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Day's Devotion Set Mar. 7 For City Sodalists

Sodalists of all Catholic and public high schools of the city will gather at Corpus Christi Church, Sunday, March 7, for a day of recollection from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. conducted by the Rev. Francis Le Buffe, S. J., Sodality Director for the Eastern U. S.

The program of devotions will open with Mass and Holy Communion at 11 a. m. followed by communion breakfast. In the afternoon a series of conferences and periods of meditation will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Sodalists and high school students of the city are invited to attend and reservations for the breakfast must be made with the prefects of the parish sodalities before Friday, March 5.

Father Le Buffe is well known in Rochester for his leadership in sodality activities and frequent retreats in schools of the diocese. During this week he has been busy with the Rev. Roger Lyons, S. J., of St. Louis, conducting three special days of study for sodality members in Rochester and Geneva. Both priests are famous for their writings in "The Queen's Work," the national Sodality magazine.

On Wednesday, Father Le Buffe met with sodalists from Auburn, Geneva and Elmira at De Sales High School in Geneva. This afternoon he addressed a rally of pupils from Aquinas and Nazareth Academy at Nazareth. Tonight at St. Boniface Hall, he and Father Lyons will speak to the Sodality Union of the city. On Friday, they will meet students of Mercy High School and St. Mary's School Business at Mercy for a day of study and sodality discussion.

New Judge a Convert

Salt Lake, Utah— (NC) —Justice Harold M. Stephens, who was appointed chief justice of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, called the second highest court in the land, by President Truman, is a convert. He was baptized and received into the Church in 1928 by Bishop Duane G. Hunt of Salt Lake, then a monsignor.

Bishop to Preach 'Novena of Grace'

In honor of St. Francis Xavier, the annual Novena of Grace will be opened by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay St. on Thursday, March 4 at 7:45 p. m.

Sermons at the patronal church will be given by Bishop Kearney and the Rev. William C. Treanor, C.SS.R. The Novena will also be conducted at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Flower City Park, and at St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Ave. North.

Services at St. Francis Xavier will be at 7:45 p. m. and will consist of prayers, sermon and benediction. The novena will be brought to a close with Mass to be celebrated by the Bishop at 8:30 a. m. on March 12, feast of the canonization of St. Francis Xavier, and for the intentions of those making the novena.

Sermons at St. Francis Xavier Church will be as follows: March 4—The Novena of Grace; March 5, the First Friday and Saturday; March 6, Do I Live by Faith?; March 7, What Am I Doing to Please God? March 8, Divine Calls and Warnings; March 9, "Blessed Are the Clean of Heart, for They Shall See God;" March 10, Am I a True Child of Mary?; March 11, The Spirit of Lent.

A Jesuit priest who spent ten years in the Philippine Islands including the period of Japanese occupation will conduct the Novena at the Pro-Cathedral. He is the Rev. Forbes J. Monoghan, S. J., professor at the Ateneo de Manila whose recent book "Under the Red Sun," has had wide acceptance. He will preach at all Masses on Sunday, Feb. 29.

Novena services at the Pro-Cathedral will begin at 7:45 p.m.

The Rev. William Nicholson, S. J., of St. Robert's Hall, Pomfret, Connecticut, will conduct the Novena of Grace at St. Patrick's Church. Two services will be held, one at 12:20 p. m. (noon) and again in the evening at 8 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier, in whose honor the Novena is made, promised Father Mastrilli, S. J., in 1633 that "all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days in honor of his canonization would infallibly experience the effects of his great power in heaven and would realize whatever they asked that would contribute to their salvation."

Ordained

FR. JUSTINIAN C.P.

Father Malley To Speak Friday

Men of the First Friday Luncheon Club will hear the Rev. John S. Malley, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church at the regular monthly session, Friday March 5 in the Sheraton Hotel.

The speaker will be presented by the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, moderator of the club and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, sponsors of the First Friday Luncheon Club. The luncheon begins at 12:15 p. m. and is over at 1:15 p. m. Chairman Rudolph Schwenzer states.

