

CATHOLIC Woman's PAGE



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SAVANNAH-ATLANTA DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Diocesan Council President's Message

What is the N. C. C. W.? How does it concern us, the Catholic women of the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta? So many, many times do we hear these questions asked. To answer them, we must first understand the National Catholic Welfare Conference which is the parent organization.

The National Catholic Welfare Conference (N. C. C. W.) is a voluntary union of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States. This united body is concerned with the needs and friends of our American society which are common to all sections of the country. They recognize the fact that unusual opportunities for carrying out the social mission of the Church and for reconstructing a Christian Society exists in the fields of Education, Press, Social Action, Legislation, Youth and Catholic Action. Accordingly, there are departments set up in each of these fields. Each department is headed by an Episcopalian Chairman. Together, these Archbishops and Bishops form the Administrative Board; what we like to think of simply as the roots and jointly as the trunk of a great tree.

From this tree spread two great branches—the lay organizations. They are the National Council of Catholic Men and National Council of Catholic Women. These lay organizations are charged with extending the mind of the Church into the various fields above mentioned.

Still thinking in terms of a great tree, the N. C. C. W. branch divides further into three smaller branches: National Organizations of Catholic Women, Diocesan Councils and State and Local Organizations of Catholic Women approved by their respective bishops. Out of these grow still smaller branches, one of which is our Savannah-Atlanta Diocesan Council.

From the Savannah-Atlanta Diocesan Council branch grow myriads of leaves representing the membership of the four Deanery Councils and their affiliated organizations, parochial and inter-parochial.

Just as the leaves of the tree contribute to its life and growth by combining in the presence of sunshine, the oxygen in the water supplied by the roots with the chlorophyll present in the leaves to form food, so too, do the individual members of each organization through their participation in the program of the Savannah-Atlanta Diocesan Council contribute to the Bishop's plan for carrying out the social mission of the Church and the reconstruction of a Christian Society.

May "Our Lady of Good Counsel," our patroness, guide us in the performance of our part in this great plan!

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Mary, Mother of Christ Challenges You

What is a challenge? It is a call to action. It is an urge to meet a situation with high courage and perseverance. It is a test of stamina. And so the lady are today challenged to defend the rights of the Church against attack at home and abroad. To meet this challenge we must have a strong, united, active lady. Not only must we be organized on a parish level but we must be federated with other parish organizations at diocesan and national levels in order to create the "Impact of Influence."

We must not only fulfill the purpose for which our organization is formed, namely, to assist our pastor in carrying on his parish work, but we must assume our rightful place as confirmed Christian women in solving social problems. Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has well said that the priest, with the assistance of a well trained lady, must increase those "projects of the social apostolate which are demanded by our time." You, then, and your parish organizations, multiplied by all other organizations of Catholic women federated in the National Council of Catholic Women will make this tremendous force for good.

"Go and Teach." Christ said this to all the faithful, not just to priests. In our parish groups we can prepare for this mission. "The lady must carry the mind of Christ to their associates, Catholic and non-Catholic," said the Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio and Episcopal Chairman of Lay Organizations Department, N. C. W. C.

To meet the needs of the hour, we must have a United Voice—National Council of Catholic Women. An Assured Voice—That utters Truth with full conviction. A Sustained Voice—That tirelessly vindicates Truth and Morality against the errors which would destroy all that Catholic women are fighting for.

The hungry, the homeless, the feet the sick, the displaced persons, the disconsolate need us and all that our motherly instinct can give. Let us be GO-GIVERS, for in giving we attain the two-fold purpose of our existence—Moral Perfection and Service To Our Neighbor. It may be that in our modern world our services will take their best form in giving ourselves to work for better legisla-

tion for the protection of those who need it, for the "pilgrims of the night," for the hungry and cold of the war-torn countries, for a clearer understanding of current issues especially those that touch upon home and family. Let us, the "feminine army" of Catholic Action spend ourselves to put into action the truths we have learned. Let us PRAY, STUDY, ACT. Let us strive to become ARTICULATE, WELL-INFORMED, MILITANT, UNITED CATHOLIC WOMEN. Our Lady challenges us not to relax our efforts, not to all back with a sense of well-being for past efforts and work well done.

Auxiliary Members Tour St. Joseph's Infirmary, Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga.—St. Joseph's Infirmary Auxiliary was given an orientation lecture and tour of the hospital on July 2. The program opened with a illustrated lecture on the organization of the hospital by Sister M. Carmile, R. S. M., the director.

The lecture was followed by a tour of the entire plant, including clinics, laboratories, dietary department and operating theatres.

Mrs. William Healey, vice-president of the auxiliary, was chairman of the committee in charge of the project.

The orientation and lecture and tour are important factors in the training program and are essential for efficient volunteer service, so the course was not only interesting but instructive for the members of the auxiliary.

"LETTERS TO THE MARTYRS," a new book by Helen Walker Homan, former executive secretary of the Catholic Press Association, is the August selection of the Catholic Literary Foundation, Milwaukee. Among the martyrs she writes about are Cardinal Mindszenty, Saint Maria Goretti, Father Miguel Pro, Father Maximilian Kolbe, and Archbishop Stepien.

