

Teaching Religion To Public High Pupils Discussed By Priests

Centering their discussion on "Religious Instruction for Public High School Pupils," about 130 priests of the Diocese of Rochester assembled at the Sagamore Hotel on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Opening the Third Catechetical Institute sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was prayer by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Keane, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. The Bishop addressed the priests at luncheon.

First discussion on the program was led by the Rev. John A. Guy speaking on "The Place of the Mass in Teaching the Sacraments." Other morning speakers and topics were the Rev. Joseph A. Ciarra, "Teaching the Love of God," and the Rev. Patrick A. McFall, "The Instruction of Public School Children."

The afternoon sessions were opened by the Rev. David C. Gildea, superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Syracuse who spoke on "Application of Release Time to Secondary Students in the Diocese of Syracuse."

"Material Requirements in the Instruction of High School Students" was the topic of the Rev. Joseph M. McNamara.

The day's program was concluded with reports on various types of arrangement in the use of Release Time for Secondary Students given by the Rev. E. Joseph Esser, the Rev. John S. Whalen, the Rev. John Albert and the Rev. Jacob Rauber.



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Because of the important part they will share in winning the war and writing the peace, rural peoples must be instructed and directed as to how to do both in the most effective fashion. At the Twentieth Annual Convention of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference Oct. 2, 4, 5, 6, the main points of emphasis will be:

- (a) Preparation for war production and post-war problems;
- (b) need for providing a vital space for the human family as advocated by the Pope;
- (c) the profession of agriculture as a way of living versus industrialization and commercialization;
- (d) proper methods of farm-family management for the development and progress of the family;
- (e) the need for, and the methods of, educating rural youth for a home on the land;
- (f) the proper use of cooperative enterprises, discussion club technique and recreational activities in rural community life.

The Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., Executive Editor, America, says: "This year's Convention will have great opportunities. Never before will the issues have been so sharply joined, and so dramatically, between the family and abundance program and that of scarcity and commercialism."

Ralph Borsodi, School of Living, Suffern, N. Y., sounds a note of warning. "Without an exception, all of them (national and international leaders) think in terms of solving the post-war problem by centralizing political and economic planning and power in national governments in their national capitals. Furthermore, the emergency centralization which is necessary to conduct the war to a victorious conclusion will undoubtedly carry over into the 'emergency' which will develop after the war."

The Catholic Church has strong, sturdy and intelligent Catholic representation among the farmers of America. It is up to them not to just talk about things. They must do them. And leaders must lead. The National Catholic Rural Life Conference exists to teach. The Annual Convention is a means. You are invited.

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