

Sodalists Told Of Group's Parish Value

The 12th annual banquet of the Sodality of Our Lady, St. John's Parish Church, Elmira was held last Monday night at the Mark Twain Hotel.

The Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church was the guest speaker and cited the value of sodalities as organizations for the good they can achieve in their spiritual welfare and for the material aid they give to their respective parishes.

Miss Grace Miller, toastmaster, presented those on the date. They were Mrs. Charles Kruckow, president; Mrs. John Blume, secretary; Mrs. Edward Rehwinkel, treasurer; Mrs. Benjamin, vice-president; Mrs. John Bacon, church organist; Rev. Frederick Walz and Father Merkel.

Mrs. Joseph Miller entertained with vocal selections and Robert Garcia played several accordion selections.

Layty Called to Aid Fight Against Modern Evils



Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., (center) told 75 Holy Name Society men of St. Peter and Paul's Church, at the Communion Breakfast, Sunday in Mark Twain Hotel, of the need for lay devotion.

Devotion to Mary, 'Manly,' Priest Tells Sodalists

Hornell — Revival of devotion which he said has declined since the end of the war was urged by the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, O.F.M., of St. Boaventure College on Sodalists of St. Ignatius Loyola Church at the annual banquet in Confraternity Center.

Father Duffy's topic was "Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

"Catholics in America," the Franciscan friar said, "are more concerned with defending the faith than conquering the world for Christ."

Father Duffy pointed out Communism as an absolutely true and must be followed. "There have been men in the world who have tried to control them such as Hitler and Stalin." He pointed out Hitler failed and said he believed Stalin also will fail.

"It is quite apparent that in schools, the regard for God is very low one. It is necessary, therefore, to take hold of oneself and analyze one's life to find where one has failed. Father Duffy pointed out devotion has declined since the end of the war. "Devotion to the Blessed Mother is a manly thing," he said.

John Price, prefect of the Sodality, was toastmaster. Brief talks were given by Mary McKevitt and William Kilbourne on "The Family Rosary." The Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor of the church, emphasized the need of an active Sodality.

200 CDA Hear Fr. Cameron Stress Women's Mission

Hornell — Women's influence and mission in the present day world were stressed by the Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church to 200 members of the Court of St. Ann, Catholic Daughters of America, at the Court's 35th Annual Banquet Thirty-nine members were installed prior to the dinner.

"Woman's mission in the world today," Father Cameron said, "is to uphold standards of idealism in a modern civilization which through brutal realism is threatened with cultural decay."

Life today, with its emphasis on materialism and temporal affairs, has become secularized to almost complete exclusion of the supernatural," Father Cameron declared.

THE WORLD'S belief that realism carried to the extent of coarseness and brutality must be a part of today's civilization is absolutely untrue, the priest pointed out. The very loveliness of nature denies this viewpoint.

Women, with their natural sense of refinement and decency can, by concerted effort, exert a tremendous influence in bringing to the world an appreciation of true beauty in life, he concluded.

Miss Mary Ludden, grand regent, presided at the dinner and presented speakers. Miss Margaret Barrett of Corning, district deputy, urged a united effort on the part of Catholic Daughters in the spread of wholesome literature to counteract the mass of objectionable reading matter in public waiting rooms and on newsstands today.

MISS BARNETT also advocated promotion of the true spirit of patriotism which is an ideal of Catholic Daughters groups throughout the nation by understanding and appreciating documents such as the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

The Rev. John Coonan and the Rev. John Bealy were presented to the group by Father Cameron and gave brief talks.

Four selections were sung by members of the Barber Shop Quartet organization, presented by Monroe Kane. Mrs. James Brown played dinner music.

Members of the class received into Court St. Ann at formal installation ceremonies in the club

Monsignor Brien Hits Secularism At H. N. Breakfast

About 15 members of St. Peter and Paul's Holy Name Society attended a Communion breakfast in the church hall, Elmira, last Sunday following reception of Holy Communion by the group at the Holy Mass.

The Rev. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's church was guest speaker. He pointed out the need for lay Catholics to guard the home against the infiltration of evil in modern life, newspapers and magazines.

In requesting some of the presenters of today, Monsignor Brien declared the loss of Secularism in that it takes God out of our lives and drives Him from everything, resulting in making our faith almost pagan, and as a result of this "our country is losing respect for ideals, especially concerning the evils of divorce, separation, birth control and lack of proper respect for authority."

STRESSING THE urgent need for leadership in Catholic life, the speaker stated "The Church exists on daily papers, frequent reception of Holy Communion, men who are fighting Catholics, officials to explain to others the faith that is within them. Each man can do a great deal toward bringing others into the Church."