WAN TEE YEN, Chinese Minister to Spain, who has become a Catholic, was baptized and confirmed in Madrid by Archbishop Gasiano Cagunan, Apostolic Nuncio to Spain.

Retreat for Women At Mount de Sales Macon, Next Month

MACON, Ga.—The annual Retreats for women, held under the auspices of the Savannah-Atlanta Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be conducted at Mount de Sales Academy, August 24 to August 28 and August 12 to August 31.

The week-end Retreat, primarily for business and professional women, will begin on the evening of Friday, August 24 and conclude the following Sunday. The mid-week Retreat, intended for house-makers, will begin on Tuesday, August 26, and end on Friday, August 31.

Reservations may be made by prospective retreatants by writing Sister Mary Elizabeth, R. S. M., at Mount de Sales Convent, Macon. Sister Mary Alma, R. S. M., Superior at Mount de Sales, urges that those who expect to attend either of the Retreats make reservations as soon as possible as accommodations will be limited.

Misses McCormack Back Home in Albany From Trip to Europe

ALBANY, Ga. — Miss Anna Louise McCormack and Miss Beatrice McCormack, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McCormack, have recently returned from a trip to Europe which included visits to Rome and Lourdes.

While in Rome they were received in audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who in 1946 conferred the honor of Knighthood in the Order of St. Sylvester on their father.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormack, who made a Holy Year pilgrimage, to Rome, were also received by the Holy Father in a private audience last year.

AT THE INVITATION of Archbishop Thomas A. Connolly of Seattle and the Seattle Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the National Council of Catholic Women will hold its 26th National Convention in Seattle, Wash., September 20-24, 1937.

Library and Literature Committee of Atlanta Deanery Council Presents List of Ratings on Best Sellers

The Library and Literature Committee of the Atlanta Deanery Council, of the Savannah-Atlanta Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, has voted to publish the ratings on the best seller list of books made by the editors of Best Sellers, a semi-monthly book review.

Gratings of the volumes are indicated as follows: I—Suitable for general reading; II—(a) Adults only, because of advanced content and style, and (b) immaterial language or incident; III—Feminine for discriminating adults; IV—Not recommended for any class of adults. Current ratings and ratings are:

- FICTION
- "From Here to Eternity," Jones: IV.
 - "The Caine Futiny," Weuk: II b.
 - "Return to Paradise," Michener: III.
 - "Proud New Flags," Mason: II b.
 - "A Woman Called Fancy," Verby: II a.
 - "The Foundling," Cardinal Spellman: I.
 - "This Is the Hour," Feuchtwanger: IV.
 - "Joy Street," Keyes: I.

- "Festival," Priestley: II b.
- "God's Men," Beck: III.
- "April Snow," Budd: II b.
- "The High Calling," Strouts: II.
- "Barbary Shore," Mailer: IV.
- "The Disenchanted," Schulberg: III.

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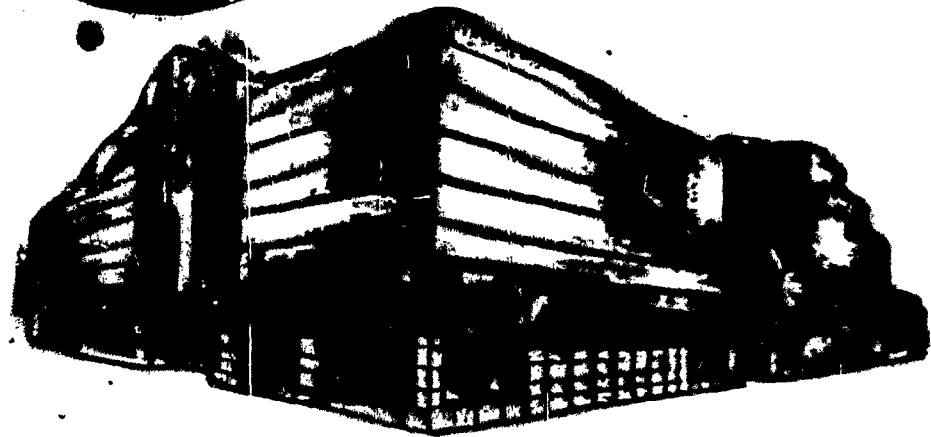
- "Koo-Tiki," Heyerdahl: I.
- "A King's Story," Duke of Windsor: II a.
- "Washington Confidential," Lott and Morrow: II b.
- "His Eye is on the Sparrow," Waters: III.
- "Rommel, the Desert Fox," Young: II a.
- "We Barrymores," Barrymores and Shipp: II a.
- "My Six Convicts," Wilson: II a.
- "A Soldier's Story," Bradley: II a.
- "The Riddle of MacArthur," Gunther: II a.
- "Out of This World," Thomas: I.

A BIBLE will be placed in each room of the new St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, La., by the Bishop Van de Ven Council of the Knights of Columbus.

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