Rochester, N. Y.

Teachers Urge Alerting Pupil's Interest In Politics

By MARY C. CAREY Over 1,000 Rochester Diocesan teachers heard pleas las: week do some "ward heeling" among their students in a campaign to interest Catholic young people in policies. Deploring the indifference of many Catholics to politics, forum speakers at the annual Rochester Ducesan Teachers' Conference, held Thursday and Friday at Aquinas Institute, urged teaching sisters and priests to "inculcate a sense of civic responsibility" in young people.

Practical suggestions for "an int_nsely interesting course" to demonstrate the local political action were ad-

ticipated.

it a civic mor-'al sin" for a P. B. Duffy Catholic to neglect voting

Political science courses Cit olic universities "go begging" for lack of patronage by young people while political power slips through the pathetic fingers of Catholics, the Very Rev John A Flynn, president of St John's University, in Brooklyn asserted

A "minosity attitude" among Catholics, commented Rochester Attorney B. Edward Shlesinger. is one of the biggest stumbling blocks to attaining political prestige for Catholic voters and candidates.

"It is the obligation of every Catholic teacher to vote, as well as to encourage pupils to perform their civic duty" the Hev. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph.D., concurred.

Sounding the keynate of the poltical discussion, Father Flyma told the educators: "In the majority of American communities, it is almost imposable for a Catholic to be check. ed to political office. They are outnumbered, because politically, this is a Protestant coun-

Citing the impenetrability (to a Catholic) of the office president. 01 the o



Participants in Forum at Discessa Teachers Conference in Aquinas Auditorium were (from left) Rev. John P. Haverty, Ed. M., associate superintendent of schools, New York Architecese; Very Rev. John A. Flynn, C.M., S.T.D., LL.D., president, iens College, Loudenville, N. Y.; Rev. Frank Gariland, C.S.C., Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., editor of "The Catholic Boy"; Very Rev. John A. Flynn, C.M., S.T.D., LLD, president, St John's University, Brooklyn; Rev. Arthur M. Leary, M.A., secretary of education, Diocese of Ogdensburg; Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph.D., superintendent of schools, Rochester Diocese; Very Rev, Louis J. Bandy, C.S.R., Ph.D., M. Ag. Ph., president, St. Michael's College, Toronto.

to vote." denta "Show me the power of minority," he said. Many of the most important elections in U.S. history have been won through the balance of power wielded by a susperically small group, he pointed out. This was illustrated by a description of the action of the Anti-Saloon League in swinging the Eigh-seenth Constitutional Amond-

a good citizes." Both Judge Duffy and Attorney Shlesinger stressed the im-Other important points of portance of teaching the work-speakers at the diocesan teachings of the election laws, par-lers' convention were Catholics in ticularly on a local basis, by family and parish life, industrial actually practicing them in life and community life, in rela-

school elections. By converting tion to education. high school rooms into divisions "ESPECIALLY IN family life. corresponding to local election is the indigence of many Cathdistricts, "an intensely interesting civics course" could be work- Rev. Louis J. Bondy, C.S.B. Ph. product of the academic school." ad out for young people, Judge D., complained. Their indul-but expressed doubt as to gence, if not actual acceptance, whether the Catholic non-com-

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in parish life, the Rev. Arthur M. Leary, Secretary of Educa-Expressing the opinion that the "minority attitude" of tion of the Diocese of Ogdena-Catholics who stick to their burg, said. "That should be the down groups is a handleap in first sphere of his influence." political action almos it creates prejudice, he maid: "If they Declaring that the Catholic graduate "should be eminently us." Spread out and join your qualified to alleviate the wounds don't know as they won't like inflicted by secularism." Father Leary said the parish and the pastor should be the very first prooccupation of the educated neighbors' groups. When they know us, we'll get their vote for a Catholic, not because he's a Catholic, but because he's Catholic. "In school, kinder-

garten through university courses should emphasize the importance of the parish, and the importance of the pastor, a thing which you rarely see."

REV. JOHN P. MAVERTY, Associate Superintendent of Schools of the New York Archdiocese, told the teachers that, olics most apparent." the Very "industry is anxious to get the

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Sisters' Role

Power of the Staters in the Catholic life of the Rochester Diocese was cited by His Kxcellency Bishop Kearney in a stirring tribute to the "great enthe religious life." at the close of the two-day Diocesan Teachers' Conference, in Aquinas Institute.

The Bishop elso officiated in Benediction of the Biesed Sac rament at the closing pession of the teachers' conference.

Me volced his gratitude in the teaching religious of the discrete and assured the more than 1,000 conceptors that "I tion deeply consolition of the fact that Catholic life in this community is due to the foun-dations laid by the Sisters is the Hills sould whe cause their care." "We know that we would

have to close the schools if it were not for the Slaters, the Bishop declared. The of-forts of the pricess would be futile without the foundation half in the classroom."

He urged his listeners, "never forget that our principal work in developing souls. That is the only thing which justifies the sacrifice of your lives on the altar of education. It is your right to see that the sacrifice is not in value."

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against s Catholic's be comtrag governor or mayor, Father Flynn lamented **w# just haven't the numbers to break down this impregnable wall."

The requisites for a candidate to political office he said were: 1) the right qualification, 2) the moral integrity, 3) the willing-ness to run. "Few Catholics are willing." he stated. "They say the political game is too rotten.

B. Edward

Shlesinger

"We must campaign with the students, pep them up, imbue them with the desire, the thirst, for the sacrifice and pioneering spirit which the active political the university They must be life requires." head declared. shown that they can leaven the mass of rottenness they see in politics

He warned against developing political individualism which would result in the formation of numerous political parties and bring about the same problem which has caused chaos in European countries. "Get them to join their neighborhood Democratic or Republican clubs as soon as they are of age," he recommended

Emphasizing the shameful apathy of most people, including Catholics, toward voting Judge Duffy said: "There hean't been an election held in my generation which couldin't have been awing in the other direction by a very small group had they lived up to their duty

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the nation gome up through ranks by way of your county political committee. The primary today means just a sanotioning of the ludements already made by the committee He added the suggestion that this committee work should be explained and demonstrated for high school stu-

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hygiene have become idols to which require some training. which everything is sacrificed. Since vocational schools run by The spirit of faith and sacrifice ; Catholics are "few and far beis unknown. Adolescents are tween," he said, "every Catholic left to themselves in the name school should equip students of untrammeled liberty. And with the elements of stenoghow many baptized people there raphy, bookkeeping, business, We are who weep over the grave as don't want our graduates to get though they had no faith." into dead-end toba" Not enqueh stress is faid upon

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