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To the essentials of the Mass, various prayers, hymns and Scriptural sayings were added. These differed in various regions. But churches in and around the most important city in each region tended to use its language and one form of service. Thus arose the Rites called after Alexandria, Antioch, Byzantium and Rome. Missionaries from these cities carried their own rites into other countries always preserving the essentials of doctrine.

Unfortunately among the Oriental Rites, most of the people were torn from the unity of the Church in past centuries. These form the "Orthodox" and other Separated Churches. They use the same Liturgies as those who remained Catholic.

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Lay Retreats Listed At St. Bonaventure's

ST. BONAVENTURE, N. Y. — Beginning next Friday, (Aug. 21) and continuing for three weeks, St. Bonaventure College will conduct week-end retreats for various groups from New York and Pennsylvania, under the direction of Rev. Germain McMillen, O.P.M., Retreat Director.

On August 21, a group of boyscouts from Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania will gather on the campus of the Franciscan college for the annual two-day retreat. Four Conferences will furnish the scouts with an opportunity for meditation and religious instruction. Between Conferences the youths will be given the opportunity to engage in tennis, baseball, handball and other games and the large swimming pool in the campus gymnasium will be open for their convenience. Most of the boyscouts will sleep in tents which they will set up on the college grounds, while sleeping quarters in Devereux Hall will be available for the others. Each troop will be under the guidance of its own scoutmaster.

The annual Retreat for Men will open on Friday, August 28 at 6:00 P. M., and continue until Sunday, August 30 at 3:30 P. M. Reservations for this retreat are still coming in to Father Gervase, and indications point to a large crowd of men, despite curtailment of passenger traffic.

The annual Women's Retreat will open at St. Elizabeth's Academy, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., on Friday, September 5 and will close on Sunday, September 6. The hours of this retreat will be the same as for the men. Retreatants will be given rooms in St. Elizabeth's Academy if they desire.

"While international peace, at the present time, seems impossible—with the world aflame and the ancient but ever young Horsemen of the Apocalypse haunting all lands, peace among nations can only be prayed for—personal peace can not only be obtained, but it must be achieved," said Fr. Gervase in outlining the purpose of the retreat. "In the interest of finding this personal peace, which is the obligation of all, the Friars of St. Bonaventure and the Sisters of St. Elizabeth's invite all those interested to a week-end with Our Lord. By devotion, a bit of meditation, and some sacrifice, the Lord will turn His countenance to thee and give thee Peace," concluded Fr. Gervase.

Cinema Comments

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Kern musical with Fred Astaire; "Eyes in the Night," which brings back Ann Harding; "Keeper of the Flame" with Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy; "Once Upon a Honeymoon," a Leo McCarey production with Ginger Rogers and Cary Grant; "Casablanca," with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman; "The Adventures of Mark Twain" with Fredric March, and "Wake Island."

If all adds up to entertainment ahead. (John Springer remembers about the popular Robert Montgomery comedy, "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," on Your Movie Memory, ever WSAV, Monday, 10 A. M.)

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