

DeSales Graduates Urged To Keep God With Them

Geneva — "If God be with us, who shall be against us?" With these confident words, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney handed diplomas to another graduating class of DeSales High School, the 1948 group of 62 students.

"The difficult part of commencement," Bishop Kearney said after congratulating the class, "is that you cannot pause to look back. Time marches with almost regrettable urgency. The closing hour of your school year seems to rush by."

"You are once again in the presence of God where you came four years ago in a dedicatory service at the opening of your school year. You may be kneeling in the same pew."

Describing the occasion as "your valedictory," the priest, sisters, and parents, Bishop Kearney emphasized that "there is One to whom you will not say goodbye."

"There is One," he said, "who has given you strength in temptation. He refuses to accept a valedictory. No matter where you go, you will find Him waiting. My friends, doesn't that give you inspiration, doesn't that give you courage?"

"If God be with us, who shall be against us," he quoted. DESCRIBING THE PASSAGE of the past four years of high school as "chapters in a story,"

SAVINGS STAMP RECORD



Pupils of St. Wenceslaus parochial school, Baltimore, Md., (Henry Devito, fourth grade, and Joan Raab, second grade), point proudly to their school's 1948 record of \$905.43 in Savings Stamps purchased by the school's 478 students. Sister M. Joella, principal, said: "The success of the program is due to the children's realization of the importance of saving money." (NC)

Worldly Goods Secondary, Priest Tells Marine Unit

Geneva — "Don't set your sights on possessions alone," said Rev. John Reddington, former chaplain in the U. S. Marines, and now assistant at St. Francis de Sales church, at the first anniversary dinner of the Marine Corps Auxiliary Monday at DeLuxe Grill.

The guest speaker declared "the man of today thinks only of his personal possessions and what good it will bring him. This is wrong as there must be a purpose to living."

The victory of the world today depends on the spiritual over material. There is a constant fight between matter and spirit, between body and soul," he said.

"The man with a principle will fight the conflict of matter over spirit, while the man given to material things alone has no other law unto himself than to obtain the same. The one given to spirit will find happiness which will come in attaining God."

FATHER REDDINGTON quoted the words of St. Augustine: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, Oh God," and he pointed out that "we will be restless until we rest in Him."

Referring to the story of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to the three children at Portugal, Spain, when she warned the world and requested the children to "pray for the conversion of Russia," he said that this might sound impossible. But "consider God telling twelve men to go forth and convert all to Christianity," he commented.

"There is power in God's grace—a power through prayer. No matter what a man's faith may be let him devote but a few minutes of each day to pray for peace and the conversion of non-believers."

"Prayer is the best form of obtaining will-power and control of spirit."

Man's spirit today is suffocated. He no longer knows right from wrong—good from bad. Penance comes through daily hardships to most. We must all have some way to discipline ourselves and to know when to say no, he asserted.

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22 Get Diplomas, Awards From St. Aloysius School

Auburn—A class of 22 students was graduated from St. Aloysius School at exercises Sunday evening in St. Aloysius Church. Rev. John B. Crowley presented the diplomas. Addressing the graduates was the Rev. B. L. Quirk of Rochester.

Preceding the graduation, the ceremony of enrollment in the Holy Name Society and reception into the Young Ladies Sodality was held.

Father Crowley's Medal for highest average went to Robert Dalton of the graduating class whose average was 99 per cent.

Captain White's Medal for Excellence, merited by John Bellomo; Grade 6. Merited by Mary Herring, Barbara Tonzi, David McLaughlin; won by Barbara Tonzi; Grade 5. Merited by Mary Anne Finnano, Laura Polia; Grade 4. Merited by Nancy Borzaga.

Grade 3. Merited by Francis Finnano, Michael Glowacki, Frederick Turby, Patricia Anderson, Carolann McQueeny, Virginia Wilson. Won by Carolann McQueeny.

Grade 3. Merited by Paul Finnano, Ronald Salayda, Marlon Gargull, Joanne Manzano, Marilyn Matro, Shirley Petrucelli, Adrienne Pettigraas, Clorinda Rossi, Mary Elizabeth Stapleton. Won by Ronald Salayda.

