

Blessed Sacrament Parish

ROSARY GARD PARTY

The card party under the auspices of the Rosary Society will take place next Wednesday evening, Feb. 10. It will be held in the School Auditorium at 4:15. Tickets, at 50 cents each (including tax), may be obtained from any of the leaders of the Society, or at the Auditorium on Wednesday evening. Many are planning to play in their own homes instead of coming to the Auditorium. Those who do so may obtain the table prizes by calling the rectory.

In order to be eligible for prizes those playing at home must have their tickets returned, with the name and address, on or before Wednesday evening.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETS

A most important meeting of the members of the Rosary Society will be held on St. day, Feb. 7, in the church. The time will be 3:45 instead of 4:15 as is customary. All the members, particularly the leaders, are urged to attend this meeting.

DANCE PLANNED

The Sodality of our Lady is making plans for a dance on Feb. 19 in the School Auditorium. The services of "Dutch" Lefkowitz and his orchestra have been secured for the evening and music will be furnished from 9 to 12. Admission, including tax, is 44 cents. Norman Casey and Pauline Anderson, chairmen of the affair, are being assisted by an able committee of workers from the Sodality.

NURSE MERITS MEDAL

Washington—Lieut. Anna A. Bernattus, a Catholic Navy nurse who escaped from Corregidor after her hospital was bombed on Bataan Peninsula, has been awarded the Legion of Merit Medal, the first in the Navy to be given the new decoration, the Navy Department announces.

USO CLUB HAS UNIQUE SHRINE



A restful and meditative atmosphere surrounds the shrine pictured above, at the New London, Conn., USO Club operated by the National Catholic Community Service. The Madonna statue is a 15th century Italian wood carving. The saliors pictured are Nicholas Sepic, of Cleveland, and Nicholas Montana, New York City. (N.C.W.C.)

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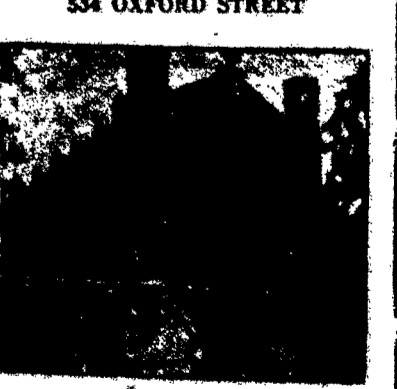
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Syracuse Priest Cites Four Ways Opposed To Christ

AUBURN—In four ways Jesus Christ is being opposed by mankind today, through atheism, indifference, sin and worldliness, the Rev. James Nicholson, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Syracuse, told members of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church on Jan. 27.

Father Nicholson said in part: "The world I speak of here is not the total aggregate of men upon the earth among whom are found both choice souls and irreligious men; but the sum-total of those who oppose Jesus Christ in one of these four ways.

"1.—First are the radical atheists, the unbelievers, hostile to religion, because it condemns their pride, their love of pleasure, and their lust for riches. They deny there is a God. They refuse His words therefore. That a God created the world and governs it and watches over it is very much alien to the belief they would like the world to believe they hold.

"2.—In the world and very much of the world is the group of the indifferent, who pretend to be very modern and very broadminded. They do not want a religion that might disturb them or stir them out of their apathy. One religion is as good as another for them. Perhaps it would be better to say that none of them are of much import. They like to do as they please first, and then make up their beliefs from their actions.

"3.—Opposed very definitely to the teachings of Jesus Christ are the hardened sinners, who love sin because they love pleasures and are loath to part with them. They are removed from the Church in all her teachings on faith and morals.

"4.—Lastly comes the group of worldlings, who believe in God and even practice their religion, yet combine with it the love of pleasure, of luxury and of ease, and who frequently scandalize their neighbors by giving them occasion to say that religion has but little influence on morals. They know only too well the straight and narrow path, but prefer to see how far they can go without breaking the law of God. It is of them that Jesus Christ spoke when He said, 'Woe to the world because of scandals.' It is of these worldly worldlings that He spoke.

To resist successfully this dangerous opposition to Jesus Christ, members of the Catholic Action League must have the courage to look upon life from the point of view of eternity, and regard the world in the light of faith. We must look upon the world in its true colors, as the enemy of Jesus Christ, to be fought against with all our might in order that we

might save the world for God and His peace. It is in this sense of action for our zeal whither we must carry the maxims of the Gospel.

Since the world is the enemy of God, we must accept as our standard of life that which is opposed to the maxims and examples of the world. We must propose to ourselves the dilemma proposed by Saint Bernard: "Either Christ blunders, or the world is astray; but it is impossible for Divine Wisdom to blunder." Since there exists a manifest opposition between Christ and the world, a choice on our part is absolutely necessary, for none can serve two masters. But Jesus is infallible Wisdom itself. Hence, He has the words of eternal life, and it is the world that blunders. To wish to please the world, is to displease Jesus Christ.

We must make no compromise with the world. We must make no concessions either to please it or to seek its esteem. As Saint Francis de Sales says: "No matter what we do, the world shall ever war against us. Let us turn a deaf ear to this blind world; let it cry as long as it pleases, like an owl to disturb the birds of the day."

Let the more zealous among us infuse into the more timid Christians the courage to fight the tyranny of human respect of fashion and of legalized persecution. Let us bank together into societies those people of courage and sincerity and through them working in their own neighborhood and in their own milieu, bring about like the saints of old a reformation of morals in everyday life.

Banquet Honors Retiring K. of C. Auxiliary Officers

AUBURN—A program in honor of the retiring officers of the Auxiliary of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, was held at the K. of C. Home on last Wednesday. Following the banquet a program of vocal and instrumental music was heard and cards were played at the conclusion of the program. Mrs. Joseph Singleton was chairman of the committee on arrangements. Mrs. George Shannon, retiring president and her staff of officers, were the guests of honor. Mrs. Frederick Woods, newly installed president, presided at the meeting.