

AT PERSONNEL BREAKFAST



PRINCIPAL ROLES in the sixth annual Communion Breakfast of the Catholic Personnel of Elmira Reformatory and Youth Reception Center in the Officers Dining Room were taken by above. They are: (from left) Rev. Joseph M. McNamara, Chaplain Reception Center; Dr. Glenn M. Kendall, Director Reception Center; Col. Leroy Weaver, superintendent, Reformatory; Daniel J. Donahoe, Judge Elmira Reformatory's Court, speaker; Monsignor Francis J. Lane, Chaplain Elmira Reformatory.

Reformatory Employes Hear Address On Penal Systems

About 100 Catholic employes of the Elmira Reformatory and Reception Center attended the sixth annual Communion Breakfast last Sunday in the officers' dining room, following reception of Holy Communion by both groups at the 9 o'clock Mass in St. John Bosco chapel.

The speaker was Recorder Daniel J. Donahoe. His subject was a report on penalogy and the systems of interpreting these methods.

Recorder Donahoe noted that one of the best ways to gain perspective of institutions is to study the history of them.

During the Renaissance, he said, there were 240 crimes punishable by death. Following this period, he added, there was a time when greater countries transported their unwanted criminals to other lands.

DONAHOE COMPARED our present day system to the more severe methods of the past. At the opening of World War 2, he said, there were few confining institutions left, notably Devil's Island.

The penitentiary system was substituted in its place, the speaker asserted.

The most important fallacy with the present system, he said, is that it employs mass treatment which falls because only the most intelligent inmate achieves anything from it. The less intelligent men need more

guidance which mass treatment is unable to provide.

The Recorder concluded: "It is about time that American people quit just reading papers and magazines and listening to their radio or hear about crime, and instead start doing something."

THE BREAKFAST closed with the Rev. Joseph M. McNamara, Reception Center chaplain, offering benediction.

Others who spoke briefly were the Rt. Rev. Magr. Francis J. Lane, Reformatory chaplain; Col. Leroy Weaver, Reformatory superintendent; Dr. Glenn M. Kendall, Reception Center director.

Chairman of the event was Clarence Hallman of the Reformatory. He was assisted by Francis A. McGulirk of the Reception Center, and James Casey.

Vincentian To Lead Novena At Lourdes

The Rev. Raymond E. Reicherter, C.M., will conduct the solemn Novena services to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal opening in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, on Sunday, May 12. Services will be held each evening at 7:45 p. m.

Local Pupils Join Adoption Month Project

A year-around project with the Holy Childhood Association in the Diocese of Rochester, "adoption" of abandoned children of pagan lands for whom missionaries labor will get special attention during "Adoption Month," according to the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, associate director.

"Adoption Month" in May will find two million American school children under 12 in every school where Catholic sisterhoods teach offering special prayers and sacrifice for the adopted children. This is a project of the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood.

THROUGHOUT THE school year the children have contributed their prayers and their pennies to this work. But when the month of May the Mother days, they undertake the special project of themselves "adopting" motherless pagan babies.

For each "adoption" of five dollars, contributed as a group or individually, they assure that one abandoned infant will be given Christian baptism, shelter, medical care, and education in an orphanage conducted locally by missioner Sisters and priests, according to an announcement at the Holy Childhood national office in Pittsburgh.

"Since the little American foster-children are permitted to name the child they adopt," young fingers will be busy this month tracing the Calendar of the Saints to select just the right names for the black, yellow, or bronze babies who will be saved from probable starvation and certain paganism by their charity," the announcement said.

"Time of will be taken from ballfield and playground also to trace the outlines of the globe where less fortunate children, born into a non-Christian society, are frequently abandoned by their parents to die or be sold into pagan slavery."

"Catholic missionaries are actively at work in Africa and Asia. Conary to popular belief a great many are still laboring in China, despite the wholesale communist confiscation of Catholic orphanages there, and eviction of priests and nuns."

Talk On Mexico Listed In Library

Miss Laura B. O'Donnell will give an illustrated talk on "Mexico" at St. Christopher's Library, Elmira on Friday evening May 16 at 8 o'clock.

Miss O'Donnell spent considerable time in Mexico and will discuss her experience and explain pictures she has taken.

All members of the Library are urged to attend and bring their friends.

Mrs. Francis Kennedy is program chairman. The Library is located in the Catholic Daughters rooms at E. Church and State Street.

