Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Friday, Oct. 10—Wayland.
Sunday, Oct. 12—St. Anne, St. Anthony, St. Augustine, St. Margaret Mary, Rochester; St. John, Elmira; St. Ignatius, Hornell; Coldwater; Interlaken; Lima; Red Creek; Rushville; Webster.

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First Saturday Speaker Warns Of Synthetic Mothers

Corning — "The Greatest Catholic School in the World — the Catholic Home," was discussed by the Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, at the First Saturday luncheon in Baron Steuben Hotel, last week.

Introduced by the Rev. Daniel Hogan, moderator of the Corning Deanery, National Council of Catholic Women, sponsors of the luncheon, Father O'Brien directed his talk primarily to mothers.

He called attention to the great dignity and importance of motherhood, especially to that of Our Lady's which seems to be exemplified in so many of her earthly apparitions, such as Lourdes and Fatima, where she appeared to children and sent her messages through them.

"IT'S A MAN'S world but it is a woman's home," said the speaker. Therefore, he went on to explain, there is no substitute for "home" and no teacher like "mother."

Every Christian mother, Father O'Brien said, has the responsibility to make a happy and a holy home as well as one fruitful in religious vocations and, to achieve this end, 24 hours of daily devotion to the primary duties of motherhood is necessary.

He warned of the dangers to the family unit caused by modern, synthetic mothers who find time for many activities outside the home at the expense of their growing families, leaving them to the care of others or on their own.

Father O'Brien suggested many ways for making the home holy, among them not only the fostering of the whole family's attendance at Holy Mass, but taking time out to explain the Mass and to read and discuss the gospels and their meaning.

A special time should be set aside for this, he said, such as a Sunday. A parent, he said, should be a leader by his or her own good example and not rely entirely on church and school.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS included the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home, a shrine to Mary and a quiet corner for family prayers and meditations, particularly the daily recitation of the Rosary.

He encouraged the custom of the blessing and thanksgiving at mealtime; celebration of family Feast days, the use of well-filled Holy waterfonts.

Father O'Brien also mentioned the importance of family recreation, especially the training of children to entertain themselves creatively instead of absorbing ideas they see on television and hear on radio.

"OCEANS OF Christ-like charity, patience and understanding are needed by mothers," declared Father O'Brien, who concluded his talk with humorous incidents to illustrate this statement.

Presiding at the luncheon in the absence of Mrs. Glen Jamison, president, was Mrs. Hubert Triano, vice president, of Hammondsport. Mrs. Frank Purcell was general chairman for the event assisted by Mesdames Frank Hagan, Angelo Buffomante, Frank Schroeder, Norman Murray, Joseph Tainney and Edward Valley.

Mrs. Fred Gorman and Mrs. Charles Huston were named co-chairmen for the November First Saturday luncheon when Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester will be guest speaker.

High School Library Staff Confers

OFFICERS of DeSales High School Library Club for 1952-1953 talk over plans for the year in the Geneva school. They are: (from left) Louis Guard, treasurer; Louise Shalala, secretary; Barbara Reo, president and Martha Sullivan, vice president

Resurrection Explained In Corning DCCW Talk

Hornell — Rev. Joseph D. Donovan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Corning, was guest speaker at a First Saturday luncheon meeting in the Hotel Sherwood, Hornell.

Luncheon meetings are sponsored by Hornell District, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title, Our Lady of Fatima.

THE SIGNIFICANCE of the Resurrection of Christ was emphasized by Father Donovan, former assistant pastor of St. Ann's, Hornell, in his address to the 75 women present.

"The resurrection is basic to all we believe because it establishes the fact that Christ is God," Father Donovan said. "It is a fulfillment of the promise of Christ to raise himself from the dead."

"In Our Blessed Lord's resurrection, we have proof of His divinity," continued the speaker. "Having a Divine Founder gives our religion authority."

Miss Josephine FitzGerald presided at the business session. She said the primary purpose of First Saturday luncheons was to promote devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

Success of the luncheons in the past two years was attributed to the wisdom and zeal of Rev. John L. Coonan, moderator of the Hornell District, the committee chairmen and the women in both parishes.

Mrs. Rolland C. Acker succeeds Mrs. Leo O'Connor as chairman of reservations. Miss Elizabeth Brill continues as chairman of decorations.

Women's College Library Endowed

Chicago — (NC) — A gift of approximately a quarter of a million dollars has been received by St. Francis Xavier College for Women here for the library of its new college, Mother Mary Alberta, president, has announced.

The gift is from the estate of Thomas Byrne, a Chicago building contractor, who during his lifetime was a generous benefactor of Catholic educational institutions. He was the father of Sister Mary Camillus Byrne, of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union, a member of St. Francis Xavier College faculty.

Sister Camillus is a graduate of St. Xavier Academy, and has been associated with the college from its beginning. The library of the new college will be known as the Thomas Byrne Memorial Library.

8 Scholarships At $1600 Each Offered By State KC

New York State Knights of Columbus are continuing to offer eight scholarships—five for boys and three for girls—valued at $1600 each, according to District Deputy John J. Kinney of Rochester.

One of these scholarships was won last year by Miss Mary Lynn McGowan of Rochester who selected Nazareth College.

The scholarships will entitle winners to receive $400 per year for each of four years to help defray tuition or other expenses in any Catholic College in the United States.

AWARDS WILL be made as the result of a series of two competitive examinations. The first will be conducted on Saturday morning, Jan. 3, 1953, under direct auspices of the Knights of Columbus, to determine the top three candidates from each of the eight scholarship districts.

These 24 students will then take the College Entrance Examination Board examination on March 14, 1953, in order to select the eight winners.

A candidate, to be eligible for the preliminary examination, must be a Catholic, reside in New York State and expect to graduate from a recognized four year Catholic or Public High School in either January or June, 1953.

APPLICATIONS which will not be acceptable after Dec. 1, 1952, should be filed as soon as possible with the State Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Application blanks are available now in the high schools and local Councils of the Knights of Columbus or by writing to Chairman Edward F. Hargroves, 187 Lefferts Ave, Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

Examination centers are expected to be located among others in Auburn, Elmira, and Rochester, in this diocesan area. Additional centers will be arranged if the number of applicants from an area warrants it.

1,259 Students

Dubuque, Ia. —(NC)— There has been an increase of 1,259 students in the Archdiocese of Dubuque school system.

School Buses

Somersworth, N. H. — (NC)— The Somersworth School Board has authorized the use of public buses for the transportation of school children attending parochial schools, it has been announced.

Fund Campaign Launched By Watkins Sodalists

By Rosemary V. Marcellino

Watkins Glen — Sodalists of Our Lady's Sodality in Watkins Glen have a plan to sell Religious Cards.

Objective of this plan is to raise the much needed money for the Sodality and closer to them is keeping Christ in Christmas, which has slowly faded through the years.

REV. HUGH F. BRADY, moderator, is also making plans to start to prepare high school boys to become sodalists and to prepare more girls for the purpose.

A reminder to the readers of the Catholic Courier Journal to please send their used stamps to:

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