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Report of 7,500 hours of adoration made by members of Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society in the past year is made to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (left) by Joseph J. Altman, president, at annual Communion Breakfast in Powers Hotel, Passon Sunday.

Men Spend 7,500 Hours In Eucharistic Adoration

By THOMAS P. O'CONNOR

A total of 7,500 hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed were reported by members of Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society to His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the annual Communion Breakfast Sunday in the Powers Hotel.

Executive Secretary Joseph W. Berni who made the report announced 100 new members received by the Society.

THE HOLY FATHER'S appeal for prayers of all Catholics throughout the world was stressed by Bishop Kearney at the Mass in St. Patrick's Church prior to the breakfast at which 400 members received Holy Communion in a body.

The Bishop celebrated the Mass assisted by the Rev. Fr. Edgar M. Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, and the Rev. Leo J. Moorey, pastor of St. Patrick's, and moderator of the adoration society.

Through the Pope's permission and exhortation to all priests to offer a second Mass on that day, it was Bishop Kearney said, as though the Holy Father desired to gather all the spiritual power of the world represented by the act of Mass in one tremendous act of Reparation for the sins of the members of God.

IN HIS ADDRESS at the breakfast, Bishop Kearney outlined reading of the Letter of Pope Pius XII entitled "Letter to the Bishops of the World."

The letter declared that "the most serious and disastrous thing which was man's original crime when he ignored God's command is the most poisonous source of all evils and at the present time is insistently spreading its ravages almost all over the world, for a violent disease."

THE BISHOP noted the efficacy of men spending the midnight hours in adoration and declared it a response to the Holy Father's appeal to combat the spreading evil.

Leaflets outlining the demand of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and the urgent necessity for all Catholics to heed the appeal for Reparation, Rosation, and the Rosary were distributed at the breakfast.

Secretary Berni stated that Nocturnal Adoration Society men were inaugurating a Rosary Crusade for the conversion of Russia and World peace in their own parishes. The Rosary, he said, is now being recited by groups in 14 city parishes as well as by employees of a number of factories near parish churches during the noon hour.

Joseph J. Altman, society president, presented the other officers and extended the group's thanks to Vice President George H. Segrist in charge of the Mass and Breakfast arrangements.

JEWELRY FROM THORNES—The ideal Easter gift. William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 East Main St., opposite East Ave.—Adv.

Editorial:

'Protect All Children'

By MONSIGNOR WM. M. HART, P.A., V.G. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Showing of sex hygiene films like "Human Growth" and "Human Reproduction" to school children has been condemned by the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee which represents the Bishops of the State.

Current presentation of these two films in Rochester public schools is a sex education program fraught with serious moral and spiritual danger to youngsters.

The Catholic protest against this public school experiment in sex education is very much in order. Catholics are just as much opposed to endangering the morals of parochial school pupils. All children are entitled to moral protection whether they are in public or parochial schools.

In introducing sex films into the classroom, Rochester public school authorities betray a definite lack of respect for the welfare of the children, for their religious background, for the accepted principles of their parents and for the prudent counsel of a great religious body like the Catholic Church.

The needless exposure of immature children and youth to the temptations which can easily come from viewing sex films is an educational adventure of highly questionable merit.

The Catholic Church speaks her age-old experience and interest in the moral welfare of children when she insists that sex instruction should be imparted by a teacher fittingly prepared and with due regard for the necessary moral and spiritual safeguards. Common sense backs up the stand of the Church.

Sex knowledge, even when acquired through dignified study, can never of itself make boys and girls pure. Sex teaching which ignores moral and spiritual implications is bound to harm the minds and hearts of impressionable children and youth.

What are parents to do when their children in public schools are subjected to showings of films like "Human Growth" and "Human Reproduction"? Must parents surrender their rights and judgement to public school officials who order or permit the showing of such films to their children?

In authorizing the new sex education program, Rochester public school officials are admittedly in good faith. But this is no consolation to parents whose definite religious and moral teaching convinces them that the new sex study exposes their children's moral development to jeopardy.

Certainly parents are justified in protesting such exploitation of their children in public school classrooms. More than that, parents might ask why public school authorities have put parents on the defensive before their own children.

The Catholic Church has constantly and reasonably and conscientiously followed the way of experience and knowledge in dealing with sexual instruction of children. Educators who discount all this wisdom and experience can hardly escape the charge of acting rashly.

As citizens of their community, Rochester Catholics have a sincere interest in public school education. When it is a question, therefore, of introducing such a radical innovation as the showing of sex educational films in the public school, Catholics have a right and a duty to feel concerned.

Rochester Catholics have a right to expect that before adopting a sex education program, public school authorities would give at least some prudent consideration to the Catholic viewpoint—a viewpoint represented by not a few members of Rochester's citizenry.

Former Protestant Minister Ordained Catholic Priest

Trenton, N. J. — (NC) — The Rev. Frederick John Manville, who not so very long ago was a Protestant minister, has been ordained a Catholic priest. The ceremony was performed by Bishop William A. Griffin of Trenton, in St. Mary's Cathedral here. He offered his First Solemn Mass in the Church of St. Vincent, Martyr, in Madison, N. J., the town where he was converted.

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The New St. Andrew's Seminary



Start of construction on the new St. Andrew's Seminary, Buffalo Road was witnessed by the Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward M. Lyons, rector (center shown with Dan) J. Meagher, contractor (left) and Joseph P. Flynn, architect. Students of the diocesan preparatory seminary also attended the beginning of the work, this week.

