

Final Tributes Paid Three Sisters Of St. Joseph

Solemn funeral services for three greatly esteemed members of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph were held during the week. The funeral of Sister M. Augustine Brennan was held Friday, August 13, at Nazareth convent, Pittsford, after a long illness. Sister Augustine was born in Avon and came to Rochester in 1884 to become a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She taught in a number of the parochial schools in the diocese and dedicated herself to the needs of countless children.

Sister M. Augustine Brennan

Sister M. Augustine Brennan of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph died Tuesday, August 10, 1943, at Nazareth convent, Pittsford, after a long illness. Sister Augustine was born in Avon and came to Rochester in 1884 to become a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She taught in a number of the parochial schools in the diocese and dedicated herself to the needs of countless children.

A long period of her early life was spent in St. Mary's, Canandaigua. She opened St. Anthony's school of Rochester and taught a number of years there. The latter part of her life was spent at St. Anthony's Elmira where she labored many years.

She is survived by one sister, Miss Alice Brennan and one niece who reside in Avon.

Funeral was held from Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth convent at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, Aug. 13. High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Francis A. Marks of St. Andrew's Seminary, assisted by the Rev. Francis Christiantelli, assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, as deacon and the Rev. Lawrence W. Sanson of St. Anthony's, Elmira as sub-deacon. The Rev. Joseph H. Gaffell, chaplain of Nazareth convent was Master of Ceremonies.

Present in the sanctuary were the Rev. J. Emil Gaffell, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Rochester; The Rev. Louis Edelman, Pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford; the Rev. Edward J. Lyons, Pastor of St. James Church, Westbury; the Rev. Vincent P. Collins, assistant pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon; the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Diocesan Schools; the Rev. Roy F. Hagerly, assistant pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Rochester and the Rev. Edward Edtz of the Faculty of Nazareth College.

The blessing at the grave was given by the Father Joseph Gaffell, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph E. Grady of St. Bernard's Seminary, the Rev. Michael Tydings, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Rochester, and the Rev. John Hayes, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Rochester.

Sister M. Innocentia Feeney

Sister M. Innocentia Feeney of the Sisters of St. Joseph died Friday, August 13, 1943 at Villa Maria, Wayland.

Sister Innocentia was in the 23rd year of her religious life, most of which was spent at St. Patrick's Girls' Home and Nazareth convent, Pittsford.

She is survived by one brother, Michael Feeney of Rochester, three sisters, Mrs. B. Joyce, Mrs. J. O'Donnell, and Mrs. M. O'Reilly, all of Ireland, and several nieces and nephews.

Requiem High Mass was celebrated Monday by the Rev. Francis Feeney, nephew of the deceased, assisted by the Rev. John O'Meara, C.S.B., as deacon, and the Rev. Arthur E. Kalligan as sub-deacon.

Present in the sanctuary were the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Sacred Sacrament Church; the Rev. Louis Edelman, pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford; the Rev. Joseph H. Gaffell, Chaplain at Nazareth convent, Pittsford; the Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools; the Rev. W. J. Naughton of St. Bernard's Seminary, and the Rev. Michael O'Brien of St. Mary's Church, Rochester.

The blessing at the grave was given by Father Feeney, assisted by Fathers Gaffell, O'Meara, the Rev. Robert A. Keleher, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo's Church, and the Rev. Victor Hurley, Chaplain at St. Ann's Home.

Sister M. Arsenia McMahon

Funeral services for Sister M. Arsenia McMahon were held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Nazareth convent, Pittsford. (Complete details will be given next week.)

Sister M. Arsenia died Saturday, Aug. 14, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira. Born in Ithaca, Sister Arsenia entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1883. Before going to Elmira,

New Play By Convert Dramatist-Actress Here Opens In Newark

"Tempt," a new three-act play on St. Thomas of the Little Flower, written by Miss Eunice Sayrader, talented young Rochester amateur actress, has just been presented in a six night run by a professional stock company at the Broad Street Auditorium in Newark, New Jersey.

The author, who resides at Hickory Street, Rochester, and is an employee of the Hawk-Eye works is well known for her many fine performances under the auspices of the Blackfriars Guild and The Footlight Club. She played an important feminine role in "Shadow and Substance" when it was presented by the Blackfriars Guild.

Miss Sayrader is a convert to the Catholic faith and was received into the Catholic Church last year in New York City. Her attraction to the faith was occasioned by an interest in the work of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, director of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, at Royal Oak, Michigan.

