

# Christian Living In Wartime Stressed As Teachers Confer

Practical Christian living was the recurrent message given to teachers at their 38th Annual Institute last Friday. Some 400 teachers from elementary and secondary schools of the diocese gathered at Mass opening the session, at which the Most Rev. James P. Kearney, S.D., was celebrant.

At the conclusion of the Mass Bishop Kearney reminded the teachers of the power of their influence over those in their charge. Counselling them to a consciousness of their responsibility, he stated "the trust of the work which you are doing will be coming to blossom in days to come. Homes will be more Christian, civic life will be purer, living will be better in every way because of the influence of you on those coming under your charge."

Bishop Kearney brought out the fact that it would not have been necessary to leave home and consecrate lives in religious communities to teach mathematics, history and geography. But these sacrifices are made to enable teachers to use those subjects "as hand-mills to the love of God." He appealed to the teachers to bring their children close to the heart of Jesus Christ "The classroom is our channel to do this."

### Types Wartime Sacrifices

Turning to the war, Bishop Kearney challenged the teachers to generous cooperation and sacrifice in any demands made on them. He referred specifically to the civilian defense program mapped out for schools as the teachers' way of fighting the war. "We have seen the awful catastrophe come over the schools in Europe. We are fighting for the preservation of them in our own country."

Stating that "we must be victorious in the conflict," Bishop Kearney asked for a prayer front in which the teachers are the leaders - leading the children in incessant prayers for the welfare of the fighting forces, for peace and victory.

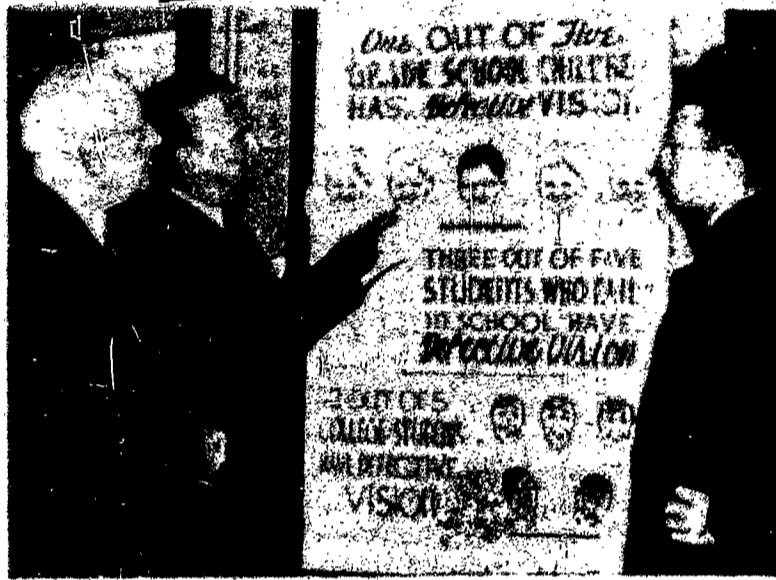
Teachers of the upper grades heard the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools, direct attention "to the love of God if we are going to accomplish that for which we are striving - Christian living." "To know Christ and to recognize the dignity of human nature" are essentials for the child if his whole education is to prepare him for purposeful living.

The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Associate Superintendent of Schools, struck the same note in his talk to the high school teachers, pointing out that Catholic social principles have a place not only in the religion class but in every other subject of the curriculum. Forming correct social attitudes in every student should be the concern of every teacher if our graduates are to be prepared to lead a sound and sane Christian life. The man digging the ditch, paving roads, collecting refuse and doing it well - is making as an important contribution to social life as the successful professional or business man. The student should be trained to judge correct values and to think independently in terms of Christian concepts. The teachers were exhorted to prepare high school students for the post war age to be Christian social leaders in every walk of life. He called attention to the President's warning that the problems of the post war world would be those of youth today, and that the Christian solution would be the only one.

In the first session, Sr. M. Victoria, O.S.F., a teacher in Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Rochester, presented tried and proved teaching devices effective for establishing a strong foundation in primary grade work.

The attention of grade teachers was directed to the importance of speech correction by Miss Regina Kennedy, Principal of No. 28 School. Miss Kennedy discussed some of the common defects and their remedy in the classroom and discussed opportunities offered by local communities for more seriously handicapped children.

A plea for good tonal quality in music work in primary grades was made by Miss Monica Servas, a teacher in St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester. Miss Servas demonstrated with the diocesan text methods to achieve this goal. For a well-rounded music program, the speaker offered this three-fold set of objectives to sing well, and to enjoy singing.



