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Group Here Sends 1,200 Letters on Italy Vote

When the city of Valguarnera, Sicily, votes overwhelmingly against the Communist Party in the Italian election of April 18, 800 Catholic Italians of the Valguarnera Society of Rochester will call it "our victory."

Phone Brigade Spurs Italy Prayer Crusade

A crusade of daily Masses and Communions has been launched at Our Lady of Mercy High School with special prayers for the defeat of the Italian Communists at the April 18 elections. The "prayer front" of the Mercy girls was spearheaded by a telephone brigade which passed the word along from Merclan to Merclan during vacation under leadership of Freshmen, Sophomores, Junior and Senior class officers.

Propagandizing their campaign, the high school girls urged: "While Catholic students cannot talk on soap boxes against the Communists, they can and must pray, if Italy and Europe are to be saved." A committee of seniors made posters with the slogan "A Mass Crusade—Will Save the Day" to remind Merclans of the crusade. The crusade of the girls is credited to the challenge of an editorial in "The Quill," Mercy newspaper, which called upon Catholics to take immediate action.

Fathers Bid To Meet With Mercy Mothers

The Mothers' Club of Our Lady of Mercy High School will meet April 21, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. A special invitation is extended to the fathers. Mrs. Edward Zimmer will preside. A play will be presented by the students of the senior class. Refreshments will be served under the direction of Mrs. Edwin L. Kress. The faculty will be in attendance to meet the parents.



FATHER RATIGAN

K. of C. To Honor Father Ratigan, Spiritual Leader

A testimonial dinner for the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, chaplain of Rochester, Knights of Columbus will be held in the knights' clubrooms, Wednesday, April 21 at 6 p. m. according to Grand Knight John J. Kinney. The dinner at which clergy and lay friends and members of the Knights of Columbus will honor Father Ratigan is in personal charge of Rocco F. Natale, house committee chairman. Toastmaster will be the Rev. Mark Tobin, C.S.S.R. of St. Joseph's Church, Natale announces. Charles G. McMahon will supervise the serving of the dinner.

Father Ratigan is director of the Family and Child Placing Division, Rochester Catholic Charities. He is moderator of the First Friday Luncheon Club and Catholic Speakers Bureau, both sponsored by the Council. Located in Columbus Civic Center, he has been accessible to the knights whenever they needed his counsel and advice. Grand Knight Kinney stated in announcing the testimonial. It is in gratitude for the help the chaplain has given the council that the dinner was arranged.

Delinquency On Rise, Probation Aide Declares

Because of the increasing number of broken homes, we can be concerned with the very real possibility of an increase in juvenile delinquency.

This warning was sounded by Albert W. Roche, probation examiner of the New York State Department of Correction and a member of the K. of C. Speakers Bureau, at a joint meeting of the Rochester Branches, Catholic Central Verein of America and National Catholic Women's Union Sunday afternoon in St. Andrew's hall.

Titling his talk "Youth in Conflict," Mr. Roche stressed the importance of good example on the part of all with whom young people come in contact.

THE CAUSE of juvenile delinquency in most cases, was a lack of good home life, he declared, adding that many programs of supervised recreation offered as cure-alls work on the symptoms and do not reach the causes of delinquency.

He said that Catholics must demonstrate that Catholic principles of family life are workable.

Monsignor George W. Eckl, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, commended the two organizations for their work. He urged the delegates and members to pray for a favorable result in the elections in Italy next Sunday.

William Roeger reported that preparations had been completed for the Founders Day Celebration to be held at St. Andrew's Hall Saturday, April 24. He said that all friends of the two groups are invited to attend. August M. Maier, president of the Men's Branch, presided.

'Women's Place' NCCW Panel Talk

Auburn—The supper meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, to the quarterly diocesan meeting Sunday, April 25, in Auburn. Chartered bus service will be provided if enough women request it. Mrs. Leon Muecke, deanery president, has announced. Reservations for the bus and dinner tickets may be procured at the regular Rochester Diocesan meeting, Tuesday evening, April 20, at 8:15 o'clock in Parlor A of Columbus Civic Center. Price of the dinner has been set at \$2.50. The quarterly D.C.C.W. meeting will bring together representatives of the Catholic women's groups in Rochester, Corning, Elmira, Ithaca, Geneva and Auburn deaneries. All moderators, officers and chairmen of the diocese and deaneries are expected to attend. The day's program begins at 2:30 p. m. with dismissal at 8 p. m. All sessions will be held in Osborne Hotel, Auburn. Rev. Donald Cleary, chaplain of the Newman Club of Cornell University, and the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be principal speakers at the dinner. A panel discussion on "The Women's Place in Society" will be presented by the Auburn Diocesan unit under direction of the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, and Mrs. Charles Cusick.

