

Frequent Communion Plea To Oppose Secularism Brought By Father Lord

Frequent reception of Holy Communion to check the onrush of paganism and secularism in the world is the aim of a new "Eucharistic Crusade" described to eight different Rochester gatherings this week by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J.

At the invitation of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, Father Lord, widely known author and a national director of the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Louis, Mo., came here to outline the aims and work of "The Eucharistic Crusade" of the Knights and Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Crusade, the Jesuit priest explained, is not a confraternity, Sodality or Guild, but an individual service—a style of life.

APPROVED and blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Eucharistic Crusade, promoted by the Jesuit Order, has received the approbation of many Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the United States.

"Simply stated," Father Lord pointed out, "the duties of Knights and Handmaids are summed up in one idea: They love Christ and fight His battle in their own souls and try to win others to His love by their intense devotion to the Blessed Sacrament."

Speaking Monday through Wednesday, Father Lord addressed the following groups: Nazareth Academy students; Immaculate Conception Church school children, teenagers and parents; students of St. Agnes High School and St. Joseph's Commercial School; Our Lady of Mercy High School students; Nazareth College students.

THE PRIEST is expected to return soon to address students at Aquinas Institute and at Sacred Heart Academy. He speaks as national director of the CRUSADE.

Although directing his message particularly to teenagers, Father Lord pointed out that the Knights and Handmaids know no age limit.

In his talk to the Family Guidance Group at Immaculate Conception School auditorium Monday night, the priest-author declared that comradeship is the key to happy family life. "If mother and dad can have fun together, the children will learn to have fun."

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St. Ann's Parish, Palmyra To Observe 100 Years of Catholic Life, Progress

Palmyra — The Centenary of St. Ann's Church, Palmyra, will be fittingly observed on Sunday, Nov. 24, when His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate a Low Mass at 10:30 a. m.

A telegram from the Holy See, following the coronation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII on the 9th of June, was received.

Neighboring parishes will join with the St. Ann's parish in celebrating the 100 years progress of Catholicity in this area.

The parish records show that about 1844, a priest from Onondaga, having occasional visits to Catholics here in Wayne County, later, Father Edmund O'Connor from St. Mary's Church, Canastota, came to Palmyra and occasionally offered Holy Mass in various homes and maintained the spiritual needs of the people.

IN 1849, Father O'Connor procured the abandoned "Old Academy" and converted it into a house of worship. In the following year, St. Ann's parish was established by Bishop Timon of Buffalo who named the Rev. John Tuckey as the first pastor. The Palmyra parish extended to all St. Ann's and part of Monroe County.

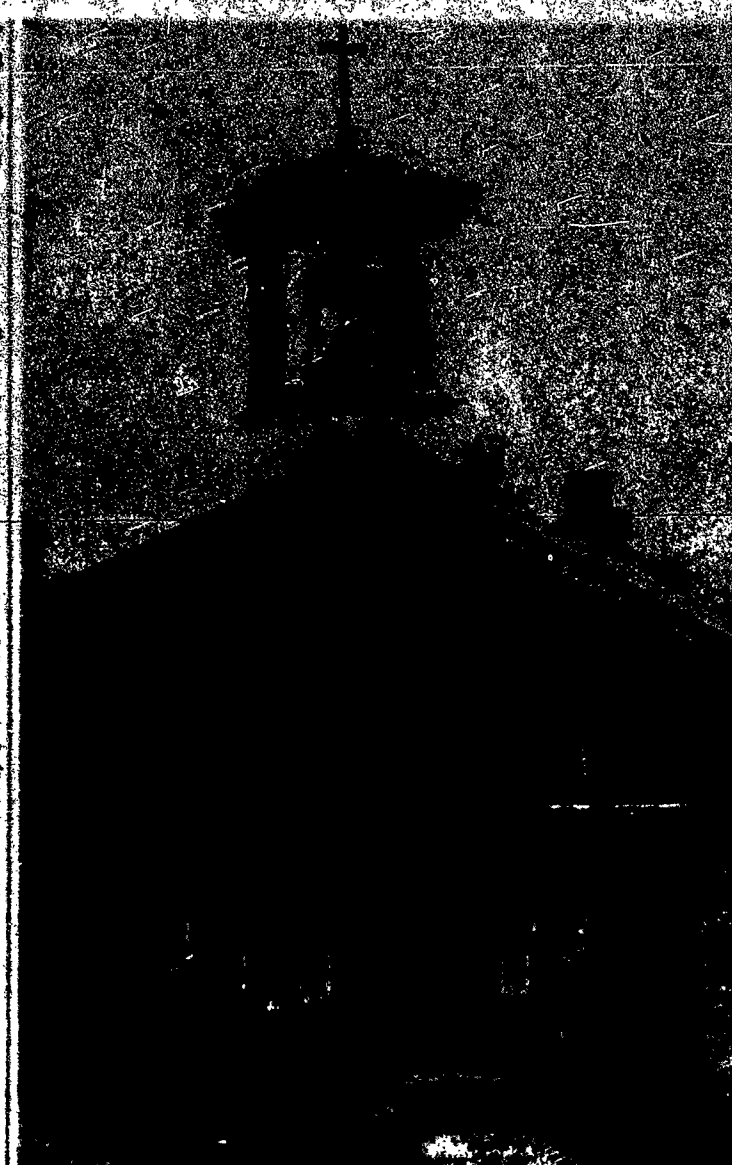
Two years later, November, 1852, Father Tuckey was succeeded by the Rev. Michael Gilbride who remained here until January, 1854 when Father James Donnelly became the third pastor.