Any Catholic man who has received Holy Communion on the First Friday is eligible to attend the luncheon.

GUILD MEMBERSHIP REPORT SLATED

Final report on the membership campaign will be made at a meeting of St. Elizabeth Guild, Tuesday, March 2, in Columbus Civic Centre at 2 p. m. Mrs. Austin Hetzel, chairman, will make the report.

In the absence of Mrs. Charles DuRocher, president, out of the city, Mrs. Joseph F. Ritz will preside.

Fr. Gilligan To Sing First Mass, Feb. 29

First Solemn Mass of the Rev. Justinian Gilligan, C.P., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Gilligan, 38½ Austin St., Rochester, will be celebrated in Holy Apostles Church, Lyell Ave. at Austin St., Sunday, Feb. 29 at 11 a. m.

Father Justinian whose baptismal name is John was ordained at St. Michael's Monastery, Union City, N. J. by the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark. Five young members of the Congregation of the Passion were ordained with permission granted by Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Archbishop of Newark.

This was Bishop McNulty's first ordination and Father Justinian had the distinction of being the first priest ordained by the Newark Auxiliary.

AT HIS FIRST Solemn Mass, the young Passionist Father will be assisted by: Assistant Priest, the Rev. John Smith; Deacon, the Rev. George V. Predmore, his pastor; Subdeacon, the Rev. John J. O'Connor, S.J., his cousin.

The Rev. Herbert Young, C.P., former rector of St. Michael's Monastery will preach the sermon.

Father Justinian has two sisters, Mrs. John Mastrell and Miss Patricia Gilligan and one brother, Paul Gilligan.

After graduating from Holy Apostles School, he attended St. Andrew's Seminary for 3 years. In 1938 he entered the Passionist Preparatory Seminary in Dunkirk. He was clothed in the Passionist Habit in August 1941, at the Passionist Novitiate, St. Paul's Monastery, Pittsburgh. One year later he made his profession of vows. Father Justinian pursued his studies for the priesthood in the various Passionist monasteries in the east.

Junior Unit Awaits New Officer Slate

New slate of officers will be presented by the nominating committee at the regular monthly meeting of St. Mary's Junior League, Wednesday, Mar. 3, at 8:30 p. m. in the Catholic Women's clubhouse on Alexander Street. Mrs. Charles Gertner will preside.

Family Life Forum Tuesday to Bring Two Nationally Known Radio Priests

A Holy Cross Father who has made family prayer nationally acceptable and a Redemptorist Father nationally known for his pronouncements on the family will be in Rochester Tuesday evening, March 2 to conduct a family life forum under sponsorship of Rochester Circle, I.F.C.A.

This family forum is open to the public and all Catholics of the diocese are invited to participate.

Other speakers on the forum, which is entitled "The Crisis in Family Life," will be His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney and the Rev. Edward Lintz, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Nazareth College, who will preside.

The Rev. Patrick J. Peyton, C.S.C. of Albany, now widely known for his founding of the Family Theatre on a nation-wide radio hookup, "The Family Talks To God" is the forum topic beginning at 8 p. m. in Columbus Civic Center. The Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.SS.R., professor of theology at Catholic University of America, Washington will have for his topic "God Talks To The Family."

Father Peyton is called the most persuasive man in radio today. The 38-year-old Irish-born priest for nearly a year now has persuaded Hollywood to donate time and talent to advertise, not soap, or soup or cigarettes, but prayer. In his Family Theatre, heard on 300 stations of the Mutual Network each Thursday night at 10 p. m., he presents a radio play about home and family and good Christian living.

SCREEN STARS who offer their talents free take the leading roles and act out the story which proves the theme of the Family Theater, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The radio story always shows the truth of Father Peyton's slogan, "The Family that prays together, stays together."

The story of Father Peyton's mission has become widely known and Coronet in the January issue devoted a special article to it. Father Peyton was one of 9 children who lived in a poor cottage in County Mayo, Ireland. He came to America when 19, finished high school in Scranton and discovered he had a vocation to the priesthood.

