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Hornell Saturday Group Hears Nativity Explained

Hornell—Let no man dare kneel with Mary beside the crib at Bethlehem who will not stand with her at Calvary, declared the Rev. Leo Lynch in an address on the Nativity of Christ to members of the First Saturday Luncheon Club in Hotel Sherwood here.

Father Lynch, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, was guest speaker at the luncheon in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. It was the third in the current series sponsored by Hornell District, Diocesan Council of Catholic women. More than 200 women attended.

"To understand the real meaning of the birth of Christ one must go back to the beginning

of man's history," Father Lynch said. "Adam and Eve, through sin, had surrendered their magnificent heritage of grace.

"God guaranteed them that He would crush evil," Father Lynch said. "Through the history of the chosen people God clarified His promise. Many great men were selected to lead and guide these people, as the Old Testament gives evidence.

"So strong was God's promise to Adam and Eve, that people who had never heard the prophets were enlightened to the point of being able to separate true from false beliefs.

"Even when God fulfilled His promise with the Nativity, the great event had little significance for the chosen people," Father Lynch continued.

"Because of reverses in economic and civic affairs, they were seeking a material, rather than a spiritual Redeemer. Even as they withdrew from their prophets, so do people in our own day neglect to look for a spiritual Redeemer," he said.

"Instead," he continued, "they look for temporal peace, rather than the true peace which is within the heart. They seek a deliverance from worldly rather than spiritual ills.

"If we would accept the joys of a re-birth in Christ, we must be willing to accept the sorrows of life in a spirit of true resignation of God's Will," Father Lynch continued. "Let no man dare kneel with Mary beside the crib at Bethlehem who will not stand with her at Calvary."

The Rev. John L. Coonan, moderator of Hornell District, spoke on the need for spiritual preparation for the Feast of Christmas. He suggested several practical means of increasing devotion during the Season of Advent.

Miss Josephine Fitzgerald, Hornell District president, reminded the women present to consider the true meaning of Christmas in their choice of greeting cards.

She announced that the Rev. Joseph McDonnell, pastor of St. Ignace Loyola Church, would be guest speaker at the January luncheon.

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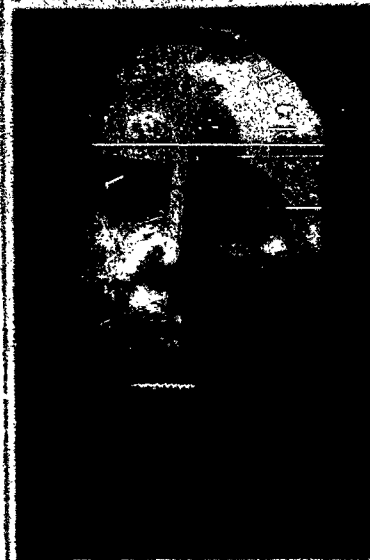
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National Literary Award Granted Fr. David Gannon

The Very Rev. Angelus Delahunt, S.A., Superior General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, has announced that Father David Gannon, S.A., author of the recently published biography of Father



FR. DAVID GANNON

Paul of Graymoor has been granted Honorary Membership in the International Mark Twain Society.

The Honorary Membership, which includes the International Life Membership of the Society, is not available to the general public, but is conferred upon those entitled to recognition in the various fields of endeavor. When awarded an author—as in the case of Father Gannon—it is conferred in public recognition of his contribution to literature.

Distinction membership of the Society includes: His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Chaplain, the Hon. Winston Churchill, English representative since 1937, Herbert Hoover, Honorary Vice-President, the Duke of Windsor, Continental representative, Clara Booth Luce, Honorary Vice-President, John Masefield, Albert Einstein, the late Sigrid Undset, Nobel Prize Winner, Andre Maurois, biographer, and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese Representative of the Mark Twain Society.

Father Gannon, author of this full-length portrait of Father Paul of Graymoor, was born in New York City on Sept. 16, 1904. Ordained to the priesthood at the Catholic University of America in 1930, Father Gannon at his own request was assigned to missionary work among the Negroes at Kingston, North Carolina. This was in 1940 and he carried on this work for eight years until his health gave way and he returned to Graymoor.

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Bishop Presides At Requiem Mass For John T. Kelly

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, of Montserrat, and 21 priests attended the funeral services of John T. Kelly, father of the Rev. Leonard Kelly, pastor of St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg, and St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken, at Saturday morning, Dec. 1.

Mr. Kelly, who was 84 years old at his home, 12 Locust St., Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1934.

Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Augustine Church, was celebrated by his son, Father Kelly, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Brennan, Dexton, and the Rev. Joseph McDonnell, subdeacon.

Bishop Kearney presided at the Mass and imparted the final blessing. The priests' choir sang the Mass.

Three sons, Harry, Ralph and Charles Kelly and three grandsons, Theodore, Earl and Robert Kelly, were bearers.

Bleeding at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by the Rt. Rev. Mons. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G.

Mr. Kelly is survived by four sons, Father Leonard Kelly, Harry, Ralph and Charles Kelly, Rochester; two daughters, Mary H. and Marie V. Kelly; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

He came to Rochester in 1917 from Ashford in Cattaraugus County. He had been in charge of a stationary engine used to pump water into a tank at the Ashford yard of the old Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway in 1908 when an accident deprived him of his sight.

Mr. Kelly, however, worked on at the same job until a few years later the State of New York ruled that even though he performed the work perfectly, he must have a less hazardous occupation.

Chosen New Abbot

Munich—(NC)—The Rev. Dr. Hugo Lang, O.S.B., writer and broadcaster, was chosen as the new Abbot of the Benedictine Abbey of St. Boniface here to succeed the late Abbot Boniface Woehrmuller, O.S.B.

Bonaventure Library Gets Old South America Book

St. Bonaventure, N. Y.—(NC)—An original copy of the first philosophical work ever printed in South America has been presented to the library at St. Bonaventure University.

The Rev. Ignace Herscher, O.F.M., librarian, said the book is 341 years old and only one copy is known to be extant. It was presented to St. Bonaventure by the university's board of trustees.

The work of Jeronimo Valera, O.F.M., the book in Latin is entitled "Commentaries and

Questions on the Logic of Aristotle and of John Duns Scotus." This volume has the added distinction of being the first philosophical treatise composed by a native of the South American continent. According to authoritative opinion, it is the only edition extant of a work dealing with logic and metaphysics written for philosophical courses in the 16th century House of Study in Lima, Peru.

The author was a Franciscan Friar who was born in Peru in 1550.

Christmas Leger Fund Appeal Cites Victims

"What a sad thought to us to help the suffering poor."

This is the 1934 appeal of the Leger Fund, which is being held at the St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg, for the Christmas Leger Fund.

With the appeal is going out a message to all who are interested in the Leger Fund, which is a fund for the suffering poor, to contribute to the fund. The fund is a fund for the suffering poor, and it is a fund for the suffering poor.

Yanks In Belgium Join Rosary Knights

Belgium—(NC)—Fifteen American soldiers were at the Knights of the Rosary in the Catholic chapel of the 2nd Infantry Division in a ceremony which was broadcast over the Armed Forces Network.

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