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**DIOCESAN TEACHERS** in conference at Aquinas Institute, Sept. 18, studied methods for maintaining children's health. (Upper Photo) From left: Sister Sylvia, Holy Family School, Rochester, a School Sister of Notre Dame; Sister Mary Stephen, Elmira, Sister of St. Joseph; Sister Mary Dennis, Auburn, Franciscan Sister. Confering with the Rev. Patrick Lewis, C.S.B. (right) of Aquinas Institute are: Joseph P. MacSweeney (left) President County Tuberculosis and Health Association and Harry S. Crowley (center), chairman of Eye Conservation Committee.

music with a fair degree of skill, and to appreciate good music.

The final session for primary grade teachers dealt with the teaching of religion. The Rev. Benedict Ehmann of St. Bernard's Seminary, again struck the note of emphasis on the love of God as the basis of teaching. Father Ehmann outlined for his group the effective method of making religion something living and real in the lives of children. First he would convey to the child a knowledge and appreciation of the love of God. This is followed by an increase of understanding of the truths which are presented to them. As the final step, the presentation to them of little formulas of the catechism to help retain the new truths is essential.

Sr. M. Dominic, librarian of Nazareth College, read a paper to the upper grade teachers on the elementary school library. Claiming that Rochester diocesan schools were ahead of many others in elementary library development, Sr. Dominic explored the field and challenged school authorities to greater sacrifice in expanding existing school libraries and in establishing others on a firm and sound basis. The speaker gave telling figures on pupil weaknesses in reading ability and demonstrated the force of the school library in remedying these. Sr. Dominic referred to the growing field of Catholic children's literature and urged its patronage.

The high school teachers attended departmentalized sessions in their own subjects. Round table discussions took place in the science, Latin, social studies groups. Father Ehmann gave a talk in the English session, stating that the English teacher is the greatest auxiliary to the religion teacher by helping to Catholicize all pupils through the medium of literature. Father Ehmann reminded his group of the wonderful treasure house the Catholic Church has in our modern Catholic literature which he maintains can favorably compare and even surpass other writers over the same period.

Mr. Edward Murphy, of the Faculty of Niagara University, advised business teachers to train

whatever the immediate job is. Miss Elsie Neun, of East High School, gave a practical talk on teaching devices for the improvement of written and oral French, while Mr. Adolfo Ruiz of Eastman Kodak Company encouraged teachers of Spanish with a picture of the growing need of the study of this language for business use today. Mr. William Betz, specialist in mathematics for the Board of Education, stressed the necessity of basic fundamental courses in mathematics for needed preparation for the youth of today.

The Institute came to a close after a general assembly at which the Rev. John M. Duffy presided.

## Enroll Teachers In Civilian Health Protection Service

Diocesan teachers from 87 schools in attendance at the Teachers' Conference at Aquinas Institute today were enrolled in a teacher-student civilian health protection service organized by the Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Health education material featured by exhibits, having to do with tuberculosis prevention, eye

## MOTHERHOUSE DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

NEW YORK - In line with civilian defense activities, the Maryknoll Sisters' Motherhouse just outside of Ossining, N. Y., has been designated as a base hospital to be used by the government in case of an emergency. Fifteen of the Sisters at the Motherhouse are trained nurses and 63 more have completed either the Red Cross First Aid or Home Nursing courses since the outbreak of war.

The section of the Motherhouse which is planned to be converted into emergency hospital use, has an estimated bed capacity of 400, with this number of army cots already on the premises.

The worst bankrupt is the soul

## Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall  
DIRECTOR

Your return to school has once again become almost routine. I bet it scarcely seems as though you have had a vacation. But it is fun to be back with the old gang again, meeting all your schoolmates, swapping stories about the summer, comparing notes on your trips, etc.

These are going to be hectic days what with the country at war and all. It may seem to you boys and girls that you are a little bit left out of things. That seems to have been the experience of the boys and girls in England. They appeared to be doing so little about the war effort that they got somewhat disgruntled.

Well, believe me, there is a spot for every one. No one is being forgotten. You can, then, console yourselves with the thought that right here at home even the little things you do are a real contribution to ultimate victory.

You're going to buy war stamps to the fullest extent of your pocket-books. You're going to engage loyally in the various salvage campaigns. But let's not stop there, boys and girls. All these things, while important, can achieve only victory. There is something beyond that that is of even greater importance - namely a lasting peace.

To work for peace is to work and pray for the missions and missionaries. They are the real Ambassadors of Peace, preaching "peace on earth to men of good will." They have gone forth unarmed, with only a crucifix upon which Our Lord died. Like Him they would willingly give their lives that others may find the way to Heaven.

Just as our fighting force depend upon the Home Front to rush supplies to them with which to carry on, so too the missionaries, struggling to implant in men's hearts the peace of Christ, need the Home Front Forces to keep them going. It is our duty and our privilege to see to it that our prayers and aims flow like a mountain stream bringing the means of salvation for other souls to the priests and Sisters afar.

I'm confident, boys and girls, that your activities in support of the war effort, will not exclude the

missionaries. The grand things you have done for them in the past will be continued. Those countless babies whom you have brought to God, cry out to you in this great hour of need. You want to do for their cries but your prayers and pennies will continue to pour in to make others happy and glad in the knowledge and love of Christ.