He entered the seminary of the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame and studied at their seminary in Washington. Just 2 years before he was to be ordained he was stricken with tuberculosis and was desperately ill. He spent long weeks in bed. His daily meditation was spent looking at a picture of the Blessed Virgin on the wall. In all his prayers he asked her to intercede with God for his recovery.

The young priest made a resolution to repay the Blessed Mother by spending the rest of his life trying to spread the Catholic practice of the Family Rosary in 10 million American homes. With his Bishop's approval he travelled and preached all over the country begging families to pray together.

Four years were spent in trying to sell the radio people on the idea. He was told he could have free radio time if he could interest Hollywood stars and [illegible] the program would be for family prayer in all homes.

He interested Bing Crosby and then a long list of stars to his show. Now each of the Family Theater program comes from many different churches. The resulting response is beyond imagination.

KNOWN NATION-WIDE for many years, Father Connell is eminent in his field. For more than 20 years he was a professor of theology at the Redemptorist Seminary, Mt. St. Alphonsus, Esopus, N. Y.

Since 1940 Father Connell has been professor of theology at the Catholic University of America. A lecturer, and radio speaker he has been heard often on the national Catholic Hour and Church of the Air. He is author of "Morals in Politics and Professions," published in 1946.

Members of the Treasian choir of Nazareth Academy, under direction of Sister Rose Teresa will provide music for the program.

Mrs. Frank Kohis, president of the Rochester Circle, has named Mrs. A. Gerhard Ide as general chairman of the forum. Assisting her are: Miss Regina K. Kennedy, [illegible]

Committee Tunes in Family Theatre

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Bishop to Give Support to Red Cross Campaign Monday

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will attend the opening dinner of the annual Fund Raising Campaign of Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross, Monday, March 1 at Rochester's Chamber of Commerce.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney endorses the campaign with this statement:

"The campaign for the support of the American Red Cross should receive the enthusiastic support of everyone. The record of service of this great organization speaks for itself. No words we can say can add to the story of active and efficient service. We certainly should welcome the opportunity to share in making it possible for the Red Cross to continue its work. Only a generous response to the Red Cross appeal will make this possible."

Churches of Monroe County will mark Sunday, Feb. 29 as Red Cross Sunday.

This year's campaign will seek $420,800 during the period March 1 to March 15. Against a quota of $349,000, the Campaign in 1947 produced $460,308. This year's goal, less than the amount raised in the last drive, is made necessary by the blood program and increased costs all along the line.

General Carl Spaatz, chief of staff of the new U. S. Air Force will come to Rochester to speak at the opening dinner. He is a close friend of Edward Peck Curtis, general chairman of the drive for the second consecutive year and himself a former major general with the Army Air Force.

Drive leaders and team captains will attend the dinner, representing more than 4,500 canvassers to be marshaled under the leadership of Mrs. Gregory Mills, in charge of individual solicitation in the city's wards and Gordon A. Howe and Robert J. Menzie in the suburban branches of the local chapter.

George H. Hawks, Chapter chairman, pointed out that, as was the practice last year, there will be no individual solicitation in the city and area's industrial plants." Nor will contributors be asked to give more than they did in 1947," Hawks said, "but they will be urged to equal last year's donations."

"If the public responds as it did last year," Hawks added, "not only will the Chapter be able to maintain its high record of community service, but the expenses of the new blood program will be assured."

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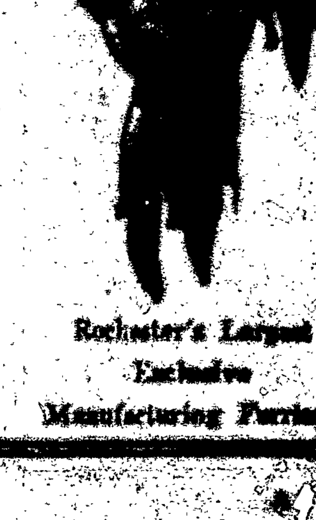

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