

CONFRATERNITY PUBLISHES PAMPHLET ON RURAL PARISH

WASHINGTON - Publication of National Center of the organization here. The pamphlet, it was stated, is of timely interest for the autumn organization of the Confraternity in the parish. Outlining the four-point program of the organization and its place in the rural parish, Bishop O'Hara says

"The Confraternity follows the Divine Plan of the Church. It aims to mobilize under the direction of the parish priest the great resources of intelligence, good will and solid piety among our laity for the extension of the Catholic Faith. It may be said with confidence that no greater loss could be inflicted on the cause of Christian education than would result from failure to harness these immense resources to the chariot of Christ."

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

HIGH MASS LISTED

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 6, the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Andrew's will be a High Mass. All their members are requested to attend as well as make preparations for rehearsals during the coming month. ROSARY SOCIETY The members of the Rosary Society will receive Holy Communion on Sunday, Sept. 6, at the 8 o'clock Mass. They are asked to receive

in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, which is celebrated Sept. 8.

BLANKET CLUB Just a reminder that the popular blanket club will open in a few weeks. Further details will be announced later.

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The Army Gets A Mother

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is here to be done. If you were old enough to be called into the army, I wouldn't say a word, but... you want to wear a uniform. So, you are going to wear one. All right! "Aw, Mom, that isn't it!" "Oh go on, Danny, I don't want to hear any more." So, Mary's brow went round and round... And then several weeks passed - then it was a month. Danny had written his mother that he had been assigned to the reception center, and he was crazy about it. He had appeared on several of their programs... Then Danny's picture had flashed across her vision from the page of the Sunday paper. The programs from Danny's camp were being broadcast, and Danny was singing every Thursday night. Then she heard it from the talk around her, her friends calling and congratulating her, but she had been able to plead she had been on emergency cases and she had not been able to listen to the radio.

Came a Sunday morning, and a peaceful tulle had settled over the whole place. She occupied herself with small tasks. Running down to the superior's office with some records she stopped in surprise for the sad, troubled old nun's face light up and she smiled as she entered. "Pretty near time, Mrs. Conklin... I didn't know until a few minutes ago that they were going to broadcast that field Mass from the camp... And your Danny is going to sing the Ave Maria, one of the girls was telling me... Hurry up now, Mrs. Conklin. You don't want to miss hearing the broadcast of that Mass... Isn't it wonderful your boy is going to sing in it?" ABSORBED IN WONDER

Mary was so taken by surprise that she just mumbled something and went out. The first pleasant words she had spoken to her in weeks. Absorbed in her wonder she was almost knocked down by the stiffly starched floor supervisor. The tight muscles on her face creased a little to indicate she was smiling. "Hurry, Mrs. Conklin, down to the office. I think the Mass has started. Do you know when Danny will sing? Run along, not much doing for a while." Mary looked at her with calm indifference, inwardly priding herself that she had not shown any signs of emotion but she was burning up. Let them listen, if they wanted to, but why couldn't they mind their own business, and let her mind hers. She had heard Mass this morning. Down the long corridor she kept her eyes straight ahead, past the wards, past the private rooms but she knew it she couldn't help but see them - listening in. They were happy, restless, then, softly faintly in the distance, from miles away... the cry of a bugle she stopped... As yes that was from the Bishop's suite the radio again.

FAINT, HIGH STRAIN She started for the sunparch, but the buzzer called her. The light from the Bishop's suite was on... That would be the Monsignor... the Monsignor from Notre Dame University... she smiled for the white-haired old prelate was one of the favorite patients. She walked briskly towards it. Beside him sat the mayor of the city. Above the music coming through the radio she could hear the slightly muffled voice of the celebrant of the Mass... a thrilling silence for a second, then a faint, high strain... a bugle... far away... The Monsignor raised his hand for silence... and for that moment as she stood there, Mary remembered Danny all of Danny, clearly etched in her memory came another day... the first time she had taken Danny to Mass... the same awe-striking elevation... a chalice raised on high, and the tinkle of the sanctuary

bell... Close beside her the wee boy whispering... "What's the bell ringin' for, Mommie?"... and her own whisper back to him: "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by" Sadness and gladness crowded her for those moments, her head bowed of its own accord... They were placing her in a chair and time and space meant nothing... Then the voice beside her again... "Be... ah"... Listen! A voice, gentle, at first, then coming up through the mists... filling the room... filling their hearts... Gounod's Ave Maria. "Ave Maria, gratia plena, Do minus te cum, Do minus... Thrilling, almost exciting... Danny's voice filling their hearts, filling their eyes... On and on to the end. The beauty of his fine baritone voice coming across the mists and the sun showered morning, until the last lovely strain of music died away.

PEACE STRENGTH, LOVE The silence was thrilling. Tears were streaming down Mary's face. It had taken her so long to learn something that now seemed so simple... If she had only cried when Danny went away! But now she knew that those tears were very much a part of peace and strength and love... What more could Danny do, than serve his Maker and his country? Grand opera? Oh, it seemed so pitiful... So silly! Someone was leading her from the room. Straight, slim, triumphant she walked to the telephone... Only a few moments she had to wait for Western Union to answer her call! "Danny, darling, you were beautiful. Forget to tell you, I've gone over to the army. Hold the fort for I am coming. Love, Mother" Then sobbing into her own hands she murmured: There are so many tears if I must weep. Oh let it be. In solitude, in silence and in dark, With none to see.

Galileo Centenary LIMA, Peru.- The Catholic University of Peru commemorated the third centenary of the death of Galileo with a lecture on "The Work of Galileo and His Influence on Modern Thought" The speaker was Cristobal de Losada y Fuga, Pro-Rector of the University and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

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