

Bishop Leads Knights on 75 Years As A Commandery

Seventy-five years of your order's work is handed to you as a tribute which must lead you to even greater devotion for Christ and your country.

The congratulatory address by the Bishop was followed by the reading of the Commandery Knights' charter by the Rev. John J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Boniface church, who presided at the jubilee banquet at which the Bishop presided.

PRESENTATION OF THE MASS by the Rev. Edward F. Steinbock, assistant pastor of St. Anthony church, Webster.

The Bishop who is supreme head of the Knights of St. John spoke at a Communion service in St. Boniface school hall following the Mass.

The Rev. Dr. Maynard A. Connelley, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary was principal speaker at the jubilee banquet in the school hall.

The seminary rector emphasized that Communism grows on "famine and poverty." He said the Knights have the special duty of performing "the spiritual and social works of mercy" to providing over in this nation.

Supreme President Raymond Hammer of Parkman, Ohio, and State President, Earl E. Boyle of Syracuse, attended. Leo G. Rosenfeld, supreme counsel, and Frank H. Biel, past supreme president, both members of the

commandery participated in the jubilee. Edward Katzenberger, society president supervised arrangements.

Ruling Asked On Medical Aid To Parochial School

LYONSBURG, N. Y.—(RNC)—The Lyonsburg school board asked the State Department of Education if it is legal for parochial schools to receive public funds for medical aid.

Action by the board followed a request by the Rev. Ladislav Wilenski, pastor of St. Michael's church here, for medical aid for the church's newly-established school. The priest asked the board for "necessary medical equipment for the nurse's room" and "the assignment of a nurse and doctor for our school children."

Several of the board's trustees were of the opinion that the use of public school funds for private school functions was illegal. However, the board decided to obtain a ruling from the State Department of Education before replying to Father Wilenski.



Representatives of high school, college and nursing school sodalities in the Rochester diocese confer with the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, chaplain of Nazareth Academy and sodality vice-president at meeting in Geneva, Sunday.

Diocesan Sodalists Rally In Geneva

Geneva — About 45 students, prefects, and moderators attended the regional meeting of the Sodality held Sunday in De Sales High School.

Rev. Joseph O'Connell of Rochester, director of the Sodality, presided. Decision was made to hold all special meetings of the Sodality in Geneva since it is a central place for the region.

A feature of the meeting was the distribution of questionnaires to each sodality. The questionnaires were on the subject of local sodality conditions and will be returned to the secretary by Sept. 26.

Representing De Sales were Louis Alvaro, prefect, and Catherine McCann and John Bates. Priest moderators and sister moderators of the region were also present.

Representatives attended from the following high schools, St. James, Mercy Hospital, Hornell, Nazareth Academy, Rochester, St. Agnes High School, Rochester; Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester; Aquinas Institute, Rochester; Holy Family High School, Auburn; Elmira Catholic High, and De Sales High School, Rochester. Also represented were St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, and Nazareth College, Rochester.

Pontiff Asks Equal Status, Freedom For Catholic Schools

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of conscience in entrusting their children to the teaching Sisters. They must not lose sight of inferior teaching, the Pontiff continued.

Efficient teaching attracts and wins the respect of pupils and increases the influence of the teaching Sisters in molding the students' characters and spiritual lives, the Pope said.

THE AIM OF education consists in the formation of the perfect Christian and in the exercise of a spiritual and moral influence over the children that later in life when they are left alone they will remain firm in the Faith and live it, the Holy Father said, declaring that with this central purpose "your work is in vain."

The Pope then spoke of the problems and the serious dangers arising for modern young girls from the sudden introduction of women into all fields of public life. Never before, he said, was the interior formation and training in the exercise of virtue as necessary as it is today to enable young girls to overcome the temptations and obstacles—starting from modesty in dress to the most serious problems of life.

Counseling the Sisters never to let material advantages, the authority of persons, riches or political power induce them to renege their educational ideal, the Pontiff urged them to preserve harmony between different religious families and to find encouragement through "loyal rivalry."

"Your mission is not an easy one," he said, "but regarding the interior formation of girls your religious vocation is a powerful help. Your active faith, your union with God, your love of Christ, your three vows, all these are strong in the minds of youth," the Pontiff said. He concluded his address invoking the guidance of Divine Providence, the Grace of Christ and the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary and imparted the Apostolic Benediction.

Priest Wins Bid For Housing In Slum Area

Freeport, L. I. (RNC)—A parish priest has taken part in a successful campaign to authorize setting up of a Public Housing Authority for slum clearance in a large Negro section of the community which has been named New York State's worst slum area.

The Rev. John J. Madden, assistant pastor of Our Holy Redeemer church, helped win support for the Authority in a referendum which saw voters endorse the slum clearance move by a vote of more than two to one.

Father Madden was a member of the original Housing Authority here from 1941-46, during which time a proposition for slum clearance in Bennington Park was defeated three to one in an earlier referendum. Despite this setback he persevered in the interests of the colored race for better living conditions.

and had a large part in an educational program to better educate the community in the need for removing the slums.

Herbert T. Stehman, State Housing Commissioner, had termed the Bennington Park section the State's worst slum area.

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