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Father Meade's Warning Opens Teachers Meeting

The more than 1,000 teachers gathered at the Forty-seventh Annual Teachers Conference of the Diocese of Rochester at Aquinas Institute were called upon to thwart "a danger that can split the foundation of our civilization."

The speaker in the opening session on Thursday was the Very Rev. Francis L. Meade C.M., president of Niagara University. Father Meade referring to the moral decadence in America declared there still stands one bulwark to challenge."

As an example of the danger the University president cited the decision of Chief Justice Vinson of the United States Supreme Court in which he said "Nothing is more certain in modern society than the principle that there are no absolutes."

"WE MUST remember that this is not [illegible] the opinion of one man," said Father Meade. "It is the official and solemn thinking of the Supreme Court. It is a legal measuring rod by which we are supposed to live.

"Now let us take these words apart and see what they imply," Father Meade continued. "Of course we could point out that they are self contradictory. First as there is nothing so dogmatic as the denial of dogma, so when Mr. Justice Vinson denies absolutes he [illegible] at the same time set one up that is that there are no absolutes.

But take the words at their face value. If there are no absolutes there is no God, Who is and must be the First and Necessary Absolute. If there is no God there is no divine [illegible] celestial [illegible] law. If there [illegible] has [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] Father Meade [illegible].

He pointed out that there is no wonder that [illegible] favors can be bought and sold like commercial commodities and that so many professional people are [illegible] to the [illegible].

He cited the drift downward among many doctors willing to sell their medical science so long as they stay within the law and so many lawyers using their skill to circumvent rather than uphold the law. He asked business men who measure the weight of a contract by words of the document rather than the scales of justice.

THE SAME VIRUS may be found in the field of athletics and the speaker said the athletes who have bartered their honor and besmirched their schools are but a small segment of a society that has carried [illegible] without God in a world of legalistic mores.

Quoting the [illegible] dependence [illegible] [illegible]

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Father Meade said there [illegible]

"OUR DUTY" [illegible]

people of today to become the active citizens of tomorrow. Our duty is to instill in them a firm belief in God and His Church and a strong conviction of individual responsibility."

He called attention to a Cardinal, archbishop, bishops and priests and brothers and nuns now under house arrest or in jail or in labor camps or exiled because they believed in absolutes.

"Our duty," said Father Meade "is to set a fire in the young people of today an enlightened courage to defend what our forefathers called the certain unalienable rights just as our brother and sisters in the Faith are defending them today behind the Curtain called Iron."

The Teachers conference in which revisions in science, health and safety study programs are being presented has for its theme "The School and Christian Social Principles." Directing the conference is the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney school superintendent.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will give the closing address this afternoon (Friday). Other speakers include the Rev. Raymond P. Rigney assistant superintendent of schools in the New York Archdiocese; the Rev. Thomas F. Gavin S.J. of Canisius College; the Rev. Arthur R. Looby C.S.B. of Aquinas Institute and the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, of St. Andrew's Seminary.

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Sacred Heart Academy Open For 97th Year

His Excellency Bishop Kearney offered the Mass of the Holy Ghost to open the ninety-seventh scholastic year for the students of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince St., Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Four new members of the faculty greeted the students when classes were resumed. Mother Angela Rademacher has been named mistress of studies, replacing Mother Mary Clark who is continuing her graduate studies at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart and Fordham University.

Mother Florence Haas replaces Mother Mary Neale who has gone to the Motherhouse of the Order in Rome. Mother Rosemary Sheehan and Mother Rosemary Rooney have come to Rochester from Albany.

Miss Hilda Carey who studied at Pius X School of Music and received her bachelor of arts degree from Newton College of the Sacred Heart also has joined the faculty.

Following the Mass a reception was held and the Bishop received new students from Buffalo, St. Catherine's, Ontario, Geneva, Puerto Rico, Columbia, Nicaragua and the Canal Zone.

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Former Moderator Thanks Elmira Unit

Rev. Leo E. Lynch, former moderator, expressed his appreciation to members of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, for cooperation given him during his term of office.

Father Lynch, now chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell spoke at the group's meeting.

Following the business session, a social hour was held. Refreshments were served by a committee headed by Miss Marion McInerney assisting were Mesdames Gerald Smith, Gerald McInerney, James Keenan, Leon Cannon and the Misses Rose Huber, Margaret and Kathryn O'Connor, Florence Bird and Alice Byrne.

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Sister Clemence, Music Teacher 50 Years, Buried

Funeral services for Sister M. Clemence Burns of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital on Sept. 12 1951 were held last Saturday.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated in Nazareth Convent Chapel, Pittsford, by Rev. Robert H. Fennessy. He was assisted by Rev. Francis Pegnam, Deacon, Rev. Joseph F. Egan, Sub-deacon, Rev. Raymond F. Moore Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, Thurifer, Rev. Charles J. McCarthy and Rev. Patrick Grace, Acolytes.

