

# Elmira Catholic Grads Told Citizenship Depends On God

"Man is not ready to take his place in Society as a useful and helpful member until he knows his duties and responsibilities before God," the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti told Elmira

Catholic High School graduates Sunday at a commencement exercises following 1 o'clock Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Father Simonetti is pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira.

An individual may reach the height of education as far as the sciences are concerned, he told the graduates and still not be educated morally.

Father Simonetti pointed out as an example the case of Alger Hiss, who was an honor graduate from some of the highest schools but failed to put his education to good advantage.

Diplomas were awarded to the 26 graduates by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F. pastor of St. Patrick's Church. The class was presented by the Rev. William A. Burns, principal of the school.

**GRADUATES** were: Ann Moffatt, valedictorian; Jacqueline Dowling, salutatorian; Richard VonHendy, Arlene Fisher, Rose McCarthy, Marjorie Brown, Regina Lega, Gerald T. Connolly, Thomas Curran, Paul T. Kelley, Richard J. Dunn, Richard J. Halpin.

Richard G. Macdonell, Jordon W. Jerome, Robert P. Shields, Rose Marie A'Brunzo, Jean Bacon, Anne P. Brown, Eleanor M. Hourigan, Esther F. Marjo, Patricia A. Maschane, Johanne M. Miles, Patricia Ann Moylan, Ann M. O'Leary, Jane E. Rily and Marie D. Sedor.

**TEXT OF FATHER Simonetti's address follows:**

"My dear graduates—  
"Not so many years ago, a young man stepped before a large group of friends and relatives to receive his diploma from one of the most renowned Universities in these United States. As he put forth his hand to receive from the President of the University his parchment, symbol of his years of achievement and accomplishment, a prolonged applause echoed through the large auditorium.

"NO ONE IN THE gathering that day doubted but that he would achieve great distinction and that his would be a brilliant



MONSIGNOR BRIEN presents diploma to MARJORIE BROWN at Elmira Catholic High graduation rites in St. Patrick's Church.

career. In a great measure that prophecy was fulfilled. He did rise to high position in government. He was trusted and esteemed by men who made vital decisions in shaping our history.

He was an intimate friend of Justices of the Supreme Court and the trusted confidante of Presidents, but today he is an inmate of a Federal Penitentiary and his name will live in infamy for the terrible crime of treason.

This man's name is Alger Hiss. "I mention this name of Alger Hiss not to add to the condemnation which he has already received nor to cast stones of scorn upon one who has fallen. I single him out because he is an outstanding example of the failure of modern education.

"EVERYONE WHO knew Alger Hiss admitted he had a brilliant mind. He had attended a world famous university. In every sense but one he could be called a highly educated man. The one element that was omitted from his education ruined all that he accomplished. What he did not learn was far more important than what he learned. For he did not learn the meaning of morality, honor, loyalty, character.

"In one sense it is unfair to blame Hiss for this sad omission because the whole educational system of which he was a product, has consistently left out his reference to the foundation of morality. Hiss is typical of our modern secular education that gives a distorted notion of success. Success in life is measured by the false standards of wealth, position, prestige, culture. To attain success one must be clever, even if such entails shady deals or slick maneuverings, forgetting that goodness is greater than cleverness, not everyone can be clever but everyone can be good, forgetting too, character, not culture will make our life worth while and successful.

"SECULAR EDUCATION omits the very name of God from the curriculum and calmly pretends that it doesn't matter to society whether or not you believe in God or morality. The emphasis for too long has been placed upon, 'Learn all you can about mathematics, biology, chemistry, history, sociology, psychology and all the other ogies and everything will be just wonderful, but everything will not be wonderful.

"There is something far more important than all the scientific knowledge and that is the use of it when it is acquired. The sci-

# Charity Ladies Slate Talk By Fr. Naughton

The Charity Ladies of St. Patrick's Church will hold a general assembly this Sunday (July 1) at 4 P.M. in the church.

The meeting will open with Benediction of the Sacrament by Rev. Fr. Naughton.

A social hour will follow in the parlors, at which time a musical program will be given by Mrs. Thomas C. Kennedy and Miss Agnes Baker.

THE GUEST speaker will be Rev. William J. Naughton, former pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church and former Moderator of the Ladies of Charity. The Assembly is also a tribute to Mrs. John McDonald, the retiring president.

The present officers of the society are: President, Miss Francis M. Battersby, Vice-President, Mrs. James L. Goodwin, Secretary, Miss Nora McDermott, Assistant Secretary, Miss Helen Ganev, Treasurer, Mrs. Francis D. Preston, Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Mary McDonald.

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# Mount Saviour Monastery Holds 1st Novice Reception

Mount Saviour Monastery, newly established Community of the Benedictine Monks, was the scene last Saturday afternoon of the impressive ceremony of the reception of the first Novice into the Community.

Located high among the hills near the Flack in Chemung County, the Monastery, which is the former home of the Joseph Halligan Family, is being renovated under the direction of the Monks of the Community and is rapidly nearing completion.

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# Courier-Journal Camp Villa Maria Eleventh Year Anniversary

Eleventh anniversary of the founding of Camp Villa Maria, a Catholic summer camp for boys, was celebrated last week.

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**Grandi-Sargent Nuptials Held**  
Coming - Miss Mary Grandi of 136 W. Putney St., became the bride of Leon F. Sargent, Jr., of 160 Hillview Ave., Saturday June 16, in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. The Rev. William Rerd, assistant pastor, performed the ceremony.  
Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Marguerite Tammare. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Jean Grandi and Miss Phyllis Sargent. Alfred Tammare served as best man for Mr. Sargent and the ushers were Robert Reep and Harold Oliver.  
Immediately following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the Wilbridge Hotel. A reception of 150 guests was held at the Faullis-Whipple American Legion Hall. Later the couple left for New York City.

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