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## Two Staff Changes At Aquinas In 27 Basilian Appointments

Twenty-seven appointments affecting the Basilian Fathers who direct Aquinas Institute and the new St. John Fisher College were announced by the Very Rev. E. J. McGuire, C.S.B., Superior General in Toronto, Canada.

Two administrative changes are:

The appointment of the Rev. W. Oscar Regan, C.S.B., Director of the English Department of Aquinas as First Counselor to the Superior, the Rev. Eugene A. Cullinane, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas.

The Rev. Robert M. Fichette, C.S.B., formerly Director of Studies at Aquinas has been named Vice-Principal of Aquinas.

They will succeed the Rev. Wilfred Kehoe, C.S.B., First Counselor and Vice-Principal of Aquinas who has been transferred to Detroit Catholic Central High School as First Counselor.

The Rev. Fergus Sheehy, C.S.B., for four years director of the Aquinas Freshmen Annex, transferred to St. Michael's High School in Toronto.

Both Father Kehoe and Father Sheehy have been on the Aquinas faculty for the thirteen years that the Basilian Fathers have directed the boys' high school.

Mr. Ellis Hart, Executive Assistant to the Principal will now assume the additional responsibility of Registrar of Aquinas.

Other staff changes are:

The Rev. John Onorato, C.S.B., from Aquinas faculty to the University of Florence, Florence, Italy for graduate studies.

The Rev. Hugh Nolan, C.S.B., director Chemistry Department Aquinas to Catholic Central High School Detroit.

The Rev. John Meyer, C.S.B., Aquinas Librarian, to the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas.

The Rev. Alphonse Malone, C.S.B., from Aquinas faculty and Director of Christian Culture Lectures to graduate studies in Psychology.

The Rev. Robert Flood, C.S.B., from Aquinas faculty to graduate studies in Library Science at Syracuse University.

The Rev. John Sheehan, C.S.B., from History Department of Aquinas to staff of University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas.

New appointments to Aquinas faculty are Rev. John P. Ruth, C.S.B., from Assumption College Windsor, Ontario; Rev. Leonard Cullen, C.S.B., from Saint Michael's High Toronto; Rev. Roger de Billy, C.S.B., from Assumption College Windsor, Ontario; Rev. J. M. Wilcox, C.S.B., from Catholic Central High School, Detroit.

Four newly ordained priests receive their first appointment since ordination to Aquinas Institute. They are Rev. G. Sylvester, C.S.B.; Rev. A. Butler, C.S.B.; Rev. C. Howard, C.S.B.; Rev. F. Tevlin, C.S.B.

Seven Basilian Scholastics have been assigned to teach on the Aquinas faculty. They are:

Mr. Leon Hart from St. Thomas High School, Houston, Texas; Mr. John McManis and Mr. John McGhee, recent graduates of St. Michael's College, Toronto; Mr. Vincent Pare from Assumption High, Windsor, Ontario; Mr. Michael Quinn from Assumption High School, Windsor, Ontario; Mr. M. Goetz from St. Thomas High School, Houston, Texas.

Three appointments to the new Saint John Fisher College faculty were made to be temporarily in residence at the Basilian House, Augustine Street. They are:

Very Reverend John Murphy, C.S.B., President; Reverend Francis Ruth, C.S.B., Treasurer; Reverend John O'Meara, C.S.B.

Father Ruth will teach part time this year at Aquinas and Father O'Meara will teach full time at Aquinas for one year.

Marriages in Portugal Lisbon, Portugal. (NYC) — According to statistics just published 86 percent of all marriages performed in Portugal in 1949 were Catholic. Only 24 marriages of other religions were recorded. All the rest being civil weddings.

## DIPLOMA FROM THE BISHOP



Typical of graduates receiving Holy Family High School diplomas at the 17th Annual Commencement in the above. His Excellency Bishop Kearney confers diploma on Paul McCabe, valedictorian with the Rev. William E. Davis, principal of Holy Family High, in the background.

