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Build True Catholic Homes, Alumni Urged

"If we have sound Christian homes, the Church need not worry, nor the state be embarrassed." This declaration came from the Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure College in commending the more than 300 fathers and sons who, turned out for the first Communion Mass and Breakfast sponsored by the alumni and campus club of the college.

"Your program is to build up true and genuine Catholic homes," Father Thomas told his present and former "boys" at the breakfast.

The Mass was celebrated at Old St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Gervase McMullen, O.F.M., secretary of the national alumni association. Rev. Dr. George P. Kettell, pastor, in welcoming the St. Bonaventure men to Old St. Mary's said that their presence and that of the alumnae of St. Mary's Commercial School at the Altar's Rail during Mass furnished an "eloquent sermon."

St. Mary's Commercial School alumnae held their breakfast at Daitlin's restaurant on Franklin Street following the Mass.

THE ST. BONAVENTURE men heard Father Thomas at a breakfast in Powers Hotel, where Father Gervase presided. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Costigan, vicar general of Rapid City, S. D. diocese and an alumnus of St. Bonaventure College was an honor guest together with the Reverend Fathers Aubert Conlon, O.F.M., Peter Carr, O.F.M., Clarence Ford, O.F.M., and Charles Adams, O.F.M.

The role of fathers in development of sound Catholic homes was outlined to the St. Bonaventure alumni and sons, undergraduates and fathers by Father Thomas who told the fathers they were such, that morning, in a double sense they were natural and spiritual fathers.

In the establishment of the home, the learned educator declared, fathers control the faith, the mothers control the morals.

EMPHASIZING THE term of father, the St. Bonaventure president explained that the Creator

St. Michael's Men Hear Wing Leaders

Necessity for clean living for success in athletics was stressed by Joe Ziegler, business manager of the Red Wing ball team, in talk at the annual Fathers and Sons Communion breakfast of the St. Michael's Church Holy Name Society on Sunday, June 13.

Confidence that the Wings will end the season in the first division was expressed by Ced Durst, field manager who told some stories about the players. The two luminaries presented several awards in the form of ball glove, balls and box seat tickets to several men and boys.

Nearly 150 men at the breakfast heard the Rev. Francis Kierhammer, assistant pastor and Holy Name spiritual director, praise them for consistent monthly reception of Holy Communion. Nicholas Tosti, Society president was toastmaster. Arthur P. Farren, executive secretary of the Diocesan Holy Name Union, spoke briefly.

CVW Honors Priest (Covington, Ky. (NC) The National Commander's Award for 1947-48 for outstanding service to the Catholic War Veterans has been conferred on the Rev. Paul E. Ryan, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral and diocesan director of the Catholic War Veterans here.

Date Book Of Catholic Groups

(Deadline for all Date Book items is Tuesday each week at 1 p. m.)

Friday, June 18
 Youth Dance, Immaculate Conception auditorium, Joe Nolan, 9-12
 Party, St. Mauritius Community 9, and Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John Clubhouse, 365 Andreas St.

Saturday, June 19
 Meeting, Rochester Social Justice Club, St. Joseph's School Hall, 8 p. m.

Sunday, June 20
 Military Field Mass, Knights of St. John, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 10 a. m.
 Family Retreat, Mercy High School Alumnae, 2 to 5 p. m.

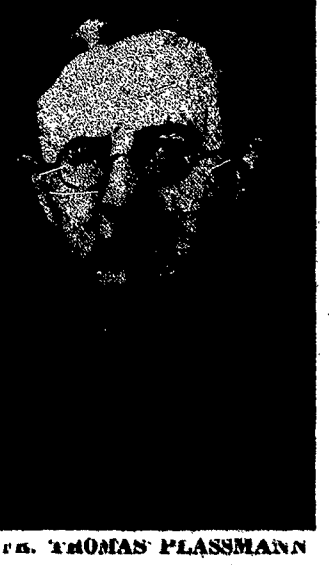
Monday, June 21
 Meeting, Holy Rosary Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John, school hall, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, June 22
 Picnic, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Mendon Ponds.

Wednesday, June 23
 Card party, St. Margaret Mary Altar Society, school auditorium, 1 p. m.

Thursday, June 24
 Family basket picnic, St. Thomas Mission Society, Durand Eastman Park, Shelter 4.

President



Rev. THOMAS PLASSMANN

of the world had chosen to be called "Father," the head of Christendom is affectionately termed the "Holy Father," and every priest, monsignor and bishop is proud of the title "Father."

Robert C. Conroy, chosen as the "ideal St. Bonaventure man" for 1948 had an honor place at the speakers table, as did William Bennett, newly elected president of the Rochester Club at St. Bonaventure College.

Arrangements for the breakfast were handled by the Rochester Alumni Club headed by Thomas J. Byrnes and the campus Rochester Club of which Ray Burns is president.

Fr. Gefell To Call Roll Of Knights' Honored Dead

His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate the 31st annual Military Field Mass of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary, at 10 a. m. Sunday, June 20, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Parade captains have ordered their uniformed companies to report at the Dewey Avenue gate of the cemetery at 9:15 a. m. The procession, headed by Col. Joseph Wendigass, will start promptly at 9:30, moving through the cemetery and across Lake Avenue to the east side, where a temporary altar will be erected in front of All Souls Chapel.

The Rev. Col. Joseph R. Gefell, Regiment chaplain, will read the names and ask prayers for members of both units who have died since the last Field Mass. Capt. John Miles will direct the choir of Auxiliary 47 of St. Boniface Church. Sir Knight Norbert Kolb will assist at the organ. Taps will be sounded by Mrs. Rita Hillengas.

Chairman Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach extends an invitation to families and friends of deceased members, and the public, to attend the Mass.

Dispenza To Preside At Realtors' Sessions

Fun will be mixed with education when members of the Real Estate Board of Rochester and their salesmen conduct the board's next meeting on Wednesday, June 23 at 8 p. m. in Powers Hotel ballroom.

The board president, Charles M. Dispenza, reports the meeting will consist of two sections. The first will be a 30-minute playlet, a satire on a day in a real estate broker's office, entitled "A Bush Grows in Brighton." It will depict proper and improper methods of handling clients and prospects. The second section of the meeting will be a panel discussion of board rules, with a moderator.

The next meeting of the board will be in September.

Ex-Minister Backs Fatima Devotions

Dublin—(NC)—A former Anglican clergyman who became a Catholic 25 years ago has now dedicated his life to spreading the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in the British Isles.


He is L. F. Harvey, whose illuminated lectures on Our Lady's message and warning at Fatima have drawn crowds in England and Ireland.

Mr. Harvey is the author of a pamphlet, "The Message of Fatima," which, like other publications on the subject, is eagerly read in Ireland.

Kolping Group Aids German Family Life

Cologne—(NC)—The Kolping Society, an organization of aid for Catholic apprentices which has perhaps made better progress than any other Catholic group in Germany since the end of the war, is now devoting its main energies to reestablishing healthy family life. At a recent meeting in Regensburg, Bavaria, it was decided to open a home for young men, of which there are many thousands in Germany.

The Kolping Society has more than 15,000 local groups that provide homes and spiritual assistance for young workmen. Of all Catholic matters, it has been in Germany, about two-thirds have been members of the Kolping Society.



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