The young Rochester actress and new playwright formerly studied dramatics at the Irvine School of Acting, New York City, and this coming fall she will join a road company under the direction of Clara Tree-Meyer.

Army Air Force Lowers Training Requirements

The way has now been opened for many men previously ineligible to qualify for Army Aviation Cadet Training.

Captain Louis C. Doerr, a member of the Aviation Cadet Examining Board located in the Federal Building, Church and Fitzhugh Streets in Rochester, has recently announced the new directives which, it is estimated, will open the way to Aviation Cadet training to numerous men, 17 to 24, who previously had been barred. The new directives affect both the mental and the physical examinations, Captain Doerr pointed out.

"We are rather proud of the results achieved by the men who have taken the new mental examination at our office. Just the other day we had a boy pass the examination rather handsily, although he had finished but one year of high school. The reason is quite simple: The Air Force no longer requires a specific background of knowledge. The men will be given the proper background in the College Training Detachments," said Captain Doerr. "The new test merely tests the ability of the applicant to think and to learn."

The new physical requirements liberalize the rather stringent rules which formerly governed acceptance into the Air Force Enlisted Reserve, and the opportunity to qualify for the Silver Wings of the pilot, navigator, or bombardier. The most concrete change is that it is now possible for a man to qualify with 20/30 vision in each eye provided it be correctable to 20/20. Numerous visual and other requirements have also been lowered. This relaxation of standards has been arrived at by the Air Force only after the most exhaustive tests," Captain Doerr explained, "those tests prove that previous standards were too high and that men who can fulfill these new requirements can make excellent Flying Officers."

Captain Doerr urged all those who might be interested in the Air Force, but who have withheld their applications due to a fear that they could not meet the stringent requirements for Aviation Cadet training, to investigate the details of the new examinations, either in person or by letter, and to avail themselves of the increased opportunities now open to them.

Named To Board

Cleveland — The Rt. Rev. Mgr. James M. McDonough, Rector of Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, has been appointed chairman of the editorial board of The Catholic Universe Bulletin to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of the Most Rev. James A. McFadden as Bishop of Topeka.

He taught in several Rochester schools, including Immaculate Conception, Corpus Christi and Sacred Sacrament. She was in the 18th year of her religious life.

Credits Pacific Recovery To Faith Rekindled By Reformatory Chaplain

"Those same walls will never see me again" writes a former inmate of Elmira Reformatory to the Rev. Francis J. Labe, Catholic Chaplain from a South Pacific hospital bed. Father Labe is termed "the predominant cause of my metamorphosis."

The letter appears in "Don Bosco Bulletin," Catholic publication of the Immaculate, August 1, 1943 edition under the heading "Our Chaplain's Column." It was sent from a Station Hospital in the battle zone, and grippingly reveals the vicarious appreciation of the religion he rekindled to practice at Don Bosco Chapel in the Reformatory.

A. J. C. writes: Dear Father: A few weeks ago, immediately after we laid a night barrage, it became necessary for me to obtain medical care. Gradually I grew worse until a few days later I had a temperature of 104.8 and our Chaplain was by my stretcher besides the doctors. What a hospital that was, just a tent with straw for beds because there were no cots. The doctors claimed the pills of sulfa drugs they poured into me finally saved my life, but I know that it wasn't. As our Chaplain started saying the Prayers for the Dying, there came into my feverish mind a vision. A vision of the Christmas Eve in the Don Bosco Chapel that little girl walking so fearlessly and peacefully up and down those aisles among so many strange men. Suddenly, I knew I wasn't afraid of death anymore and felt as if a had had been taken from me. That evening my temperature was back to a sane reading.

"I don't know why it happened to me, that cold early dawn, but I know the Lord intervened, regardless what the doctors claim. I guess that mere words can never thank you for creating that scene and for leading me back into the House of God again, for it was years since I attended church before I came to the 'El. Looking back I don't consider my seventeen months there an incarceration, but a liberation from the cold, selfish, hypocritical world that I was living in, and in almost every instance you were the predominant cause for my metamorphosis."

"Maybe, that's why I have always found that extra something to keep me going when the going got a little tough, and it was easier to fall by the wayside. I've worked up into a responsible position in this regiment, I'm always entrusted with the radio communications, besides being the C.O.'s body guard. I'm proud as the dickens for the responsibility the job carries, and the trust and confidence of the men and officers that I enjoy. I'm sure it's a long cry from the 'El' I know now that those same walls will never see me again because I feel certain that never again will I have the foolishness to transgress against society."

