

Card Party at St. Augustine's

The Rosary Society of St. Augustine's Church, Chili Ave., will hold a card party Friday evening, Feb. 15 at 8 p. m. in the school hall. Prizes will be provided for each table and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. John Haag, president, is

honorary chairman and Mrs. William R. Sullivan is general chairman. Heading the committees are: Miss Mary Dawling, reception; Mrs. George Kleisley, table; and chairs; Mrs. James Kavanagh, cards; Mrs. Leonard O'Connell, table prizes; Miss Ruth Newell, refreshment; Mrs. Chester McCann, tickets; Mrs. Edward Quigley, door.

Loss the sense of right and wrong and we lose all sense.

NEGRO PRIEST WELCOMED



One of 18 colored priests in the U. S., the Rev. Vincent Smith of the Society of the Divine Word (left) was greeted on visit to Rochester by the Rev. William W. Hessel, pastor of Holy Family Church (center) and Chaplain Charles Erb, S.V.D., native of Rochester.

Urges Christ's Principles To Solve Racial Problems

"There would be no racial problems in the United States if people would respect the principles of Christ," according to the Rev. Vincent Smith, a colored priest and the pastor of Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd Church, Trenton, N. J.

Visiting in Rochester last week Father Smith addressed a group of parishioners of Holy Family Church at the invitation of the pastor, the Rev. William W. Hessel.

"Of the 13 or 14 million colored people now living in this country only 300,000 are Catholics," Father Smith told. The State of Louisiana with 100,000 has the largest number of Catholic Negroes. Next is Maryland with 30,000 to 40,000. The rest of the Catholic colored population, Father Smith explained, is concentrated

in such cities as Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

raising the economic status of the Negro, Father Smith stated: "You will find worse slums in the colored sections of Chicago than you will find in such places as Calcutta in India."

Much of his time in his Trenton parish, the priest said, is spent trying to find jobs for his people. "The Negro is the last one hired and the first one fired," he complained.

Father Smith was supported in his plea for the colored people by U. S. Army Chaplain Major Charles Erb, who has just returned

Father Erb, who is also a member of the Society of the Divine Word, argued for the democratic treatment of Negroes. "I have seen," he told, "colored soldiers from Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi fighting in the Aleutians and in Germany. They were fighting for democracy. When they return we must not deny them the thing for which they fought as Americans."

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18 Colored Priests

Father Smith prepared for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. This institution, in charge of the Society of the Divine Word, is the only seminary in the United States conducted exclusively for colored students to the priesthood, he said.

The Society of the Divine Word, chiefly dedicated to the work of the foreign missions, has taken a special interest in the colored people of the United States and now has 18 colored priests working in this country, Father Smith revealed.

Emphasizing the importance of

Rites Held for Kin of 3 Nuns

Funeral services for Miss Anna J. Etzel, aunt of three Sisters of Mercy, were held at the family residence, 59 Hardison Road, and St. Margaret Mary's Church, Thursday, Jan. 31. Miss Etzel died suddenly Monday, Jan. 28.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by the Rev. Charles Burton, assisted by the Rev. Francis Donoghue, deacon, and the Rev. Joseph Donovan, subdeacon. The Rev. Albert Shannon was in the sanctuary.

Servers were Harold Rogers, John McMaster, Joseph Redmond, Joseph Heberger, Michael Fortune and Fred Widner.

Interment was in the family plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Final blessing was imparted by the Rev. Emmett Davis, assisted by Father Donoghue.

Miss Etzel is survived by a sister, Mrs. Evangelina M. Pearson, three nieces, Sister M. Josephine, Sister M. Eugene and Sister M. Maurice, all of the Sisters of Mercy and a nephew, Thomas J. Pearson.

HONORABLE ACTION

After the obligation of loving God as our Father, no action is more noble, more honorable, or praiseworthy than the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that act of loving all men as our brothers.—Rev. A.

Holy Family Women Sponsor Canteen Sunday

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Church with Mrs. Charles Henchen as chairman will sponsor the N. C. S. Canteen breakfast in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms, Columbus Civic Centre on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The canteen is operated principally for those servicemen staying at the USO extension dormitory in the Centre over Saturday night. Breakfast is served to each member of the armed forces and entertainment is provided with assistance of the Knights of Columbus.

Other sponsoring organizations scheduled in coming weeks are: February 17, Courier Journal Staff.

February 24, Solon Branch of St. Marys Hospital.

Organizations desiring to sponsor a Sunday breakfast for servicemen should call Mrs. Stephen P. Gould, Glenwood #739-J.

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