

Columbus Ladies Set Plans for the first annual... of candidates were made at a

Initiation, Dance recent meeting of the organization. The dance, which will be semi-formal, is scheduled for some time in May.

Area Women Form NCCW Unit at Hornell Meeting

Hornell — An explanation of the organization and aims of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women was presented...

Nearly 125 members of the Catholic women's groups in Hornell, Danville, Bath, Wayland, and other vicinity towns attended the meeting...

An introductory explanation, a symposium on the objectives and organization of the National Council of Catholic Women of which the Diocesan Council is a part...

The Rev. Albert J. Shannon, diocesan moderator, was principal speaker. Mrs. Frank S. Curtin, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women consultant, was chairman of the symposium.

FATHER SHAMON in his address declared that the world today is "spiritually bankrupt." A society which attempts to exclude God is responsible for this condition...

Reconstruction of the social order along the lines of true Christianity is a personal responsibility, the priest charged. "The very essence of Christianity is altruism. Those who have faith in true Christian ideals must share that light with their fellow men since, he said, 'we are our brothers' keepers.'"

"The answer to the task of bringing God back to society and society back to God rests not with the priests," he concluded, "but with the laity."

In discussing the aims of the D.C.C.W., Mrs. Curtin said the objective of the National and Diocesan Council was to "restore all things to Christ and Christ to all things."

"CATHOLIC ACTION is widely misunderstood," Mrs. Curtin said. "It is not political action nor is it economic action. It is the intensification of devotional and spiritual life. Its task is not to reform society but to form consciences. If consciences are rightly ordered there will be or-

der in society. Society is composed of men and women. If the individual is morally healthy, then society will be morally healthy. The apostle works to extend Christ's kingdom must be shared by the laity. The priest is irreplaceable, the laity indispensable."

Membership in the National Council of Catholic Women now numbers 5,000,000 women, Miss Lucy Sheehan said. This represents 5,000 organizations in 76 dioceses. The Rochester Diocesan Council has been a part of the nation-wide federation for the past 17 years.

"The need for N.C.C.W. is apparent in the world today, Miss Marion Schantz pointed out, since emphasis is placed strongly on the material rather than the spiritual."

"CIVILIZATION IS paradoxical," she said. "Man is making the greatest strides in history in the field of medicine on one hand and is condoning mercy killing on the other. We have developed an intricate system of communication and are unable to communicate to the Way, the Truth, and the Life to millions. Too many brilliant minds understand man's relation to man, but too few understand man's relation to God."

Mrs. Lawrence P. Weis, chairman of family life, explained the seven committees of the D.C.C.W. which include organization and development, public relations, cooperation with social agencies, library and literature, home shrines, war relief services and family life and parent education.

Papal Legate's Booklet Aids Damien Cause Washington (NC) — Proceeds from the sale of the booklet, "Father Damien, Apostle of the Lepers," written by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will be used to meet expenses of the legal process petitioning the beatification of the courageous priest.

The booklet concerns the life of Father Damien de Veuster, S.S. C.C., a native of Belgium, who went to Hawaii in 1873 and ministered to the lepers of Molokai until he contracted the disease and died April 15, 1889.

Leaves 122 Survivors New Roads, La. (NC) — Mrs. Matilda Agullard Olinde, who died at 95, left 122 descendants, one daughter, four sons, 38 grandchildren, 74 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

Elmira Catholic Highlights

By ANN REIDY Graduation Approaches Excitement ran high among the Seniors last Monday as they made plans for ordering the caps and gowns for the all important date, Graduation Day.

Hospital Notes Joan Haber, one of our Freshmen, is recovering from an acute appendicitis operation. Jean Bacon, another Freshman, is taking her place.

From Plans Completed Date for the Junior-Senior prom has been set for May 1. The dance will be held at the K. of C. with music by Dick Harlin's orchestra. Chairmen are Alfred Schiav, senior class president, and Thomas Agan, junior class president. The committee: Jeanne Torney, James Murphy, decorations; Mary Clara Frawley, bids; Ann Reidy and Thomas Agan, chaperons; Rita Dalley and Michael Mogros, tickets; Cornelius Lorden, refreshments.

Communion Set By Mothers' Club

Auburn — Mrs. George Snyder, president of the Auburn Diocesan Council, the National Council of Catholic Women, was guest speaker at the April meeting of the St. Alphonsus Mothers' Club held Thursday evening, Apr. 8.

Mrs. Snyder explained the council as a federation of parish societies and also outlined the committee appointed to handle the various activities.

Mrs. Snyder is chairman of the card party held by the Mothers' Club in the parish house on Apr. 12. Mrs. Malvaso, president of the Mothers' Club, announced that the school would be present at the May meeting.

The club members are invited to receive Holy Communion in a body Sunday morning, Apr. 18, at the 8 o'clock Mass.

Trailer-Chapel Leaves New York (NC) — The "Madonna of the Highlands" trailer chapel of the North Carolina after having been visited by an estimated 50,000 persons while it was stationed here outside the Pennsylvania Hotel.

Cards Slated By Sodality

A card party sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick's parish, Elmira, will be held in the school assembly rooms Wednesday, Apr. 21, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Miss Frances Burns is chairman of the affair and will be assisted by the following: Mrs. Charles O'Hara, cards; Mrs. Samuel Terwilliger and Mrs. Edward Davis, tickets; Mrs. Joseph Dal-



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