

537 Graduated At High Schools

Individual Awards Won By High School Graduates

Scholastic honors and special recognition given to graduates of three of our Catholic high schools at 1943 Commencement exercises held over the weekend were as follows:

NAZARETH ACADEMY
(Sisters of St. Joseph)

Hon. Mellor Agnes Senior Class medal for apologetics went to Jean Dunlop, St. Augustino's parish.
Medal for highest scholarship average for four years, Marie M. Schmitt, Holy Redeemer parish.
Award for highest in study of Latin for four years, Florence Hotaler, Holy Rosary parish.
Dr. William G. Price award for highest attainment in study of French, three years, Mary Dredle, St. Monica's parish.
School Award for best attainment in ecclesiastical studies, Margaret Frank, St. Conifaco parish.
Bausch and Lomb Science Medal for science study proficiency, three years, Helen Schaefer, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.
Sister M. Florantino Award of \$20, a bequest of the late Agnes E. McCarthy, of Buffalo, for the student in the senior class making the greatest progress in English for four years, Mildred Finer, St. Monica's parish.
Columbia Scholarship Press As-

sociation Honor Pin for outstanding contribution to "The Gabriel," the school paper, went to Bernice Mattee, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, editor of "The Gabriel"; Maureen Henry, St. Monica's parish, associate editor, and to Rosemary Drumm, Holy Rosary parish, for excellence in feature stories in "The Gabriel."
Honor Awards of the National Catholic School Press Association for high scholastic record while doing outstanding work on the school publication, "The Lantern," went to Helen J. Murray, Holy Apostles parish; Aileen Madden, Sacred Heart parish, and Jane Meach, Sacred Heart parish.
The Palatin Award of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade was conferred on Eileen Spillane, Holy Rosary parish.
An Art Scholarship to Mechanics Institute provided by the Alumnae of that school was given to Jane Hoak, Sacred Heart parish.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE
(Basilian Fathers)

Catholic Doctrine Award, Lee A. Hotaler.
Dr. Price French Pin, Raymond G. Pierce.
Rensselaer Medal for Science and Mathematics, Louis M. Slater.
Bausch and Lomb Award for Science, Louis M. Slater.
Stauben Award for German, Joseph W. Verduran.
Palatin Award, Catholic Students Mission Crusade, William T. Rehter.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
(Sisters of Mercy)

Religion Award for highest marks during four years was tied by Grace Dobbertin and Helen Smith.
Dr. Price Memorial Award in French, Marjorie Dalton.
German Award, donated by the Steuben Society of America for highest percentage in three years, Grace Dobbertin.
Honor Latin Award, highest percentage, four years of Latin, Virginia Shea.
Scholarship Award earned by Annette Mattee who tied with Elaine Kalk and Helen Smith for scholastic excellence, being on honor roll and scholarship list each quarter for four years.
Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Annette Mattee.
Award for highest in mathematics, three years, Dorothy Reed.
Honor Award in Journalism given by International Catholic Press Association, Jean Frank, editor-in-chief, "The Quill," school paper.
Palatin Award for four years in Mission work, Elaine Mukachy.

For their high scholastic record made in addition to extensive war-aid effort, 537 graduates of three Rochester Catholic high schools won commendations from their Bishop, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney at commencement exercises, this past week.

Bishop Kearney conferred diplomas and awards at Nazareth Academy, on Monday evening, Aquinas Institute on Sunday and Our Lady of Mercy High School Friday night of last week.

(List of awards appears in adjoining column.)

Religion's place in the nation's struggle for freedom was emphasized in the programs presented in connection with conferring of diplomas and awards. Loyalty and patriotism of faculty, graduates and student body were stressed. Symbols of what lies ahead for the Aquinas Institute graduates was the presence in the graduating class of a U. S. Marine, Leland V. Gardner, in uniform.

Our Lady of Mercy High School

At the twelfth annual commencement exercises of Our Lady of Mercy High School, the 104 girls received their diplomas and awards from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, Friday, June 18.