## Bishop Confers Diplomas On 46 H.F.H.S. Graduates

Auburn — The 1950 Holy Year Class at Holy Family High School, numbering 46 students was presented with diplomas and awards by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, at the 17th annual commencement exercises held last week in Holy Family Auditorium.

The colorful and impressive ceremony opened with the procession to the auditorium.

The program began with Jacqueline DeMars, class salutatorian, giving an address on "The Holy Year." This was followed by several selections by the school glee club.

The valedictory address was by Paul McCabe. He stressed as a topic "Catholic Education in the Modern World."

The address of welcome to the graduates and the large crowd of relatives and friends that filled the hall to capacity was given by the Rt. Rev. Magr. John A. Conway, V.F., pastor of Holy Family Church.

The presentation of the class to receive its certificates and other awards was made by the Rev. William E. Davis, M.A., principal of Holy Family High School.

This was followed by the conferring of diplomas by Bishop Kearney in his address to the graduates the Bishop said:

"MAY I FIRST of all say a sincere word of thanks to the Priests, Sisters and people for having made possible the ceremony that is presented here tonight and as Shepherd of their souls, I would have you realize how deeply I appreciate what you have done for these graduates."

"I want to congratulate the parents of the boys and girls who are here tonight; congratulate you on your sense of values in having made possible their education in this school; congratulate you on the fact that you can be confident that Holy Family School sends them back into their homes tonight much richer spiritually, morally and Christian young people you prayed they would be."

"Congratulations to this Class on their excellent record, but there is much deeper significance because it reflects on the type of education they have received. Our standard of education is always being scrutinized and it is gratifying because it reflects on our whole educational system, and when they establish this outstanding record, they make us all indebted to them."

"FOUR YEARS AGO we prayed together that God would bless your coming high school years and tonight we offer Him a prayer of thanksgiving. We leave behind so much that has meant so much. There is one figure at Holy Family that does not accept your valedictory — does not say goodbye. Wherever you may go, Christ will follow you."

"During these four years you learned to go to Him with all your problems and in all dangers and you knew you would receive a sympathetic ear. Wherever you go in the years to come, you will

## Two Geneva Parishes Top \$100,000 Goal By \$48,000 In Gym Campaign

Geneva — Driving far over their goal of \$100,000, Geneva's two parishes have announced a total of \$148,000 pledged to the fund for a gymnasium at De Sales High School. Quota for each parish was \$50,000.

St. Francis de Sales parish reported a total of \$62,100 from general gifts of \$23,500, and special gifts of \$38,600.

Returns are still incomplete in both parishes.

Week-long campaign, which opened Monday, June 12, was conducted in both parishes, which jointly operate the Sales High School. Over 450 volunteers took part.

COMMENTING on the results of the drive Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, chairman of St. Stephen's drive, said: "This is the greatest triumph in the history of the Catholic church in Geneva, since the founding of the two parishes."

"The loyalty, cooperation and devotion of the Catholic people of both parishes is unexcelled. Among the parishes in the Rochester diocese, St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's are outstanding."

After announcing the quota at St. Francis de Sales, Rev. William J. O'Brien parish chairman, commented: "I didn't believe it was possible a few weeks ago. The spirit of the workers and of the people is wonderful."

Parish dinners were held in Geneva Lake Country Club and in St. Francis de Sales school hall. Enthusiasm ran high as the totals were announced at the closing dinners.

GYM FUND leaders pointed out that the drive was the biggest althoical campaign ever conducted here except for the Geneva General Hospital \$250,000 campaign.

Building of De Sales High School's gymnasium, now definitely assured after the record breaking campaign will be started in mid-July, school authorities announced today. An added feature of the gym will be a modern stage which was not originally included in the plans.

Plans for the gym are expected to be ready soon.

Joseph P. Flynn of Rochester, architect for the present addition being built at De Sales, is drawing up plans for the gym.

Bids will be sought immediately after the acceptance of plans. Bids will be opened after two weeks, officials said.