Father Donnelly was killed by a train in Rochester, July 20, 1854 and was immediately followed by the Rev. Thomas Walsh, who after one year was succeeded by the fifth pastor, the Rev. William Casey, whose name will ever linger on in the history of the church which he served so long and well.

Father Casey came to Palmyra, Aug. 1, 1855 and lived in a room on Canal St. as did his predecessors. He faced his many problems with a sturdy will. His temporary church in wet and wintry weather was difficult for the old and others to reach. Many falls and broken bones resulted from climbing the steep little hill on which the "Old Academy" stood.

MANY OF HIS people lived far from the church and often were unable to assist at Mass. A new church was needed in Palmyra and other churches elsewhere must be built. In September, 1854, Father Casey purchased the site of the present church for \$1,000. A house which stood on the plot became the rectory and was used as such until Father Dwyer built the present rectory in 1923.

Father Casey secured property on which to erect churches in



Scene of the Centenary celebration on Sunday, Nov. 24 marking 100 years of Catholicity in St. Ann's Parish, Palmyra in the present church structure above.

Victor, Fairport and Macedon. Frame churches were soon erected in these places. He also purchased property in Ontario upon which a church was built some years afterwards.

In 1860, Father Casey built St. Ann's present church. Although not completed until later, it was blessed July 24, 1861 by the Rev. Michael O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester. The church cost \$4,000. In 1862, the "Old Academy" was torn down, with the loss of two lives, John Fennell and Peter Hayden. Father Casey financed his operations by a monthly subscription of one dollar from each working man. He also held a fair each fall in the village hall from which several hundred dollars were realized. For many years, the Sunday offering was about three dollars.

St. Ann's Church was dedicated by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid on Oct. 23, 1870 after a new altar was erected, new pews

At the close of the service in which Father Casey was held, a gold chalice given to him on his silver jubilee is still in three services in St. Ann's in 1884 January 1, 1884 in Rochester.

THE REV. JAMES E. HARTLEY was named sixth pastor in 1887. During his years of service, a vestibule was added to the front of the church, a battery together with a bell—the donation of Mary Donnelly was installed; the interior was beautifully decorated; the devotion of the Most Holy Trinity was introduced and a Society and Altar Society established.

First officers of that society were Mrs. Maurice Barrett, president; Mrs. Michael Garvin, vice president; Thomas Burns, secretary and Margaret Flynn, treasurer. The Apostleship of Prayer was also initiated.

On the 25th year of Father Hartley's pastorate, a car was presented to him by his devoted parishioners and friends. James McGuire made the presentation. Henry Fox, Margaret Hurst, Frank Vandewater, Anthony Delagher and others can recount many interesting anecdotes of the years when Father Casey and Father Hartley were pastors. Father Hartley died March 28, 1900.

THE REV. EDWARD J. DWYER who became pastor in 1900 was in poor health during most of his pastorate but accomplished more than any ordinary man could. Installing electricity, a new heating system and building a new rectory. He made St. Ann's cemetery a place of beauty. Father Dwyer was called to his eternal reward, July 4, 1930.

THE REV. NICHOLAS CROWLEY came to Palmyra from Penn Yan in 1930. During most of his tenure he was under the care of physicians. He liquidated the parish debt and installed the present windows in the church. He was called to his eternal reward, May, 1949.

