Sr., and Mrs. Edward Frawley.

The regular monthly meeting of the Court will be held Monday evening, Aug. 10.

The Red Cross sewing committee will meet as usual for their Wednesday sessions.

Basilian Fathers To Open Novitiate In Diocese On Former College Site

Will Begin Training Of Boys In Religious Life This September

A Novitiate for future members of the Congregation of St. Basil, (the Basilian Fathers) will be opened in September at the Community Residence of the priests in charge of Aquinas Institute, 402 Augustine St., Rochester. It is being opened with the approval of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

This announcement was made today by the Rev. J. H. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute. Decision to open the Novitiate was made at the recent General Chapter of the Congregation which elected the Very Rev. Dr. E. J. McCorkell, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers. The decision was made, Father O'Loane states, because of the shortage of room at the Novitiate in Toronto and because of possible restrictions that may come during wartime to crossing the international border-line.

This will be the second Basilian Novitiate in America, the first having been founded in Toronto in 1890.

Requirements Cited Admission to the novitiate will be open to boys who are at least 16 years of age and who have completed their high school course. The boys admitted will spend a complete year in the Novitiate in study of the religious life, the constitution and rules of the Congregation. Time will be divided between prayer, study and manual labor.

The boys will observe the strict rule of the novitiate and at the end of the year will take annual vows for at least three years or until they are 21 years of age at which time they may take the perpetual vows of the community.

Application for entrance will be made to the Very Rev. Dr. E. J. McCorkell at the headquarters of the Basilian Fathers, St. Michael's College, Toronto. The application then will be approved by the Local Council of the Congregation in Rochester. On being accepted the candidate will make a 10-day retreat prior to his formal Reception.

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9 Weekend Retreats Listed at Diocesan Retreat House

To accommodate the men from the various parishes and to clear up misunderstandings that have arisen, a revised schedule of weekend retreats at Our Lady of the Lake Diocesan Retreat House, Lochland Road, is announced today by the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.B., director of the retreat house.

Revised Schedule Of Retreats

In addition to the parish men's retreats, weekends have been scheduled by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus in September and Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus in October. There is an open date, Oct. 2, 3 and 4 for any group or organization desiring to make the retreat at that time. See Revised Schedule in adjoining column.

The Retreat House was opened by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney on May 20 at the opening the Bishop termed the beautiful estate a fitting place to become the "spiritual powerhouse of the diocese" and recommended that all men of the diocese participate in the weekend retreats.

- The new schedule groups neighboring parishes in various parts of the diocese so men can be with their friends in making the spiritual journey.
- Capacity of the new retreat house is 40 men. The men report for supper on Friday night of their weekend and the first service is at 8 p. m. The retreat closes on Sunday afternoon following. The retreat services have proved to be most gratifying to those men who have already made the retreat. Parishes which have already made the retreat are: (1) Holy Cross, St. Francis Xavier, St. Helen, St. Charles, St. Anthony, St. Theresa, St. Salome, St. Stanislaus, Rochester.
- Sept. 4, 5, 6—No Retreat—Holiday.
- Sept. 11, 12, 13—Canandaigua, Geneva, Hornell, Ithaca, Chemung Counties.
- Sept. 18—Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.
- Sept. 25—City of Auburn; Churches of Steuben County.
- Oct. 2, 3, 4—Open.
- Oct. 9, 10, 11—Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus.

The schedule:

July 31, Aug. 1, 2—St. Peter and Paul's, St. Patrick's, Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's Rochester, St. Michael's, Newark.

Aug. 7, 8, 9—St. Ambrose, St. John Evangelist, Rochester.

Aug. 14—Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Philip-Neri, St. Andrew, St. Monica, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Michael, Rochester.

Aug. 21, 22, 23—St. Boniface, Holy Apostles, Holy Rosary, Corpus Christi, St. Ann, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. George, Rochester; St. Rose, Lima.

Aug. 28, 29, 30—Sacred Heart (Pro-Cathedral), Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Victory, St. Bridget, Rochester; St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen; St. Thomas, St. Lucy, Most Precious Blood, St. Augustine, Holy Cross, St. Francis Xavier, St. Helen, St. Charles, St. Anthony, St. Theresa, St. Salome, St. Stanislaus, Rochester.

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Emphasis is placed by Father Murphy on the necessity for making reservations with him at Lochland Road, Geneva. Arrangements for the retreat may be made with the lay committee appointed by the pastor in each parish.

A large attendance from the various groups and Knights of Columbus councils on the new schedule is expected at the retreats designated.



FUTURE BASILIAN FATHERS will be started in their religious life in the building above, formerly Nazareth College, and now the Residence of the Congregation of priests in charge of Aquinas Institute. The Novitiate will be established in a wing of the building. The course for boys at least 16 years of age and high school graduates will begin in September.

Once Member of Klan Auxiliary Becomes Nun

OKLAHOMA CITY—When Miss Sarah Jane Davies of this city was received into the Church by the Rev. James A. Garvey, Diocesan Superintendent of Charities, she gave him as a souvenir her receipt for membership dues in the Kaitulias, feminine division of the Ku-Klux Klan. Now she has become Sister Mary Virginia, a member of the Order of Parish Visitors, Marycrest, N. Y.

Her interest in the Church was first aroused when as a consultant to the Public Welfare Commission she heard Father Garvey argue cases before that body. She is a graduate of the School of Law at the University of Tulsa and a member of the Oklahoma State Bar.