"In closing, I wish to express my gratitude for your kindness that you have shown me in the past."

Committee Chairmen Named By State K. of C. Mead

BROOKLYN — State committee chairman for the ensuing year in New York State Council, Knights of Columbus are announced by State Deputy Stephen J. Cushing, here.

They are: Catholic Affairs, John P. McArdle, Brooklyn; Boy Life, Frank M. Davis, Buffalo; General Plan, Activity and Press, Francis J. Nolan, Bronx; Historical, Alfred J. Moran, Brooklyn; Insurance, William J. Ryan, Staten Island; Legislature, John F. DeAngelis, New York; Membership, Matthew F. Keane, Brooklyn; Retreat, Seth A. Hubbard, Riverhead; Scholarship, Thomas J. McDonnell, Buffalo; Audit Committee, James H. McKiernan, Albany; Chairman with Michael F. Halloran, Brooklyn, and Martin Sullivan, Lockport.

Bernard A. Daly, Woodhaven, was appointed Secretary to the State Deputy and Philip A. Samuels, Brooklyn, Warden to the State Deputy.

Schools To Attune Courses To War, Post-War Needs

With the opening of school less than three weeks away, members of the faculty, especially in the high schools, are preparing to offer courses geared to the wartime tempo.

At Nazareth College and St. Mary's School of Nursing, the U. S. Cadet Corps training is about to begin. Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School and Aquinas Institute are preparing courses to fit the students not only for wartime requirements but for the post-war world to follow.

Announcements from the various schools will be forthcoming in the next week as to their fall programs.

A science program designed to train students in a war world as well as for the post-war days was announced this week at Nazareth Academy.

Radio and preliminary aeronautical work are on the schedule of courses at the Lake Avenue Academy. Sister M. Geraldine and Sister M. Maria Jose who have just completed a summer course in advanced physics, including radio, at Cornell University will be in charge.

Greater intensity in mathematics will feature the training to be given at the various schools of higher education. This work began at Aquinas Institute last year and will be continued in preparing the younger men for demands to come in war and after peace comes.

First High Mass Sung At Laymen's Retreat House On Seneca Lake

Headed by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, a large delegation numbering over 40 men, will go to Our Lady of the Lake Diocesan Retreat House on Seneca Lake, Geneva, for the closed retreat, this coming weekend.

The coming weekend is scheduled for the parishes of Holy Rosary, Holy Apostles, Precious Blood and St. Patrick's. The majority of the retreatants will be from Holy Rosary parish. Frank H. Davis is chairman of the committee.

High Mass was sung at the Diocesan Retreat House last Sunday morning for the first time when men from St. Augustine's, Church of the Holy Ghost, St. Monica's and other parishes made the retreat. The Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.B., director of the Retreat House, celebrated the Mass and an impromptu choir was organized to sing the responses.

Thirty-seven men participated in the retreat opening Friday evening and closing Sunday afternoon. Because of the occurrence of the Feast of the Assumption during their retreat this group with the cooperation of the Retreat Master arranged for the first High Mass to be sung in the history of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House.

Archbishop Sends Word For Oversea Yank


That a meeting between His Excellency, Archbishop Spellman, Military Vicar, and her son, Sgt. Hugh Welch had taken place somewhere overseas was told to Mrs. John Welch, 136 Grand Ave. in a letter received while the Archbishop was on his tour.

The letter signed by the Rev. Francis E. Shea, Secretary to the Archbishop of New York states:

"Dear Mrs. Welch: His Excellency, Archbishop Spellman, had the pleasure recently of meeting your relative, Sgt. Hugh Welch who requested him to write to you informing you that all goes well."

"The Archbishop has asked me to say that he did not wish to wait until his return to America to get in touch with you. Asking God to bless you and with every good wish, I am . . ."

For Girls



ONE EXTRA WEEK

AT

CAMP STELLA MARIS

AUG. 22-28

Reservations are still being taken for girls at Camp Stella Maris from August 22-August 28. Call Stone 1492 or write c/o Secretary, 50 Chestnut Street.

There will be a chartered bus for the campers on Sunday at 7 P. M., at the Blue Bus Terminal, 83 South Avenue. Make arrangements directly at bus terminal.

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