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Father Hilbert To Talk To Men On First Friday

A Maryknoll missionary in China for more than 20 years, the Rev. Charles P. Hilbert, M.M., whose home is in Rochester, will speak to men of the First Friday Luncheon on Friday, April 4, at Hotel Sheraton.

Father Hilbert will be presented by the Rev. Matthew Tobin, C.S.S.R., moderator of the club and chaplain of Rochester Council Knights of Columbus sponsoring the First Friday movement. Luncheon will begin at 12:15 (noon).

The April speaker is now stationed at the Maryknoll House in Buffalo. In 1950 when his mission in China was under Red occupation, he took an ill priest to Hong Kong and was later refused an entrance visa by the Communists to return to China.

MOST of his time in China was spent in the Diocese of Kiating, Kwantung China. He was pastor of the Mission parish of Siaoak, rector of St. Joseph's Minor Seminary, rector of the Cathedral, vicar general, chancel-

Bed-Ridden Offered Home Use Of Projected Books



HOW TO USE the projected book device is explained to Sister Inez, superintendent of St. Mary's Hospital, by C. A. Morgan, (left) of Rochester Consistory committee distributing the projector and books. The "books" are available to any bed-ridden patient in Rochester. (D. Burnham Photo)

In several homes in the Rochester area are bed-ridden patients who would find the projected book device now available to them of great use during the long days and nights.

This is the belief of Carol A. Morgan, chairman of the Projected Books Committee of Rochester Consistory, A.A.S.R., who sought the Catholic Courier Journal's aid in bringing to readers' attention that these books may be had with no financial obligation.

The projected "book" as he explained is a copy of any book which has been microfilmed on one reel of film, used in a special ceiling projector. The ceiling projector projects the "book" on the ceiling enlarged so that a bed patient on his back may read without effort or discomfort.

PROJECTOR IS operated and the book pages are "turned" (forward or back) by light pressure on a button manipulated by the patient. No patient has been found so crippled as to be unable to operate the projector.

Since the Rochester Consistory has launched the Projected Books program, 38 projectors have been purchased. A third of these have been given to several hospitals in and near Rochester. The balance has been placed in the Rochester Public Library for home use.

Each hospital has a library of 30 books and may exchange these books at the Public Library, where several hundred are available. The titles range from children's books through complete adult reading.

St. Mary's Hospital, directed by Sister Inez, superintendent, has made the best use of these books, Morgan said.

This organization has a volunteer committee of approximately 200 members who service the projectors. Anyone, he said, of

DCCW Board Meeting Open To All Catholic Women

The Board of Directors meeting of the Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women scheduled by Mrs. Frank Shaughnessy, diocesan council president, in Geneva, Sunday, March 30 will be open to all Catholic Women interested in the council's work.

The meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus Building, Geneva beginning at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE reports will be made by the following Diocesan Council Chairmen: Mrs. Norbert Schmeckel, Cooperating with Catholic Charities; Mrs. Lawrence Wells, Family and Parent Education; Mrs. James Rains, International Relations; Miss Madeline Stenger, Libraries and Literature; Mrs. Ronald McDonald, Organization and Development; Mrs. Elmer Loritz, Spiritual Development; Mrs. Collin Tracey, War Relief; Mrs. Angelo Mastrella, publicity.

Rev. Arthur E. Ratgan, director of the Catholic Family Center, Rochester, will discuss the many possibilities of Catholic Action that can be achieved through the work of the Committee Cooperating with Catholic Charities.

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Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

From 1940 to 1943 he was editor of the Diocesan Monthly, "Sin Nan Sen," printed in Chinese.

Catholic men who have received Holy Communion on the First Friday are eligible to hear Father Hilbert, Urban G. Kress, chairman of the K. of C. sponsoring committee said today.

Sacred Heart PTA To Plan Smorgasbord

Meeting of the Parent Teachers Association of Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart school has been changed to Monday, Mar. 31, at 8:15 p. m. in the new school hall.

Final plans will be made for the Smorgasbord to be held Thursday, Apr. 24. Tickets may be purchased at the meeting. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Catholic Theater of Rochester will present "Appointment at High Noon" at this meeting. Tom McAviney directs the cast which includes Gene Midnight, Robert Bride, and Robert Smett. Jean Strachen a member of the company and teacher of drama at Nazareth College, will introduce the play and outline the group's activities.

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