'Little Flower' Novena To Open

A Triduum in honor of the Little Flower will open in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, on Thursday evening, May 15, and continue on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Rev. Timothy Shea, O.P., will conduct the services to be held at 7:30 each night. Services will include Prayers to St. Therese, recitation of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the Saint's relic. Distribution of the blessed roses will take place on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bloomfield Funeral Conducted

Corning.—Mrs. Bernadette V. Bloomfield, 47, died at her home, 223 Baker St., Sunday, May 4, 1933. She was born in Corning, the daughter of Mrs. Agnes Shea Moore and the late Michael J. Moore. She was united in marriage in New York City in 1933 with Robert L. Bloomfield who died in 1941.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Bloomfield, at home; her mother, Mrs. Agnes Moore; three brothers, John of New York City, Thomas and Robert Moore of Corning; three sisters, Mrs. Edwin Davis, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Joseph Schaller, Niagara Falls, and Miss Evelyn Moore of New York City; three aunts, Mrs. Frank Hultzman, Mrs. Bowles Markowski and Miss Hannah Sea, all of Corning; two uncles, William and Gerald Shea of Corning.

Funeral services were held from the A. W. Bellamy and Son Funeral Home, Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Circulation.—When it comes to stopping a man's circulation, the best tourniquet of all is a wedding ring.—O. A. Battista.

Marking CDA's 41 Years In Elmira



SPEAKERS HEARD at the 41st anniversary banquet of Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, held in Elmira shown before the program began. In photo (from left) are: Mrs. Edward J. Widman, chairman; Miss Margaret Barrett, of Corning, district deputy; Miss T. A. Moran, grand regent, Court St. Rita; Rev. William A. Burns, chaplain; Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor, St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira, principal speaker.

Coming Women Hear Fr. Brady At May Luncheon

Corning.—About 60 members of Corning Deane's, National Council of Catholic Women, attended the May "First Saturday" luncheon at the Baron Steuben Hotel where the Rev. Hugh F. Brady, assistant pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, was guest speaker.

Introduced by the Rev. Daniel Hogan, moderator, Father Brady outlined the history of the founding of the Carmelite Order at Mount Carmel, Palestine, in the 12th Century. He particularly commended the wearing of the Brown Scapular to honor the Blessed Virgin.

FATHER BRADY also lauded the local organization for encouraging, through the First Saturday luncheons, special devotions to the Blessed Mother, who, in her request at Fatima, asked for more prayers from the world to secure peace for the world.

Father Hogan spoke briefly urging his hearers to recite the Rosary more often and more thoughtfully with their families, particularly through the month of May, to seek the intercession of Mary with her Divine Son for peace for the world but only for peace in the hearts of men.

Announcement was made of the annual Deane's tea which is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at the Baron Steuben Hotel. It is expected that the Rev. John Hedges, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rochester, will be speaker.

Serving as general chairman for the luncheon was Mrs. Raymond Older of St. Mary's parish. Assisting her were Mesdames Willard Brown Jr., Donald Poland, Norman Murray, John Brady and James Ward.

The Ladies of St. Vincent de Paul's Church will be in charge of the June luncheon.

Mothers To Be Feted By St. John Group

Reservations for the annual Mother's Day Communion breakfast sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady, St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, may be made by calling Mrs. Joseph Fischer at 22462 or Mrs. Anthony Kinley at 31976.

The breakfast will be held on Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. in the Mark Twain Hotel following reception of Holy Communion by the group at the 8:30 Mass.

Pray For Seminarists, CDA Members Urged At Banquet

Nearly 50 were present at the forty-first anniversary banquet of Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, held last week in the club rooms, Elmira.

Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church was the guest speaker. Father O'Brien spoke on "The Apostolate of Prayer for Seminarists" and urged his listeners to follow the exhortation of the Holy Father and "pray daily for those who seem to be so little prayed for, seminarists."

"IF YOU ARE not blessed in being the Mother of a Priest in the flesh" the speaker observed, "you can be blessed, like our Lady, in being the Mother of many Priests in the spirit. Our Catholic people give generously to the material needs of our seminarists, but too few give spiritually to the sanctification of them."

Pointing out the great need for perseverance on the part of seminarists, Father O'Brien stated that there are more than 1000 seminarians in the United States that are without the services of a Catholic Priest; a territory as large as Mexico and as populous as Canada.

