

Msgr. McMahon Urges Strong Lay Apostolate

"If we are to have an active, sincere Lay Apostolate we must have men so well equipped with knowledge and love of their Faith that they will bring it into every walk of life."

Sixty members of the Lay Fraternity of St. Andrew's Seminary heard this challenge from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas R. McMahon, moderator of the Morgan Club, New York City, at their regular monthly meeting Monday at the seminary.

Stressing the fact that there is much ignorance of the Church in the world and that many outside the fold are looking for spiritual guidance and truth, Monsignor McMahon declared that "You who have been so meticulously drilled in the truths of the Catholic Church, must lead the way for others, first by your lives, and then by your voice."

HE LAUDED the efforts of the fraternity in establishing a Study Club and an Oral Expression Group from which he said "a thorough and practical apostolate should evolve."

Monsignor McMahon outlined the accomplishments of the Morgan Club which in a year and a half will celebrate its silver anniversary. From slow beginnings, he said, the group has made its influence felt strongly in New York in a program of Catholic Action which consists of training speakers, studying Catholic issues which arise in the political or social scene, individual parish activity and charitable work.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary and moderator of the fraternity, preceded the meeting at which plans were completed for the annual Day of Reflection, Dec. 21, at the seminary.

Catholic Film Group
Vienne—(UNSI)—The Catholic Film Commission for Austria announced here it has arranged a series of lectures to instruct movie producers regarding standards applied by Roman Catholic reviewers in evaluating motion pictures from the moral standpoint.

Books for One World of Tomorrow



Unique exhibit in the display arranged at St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester, was the above assemblage of books pointing toward a one world of tomorrow. At the display (from left) Suzanne Schetter, Martha Ryan, Anne Cadogan, Margaret Mary Zutterman, Carol Ortel, Monica Wittmann and Patricia Dillon. Display was a Catholic Book Week project.

Book Week Slogans Carried Out in School's Exhibition

Fourth annual observance of Catholic Book Week, which ended Nov. 22, was held at St. John the Evangelist School, Humboldt St., last week in connection with National Book Week, which ended Nov. 22.

Exhibits, prepared by the children of all the eight elementary grades, have been up in the classrooms since Monday, Nov. 10.

The slogan of Catholic Book Week, "Christian Books Are Stepping Stones to Unity," and "Books for the World," National Book Week slogan, are carried out in an exhibition in the school library.

Art, literature, religion and English departments are correlated in this library project. All the work of drawing and book reviewing has been done by pupils of grades 5 to 8.

Divided into five individual sections, the project is illustrated by figures drawn by hand and mounted on cardboard. The five divisions deal with lives of the saints, children's classics, children of other lands, animal stories, and adventures with juveniles such as "Alice in Wonderland."

A special corner of the library is devoted to an exhibit which portrays the various works of Stephen Foster, now available in one volume.

In addition to all the art work in the classrooms and library, the St. John's students have also decorated the corridors and stairways with posters and drawings illustrating famous children's books.

\$53,647 Total Pledged At St. Charles

Topping their goal by \$3,647, workers in the campaign of St. Charles Borromeo Parish for a new church building fund turned in a total of \$53,647 including pledges from 800 wage earners.

The Rev. Robert A. Keleher, pastor and honorary chairman expressed to the campaign chairman and workers his deep appreciation for their efforts and to those who pledged his gratitude for their generosity at the final dinner Monday.

Instructions Open to Adults At St. Helen's

Opening with 40 adults, an Adult Information Class is being conducted each Monday evening in St. Helen's Church, Hickey Road at Remond Drive, at 7:00 p. m.

Purpose of the class is to help Catholics to a greater appreciation and love of their Faith through a series of instructions on the whole range of Catholic doctrine, according to the Rev. Louis J. Hohman, assistant pastor of St. Helen's Church.

The instructions are divided into three series. Under the heading "That All Men May Believe," fundamental truths are discussed. The second series deals with "This Do and Thou Shall Have Life," treating of morality and the ten commandments. Series three is on "This is the Will of God, Your Sanctification," stressing the Sacraments.

All are welcome to the classes and questions may be asked during or after the instructions, publicly or privately.

Lincoln Rochester Opens New Trust Department

New quarters for the trust department of Lincoln Rochester Trust Company on the sixth floor of the Lincoln Rochester Building, 183 Main St. East will be opened to the public on Dec. 6. The entire sixth floor renovated after four months work as commodious securities, tabulating and bookkeeping divisions and is air conditioned.

The new quarters combine the department formerly located on the ground floor of the main office of Lincoln Rochester with that of the Rochester Trust Office at the Four Corners.

Cyclists Give Thanks
Quebec—(NC)—A hundred Quebec cyclists attended a Mass of Thanksgiving here for Divine protection accorded them during the summer.

Physician, Nurse Listed At Pre Cana Conference

A physician and a nurse will discuss "Masculine and Feminine Psychology" at 8:15 p. m. Monday in Columbus Civic Centre, in the eighth in a series of ten Pre-Cana Conferences for engaged and newly wedded couples.

Speakers will be Dr. Franklin T. Brayer of St. Mary's Hospital staff, and Miss Mary Rose Malley, registered nurse.

Approximately 80 young couples have been attending the meetings, which are sponsored on successive Mondays by the Diocese of Catholic Women Remaining on the schedule are a talk on Dec. 8 on "Marital Relationships" by Dr. William L. Madden of the Strong Memorial Hospital staff, and an Open Forum on Dec. 15 at which all previous speakers will answer questions.