In their traditional white caps and gowns and blue hoods the graduates filed to the stage to the strains of a new march "On To Victory" by a Sister of Mercy. Immediately following the American's Creed, recited by Margaret German, came the Salute to the Flag and the National Anthem.

His Excellency stressed the value of the training the graduates had received. "You are prepared," the Bishop said, "to meet any situation with a Christian attitude because of your training in Catholic principles. Your training will stand you in good stead in the perilous days ahead."

Grace Dobbertin recited the class poem. The Valedictory Address was given by Annette Mattee. The graduates conducted by Ruth Hyde were heard in the chorus "Guard Well Thy Trust, America."

Aquinas Institute

Imminence of service to their country was evident at the impressive graduation of 201 boys at Aquinas Institute, Sunday night. The boys including one in the uniform of the United States Marine Corps received diplomas and awards from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Declaring this year's state Regents examinations to be unreasonable and unfair, the Bishop

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Bishop To Address First Friday Luncheon Group

Catholic men who will attend the July 2 session of the First Friday Luncheon Club will hear His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, address them on the day marking the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Hotel Seganiors.

The First Friday Luncheon Club comprised of all Catholics seen who received Holy Communion that morning and who desire to assemble for luncheon that noon has for its main purpose devotion to the Sacred Heart and the club will have the members' own Bishop for a speaker, Father Hotaler stated.

"Particularly appropriate then will be the meeting on the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the club will have the members' own Bishop for a speaker," Father Hotaler said today.

Organized last December, the club has shown a steady growth. Full-fledged membership is acquired when a man has attended three sessions. He then receives a commendation the boys of Aquinas for their outstanding contribution to the war effort, while maintaining a high scholastic record.

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"You are graduating into a strange world," His Excellency told the graduates. "We had visualized you as priests, doctors, dentists and businessmen. But the picture has changed. Aquinas has laid the foundations for you to become better men, Christian men. It has trained you in discipline and to make sacrifices. You are ready for whatever you are called upon to do."

Citing great men of the Church who achieved greatness by overcoming difficulties, the Bishop said: "We pledge the prayers of our people, of your Bishop and priests and teachers for your whatever may be your duty."

Leland V. Gardner was the member of the class in the Marine uniform. A medley of songs of the various services in the armed forces sung by the class drew prolonged applause. Centerpiece on the stage was an American Flag of flowers.

Strange prospects lie before us, Valedictorian Robert E. Glann said. I do not know what is in store for us, in the struggle for victory, he declared, but "I do know we shall try."

The class was presented by the Rev. John E. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal, who announced the following members of the class already in service: William T. Burke, Air Force; William Knobel, Marines; and Edward Dozer,

membership card signed by the Bishop and by Father Hotaler.

Each month a different member is selected for chairman. The presiding chairman at the July 2 meeting will be Frank E. Wolfe, President, Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, as one of its Catholic activities, the First Friday Luncheon Club is for all Catholic laymen. Many pastors and priests have been attending the luncheons thereby encouraging the movement in the city. Many men who cannot attend the luncheons have been receiving Holy Communion on the First Friday and praying for the boys in the service, which is urged upon all First Friday Club members.

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LCBA Senate Sets Meeting Monday Night

An important meeting, calling for the presence of all members, will be held by Rochester Advisory Senate, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association in Columbus Civic Centre, Monday evening, June 28, at 8 P. M.

Mrs. Anna I. Ryan, president, is urging all members to attend as election of officers of the Hospital Guild will take place and dues of the Guild will be taken up. Other matters of moment will be discussed, Mrs. Ryan states.

Rycraft Promoted To Lt. Colonel

It's Lieutenant Colonel Clarence A. Rycraft now. Formerly on the staff of the CATHOLIC COURIER, Major Rycraft, who is stationed at Camp Kilmor, N. J., was last week informed of his promotion.

Lieut. Col. Rycraft has been in the army since 1941, having been a Captain in the Reserve Corps. Prior to his connection with the diocesan newspaper, he was with the old Rochester Journal-American.

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