William Bennett, Society president acted as toastmaster and expressed his appreciation to the committee responsible for the renewal of these affairs in the parish.

The Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor, referred to the breakfast as a "high spot" in the beginning of the many activities this parish is noted for in its 100 year history.

The breakfast was prepared and served by the ladies of the parish Sodality and Immaculate Heart Society.

Vicar General Edward Berard Alexander, Esq., (V.F.)—A vail under the name of St. Catherine's Cathedral here became the resting place for the body of former King Victor Emmanuel III, who died in exile in this city last week. Funeral services for the monarch, nominally head of the Italian state from 1900 to his abdication in 1946, were held in the cathedral.

Catholic Women Hear Red Cross Leader

Corning — Mrs. Hugh Murphy and Mrs. Harry Cassidy were co-chairmen in charge of the card party held last week by the Painted Post Catholic Women's Club Awards were made to Mrs. A. J. Waibel, Mrs. William Cummings, Mrs. Gerald Parrick and Mrs. Allen Frost.

During the evening, Mrs. David Tuxton, head of the Painted Post branch of Corning Chapter, American Red Cross, spoke on the presentation of a program at South Veteran's Administration Center.

Assisting Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Cassidy were Mercedes Frank Toll, Sr., William Norman, Mary Smith, Peter Crispino, Roger Keagy, Oliver Smith, Nell Cotter and E. J. Dalley.

Hornell Holy Name Unit Adds Members

Hornell — Nearly 100 men of St. Ignatius Loyola Church were received into the Holy Name Society after 8:00 a. m. Mass on Sunday. This brings the membership close to 250.

The Society met to elect officers on Monday night a motion picture, "World Series of 1947," was shown. This film is produced by the American and National Leagues of Professional Baseball and shows highlights of all star games of 1947 including the World Series.

Coming K. of C. List Communion

Corning — At the regular meeting of Corning Council Knights of Columbus it was decided to reserve the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month for business and the first and third Thursday nights for degree work and social events.

On Tuesday evening a spaghetti dinner under the direction of Michael Bonady and Anthony Patrol was served to members and guests. Assisting the co-chairmen were Kenneth W. Shanley, Leslie O'Reilly, Dominic Capo, Thomas Lynch, Joseph Sweet, Edward Sweet, Frank Miller, Carmen Montepoli and Joseph Andronaco.

Other scheduled events are Sunday, Feb. 13, Quarterly Communion at St. Mary's Church, followed by breakfast at the Home, Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p. m. Fourth Degree exchequer team versus K. of C. team; Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p. m. pancake and sausage supper for members and families.

Church Aides Feted, Thanked By Monsignor

Annual appreciation banquet given by the Rev. Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's church was held last Sunday evening at the Mark Twain Hotel. The affair is given for church aides each year prior to the Lenten season.

The workers included church hall staff, custodial, secretarial, auxiliary, traction, school, choir members, Boy and Girl Scout leaders, physical education, members of the Prom, guests and photographers.

Monsignor Brien expressed his appreciation to all present for their continued support of the many activities in the church and congratulated them for the excellent manner in which they all carry out their respective assignments.

James V. Howell spoke on his expedition to Labrador in the movie of the trip was shown.

'Modern Questions' Set for Lent Study

Lenten study clubs in 40 parishes of the diocese will begin reading and discussion last weekend on a new pamphlet entitled "Modern Questions" being distributed this week by the diocesan office.

"Modern Questions" written by the Rev. William J. Brien, offers a practical and timely treatment of problems that the Catholic lay people meet every day in their work and recreation and social life.

The book chapters cover the weekly observance of Lent, Lenten devotions, fasting, Lenten prayer, Lenten music, Lenten physical education, Lenten recreation, Lenten literature, the Lenten Dieting, Lenten shopping.

The formation of study clubs in the diocese is being actively encouraged by the diocesan office of Catholic Education and Social Action, which is sponsoring the study clubs.

Important has taught that groups are more successful in carrying out their work in the parish. One requirement is the reading of the pamphlet as part of one evening each week in Lent for group members.

Rev. Albert J. Stasbury, diocesan director of the Commission on Catholic Education, which sponsors the pamphlet movement, said that the pamphlet is a primer for the study of the modern questions of the day and the study of the modern questions of the day.

"They need groups ready and active in their work and study."

Columbus Ladies May Institute

Over 400 of a recent number of the Ladies of Columbus were made for the Institute of the Holy Name Society in the Mark Twain Hotel in the evening of Feb. 10. The Institute was held in the Mark Twain Hotel in the evening of Feb. 10. The Institute was held in the Mark Twain Hotel in the evening of Feb. 10.

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