Catholic Children 'In' And 'Out' In Aid Bill

Senate Plan Unfair To Parochial School Child

Washington — (NC) — If the Thomas Federal Aid to Education Bill is enacted into law, some 300,000 school children in Pennsylvania, considered to be worth \$5 of Federal help apiece, will well that State's annual allocation to \$10,120,000. But when the money is distributed they will get nothing. They attend parochial schools.

This is one of the things which stands out in the report on the Thomas Bill, with its detailed statistical tables, which has just been released here by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee. The Thomas Bill, approved by that committee and sent now to the Senate floor, counts all U. S. children between 5 and 17 in its aid formula, but in distributing the money, effectively limits it to public school pupils only.

The Senate committee has also approved a school health bill which would benefit children in nonpublic as well as public schools. This measure carries an annual appropriation of \$35,000,000, the Thomas Bill \$300,000,000. On the other side of the Capitol, the House Education and Labor Committee is still concerned with "Fair-Hairley" revision, and is expected to "put" to the Federal school aid issue some time after Easter.

The report's figures also indicate that in New York 415,000 parochial school pupils would add \$2,015,000 to give that State \$11,825,000, with no guarantee that they will receive any aid. Similarly in Illinois 250,000 parochial students are worth \$1,250,000 in Thomas Bill money out of a total of \$7,490,000.

In Michigan 145,000 pupils would bring \$725,000 to the State total of \$3,235,000. In New Jersey 127,000 pupils would bring \$635,000 to the total of \$3,340,000. (Continued on Page 2)

Catholics Fight Child-Care Plan

Sacramento, Cal. — (RNS) — Members of the California legislature here have been cautioned by a group of Roman Catholic Church officials against adopting any measure seeking to make child-care centers a permanent part of the state supported school system. The churchmen also warned "against bills that would provide day-care service without evidence of demonstrated need."

HEADED BY Auxiliary Bishop James T. O'Dowd of San Francisco, the clergymen declared it was "imperative for all legislators to realize that the educational and social theorists who are campaigning most vigorously for child-care centers are actually doing so in order to open the way for permanent nursery schools for all children.

"The ultimate objective," they continued, "is to adopt as permanent policy the nursery school for all children. Such a threat to the American home must be met now by rejecting all child-care center bills which lack a time and a reasonable 'means test'."

THE CATHOLIC officials, including representatives of all California dioceses, maintained that such centers could cause neglect of the home unless definite standards of eligibility are established.

"If placement can be made without demonstrating need," they said, "many mothers under the influence of an erroneous philosophy may be led to shift their family and social responsibilities."

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Chaplain, Nuns, Patients Perish in Hospital Fire

Effingham, Ill.—An estimated 74 persons perished in a devastating fire which destroyed the 60-year-old St. Anthony's Hospital here Tuesday evening.

Among the dead were the Rev. C. C. Sandon hospital chaplain, two nuns, Sisters Utacho and Bettina of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, who operate the institution, Miss Fern Riley, a nurse, who perished in the nursery with 11 infants, a few hours only a few hours before the blaze swept the institution, and Frank Reus the hospital's chief engineer, who rushed into the blazing building to assist in evacuating those trapped inside.

BISHOP WILLIAM A. O'CONNOR of Springfield, Illinois, hurried to Effingham, from Springfield after being informed of the tragedy. He directed the transfer of patients and assisted in other relief efforts. The Bishop named Magr. Jesse L. Galton, who accompanied him from Springfield, to serve as his representative on the scene.

The tragedy, one of the nation's biggest disasters of the year, occurred within the short space of about 15 terrifying minutes shortly after midnight.

Astronomers were of the opinion that the fire started in a laundry, crept and spread up the elevator shaft into apartments from neighboring communities, caused by the fact that the last spread of flames within an hour virtually all patients were left of the hospital, in the charred walls of the building.

VIRTUALLY ALL patients were awakened shortly after the blaze broke out. Residents in the vicinity of the hospital found of being awakened by screams of those trapped in the building. Hundreds of townsfolk rushed to the scene and assisted in rescue work. Four reported that some of the patients in the 125-bed institution died in leaps from windows.

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Prelate Forbids Beauty Contests

San Juan, Puerto Rico — (GIP) — On behalf of Bishop James Peter Davis of San Juan, Monsignor Rafael Grovas, Chancellor of the Diocese, has sent to all leaders of women's organizations in his diocese a letter urging them to warn Catholic women against participation in beauty contests.

"IT IS PUBLIC knowledge," Monsignor Grovas stated, "and has been shown by pictures which have appeared in the press about similar affairs elsewhere that in such contests the most elementary principles of decency and modesty are openly violated."

"We are told that Puerto Rico's participation in such beauty contests would result in favorable publicity for our country. Any truly favorable publicity should, of course, be encouraged, but the debasement of the dignity of our women is a different matter."

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Engaged Couple, Michael Yaworsky and Ellen Koralewski who will be married in May in St. Hyacinth's Church, Auburn sign up as did many others for the N.C.W. Marriage Course being conducted at Auburn Knights of Columbus home. Mrs. Joseph P. Cuddy, president, Auburn Council, National Council of Catholic Women and Mrs. Eugene Kelly, chairman of the NCCW Committee on Family and Parent Education take registration.