Fidelity to the married partner was stressed in an address last Monday night by the Rev. John T. Callahan, chaplain of Mercy High School. Speaking on "Moral Aspects of Marriage," Father Callahan declared:

"The moral aspect most to be highlighted is fidelity or loyalty to one's fiancé or spouse, which eliminates pin-up girls, pick-up girls, swooning femininity, adultery and divorce. Fidelity in God brings firm family life, consistent church attendance and a stronger society."

Pointing out the warning of the recent Bishops' Statement that "secularism" is the nation's number one danger today, the speaker asserted that too many persons, including Christians, are overly concerned with the material, worldly considerations in preparing for marriage and too little with efforts to Christianize their marriage relationship. "Christian marriage," he noted, "is the greatest guarantee of women's security in the modern world."

"Secularism," Father Callahan declared, "has set the will and convenience of husband and wife in place of the Will of God, robbed procreation of dignity and nobility, undermined the stability of the family and given our country the greatest divorce problem in the world."

Other officers elected are: Mrs. John Kelley, vice president; Mrs. Warren Brandow, secretary; Miss Helen Semler, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Brandow, auditor.

Mrs. Frank Brandow was co-hostess at the meeting. Mrs. Arthur P. Farren of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Speakers Bureau was guest speaker.

Mother of Sorrows
Altar Group Formed
Starting with 35 members, an Altar Society was formed in Our Mother of Sorrows Parish at the convent on Latta Road, last week. The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11.

Encouragement was given the new unit by the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor, and the Rev. Edward J. Foy, the society's spiritual advisor.

Mrs. Lavina Michaud was elected president and Mrs. Rhea Steve, secretary-treasurer.

Guild to Meet
St. Elizabeth's Guild will hold a meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 2 p. m. in Columbus Civic Centre. With Mrs. Charles J. DuRocher presiding, election of officers will take place. Mrs. Charles Howe will make her report on the recent card party.

Bishops Meet



Snapped at the annual 1947 sessions of the American Hierarchy held at Catholic University of America in Washington are three (two of the 130 Archbishops and Bishops meeting there. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (left) and Conductor Bishop William A. Skully of Albany. (NO Photos)

PARISH DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL

The St. Stanislaus Church campaign to reduce parish debts closed with an enthusiastic rush Sunday evening with a total of \$50,250 collected in the one-week drive.

At a victory meeting in the school hall where the workers of the 13 teams were congratulated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Halcerak, pastor of St. Stanislaus and honorary chairman of the campaign, leaders revealed that the final day's collection of over \$10,000 was the crucial margin of victory.

Special work by all teams in the closing hours of the drive and enlarged contributions by previous givers, was credited with generous praise by General Chairman Victor Borgaske, who reported that all 13 teams reached their assigned quotas.

Sparkplug of the campaign was the Special Gifts Committee, headed by Marion Fieger and Walter Wojcikak, K.S.U., which brought in 32 per cent of the total raised by the parish.

Staff Elected At St. Fechan's

Mrs. John Callahan was elected president of St. Fechan's Altar Society at the November meeting held at the home of Mrs. Warren Brandow, Chestnut Ridge Road. Mrs. Norman Peters presided.

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Mass Series Honoring Our Lady of Fatima Set

A Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, first in a series will be celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at nine a. m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the request of the Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumni.

The Rochester Circle I.F.C.A. is planning to select a different church each month in order to reach a larger number of people in spreading devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

PRO-CATHEDRAL was chosen to inaugurate the devotion because a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima has already been erected there and the practice of the special devotion established.

The practice by the I.F.C.A. is being fostered through small groups of members who sponsor a Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

Since 1913 the I.F.C.A. has made a part of the official program the practice of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in honor of the Virgin of Fatima on the first Saturday of each month.

Mrs. Frank Eaton, regent of the Rochester Circle, extended to all Catholics as well as to nonmembers of the organization an invitation to attend the Mass on Dec. 6.

Rosarians Slate Christmas Party

Rosarians of Holy Memory Church will hold their monthly meeting in the school hall, Monday, Dec. 1, at 8:15 p. m.

Following the business session, will be the annual Christmas party under the chairmanship of Theresa Cook, assisted by Margaret Dougherty, Rose Jan, Grace Moschetti, Daisy Mel, Mary Perry, Johanna Hall, Ida Elm, Lella Winterboth and Ellen Young.

Members are asked to bring 25-cent gifts for exchange.

The Rosarians will receive separate communications at the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7, the importance of green plants.

Louder School Workers Report Sum of \$156,261

With a quota of \$125,000, workers at the campaign for Our Lady of Lourdes School reported a recent total of \$156,261 at the closing dinner in Rochester Club, Monday night, Dec. 22, over the 100.

Both the Rev. Francis W. Luddy, pastor, and Mr. John P. Maloney, assistant pastor, for the remarkable support given by parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lourdes. Announcement was made that the school would be broken this week Wednesday for the new school and that it was hoped to open the school in September of 1948.

Tribe was paid to all the workers in the campaign and particularly to Paul A. Maloney and his efficient staff of women's chairman.

Congratulations in the parish were brought by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Halcerak, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church.

Louder in the campaign and announced reported were Parish Committee, James Farrell, Ed-111 Special Gifts, Martha O'Leary, \$24,200; Maloney's Committee, Lawrence Maloney, \$22,000; Friends of Parish Anthony Klug, \$15,000.

Notes From United

The Gift of Green, a booklet picture by Dr. William J. Kelly, director of The New York Botanical Garden, will be shown at the Rochester Museum of Art and Science Sunday, Dec. 28, at 2 p. m. The show is in natural color and portrays the importance of green plants.

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