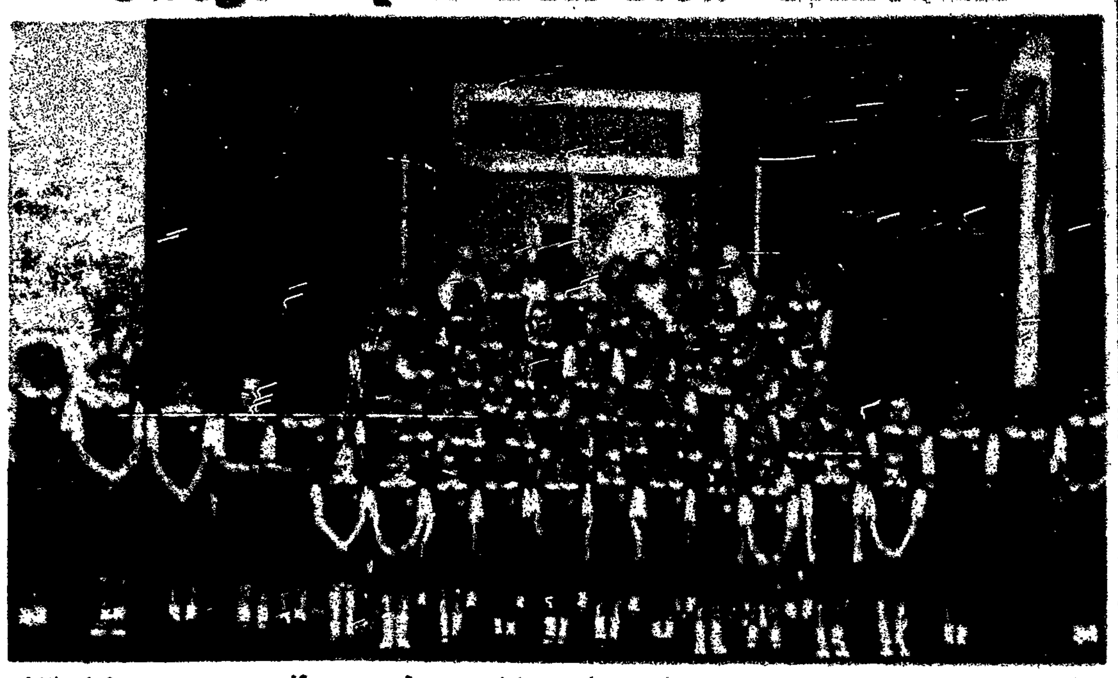
Also present in the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, Rev. Leo V. Smith, Rev. John M. Ball, Rev. Raymond Nolan, Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell, and Rev. William F. [illegible].

At the grave the last blessing was given by Father Gefell assisted by Father Fennessy, Father [illegible], Father Egan, Rev. [illegible] and Rev. [illegible].

SISTER CLEMENCE had been a teacher of music in the diocese schools for 50 years. A native of Lima she had entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph in [illegible] at Nazareth Academy for several years, went to Ithaca [illegible] subsequently returned to Rochester to teach at Immaculate [illegible] her last teaching was in [illegible] Stephen's [illegible] Geneva where she had been for the past [illegible] years.

[illegible] brothers [illegible] Burns and [illegible] sisters Mrs. [illegible] and Miss Rose A. Burns.

Owego Pupils Don New Uniforms



Attired in new green uniforms and caps, girls of St. Patrick's School, Owego, are shown in front of their new school building after the Forty Hours Procession. The new green uniforms and emblems will emphasize the privilege of a Catholic education in Owego for years to come according to the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor. Sisters of Mercy teach in the school. (Photo by Tubbs).

Columbus Dinner Set By Elmira KC

Annual Columbus Day dinner and dance sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be held in Columbus Center on Saturday evening Oct. 13.

Grand Knight Joseph H. Berrigan announces the appointment of Frederick D. Specchio and Frank A. Bengotti as cochairmen of this year's activity.

The dance will be held following the dinner and is open to members and their guests.

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Bid Farewell

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caverly, director and assistant director of Geneva's Civic Center and Youth Bureau have bid them farewell and have wished them success in Westchester County where Caverly has accepted a position as Youth Director. The couple shown above is highly regarded in Geneva.

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Painted Post Club Opens Fall Program

Corning — The Catholic Women's Club of Painted Post opened the fall season with a tureen supper at the Town Hall. Mrs. Clarence Bonnell and Mrs. A. Stenger were cochairmen. Mrs. Stanley Manning, president, conducted the business meeting which followed the supper.