After Father Crowley's death the Rev. William A. Dwyer was appointed pastor on June 17, 1949.

A hall has been built on the rear of the church, a new vestry erected on the north side, new pews have been installed through popular subscription in the present pastorate.

A fire, due to a broken gas main on Church St. in February, 1941 caused \$4,000 damage to the church. A Council of the Knights of Columbus was formed in 1948.

Looking back over the One Hundred Years, everyone must be impressed with the steadfast faith, zeal and sacrifice of St. Ann's parishioners who have served their God, their church, their country, so well the parish historian said.

Niagara University Marks 94th Year

A Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving, held in honor of the observance of the 94th anniversary of the founding of Niagara University, was celebrated Nov. 19 in the university chapel. The Very Rev. Francis L. Meade, C.M., president of the university celebrated the Mass and the Very Rev. Francis X. Desmond, C.M., rector of Our Lady of Angels' seminary delivered the sermon.

The Rev. Edward J. Kiernan, C.M., dean of the college of arts and sciences was dean at the Mass and the Rev. Mark J. Mullin, C.M., dean of the graduate school was sub-deacon. Seminarians from Our Lady of Angels' seminary filled the minor offices and sang.

Niagara University was founded in 1856 by the Rev. John J. Lynch, C.M., who later served as the first Archbishop of Toronto. The first venture of Father Lynch to establish a college on the Niagara frontier was made on the shore of Lake Erie, a few miles outside the City of Buffalo.

Later, on November 21, 1856, the stout-hearted founder of Niagara University opened a school in an abandoned orphan asylum in what is now Porter Square, Buffalo.

THE SITE, however, did not prove satisfactory and during the Christmas vacation of 1856, Father Lynch came to Niagara Falls in search of a more desirable location and also to fulfill a realization of the dream of his boyhood days, that of establishing an institution of learning within sight of Niagara's mighty cataract.

After considering several locations on both sides of the river, Father Lynch finally decided upon Niagara's present location. Then, known as the "Vander Farm," this plot of 100 acres was purchased within the year and shortly thereafter, 200 adjoining acres were purchased from the DeVaux estate. Work on the new institution proceeded immediately and in May of 1857, the College of Our Lady of Angels, later to develop into Niagara University was opened.

Niagara University was incorporated under the name of Our Lady of the Angels in 1863 by act of the Legislature of

the State of New York and was elevated to the status of a university under its present title in 1883 by the regents of the State of New York.

Under the charter granted by the Board of Regents, Niagara presently conducts the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels; the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Business Administration; the School of Education; the College of Nursing and the Graduate School.

Since the erection of Our Lady of Angels' seminary, the university has added 13 new buildings, a stadium which will accommodate 7,500 persons and a new million dollar auditorium and student center.

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'Moscow Near,' Declares Fr. Ehmann, Urging Zeal In Thwarting Red Peril

"How far is Moscow from here?" asked Fr. Joseph Ehmann, pastor of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, at an address given to the group of St. Vincent's Daughters of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday afternoon in the Catholic Daughters Rooms, Elms.

However, Father Ehmann explained, represents a symbol of thought, for Communism is not only a matter of power politics but an attempt to conquer world thinking and the way of life.

Based on the teaching of Karl Marx, Communism holds that immortality is a myth and that man is only a cog, a tool of the group.

Communism, the speaker said, is a political and social system which seeks to destroy all religious, moral, and social values. It is a system of materialism, of selfishness, of greed, and of hate. It is a system which seeks to destroy all that is good and beautiful in the human mind and soul.

TODAY THE RATIO of the Communist to American in the total population is greater than the ratio of the Communist in Russia to the population in 1937, when Lenin and Trotsky set up the head of Communism here, Father Ehmann said.

Today, Moscow holds the strings of communication and power with its small group of nations in every country of the world. Eight groups of nations, their nationality places, glance only to Moscow, the Kremlin and Stalin.

Soviet agents seeking to dominate the country and the world are past masters of the act of revolution. They have plans ready to control the nations centers of the body politic and to paralyze the transportation and communication lines at the next hour.

That, the speaker said, is the way that the Moscow way of thought is spreading, without the spoken word.

THE SAME HOUR, the priest said, may be averted by proper vigilance living, by increased zeal in recognition of the danger to the Commonwealth here. Every citizen should be alert and ready to defend their country and their way of life.

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