

### Central Verein Plans Texas Convention

San Antonio, Tex. (NC)—The Central Verein of America will hold its 56th convention here, July 1953. Meeting with the group will be delegates of the National Catholic Women's Association.

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### Ladies Of Charity Mark 50 Years At N. Y. Rites

By MARY E. FITZGERALD  
Executive Secretary, Ladies of Charity

Fifty years of service for the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of New York—years glorious in their achievement, all for the honor and glory of God and His poor, was commemorated at the 50th anniversary of the Ladies of Charity in serving the poor to themselves. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral and hundreds of these daughters of St. Vincent de Paul knelt at the altar railing to receive Him in Holy Communion. Tears were very close as a gracious Lady, the President of the New York group who had brought His true Charity to so many, made her way down the crowded aisle.

Then came the Jubilee Breakfast, with the National Anthem following the Grace and finally Lady Armstrong, welcoming her listeners so intimately that each one felt as though it were an individual greeting.

SISTER MARY, a Daughter of Charity, as the first speaker, did for one more if ever she would do so for the works of God, you would be remembering the words of our Divine Lord "The poor you have always with you" and also be pledging yourselves to follow those words from the Old Testament "They must not be a wanting poor."

All this as a part of the Golden Jubilee—but in the foreword by Katherine Burton, a part of the printed report, we found even more to portray the first Lady of Charity of today.

The opening paragraph, giving St. Elizabeth of Hungary as an example to every Lady of Charity, should have included our Lady Armstrong, who stands for all that was dear to the heart of our saintly founder, Vincent de Paul, and which he found in his co-worker St. Louise de Marillac.

IT WAS IN April, 1940 that I first met her, a day I shall never forget, the beginning of a friendship which has been one of God's choicest blessings to me. All that she stands for, all that she lives in every moment of her life, is a Christlike portrayal of the highest form of Charity—a love of God which sees His image and likeness in each one with whom she comes in contact.

Katherine Burton wrote in this Jubilee report, "It is only if our generations become greater than Charity that trouble may come. This is something that has never troubled the Ladies of Charity. Therein lies the permanence of every unit of the Ladies of Charity—the difference—because always the spiritual, the love of God and their neighbors is at the core of their work, in the hearts of its members, in its very files and statistics."

"Charity means love to the Ladies of Charity from Louise de Marillac to the youngest member of the present day," Mrs. Burton concluded.

But we would add, "Charity means love to God—love for each of His creatures and she loves that love as St. Louise de Marillac must have lived it—as our Blessed Mother did—as all who know her should live it—because through her God and St. Vincent de Paul have indeed visited His people."

### Ceramics Exhibit Opens In Corning

Corning—A special exhibition, featuring contemporary American ceramics selected from the 19th Ceramic National, opened Nov. 19 in the Corning Museum of Glass at Corning Glass Center, according to Center Director James H. Johnson.

The exhibition, which will continue through Dec. 31, is sponsored by the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts and the Onondaga Pottery Company. It has been shown in many of America's major museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and the Chicago Art Institute.

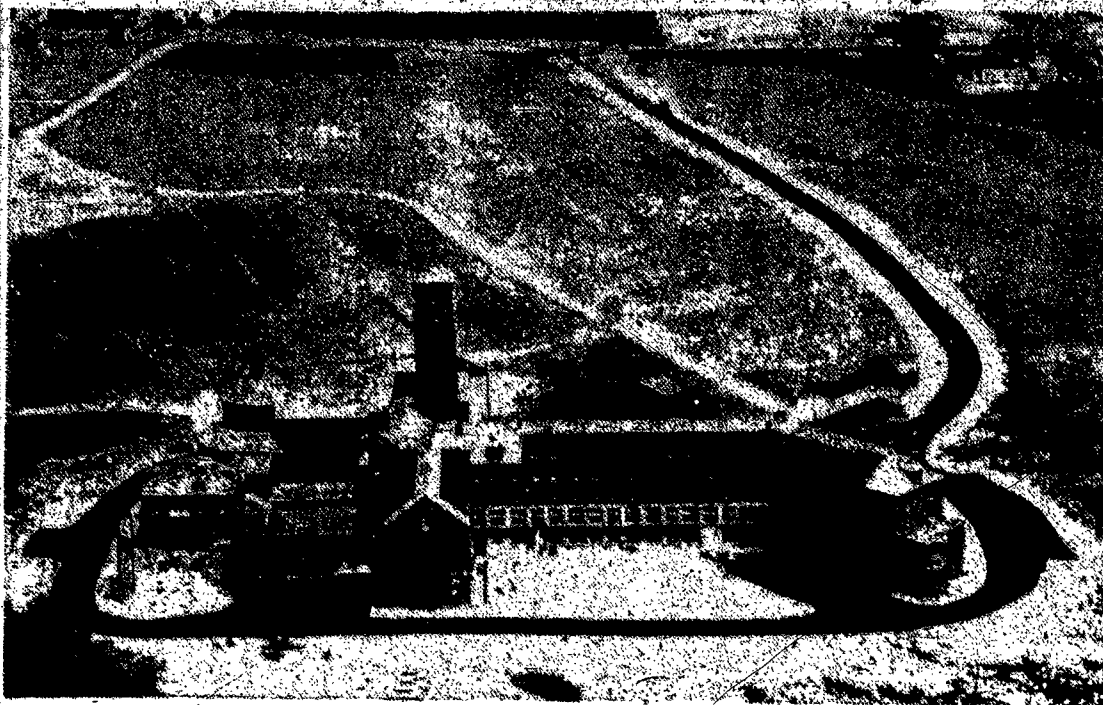
POINTING OUT that ceramics have become firmly established as a fine arts medium, Museum Director Thomas S. Butcher said the exhibition includes the finest work of America's best ceramists, chosen by noted sculptors Ivan Mestrovic and Viktor Schrengel, and ceramist Paul Bogarty.