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Julia Carleton who presented three reading.

Assisting the chairmen were Mesdames M. Culp, Harry Cassidy, Edward Dailey, S. King, E. Blakslee and Claude Grace.

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Elmira KC Auxiliary Initiates 23 Women

A class of 23 candidates will be initiated in the Ladies of Columbus on Tuesday evening, [illegible] 23 [illegible] Columbus Center. Mrs. Paul Szymapski was general chairman of the evening's activities. Following the ritualistic ceremony and a business meeting a buffet luncheon will be served under the direction of Mrs. Edward A. [illegible].

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Col. Spreckelmyer Talks To KC Women

Corning — Mrs. Raymond Calkins, president, was in charge of the last meeting of the Ladies of Columbus at the K. of C. Home.

A feature of the evening was a talk by Col. John Spreckelmyer, manager of the Bath VA Center. Col. Spreckelmyer is grand Knight of the Corning Council Knights of Columbus.

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Feast of the Sick

Colombo, Ceylon — (RNS) — More than 20,000 Catholics gathered at the shrine of Our Lady of Lanka at Tewatta eight miles north of here for the annual Feast of the Sick. Instituted in Ceylon four years ago the feast is similar to the one observed at Lourdes, France.

Red Mass Scheduled At St. Joseph's

A large turnout of notables particularly judges and lawyers was expected at St. Joseph's Church Thursday morning of this week for the Red Mass beginning at 9 a.m.

The Mass was to be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney to ask God's blessing as the courts of justice open for the season. Sermon was to be delivered by the Rev. Gustave Dumas S.J. of Fordham University.

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Gray Ladies Needed

Class for Gray Ladies and Gray Men, Rochester State Hospital will be started by Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross, on Oct. 9. The Red Cross needs volunteers between the ages to 25-55, to assist the hospital staff in a recreation program for patients.

Ithaca K. C. Fall Program To Open With Clambake

Ithaca — A program of events during the fall and council aides appointed are announced for Ithaca Council 277, Knights of Columbus by Grand Knight Herbert Spencer.

Annual clambake of the council will be held at Hillendale Golf Course near Ithaca, Sunday, Sept. 23.

Fall and winter activities will be opened for the council at a social meeting Thursday night Sept. 27. Deputy Grand Knight Russell T. Fenton will provide entertainment.

A COLUMBUS DAY party and dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 13.

Each Saturday beginning Sept. 29 and continuing through the football season, an informal Pigskin Party will be held at the Ithaca K. of C. Home. Members will enjoy radio reports of local and out-of-town games. Harold Smith is cooperating.

Rev. James F. Baker, assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, will again be Council chaplain.

Grand Knight Spencer appointed the following committee chairmen: Program, George Kleeman; Catholic activities, Kerman N. Glazer; Council activities, John M. Herson; membership, Peter Plech; fraternal activity, Russell T. Fenton and lecturer John P. Gilvey.

Warning

Readers are advised that only books which bear the "Imprimatur" of a Bishop are officially approved Catholic books. Rochesterians were approached this week by salesmen offering a book allegedly enjoying Catholic sponsorship and approbation. This book bears no episcopal "Imprimatur," and, therefore, is not a Catholic book. It is not officially approved by any responsible official of the Church.

Language School

Tokyo — (NC) — A special language school for Catholic missioners has been opened here by the Franciscan Fathers to enable new missioners to get a [illegible] command of the Japanese language.

Father Wolensky Listed By HNS

The Holy Name Society of St. Stanislaus Parish will hold its first meeting of the season Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the School Hall. Joseph Hwalek, President, will outline the program for the year. Rev. Nicholas Wolensky, Pastor of St. Josaphat's Church of an Eastern Rite is scheduled to speak.

Among numerous projects for the coming year is an Amateur Show to be held Sunday, Nov. 11, at St. Stanislaus Auditorium. The committee composed of Francis Grabowski, chairman and John Janiec, Joseph Wojtczak, Stanley Kulpinski, Stanley Ruskowski are now holding auditions. A great evening of entertainment is promised.

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LCBA Senate Plans To Meet On Monday

First autumn meeting of the Rochester Advisory Senate, Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, will be held at 8 p.m. Monday Sept. 24, in Parlor A, Columbus Civic Centre. Miss Marie Reger, president, will present the proposed program for the new season.

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Pupils In Texas Denied Bus Ride

Marshall, Tex. — (RNS) — Catholic school children in Harrison County were left stranded on highways and street corners as a rule against their using public school buses was imposed for the first time.

Two indignant fathers, Steve Verhalen and A. B. O'Conner, sent protests to Gov. Allan Shivers and State Senator Gus Straus of Hallettsville.