Grade 2. Merited by 25 pupils. Won by—Loretta Wilczek. Grade 1—Merited by 20 pupils. Won by Anne Marie Spinelli.

Perfect attendance honors went to Grade 7—Theresa Finizio. Grade 6. Rose Polia, Grade 5. Joan Fedor, Grade 4. Joan DeSanto, Grade 3. Marlon Gargull, Grade 3 John Waters, Grade 2. Ronald Iannone, Grade 1—Margaret Graney. Won by Rose Polia.

Graduation exercises concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. John P. O'Malley of Rochester.

Weddings in Auburn

Boeger - Iampaglia Auburn — Miss Josephine M Iampaglia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Iampaglia, Sr., 70 1/2 Van Anden Street, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at Holy Family Church, was united in marriage to Kenneth F. Boeger, Arlington, Va., a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Joseph Boeger of Carmi, Ill. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, V.F., pastor of the church, and assisting were Rev. William E. Davis and Rev. Eugene McCarthy, assistant pastors at Holy Family Church.

Hennessy - Roan Miss Mary Anne Roan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roan, 380 Washington Avenue, Larksville, Pa., was married Saturday June 19, at 10 o'clock to Charles Francis Hennessy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hennessy, 6 Ross Place Auburn. The ceremony was performed in St. Vincent's Church in Laiks ville by Rev. John P. Regan, who also said the Nuptial Mass.

Riley - DeFonde The wedding of Miss Mary DeFonde, 22 Warren Avenue, and Donald Riley, son of Mrs. Anna Riley, took place June 19 in St. Francis of Assisi Church. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Adolph L. Gabbanl, pastor, officiated.

Smartz - Belz Miss Loretta Belz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Belz, 9 Case Ave., and Andrew Smartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smartz, 98 N. Division St., were united in marriage June 19 in St. Hyacinth's Church. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Adolph L. Gabbanl, pastor, officiated.

Claump - Falcone Nancy Rose Falcone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Falcone, 15 Barber St., and James Claump, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Claump, 2 Church St., were married June 19 in St. Francis Church. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Adolph L. Gabbanl, pastor, officiated.

Gleason - Colgan The wedding of Miss Carleen Colgan, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Colgan, 18 Seymour St., and the late Patrick Colgan, and John Gleason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gleason, 9 Cady St., took

38 Are Graduated In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls—The 1948 graduating class of St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls, was made up of 16 girls and 12 boys. Exercises were held in St. Patrick's Church Friday evening, June 25. The program was as follows:

Hymn—"I'll Sing to Thee, O Mary." Presentation of Class — Rev. Thomas Kane. Awarding of Diplomas — Rev. John P. O'Beirne, pastor.

Address: Rev. John P. O'Beirne, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Paris Angelicus, Tantum Ergo. Closing Hymn—"Hail, King of Kings."

Class officers chosen were: President, Teresa Marsella; vice-president, Janet Oakes; treasurer, Donald Verville; secretary, Elizabeth Hughes.

The medal awarded each year by the Kirk Casey Post, American Legion, for the highest average in Social Studies was presented to Teresa Marsella. The second prize of \$2.50 was awarded to Anna Mahoney.

A medal is also awarded annually to the seventh grade student attaining the highest average in Social Studies. This was given to Kevin Bove.

Chinese Communists Seize Three Priests

Peiping—NC — Three Chinese Catholic priests from the city of Linfen, in Shanxi province, were taken prisoner by communists after Nationalist troops abandoned the city last month at the end of an intense 70-day siege, according to word received here.

The priests, members of the prefecture of Hungtung, are the Revs. Andrew Li, Barnabas Lou, and Benedict Li. They are reportedly held at Cheung, north of Linfen, where two other priests and a seminarian, Hungtung prefecture have been Communist prisoners since last September.

Several other priests and more than ten seminarians at Linfen are said to have survived without harm the fierce battle for the city, and until recently, at least, had not been molested. Two Belgian Nationalist priests, Fathers Nicholas Wenders and Michel Keyfollin, reportedly enjoy sufficient freedom to conduct a busy medical dispensary near Hungtung. Fears for their freedom and safety had been voiced repeatedly since they were cut off from communication last Fall.

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