Hospital Aid Unit

Perpetual Help Society of St. Mary's Hospital will hold the first fall meeting at the Nurses Home, Genesee St., Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Franklin Earle is the presiding officer assisted by Mrs. John Scott, Miss Margaret Wintish and Mrs. Fred Grell.

Mrs. John Neubert will be chairman of the Luncheon Committee assisted by Mrs William F O'Brien Mrs. John Odenbach, Mrs. Fred Pappert and Mrs. Charles Phillips.

Handicapped Set Pilgrimage To 'Father Baker's'

Annual pilgrimage of blind, sick, lame, convalescents and other physically-handicapped persons will feature the concluding exercises of the solemn novena in honor of Our Lady of Victory and the Most Holy Rosary Sunday, Oct. 9, in Father Baker's National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Victory, Lackawanna, N. Y.

The Novena starts Saturday, Oct. 1, with Mass in the Shrine at 9 a.m. All are invited to attend. This particular novena is dedicated for the fourth consecutive year to all handicapped persons in Western New York and Southern Ontario.

Rev. Ralph M. Miller, Professor of Religion, Mathematics and Latin at the Little Seminary of St. Joseph and the Little Flower, Buffalo, Seminary Spiritual Director, and Director of the Diocesan Press Bureau, will speak at the opening service.

He will also give brief sermons at all Masses on the following Sunday, and each evening during the novena. The novena Mass will be said at 9 a.m. each day, with evening services at 7:45.

ALL INTERESTED in making this novena, whether at the Basilica or in own parish churches, or at home, are invited to send in their petition list at once.

Letters should be addressed to the personal attention of Rev. Joseph M. McPherson, recently appointed superintendent and general manager of Father Baker's Homes of Charity, which includes the Shrine and Basilica among Father Baker's works.

"These petitions will be guarded carefully and will be placed on Our Lady's altar, (the main altar in the Basilica, to remain there all during the novena," Father McPherson stated.

"Arrangements have been made for novenas to be conducted simultaneously at Lourdes, France, and in the Basilica of Our Lady of Victory in Paris, France, for all those participating in this novena."

The pilgrimage of the handicapped to the Basilica on the concluding day of the novena will be sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Timon 689, the Buffalo Catholic Guild for the Blind, and the Catholic War Veterans of Erie County, under the direction

Inquiry Open Forum Set By St. Helen's Parish

The Inquiry Forum of St. Helen's Church covering Catholic Doctrine and Practice will open in St. Helen's School Auditorium, 150 Lattington Drive, Monday, Oct. 3, according to the Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan, pastor.

Conducting the Forum will be the Rev. Louis J. Hohman, assistant pastor. An announcement of the Forum declares "the meetings are intended to be of an informational nature and are not controversial. For those who so desire, an opportunity is afforded to ask questions and to have personal conferences."

"NON-CATHOLICS," the notice states, are provided with an easily accessible means of learning at first hand and through authoritative sources just what the Catholic Church is, what it teaches, and how it operates . . . Catholics may find in this course a useful and interesting means of refreshing and enlarging the knowledge which they have hitherto acquired."

REV. LOUIS J. HOHMAN

Meeting every Monday night the Forum will discuss these topics:

Monday, Oct. 3 — WHAT THINK YOU OF CHRIST? — The person and mission of Jesus Christ with its historical background.

Monday, Oct. 10 — IS THERE A CHURCH OF CHRIST? — How Christ established His Church and how we can know that Church.

Monday, Oct. 17 — WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? — Christ's plan for bringing ALL men to heaven through Sacraments and prayer.

Monday, Oct. 24 — THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN — How sin, our only obstacle to everlasting happiness can be removed.

Monday, Oct. 31 — I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE — Did Christ mean these words to be taken at their face value. A discussion of Holy Communion.

Monday, Nov. 7 — HOW SHALL I WORSHIP GOD? — A discussion of the Mass.

Monday, Nov. 14 — MARRIAGE A PRIVATE MATTER — Has marriage anything to do with religion? What Christ has to say on the subject.

Monday, Nov. 21 — Catholic Practice and Superstition — A discussion of the foundation and meaning of various Catholic practices and devotions.

There will be no fee of any kind nor is there an obligation whatsoever for those who attend the lectures, the announcement states.

Footlight Club Lists Brother Rat

St. Boniface Footlight Club announces that its next production will be the well known play and movie, "Brother Rat." Dates of presentation are set for Nov. 13, 15, 16 and 17.