Ladies of Charity Plan Varied Winter Program

Plans for the Fall and Winter program of the [illegible] Ladies of Charity were made at a meeting of the [illegible] Executive Council with Miss Francis [illegible] [illegible]

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Tuesday, [illegible] — St. Elizabeth of Hungary [illegible] Mrs. Timothy [illegible] Chairman — Guardian Angel Committee at the same hour, Mrs. James Collins, Chairman.

Wednesday, [illegible] — Committee of St. Louise de Marillac at 2:00 p.m., Chairman, Mrs. James Rowe — Mother Cabrini Committee at [illegible] p.m. with Mrs. John Murtaugh as Chairman — Lady of Nazareth Committee at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Teresa Lynch, Chairman.

Thursday, [illegible] — Committee of Our Lady of Good Counsel at 8:00 p.m. with Mrs. Charles Stevens as Chairman.

All meetings will be held in St. Louise de Marillac Hall at 312 Lake St., except the Lady of Nazareth Committee, which will convene at 274 Fulton St.

Other members of the Executive Committee, elected or reappointed in June, 1951, are the Rev. Hubert A. Risley, Moderator; Mrs. James L. Goodwin, Vice President, and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Secretary.

Recording Secretary will be Miss Nora McDonnell with Miss Helen Caney as her assistant. Executive Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are Mrs. Francis Preston and Mrs. Mary McDonald.

Applications for both Honorary and Active Memberships are being accepted by a membership committee, of which Mrs. John F. McCormack is Chairman. Any Catholic woman [illegible] interested in her parish [illegible] may take advantage of the many spiritual and temporal benefits of this world wide volunteer organization.

Classes Open For Public School Children

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's church, Elmira, announces the reopening of religious instruction classes for public school students effective immediately.

Classes for high school students are held each Monday morning at 11:30 a.m. and for students of the public grammar schools at 3:30 each Monday afternoon.

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Forty Hours Set At St. Anthony's

Forty Hours devotion will open in St. Anthony's church Elmira, on Sunday at the 11 o'clock Solemn High Mass. A Solemn procession will be held with the school children, boys and girls choir and priests participating.

The Rev. Father Warren, O.F.M. Cap., of Sheldrake, will conduct the services each evening at 7:30 p.m. they will include prayers recited by the congregation, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Masses will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 6:30, 7 and 8. Holy Communion will be distributed both mornings at 6 a.m. Confessions will be heard both days from 4 until 5:30 in the afternoon and following the evening services.

Solemn closing will take place Tuesday evening at 7:30 with the regular services and a solemn procession.

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Rochesterian Takes Nursing Nuns' Vows

Sister Mary Amata Hefner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Hefner, 324 Roycroft Drive in St. Andrew's parish, Rochester, will pronounce her first vows in the Sister of the Infant Jesus, popularly called the Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The Rochester nun will be taking part in a Reception and Profession Ceremony at the Novitiate Chapel of St. Joseph's Villa, North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

The Sisters work in Rockville Centre, in Brooklyn and in Queens, also have extended their work to Nassau County. In the near future, the Sisters who are registered Nurses will open a new Convent in East Meadow, as a center from where they will go to the homes of the poor to provide a home nursing service.

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In Traffic Grasp

Montreal — (NC) — Archbishop Philippe Desranleau, 69, of Sherbrooke, is in Sacred Heart Hospital of suburban Cartierville convalescing from a fractured right hip received in an automobile accident.

Retreat For Veterans At Bath Scheduled

A retreat for the [illegible] veterans at the U.S. Veterans Facility in Bath will be conducted from Oct. 7 to 10 in the chapel according to the Rev. Arthur A. LeMay, Catholic chaplain.

Conducting the services will be the Rev. Augustine Skyhward, C.SS.R., rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House for laymen in Rochester. The retreat will open on Sunday evening, Oct. 7 and close with Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

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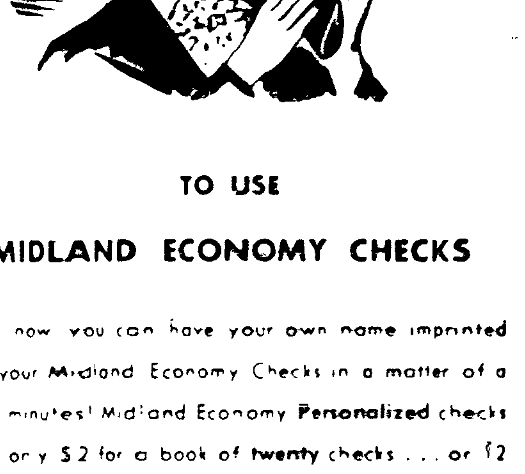

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