

An Catholic Speakers Bureau Heats Plans for Year's Activity



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—(INC.) — A group of New Catholic Fathers will meet Dec. 14 to lay their plans.

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POLIO CAMPAIGN DONATIONS GIVE AID TO FAMILY

Plans are being completed for the annual 1947 fund raising appeal of the Monroe County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be held Jan. 18-20.

"For 16 days we are afforded the opportunity to turn our year-round attention to put our names and dollars against a ruthless enemy of the nation and its children," said Mrs. Joseph J. Myler, representing the Catholic Women's Group in the women's division of the Appeal.

The polio virus is one of the most dreaded foes of American families. It strikes swiftly, silently—with scarcely perceptible warning, taking away nerve centers, straining muscles, maiming limbs, taking lives.

"Without unflinching commitment each year to the fund raising appeal, the average American family would stand helpless against the onslaughts of polio.

Cards to Family Club
Infantile paralysis presents a formidable picture in any family budget. The cost of caring for a patient averages about \$10,000 a year, some cases up to \$20,000, and stretching over extended periods of five, 10, and more years, involving hospitalization, oftentimes surgery, in most cases physical therapy treatments, muscle substitution training and vocational rehabilitation.

Contributions to the appeal have made possible a bulwark against financial anguish when polio strikes. Through gifts to the Appeal the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be doubled to fulfill its pledge of care and treatment for every polio victim regardless of age, race, creed, color or lack of insurance.

"Last summer our contributions measured approximately at the most disastrous polio epidemic to sweep the nation since 1916, the worst in our country's history."

"It is gratifying to know our gifts helped alleviate the mental and physical suffering of these victims and their families. It must be with added determination to win the fight against the dreaded malady that we pledge ourselves to support more fully than ever before the 1947 Appeal."

**Summer School
Sessions Slated**

St. Louis — (INC.) — The 1947 edition of the Summer School of Catholic Action has been established. It has been announced by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., founder and director. Sessions will be held at the school at St. Louis University, June 16 to 21; at Boston College, June 23 to 28; at Loyola College, Montreal, June 30 to July 5; at Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Tex., July 23 to August 2; at Fordham University, New York, August 16 to 23; at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, August 23 to 30.

New Vocational Pamphlet
Ossining, N.Y. — (INC.) — "What About Your Vocation?" a new pamphlet released by the Legionary Pamphlet Office here, is a compendium of reasons for entering religious life contributed by Legionaries, students from the priesthood and the lay brotherhood, benefactors for the teaching life of the Christian Brothers, and novices of the seminary of St. Joseph of Carmel.

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Mrs. Lucy Mantoulo will act as mistress of ceremonies and Santa Claus will be impersonated by Mrs. Minnie Miller.

CURBS POLIO SPREAD

Inside National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis mobile unit, rushed to St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to check the spread of the latest disease. Hospital was a mobile unit with the trailer with other units parked in front. Mobile unit.

Bishop Lauds K. C. Speakers Bureau As High Form of Catholic Action

Work of the Catholic Speakers Bureau, of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus is the highest form of Catholic Action, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney told the members at their annual dinner meeting Monday evening at Hotel Rochester.

Expressing his appreciation of the reported progress of the Speakers Bureau, Bishop Kearney declared that he had recently received many favorable reports from the priests of the Diocese.

The Bishop called attention to his recent statement of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII expressing pleasure at the increased activity of Catholic Laymen which was presented to the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine assembled in Boston.

Business The Work
He encouraged the activities of the speakers and concluded with a blessing upon their work.

Other guests at the dinner were the Rev. Arthur Railigan, Chaplain of the Council; Francis T. Rooney, Grand Knight, and John M. Pietrakiewicz, Chancellor of Council 176. The Rev. Paul Wohlbach, moderator of the Speakers Bureau, also was at the speakers' table.

Chairman Eugene R. Cusack presided and reviewed the work of the Bureau in recent months. He pointed out the lively interest among Catholic groups and parochial societies in the moral and social questions of the moment as indicated by the number of requests for members of the Catholic Speakers Bureau to appear before these groups to discuss such subjects as the arrest and imprisonment of Archbishop Stepinac, the seething labor question, the many aspects of Communism and the like.

Mr. Cusack stated that through frequent and regular discussion meetings, planned and assigned reading of the best available material in books, magazine articles and public addresses, as well as a continual study of the Encyclical of the recent Pontiffs, it is the aim of the Speakers Bureau to have several speakers available to discuss from the Catholic viewpoint and based on authentic information such topics as may from time to time arouse public interest.

Prepare Brochure
It was indicated, for instance, that a number of members will participate in the group discussions set for Thursday evening, Dec. 12 in the K. C. Club room. The matter of mercy killing will be explored and studied from the moral aspects under the leadership of Father Railigan and the position

**Mt. Carmel Auxiliary
Lists Christmas Fete**
Ladies' Auxiliary 283, Knights of St. John of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, will hold its Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. in the church hall following the regular short meeting.

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