

Service Scroll Honoring 1200 'Old Boys' Dedicated At Aquinas Institute

"March On Aquinas" took on deeper significance when sung by the Aquinas Institute student body, Friday morning, Feb. 12, when a striking service honor roll was dedicated to the 1200 "old boys" of Aquinas now in the armed forces. The blessing was performed by the Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., principal.

From His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, vice rector of St. Bernard's Seminary and former principal of the school brought the following message:

"Tell these young men that if this Memorial Day means anything to them they should at my suggestion and could give a Rosary a day while the boys are away."

Impressed upon the student audience was the fact that their religion and spirituality will be their mainstay in the armed services. This was stressed by Monsignor Grady by Chaplain Darcy W. Bolger, a Camp Shelby, Miss. who spoke for the older graduates, and by Sergeant "Jack" Flordan, of the United States Marine Corps, a graduate and former choir leader at Aquinas and just back from Guadalcanal and Holomons service.

Prayers Under Fire
The doughty little Marine Sergeant brought advice based on real experience in the battle line and asserted that the saying "there are no atheists in fox holes" is true. Under fire, he said, a man can become really scared and starts to pray saying his Rosary on his fingers.

"I'd like to see all of you keep your religion in mind," he advised the boys who will be called to the colors soon. He admonished the students to "keep your feet on the ground" to finish out their courses at Aquinas and to fit themselves physically for what lies ahead.

Physical fitness is essential, he said, but it is "atletically the fellow with brains who get along."

Chaplain Bolger, who holds the rank of First Lieutenant, described Christmas Midnight Mass at his camp and told of the reactions among the boys as 238 went to the Communion Rail. "Spiritual

strength" he declared will carry the boys in service "through anything."

Meaning of Cross

The reason for sacrifice and suffering and the explanation for death can be found in the Twelve Stations of the Cross. Monsignor Grady said. This is inscribed into the Catholic boy at his parent's knee and is developed through his years in grammar school and at Aquinas. The Catholic boy, the Monsignor declared, hears the Supreme Voice saying take up your cross "He didn't shirk Himself."

Dedication of the memorial scroll which is surmounted by the "Divine Protector" painting in gold was a part of the annual "Bill of Rights Assembly" at the school. It was arranged by the Rev. William J. Duggan, C.S.B., head of the school's Social Studies Department.

The ceremony was stirringly opened with a variety of well-known service songs sung by the Aquinas Glee Club under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer of the Aquinas faculty. Accompanied by the Aquinas Band, the singers greeted Sergeant Flordan with the lively strains of the Marine Hymn.

Members of the faculty and the student body joined in singing the "Alma Mater" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Ex-Coach Jim Crowley Of Fordham, Goes To Solomons

NEW YORK. James Crowley, former Fordham football coach, now a Fleet Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, has left this country for active duty in the Solomon Islands.



1200 AQUINAS MEN now in the armed forces of the country will be recorded on Service Scroll dedicated on Feb. 12. The striking scroll was blessed by the Rev. J. H. O'Leary, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute (right). Taking part in dedication (from right to left) were Monsignor Joseph E. Grady, former principal; Chaplain W. Darcy Bolger, U. S. Army and Sergeant Jack Flordan, U.S.M.C., both graduates.

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K. of C. Honor War Dead At Mass On Feb. 22

Members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, assembled at Holy Mass on Washington's Birthday, Monday morning, in Columbus Civic Centre Chapel to pray for the honored dead of the present war and for the welfare and safety of the men in the armed forces.

The Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director, Rochester Catholic Charities, was one of the many offered on that day throughout the state as a project of the State Council's War Activities Committee.

Present for the services were Cyril J. Statt, diocesan chairman of K. of C. War Activities Record; Joseph P. Flynn, diocesan chairman, State War Activities Committee; Patrick Deputy, Dr. Walter F. O'Neill, Grand Knight; Thomas H. O'Connor of Rochester Council; and Faithful Navigator Joseph A. Murphy of the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly.

The Church, the whole Church, was built upon Peter. As St. Ambrose says: "Show me Peter, and I will show you the Church."

Give Patriotic Play At Nazareth Hall

This week was marked by two events at Nazareth Hall, the drive for collecting reading material for the armed forces and celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The Seventh Grade boys enacted an appropriate play entitled "Washington's Dreams." The following boys had speaking parts: Robert Dailey, Frank Carr, Lawrence Cleary, Donald Newman, David Skulista, Thomas McMahon, James Ryan, Gerard Guerinot, Daniel Burke, Joseph Jacova, Edward Flynn.

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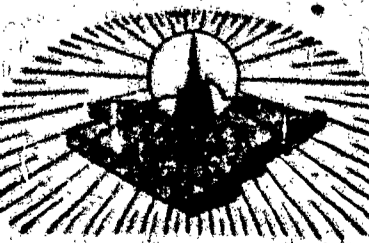
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