Delegates Urged To Elmira Meet

Selection of delegates to the 15th annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, scheduled May 16 in Elmira, was urged this week by Lewis A. Schur, diocesan union president. Each Holy Name Society is entitled to five representatives at the formal business session, Schur pointed out. They include the spiritual director, the president and secretary, and two delegates. A nationally-known layman will address the conclave. Arrangements are being made for a benefit supper to follow the meeting, to which delegates are invited to bring their wives. "Our convention this year will be a very important one," Schur declared, "and we hope that every Holy Name unit will make sure that it is represented at the session."

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Juniors: Bernadette Schoenher, Anne Clark, Maureen Sullivan, Marjorie Klem, Velma Hart.

Freshmen: Carol Brantigan, Sally Debridge, Natalie Kehoe, Helene Kirchner, Joan Dutcher, Carolyn Civitelli, Arline Klem, Norcen Gall, Frances Mancuso, Patricia Nevis, Patricia Iuppa, Catherine Ostrye, Genevieve Suckl, Mary Jane Trabold and Joan Vueli.

Ground Broken for Community Youth Center To Be Constructed by East Rochester Parishioners



Here is the architect's drawing of the new East Rochester Community Youth Center, ground for which was broken by the Rev. Bernard J. Gefell, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, this week. (Photo, courtesy Rochester Times-Union).

The wholesome recreation of all the young people of the parish became more than a dream in East Rochester this week as the Rev. Bernard J. Gefell, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, broke ground for the new East Rochester Community Center.

The 2-story building of striking modern design will offer a library, craft shop, various games and activity rooms, lockers and shower facilities and a full size gymnasium for the year-round program of the 700 members of the parish youth club.

The new gymnasium will be available for dances, dinners and assemblies as well as for sports. A full sized kitchen with serving facilities for large groups adjoins it. The whole building measuring 150' by 60' will be ready for general use by September 1.

ORGANIZED 10 YEARS ago by the Holy Name Society of St. Jerome's Church, the parish youth program was modeled on the Chicago Catholic Youth Organization. Headquarters in the new building provided club rooms, a snack bar, basketball court.

Under the guidance of Father Gefell and Daniel C. Malone, East Rochester justice of peace, the CYO grew rapidly. Assistant pastors, Reverend Fathers John S. Whalen, Wallace J. Van Deusen and Robert A. Meng took active parts in the direction of all the club activities.

At first the CYO became the "Columbus Youth Association" when the parish organization was accepted as an affiliate of the Social Action Division of the Rochester Catholic Charities. Now financed in part by Community Chest funds, the CYO will accept as members all boys and girls of the village between the ages of 10 and 16. Although the new building belongs to the parish, its operation (Continued on Page 2)

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A varied program of music and entertainment has been planned with both modern and square dance numbers scheduled. In charge of arrangements are Walter Anderson, Stella Beahan, Brida Shannon, and Eileen Clifford.

All members and friends of the AOH are invited to attend. Tickets will be available at the door.

Carmelite Third Order

Chicago (NC) — "Watch and Pray," the keynote of His Holiness Pope Pius XII's Easter address, will be the theme of the first national conference of the Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Mt. Carmel High School here April 17 and 18.

Drills To Feature Review Of Knights of St. John

Colonel Edward Doyle of the United States Marines and Alfred L. Green, County Commander, Catholic War Veterans will be reviewing officers at the annual inspection, review and dress parade of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary Sunday, April 18 at the Main Street Armory.

Also in the reviewing stand will be war chaplains, commanders of different units of the Catholic War Veterans and some WAVES and WACS.

COLONEL Joseph F. Wendelgas, Colonel of the Rochester Regiment will be in command. Assisting will be Lt. Col. Al. G. Miller, Major of the First Battalion; Edward Katzenberger, Major of the Second Battalion; Frank Vogel and Major Camilla Hazauer, of the Third Battalion which is the Ladies Battalion. Due to the illness of Brig. Gen.

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