Corporation gifts to the campaign fund will probably be announced next week.

The new gym will be built in the lot directly west of the school. The stage which will be added to the building will permit the students to give plays and

other entertainment in the gym. Work is progressing rapidly and about 100 or more seats about \$1, which was started early this year. Weather conditions have not retarded the work.

## 200 Honor Father Guillot On His 35th Anniversary

Corning — The Rev. Joseph V. Guillot, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, was the guest of honor at a special dinner at the Knights of Columbus Home given by approximately 200 of his parishioners and friends the occasion being the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

Guest speaker was the Rev. David Gannon, R.A., of Grady, N.Y., who made a special trip to be present at the dinner. Father Gannon spoke of the many excellent things that Father Guillot has accomplished in the ten years that he has been in Corning and paid particular tribute to the widespread charity practiced by Father Guillot.

IN HOMER BY James Ward, (pastor) were the Rev. William Reed and the Rev. Daniel Hogan, assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Each in turn thanked the parishioners for their cooperation in making the dinner a success.

Others introduced by Mr. Ward were the Rev. Fergus Sheehy, a teacher at St. John's Assumption Seminary, Montour, Pa.; the Rev. Joseph Dalry, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church; the Rev. Joseph McCarthy, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church; William Cumley; Charles McCarthy, church trustee; and August Moran, church auditor.

A SPECIAL STUDY was the Rev. John M. Hall of Lima who was a classmate of Father Guillot at St. Bernard's Seminary, Father Hall presented a letter to his school days. Unable to be present was the Rev. M. L. Quirk, a boyhood friend of Father Guillot's. Father Quirk sent a telegram which was read by Father Hogan.

The feature of the evening was the presentation of a check for \$1,000 to Father Guillot by Mr. Cumley on behalf of the parishioners.

Entertainment included accordion selections by Tony Barber; vocal solos by Theresa Abetter; a trio made up of Miss Ann McLaughlin, Patricia Rubec and Edna Barber; Charles Barry served as accompanist.

Father Guillot spoke briefly, thanking his parishioners for their generosity and reminding them of the improvements that are scheduled to be made in the near future which include the building of a new church and rectory, renovation of the school and the enlarging of the convent.

## KC Auxiliary Maps Membership Drive

Geneva — Twenty-eight members attended the meeting of the Knights of Columbus auxiliary Wednesday in the K. of C. hall. A banquet at 6:30 was held at the De Sales High school.

It was decided to discontinue meetings for the summer. Next meeting will be held in September, when an opening dinner is planned.

Mrs. Nora Cochrane reported on the membership campaign to be held during the summer.

Mrs. Philomena Cappon and Mrs. Beatrice Heffernan were chairman of the lunch committee.



REV. ROBERT FISCHETTE



REV. W. OSCAR REGAN



REV. FERGUS SHEEHY



REV. WILFRED KEHOE

## St. Bona Building Fund Drive On In Elmira Area

St. Bonaventure has maintained faith in its students for years and the time has come for the alumni to have a faith in the college.

This was the message of the Rev. Ross A. Leonard, O.F.M., of the faculty of preparatory in the St. Bonaventure College Building Fund in the Elmira area. A special drive in Mark Twain Hotel.

PLEDGE CARDS were distributed among team captains by Recreator James J. DeBorja, Elmira area chairman. He explained the plan to be followed in the solicitation process.

Each team captain will be asked to solicit \$100. St. Bonaventure is to complete with state sponsored drive in the building fund drive is a must.

Mr. DeBorja reminded the workers that this is the first time in over 25 years that St. Bonaventure has asked its alumni and friends for aid.

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## St. John Fisher Club Picnic Set Sunday

Annual outing of the St. John Fisher Club will be held Sunday, July 9, at Stony Brook Park, Dansville.

Members will assist at 8 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral and a breakfast will follow in the school hall. Three chartered buses will leave immediately after the breakfast for the picnic grounds.

Helen Committee chairman John F. Egan is chairman of the outing.

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