In the concluding remarks, the speaker urged all present to recite daily this prayer for seminarists:

"O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, I offer Thee, through Thy immaculate Mother Mary, Thy own Precious Blood, in all the Masses throughout the world, as a petition for grace for all seminarists. Thy future Priests. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her, the glorious Spouse of Christ. Teach them generosity and detachment from the miserable things of this world; but above all, teach them to know Thee and to love Thee, the one and only Eternal Priest. Be Thou, Good Shepherd of Souls, hear this my prayer for saintly Priests. Amen."

Mrs. T. A. Moran grand regent acted as toastmaster. Mesdames...

Temptations.—Temptations are sure to ring your doorbell. But it's your fault if you ask them to stay for dinner.—Missionary Tidings.

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Msgr. McAniff Attends Beatification Of Nun

The Very Rev. James C. McAniff, Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester participated in ceremonies in which Sister Rose Venerini, foundress of the Congregation of Venerini Sisters, was beatified in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, on Sunday morning.

The ceremonies for the seventeenth-century Italian nun who launched a courageous program of free schools for girls were reported by NCWC News Service from Vatican City.

Monsignor McAniff was one of three U. S. papal chamberlains who marched in the papal procession.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII made the traditional veneration of the new Blessed in the Basilica, Sunday afternoon.

NEWS OF THE nun's beatification was heralded by the deep-throated bells of St. Peter's Basilica which began ringing the moment the papal proclamation was read in the Basilica.

Listening to the proclamation were several Cardinals and other high prelates who immediately took up the chant of the triumphant "Te Deum." Simultaneously the vells were dropped and powerful spotlights were focused on a picture of Blessed Rose ascending into the glory of heaven.

Moments later a canon of St. Peter's Basilica began the Pontifical Mass in her honor. Several thousand nuns, alumnae and students of her community's schools as well as thousands of other faithful took part in the Mass offering thanks to God for the recognition extended to the little holy woman.

Scores of election rallies failed to keep thousands of people from coming to St. Peter's in the afternoon to witness the Pope make his first public act of veneration of the new Blessed. It was the Pontiff's first appearance at a ceremony in the basilica since November 4 when he made a similar act of veneration to another nun, Blessed Maria Teresa Coccore, co-foundress of the Cenacle nuns.

Born on February 9, 1686, Rose Venerini decided as a girl to take the vow of virginity and to lead the life of a Religious. After the death of her parents Rose gathered young women around her and gave them catechetical instructions.

REALIZING THE need of the religious education of poor children in the area, Rose Venerini founded the first free "pious school" for girls on August 30, 1685, at Viterbo, northeast of Rome. She had been joined in the work by two other young women, Portia Bacci and Jeronima Coluzelli. She had the consent of Cardinal Seicchi, then Bishop of Viterbo, and the Jesuit Superior General, to whose care she committed her infant society.

Blessed Rose died at Rome on May 7, 1723. Her reputation for

a holy life was widespread. However, her cause for beatification was not formally introduced until May, 1928.

HN Convention Set In Elmira

The annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union will be held Sunday, May 25, in the new parish center of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, of which the Rev. Thomas J. Toole is pastor.

Details on the forthcoming meeting in Elmira will be sent to all parish Holy Name Society chairmen within the ensuing week according to Martin Q. Moll, diocesan president who is in Elmira to make arrangements.

Cressy A. Mowrey, president of Elmira Deane's Holy Name Union will serve as convention committee chairman with the Rev. Albert J. Simonetti, deane's chaplain and the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, host, supervising.

Lay Fraternity Dinner Slated

The annual dinner of the St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity will be held May 12 at 6:30 p. m. in the Pine Room of Holy Family Auditorium. Guest of honor and principal speaker will be His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

The Rev. Dr. Maynard A. Connely, president of St. Andrew's Seminary and Moderator for the Fraternity, will precede the Bishop on the speaker's rostrum.

During the dinner there will be a program of songs by Jerry Deane, accompanied by Mrs. James Ehrenhart at the piano. Community singing will be led by James Ehrenhart. Following the dinner, Donahoe's Cornhuskers will furnish music for round and square dancing.

Merleand Hamer, president of the Fraternity, has appointed Joe Keleher as general chairman assisted by Fidelity Magin and John Brown. Entertainment is in charge of John Volunger, Joseph Gallagher and Frank Langie. Toastmaster will be James Farrell.

Members are urged to have their reservations in no later than Saturday, May 10.

Don't be wise; begin! He who postpones the hour of living right is like the rustic who waits for the river to run out before he crosses it.—Horse

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