The collection to be shown represents the widest possible range of technique and technique. "Young One" by William McVey embodies all the elements of an object of art, while pieces submitted by Stephen Pelchert are simple functional containers reminiscent of forms originated in the Far East.

Representing the most recent developments in the use of glass enamels are several pieces by Kenneth Bates, decorated with colored glass fired on to form a glass.

Ships Vintages  
New York, N.Y. (NC)—A gift shipment of 200,000 multi-vitamin tablets has been received here from the War Relief Service—National Catholic Welfare Conference in New York.

### Fr. Plassman's Dream Realized In Dedication Of \$2,500,000 Seminary



Dedicated by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, this new \$2,500,000 Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., is conducted by the Franciscan Fathers. This exterior view shows, left, faculty and administrative wings; center main wing housing classrooms on first floor; 110-foot campanile with outdoor pulpit and Eucharistic clock; right; entrance to Chapel of St. John the Apostle. (NC Photos)

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — The last 100 years were "the century that forgot God," Erie's Bishop John Mark Gannon observed.

Today more than ever "the multitudes are like sheep without a shepherd" and the lament "the harvest is great but the laborers are few" is about as true now as when Christ first uttered it, declared Bishop William T. McCarty, C.S.S.R., of Rapid City.

But it remains for institutions where "the words of Christ, 'You are the light of the world' resound in lofty harmony" to direct the "conquest of both intellects and hearts" under the "sweet scepter of Christ the King," asserted His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

THE THREE PRELATES spoke during the two-day ceremonies marking the dedication of the new \$2,500,000 Christ the King Seminary here at St. Bonaventure University.

The seminary, Archbishop Cicognani noted, is "the imposing and artistic realization" of the dream of Father Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., seminary rector, and was given its name by Pope Pius XI with whom Father Plassman discussed its plans in 1932. Members of the hierarchy present at the ceremonies included: Bishops Joseph A. Burke of Buffalo, William J. Hayes of Scranton, Richard T. Gullfoyle of Altoona, James Peter Davis of San Juan, Puerto Rico; George W. Mohr of Trenton; Siegfried Kurz, O.F.M., Prefect Apostolic of Yungchow, China; Edward T. McManahan, Auxiliary of Erie; Leo R. Smith, Auxiliary of Buffalo, and James Navigh, Auxiliary of Raleigh.

Archbishop Cicognani officiated

at the dedication of the seminary's Chapel of St. John the Apostle, which opened the two-day ceremonies. The voice of the seminary choir filled the chapel as colorfully robed prelates preceded the Apostolic Delegate in a colorful procession.

The Pope's representative, escorted by Father Juvenal Lalor, O.F.M., university president, used a sprig of spruce soaked with Holy Water in the blessing of the chapel.

IN HIS TALK, after offering a Solemn Pontifical Mass, Archbishop Cicognani warmly lauded the work of the Franciscans, who conduct the university and seminary. He said that the humble friars of "the Poverello of Assisi" always have been motivated by "an ardent seraphic charity" in their work for good and peace.

Bishop Gannon delivered the sermon during the chapel dedication Mass. He recalled that a century ago a band of Franciscans came to this country from Europe and after long years of poverty and sacrifice built the present St. Bonaventure University and Christ the King Seminary.

The Franciscans present this magnificent seminary to the American hierarchy," Bishop Gannon said, "at an hour in the history of mankind when the human race has broken its pact with Heaven, when, in all the years of our history, we are farthest removed from God. We have formed ourselves into a twisted pattern of secularism, the outcome of which no man is able to foresee or predict."

THE FIRST-DAY ceremonies concluded with Solemn Pontifical Vespers at which Benediction was imparted by Bishop McManahan. Bishop Burke offered the Solemn

"Communism today is defying the Catholic Church to continue her mission," Bishop McCarty said, "threatening that it will destroy her churches and exterminate her priests. This new seminary is an answer to that threat."

The Bishop said that no organization or society has attracted so many men of different races and nations, or such diversified talents, as the priesthood. He said that the new seminary was "another golden link in the glorious chain of seminaries throughout the world dedicated to the training of Christlike priests."

ONE OF THE outstanding buildings in this area, and one of the finest of its kind in the nation, the seminary was designed by Brother Gaetano Baumann, O.F.M., famed Franciscan architect. Construction began in November, 1949.

The cornerstone was laid the following Oct. 16. Completion of the structure culminates plans conceived 22 years ago after St. Bonaventure's monastery, church and seminary were destroyed by fire on May 5, 1930.

St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary was founded in 1856. The college became a university in July, 1950. The seminary was named Christ the King Seminary in 1932, at the suggestion of Pope Pius XI with whom the Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., rector of the seminary, discussed plans for the proposed building.

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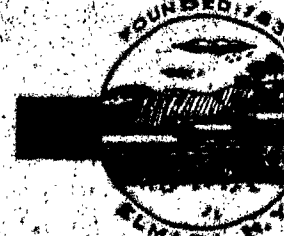
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