

'Mercy Killing' Scored By Priest, Doctor, Lawyer In Deanery H. N. Union Panel

By ARTHUR P. FARRIN
'Mercy Killing' was attacked as 'anti-God,' 'an impossible situation for the medical profession' and 'a violation of the very definition of law' at a Holy Name meeting Sunday afternoon in Blessed Sacrament auditorium, Rochester.

TURN GROUND FOR CHURCH



In the modern manner, the Rev. Bernard Newcomb is shown in the act of shovel as ground was broken for the new church and school of St. Cecilia's Parish, Colver and Brower roads, Irondequoit, Monday. Father Newcomb, pastor, was assisted by Edmund Costich, church trustee (wearing hat) and Joseph K. Vasilie, vice president of contracting firm. The other trustee, George B. McAvoy, was unable to be present.

The three-member panel on euthanasia highlighted the annual midwinter Deanery session, which saw the election of Frank M. Day of Holy Rosary parish as president to succeed Howard M. Lyschek.

Father Flynn attacked all mercy-killing ideas as 'anti-God, anti-Christian, and anti-man.' He said that the Catholic Church has always been 'pro-life' and 'pro-life' is the only moral principle that can stand the test of time.

DR. LANK contended that 'no physician, no matter what law might be passed on mercy-killing, would, in my opinion, have the right to administer death.' He cited part of the Hippocratic oath taken by all physicians.

Pointing out that average life expectancy, which in 1900 was 47 years, now is 69 years, the physician said: 'On reviewing records of patients who previously almost surely would have died without newly-discovered treatments, I am impressed with the advances that have been made and I am optimistic of those that are to come.'

It easily could be conceived, Dr. Lank continued, 'that many of the people who are now dying in the hospital would have been saved if they had been treated in the home.'

February Retreats, Day's Devotions Set At Cenacle

Three weekend retreats and three Days of Recollection are listed to date for February at the Women's Retreat House at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., the Religious of the Cenacle announced today.

The Rev. Francis Fahy, S.J., of New York City will conduct three day exercises for members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae from Friday night Feb. 10, through Sunday, Feb. 12.

College Newman Club members will gather Feb. 11-19 for retreat conferences to be directed by the Rev. Gerard Quinn, S.J. of Buffalo.

From Feb. 24-26 the Cenacle will be occupied by young business girls whose conferences will be in charge of the Rev. John T. Callahan, chaplain of Merry High School.

Days of Recollection include Feb. 16 St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. Charles Connell, assistant pastor, Corpus Christi Church; Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday) St. Raphael's teachers and professional women; Rev. Albert J. Shannon, Aquinas Institute faculty.

Feb. 23 Holy Family Rosary Society, Rev. John Merslinger.

Holy Year Plans Told League

(Continued from Page 7) religion and grace can bring about this achievement. An important business meeting preceding the address was presided over by Miss Catherine Anton, president. Members of the Catholic Action League are making plans to form a Hospital Committee to visit the aged members of the parish who are patients in the various convalescent homes in the city.

The dinner was attended by upwards of 60 students and guests. Acting as toastmaster was Allen Miskel, president of the Auburn LeMoine Club. In addition to the three college leaders and Club President Miskel others at the speakers table included William Spinelli, vice president, Joseph Birrell, secretary and Donald Nolan, treasurer.

John Costello, who held the president's gavel during the first year of the club, was called on for a bow.

Freddy Gilbert of Villanova had his strikeball working and garnered the third high of the day 364. Gilbert was the chief reason that the match was so closely contested. He helped Villanova to win the first game by seven pins and kept Georgetown total down in the next two games which that team won by twenty and three pins respectively.

Captain Tony Malfa had his left hook working Sunday in perfection as he battered the pins for 581 the second high of the day. Tony led his Holy Cross team to a three to one victory over Gonzaga with help from his teammates Paul J. Graney who garnered 340 after a poor first game. This victory puts Holy Cross in undisputed possession of third place.

Even though John Bodnar was high man for Gonzaga with 511 it was Charlie Rice and Sammy Cashbar who were most responsible for the victory.

Four new members were received at the meeting. Catherine Sood, Madeline McCormick, Madeline Kohl and Arlene Coleman. The attendance honor went to Mary Schreck. Rev. Robert Meng, spiritual director of the league, spoke briefly and congratulated the members.

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Win March Of Dimes Benefit Game



Here is the Holy Family High School basketball team, victors over the Catholic Youth Organization of Ithaca, 60 to 45 in March of Dimes Benefit at Central High Court, Friday. Game was started by Mayor Edward T. Boyle and City Manager George F. Train as honorary referee and umpire. In photo, (from left) Coach Al Crowley, Robert Hunter, John Festa, David Didlo and Robert Tonzl, rear (from left) Paul Piwinski, Bob Marcinic, Fred Byers, Mick Hullek and Francis Laper, captain, Holy Family High court squad won 10 of 11 games played this season.

Wilson Bowls 588 To Top St. Aloysius HN League

Auburn Bud Wilson, the number one bowler of the St. Aloysius Holy Name Bowling League, came through Sunday with his high fast ball to lead the Georgetown team to a closely contested three to one victory over Villanova. Bud had games of 1-23 and 24 for the three games of the day.

Wilson closed a 500 total when a seven pin crowd after a perfect ball in the last frame of the first game. This also stopped Georgetown from making it a white wash. Vern Pinckney with 527 and John Madden with 506 helped the victors remain in a tie for second place with Notre Dame.

Joe Spoto's 188 in the second game was the chief reason for Loyola's only point.

Joe Puono followed up his 582 of last week with 538 this week to keep up the championship hopes of first place Canisius. Puono's bowling was the chief reason Canisius took a three to one victory from Santa Clara. Nate Navarro helped out in the first two games.

Frank Stapleton and Eddie Bissett combined to save Santa Clara from a whitewash.

THE BIG THREE: Georgetown 2394, Villanova 2378, Notre Dame 2430.

THE BIG FIVE: Bud Wilson 588, Tony Malfa 584, Freddy Gilbert 564, Paul J. Graney 540, John Terry 540.

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Woods further noted that mercy-killing proposals include a stipulation that the consent of the "incurable" must be obtained before death could be administered. 'I doubt that a patient in such extremities of pain would be capable or legally competent to give such consent,' the lawyer declared.

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10 From Area Get N. D. U. Degrees Among the 384 students to receive degrees at the University of Notre Dame Sunday were 10 from the Rochester diocese area.

Students listed from this diocese and their degrees are: Auburn, John Edward Hennessy, Vatter, BS in Commerce; John Luther Worden, BS in Chem. Eng.; Corning, Thomas Nelson Walsh, AB, Penn Yan, John Joseph Hyland, LL.B.

Rochester, Joseph Michael Cattalani, BS in Commerce; Francis Gerard Conster, BS in Commerce; Pasquale Albert DelGrande, BS; Joseph Thomas Leone, BS in Chemistry; Charles John O'Brien, BS in Commerce.

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