### First Week's Report Indicates Bonnet Year

If the work of the first week of school is any indication, boys and girls, we are going to have a blue-ribbon mission year. Were we surprised to be receiving adoptions and dues when you thought that you were busy buying books and knocking down to school work.

As a lovely first-day gift for Our Lady of Sorrows, the pupils of the Sixth Grade of St. Mary's School, Corning, ransomed a little Chinese girl and named her Mary Dolores.

The children of St. Mary's School, Elmira, have started the year off with an adoption in the home mission field, from our diocesan mission in Selma, Alabama. They would like two little Negro babies to be called Sara and Anna. You may be sure that we shall take care of this matter immediately.

The Sixth Grade of St. Andrew's School gets a blue ribbon for the first grade to have its dues paid in full. They are full-fledged members of the Holy Childhood Association for the year. Good work! To this they add an adoption, a little Chinese baby to be baptized Joseph Donald. James Fedigan and Mary L. Siegfried are to act as Godparents.

And now I know that you will be interested in this letter from Billy Moser of St. Mary's School, Elmira. He writes:

Dear Father Randall:  
Enclosed is five dollars which is the first I have earned all by myself. I want to adopt a baby girl and want you to choose where it is most needed. I want it named Teresa Gerard for my Fifth Grade Sister.

Your friend,  
BILLY MOSER

Of course, we were delighted to receive this note and since the choice was left to us we have decided to place this adoption in China. We are sure that it means a warm home and the tender care of the Sisters and most of all, baptism and the salvation of a little soul.

To the credit of St. Stephen's School, Geneva go two adoptions - two Negro babies to be called Plus and Mary. Many thanks, boys and girls!

## CATHOLIC LEAGUE

(Source of Friday, Sept. 18th)	
St. Boniface	St. John's, Greece, 1
Frank 121 147 157	Borgonia 153 175 183
R. Fook 133 147 163	Prebola 122 148 149
Mambroni 146 139 161	O'Dea 183 178
Baker 160 137 155	Buckler 132 145 167
U'ner 182 179 183	McGrath 132 164
	Perkins 167 146

Totals 651 768 905	Totals 767 746 792
H. R. A. No. 1	H. R. H. N. E.
Roni 143 132 146	Gepefsky 133 145 149
Boehly 155	Werner 133 144 159
Dietrich 129	Floraek 184 158 122
Kiefer 125 154 147	Sankey 158 202 115
Knebel 184 131 133	Trybalaki 143 159 183
Zaen 150 146 154	

Totals 652 706 727	Totals 673 739 699
Holy Family, No. 1	Holy Apostle
Koss 133 142 177	Vando W. 146 221 224
Hasselt 158 162 157	Richard's 161 168 166
Gross 152 163 157	Kayne 133 155 132
Cole 156 175 141	Sebulte 164 179 165
H. Frank 118 125 125	Dunlavye 156 122 137

Totals 295 264 290	Totals 282 323 226
H. R. A. No. 2	St. Mary's
Gysel 194 129 123	Speizer 137 149 129
Herman 145 133 126	Fish 166 123 142
Johnson 169 178 169	Blind 159 118 156
Walt 139 143 147	Suzette 123 115 149
Wentz 137 131 135	Stadler 125 138 143

Totals 783 609 812	Totals 763 690 709
Holy Family, No. 2	St. Boniface, No. 2
Schneider 115 170 173	Johnson 153 165 149
G. Schum 132 144 143	Goodfellow 173 149 158
O'Neil 158 209 195	P. Detm 111 164 178
R. Schum 153 203 182	Hess 164 142 147
Kewley 161 151 122	C. Detm's 149 165 123

Totals 810 908 891	Totals 758 812 786
Carpen Christi	St. Michael's
Conner 147 115 140	Specker 181 183 147
Melvin 142 136 150	Loeber 147 129 117
Blind 139 150 150	Wentzel 113 172 291
H. Hohm 110 137 150	Kobler 149 178 182
A. Hohm 121 200 144	Haeberle 139 186 146

Totals 674 718 734	Totals 829 843 826
O. L. F. H.	St. John's, Greece, 2
Blair 145 129 196	Blind 158 149 150
Blount 117 160 149	Masters 112 145 116
Hubs 113 105 127	LaForce 169 132 164
Klee 126 126 118	Frederick 197 184 144
Bacon 122 103 129	Pollock 149 181 171

Totals 625 743 780	Totals 776 763 777
H. R. A. No. 1	St. John's, Rochester
Helfrich 139 142 145	Thomas 164 123 137
Knappe 137 129 142	Nighting 142 149 163
Fisher 148 158 178	Water's 146 129 150
Meadler 126 156 196	Canis 160 282 153
Stech 161 144 192	Mummel 172 173 191