"Brother Rat" is said to be a terrific comedy in three acts and promises to be just about the biggest venture the Club has undertaken to date.

John Tuttle, after another successful season with the Pittsford Summer Theater, will again direct the players in this presentation.

Edward Sloan, president of the Footlight Club, also announces that there will be an important meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday evening, Sept. 29 and a general meeting on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4. Plans for the forthcoming production and for the entire season will be the main order of business.

Both meetings will be in the School Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Genevans Hear Fr. Hanna At Annual Graves Rites

Geneva — Dwelling on the theme, "Sic transit gloria mundi," (thus passes the glory of the world) Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, of Macedon, formerly of Geneva, delivered an impressive sermon Sunday in connection with the annual blessing of the graves in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Similar ceremonies were conducted later at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Emphasizing that "everything is secondary to saving one's soul," Father Hanna quoted "what doth it profit a man," and called attention to the bond existing between the "faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven."

"THESE POOR SOULS are powerful saints . . . we by our prayers can help them. Many a soul is now a saint through the prayers said for them by those on earth."

"We are here," he said, "not to pay honor to the bodies of the dead lying in their graves, but to honor their immortal souls. At this annual blessing of the graves, we have the opportunity to meditate upon the mysteries of life and religion."

Father Hanna told the gathering that "you are professing today the Communion of Saints, that bond existing between the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven."

He concluded with the words, "God is the God of all consolation."

A large number of parishioners of St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's churches were present for the ceremonies, which opened with the recitation of the rosary, led by Rev. John Brill.

Present for the event were the clergy of both parishes, including Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. McPadden, V.F. of St. Stephen's Church; Rev. Edmund [illegible]

St. Augustine's Party Slated

St. Augustine's Rosary Society will hold a card party on Wednesday evening, Oct. 5, in the school hall at 8 p.m. The proceeds will be used for the new convent.

The president, Mrs. Chester McCann, announces the following committee:

General Chairman — Mrs. Irving Nientemp.

Assisting are: Tickets, Mrs. Hubert Oberlies, Mrs. Stephen Lipiak, Mrs. Philip Warmuth, Mrs. Bernard E. Haley, Mrs. Joseph Conroy, Mrs. Harold C. Taylor, Mrs. Leonard A. O'Connell, Mrs. Francis C. Regan.

Prizes: Mrs. Clarence Kohler and Mrs. William Coleman.

Hostesses: Mrs. James L. Mooney, Mrs. John F. Riley, Mrs. I. Barrett, Mrs. Harry Maxwell, Mrs. James S. Malley, Mrs. James Kavanagh.

Members and friends are invited.

300 CYA Campaigners Open Drive For 2,500 Members

With their sights leveled at a goal of 2,500 members, more than 300 Columbus Youth Association campaigners launched their eighteenth annual drive tonight (Thursday) at a dinner meeting in the ballroom of the Columbus Civic Center.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert and John D. Roche, general chairman, sounded the keynote for the campaign which will extend through Tuesday, October 11.

Workers were to be addressed by the Rev. Frank E. Gartland, C.S.C., editor of The Catholic Boy, a monthly magazine published at Notre Dame for boys between the ages of 11 and 17.

Fr. Gartland

Father Gartland was ordained in 1937 after graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1932.

After ordination he was assigned to Notre Dame University as Prefect of Religion at which time he edited the Religious Bulletin, a daily campus publication familiar to Notre Dame Students for many years.

During the war, Father Gartland was editor of the Youth Section of Our Sunday Visitor, a midwest Catholic weekly. In 1947 he became West Coast Publicity Director for the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., of the Family Theatre, Hollywood.

Others at the speakers' table were John A. Morton, chairman of the Men's Division; Arthur J. Bamann, chairman of the Special Citizens' Committee; Shirley A. Simpson, chairman of the Women's Division and eight divisional leaders including Leo F. Simpson, Jr., Stephen J. Spellman, Ray B. Welch, Leon L. McGrady, Miss Mary McGovern, Miss Frances Leinen, Miss Catherine Meisenzahl and Mrs. Edward J. Mathels.

The first report luncheon of the Special Citizens Committee was held yesterday and Chairman Bamann said that the group turned in a substantial number of pledges for CYA memberships for deserving boys and girls.

The first report dinner of the drive will be held Monday evening, October 3 in the Civic Center ballroom. The second report dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 6.

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