

St. Fechan Group To Honor Officers

Retiring officers of St. Fechan's Altar Society will be honored at the annual banquet at 8:45 p. m. Wednesday evening, Jan. 30 at the Johnston House in Churchville. New officers will also be installed.

Officers are: Mrs. Alois Groszer, president; Mrs. Norman Peters, vice president; Mrs. John McDonald, treasurer; Mrs. John McHenry, secretary.

The following will be installed:

ed; Mrs. Norman Peters, president; Mrs. John Callahan, vice president; Mrs. George Wiant, treasurer; Mrs. Alfred Soulegrer, secretary; Mrs. Francis Reynolds, auditor.

General Chairman Mrs. Thomas McCuller is being assisted by Mrs. John Kelley and Mrs. J. Perrone. Toastmistress will be Mrs. Warren Brandow. Mrs. Howard FitzSimons is historian and Mrs. Frank Brandow is in charge of installation.

Husbands of members will be their guests at the informal dinner.

Refutes PM's Attack On Catholic Pictures

By William H. Moorlag

In reviewing "The Belle of St. Mary's" Joan T. McManus, film critic of PM, offers the gratuitous suggestion that "Hollywood is turning a u t far, far too many Catholic films to the complete neglect of films treating with any other religion."

He does not argue that Hollywood should make movies about Buddhism, Mohammedanism or Shintoism. One is safe in assuming that Mr. McManus used the words "any other religion" a trifle loosely. What he really wanted to say was that films in which there have been references to Christian religion have dealt mainly with Catholicism to the exclusion of separated Christian sects.

It was said after "The Song of Bernadette." It was repeated after "Going My Way" and again after "The Keys of the Kingdom," so Mr. McManus probably felt on safe ground when he said it again.

Actually Mr. McManus is wrong. There have been fewer films treating with the Catholic faith than with separated Christian beliefs.

In fact, as Mr. McManus surely should know, there has not as yet been one single theatrical motion picture which can be fairly described as dealing with the Catholic religion. There have been several — and Mr. McManus doubtless is thinking of them — in which the principal characters and still others in which Catholic culture has contributed dramatic substance reflecting Catholic principles.

These films proved as entertaining to non-Catholics as to Catholics, sometimes even more so. Their widespread success at the box-office proved it so.

On the other hand, it is true also that many Catholics were entertained by "Brigham Young," which went deeply into the claims of Mormonism and by "One Foot in Heaven," which covered pretty completely a so-called "non-conformist" branch of Protestantism.

Neither of these films achieved anything approximate to the success of "Going My Way" or "The Keys of the Kingdom" in which, incidentally, some authorities believe Protestantism and atheism came in for more direct argument of cases than Catholicism.

"One Foot in Heaven" set out to tell the story of a Methodist minister of high Christian scruples.

"Brigham Young" set out to tell the story of the founder of the Latter Day Saints, a man of apparent sincerity and conscience.

"Going My Way" set out to tell the tale of a good Catholic priest. In the telling, both "One Foot in Heaven" and "Brigham Young" dealt much more directly and urgently with the claims and rites of the religious persuasions in which the main characters belonged than did "Going My Way" which, in fact, said nothing at all about Catholic teaching.

What of films in which religious matter has been introduced as a subsidiary interest?

If Mr. McManus will take up my challenge, he will find that by far the greater number of such films have given expression to separated Christian activities and not to the Catholic Church. In "Mrs. Miniver," "The Clock," "Sing Your Sinners," "Hush for Millie" and so on, of great length, very scenes have given us glimpses of Christian worship, social activities, prayer and other

that in recalling instances of the kind Mr. McManus, like thousands of others, will discover that scenes such as the Catholic funeral in "Knute Rockne," the Church wedding in "The Sullivan" and the Nativity Mass in "Christmas Holiday" spring more readily to memory.

Why? Perhaps it is because they are more colorful, more vivid, more dramatic.

Perhaps it is because, in the Christian heart, regardless of separation through will or mind, there remain unbroken strings upon which long reverberating chords can be struck by the touch of an immutable truth.

With the reasons, neither Mr. McManus nor I need be much concerned. Certainly Hollywood is not, but with this exception: since Hollywood seeks to make movies capable of appealing to the largest possible number of people, it is more at ease when dealing with the Universal Faith than with any others. There is Authority to clarify doctrinal matter, to guarantee uniformity and world-wide understanding of the finished film.

People need not accept Catholic teaching in order to understand Catholic principles; and not one of the movies that have touched upon matters Catholic has gone further than a sketchy outline of principles.

Hollywood does not produce "religious" films for the purpose of propagating the Gospel, but for the sake of making legitimate profit. Without straying into the realm of advocacy, movie producers can find in Catholic culture enough dramatic material to make a score of entertaining films.

It is so odd, Mr. McManus, that they prefer this to a tangle with religious feuds and controversies?

Sodality Plans Skit For Meeting in Lima

Lima — A general meeting of the local Sodality of Mary was held on the Feast of St. Agnes Jan. 21 when reports were given of sectional meetings.

Robert Hogan reported that his league met on "Pietty Hill" and are preparing a skit for the next general meeting. They also acted as aids to the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

A Valentine party is being prepared for the Sodality by Jimmy Beck.

Rush Kuntz, under secretary of the Sodality, is the winner of the D. A. R. essay contest prize.

French Cardinal Urges Confessional Schools

Paris — (RNS) — An appeal for confessional schools was made by Archbishop Jules Saliège, newly-designated member of the Sacred College of Cardinals, in a statement commenting on the joint declaration on human rights issued recently by the French hierarchy.

The Cardinal-elect asserted that in a country which is divided on matters of religion, the state should safeguard and assure the people's right to practice religious principles dictated by their conscience, and should make available all possible means of education of the types desired by parents.

"Just as the state cannot impose religion, neither can it impose atheism," he said.

He asserted that although the state is sovereign in lay matters and clerics "should not attempt to govern municipalities or 'nationally,' the state 'can' dispose of human beings as it can of material goods."

Tin Can Pickup Listed in March

The Rochester Salvage Committee at the request of the salvage authorities in Washington, has undertaken another citywide collection of tin cans which is scheduled to take place sometime during the month of March.

William T. Nolan, speaking as chairman of the salvage committee, urges all housewives to start saving their tin cans for salvage immediately. Said Mr. Nolan, "this is the type of campaign in which last minute efforts can have but little effect, only by saving every tin can now can we hope to accumulate sufficient in this area to make this important campaign really worth while. We look to the housewives to be the mainstay of our campaign, as they always have been in the past."

Mr. Nolan contradicted the false impression that seems to exist in the minds of the few people regarding the tin shortage. He said that the end of the war has thus far produced no statement in the shortage and that little hope for betterment of the situation can be expected until transportation between America and the Far East has returned to a complete normal basis.

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