

Wish Each Other 'Felices Pascuas'



NAZARETH COLLEGE students in the Spanish club observed Christmas with a party at which Lucina Boscan of Maracaibo, Venezuela (left) and Mary Jo McKenna, Elmira, wished each other "Felices Pascuas", (Merry Christmas) in the true Spanish manner. (Courier Staff Photo).

Area Meet Calls 17 From Nazareth

Seventeen Nazareth College students will go to Buffalo Saturday, Dec. 6, for the Lake Erie Regional Council meeting of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

The meeting, to be held at Canisius College, will be attended by representatives of ten member colleges and St. John Fisher College.

Members of the council are Leona Melsenahl, Margaret McGrath, Eileen Flanagan and Dorothy Decker. Attending as observers are Maureen Donovan, Pauline Monsour, June Murray, Darlene Stecko, Kay O'Hara, Shirley Sero, Kathryn Fanning, Pauline Podest, Patricia Krenzer, Joanne Fisher, Barbara Scarsella, Mary Deane and Maxjorie Schurz.

The meeting will begin with 9 o'clock Mass. Benediction will follow adjournment. The council will hear a number of reports, among them one on the Regional Congress to be held at Niagara University in the spring.

2 Precious Blood Groups List Benefit

Annual Christmas party held by Sacred Heart League and Holy Name Society of Most Precious Blood Church will take place in the parish hall, Lexington Ave. and Stanton St. on Saturday evening, Dec. 6.

Proceeds of the party will be used for the children's Christmas Party.

Rev. Sebastian Contegiacomo, C.P.S., pastor, is chairman. In charge of prizes is Helen Eber, Audrey Volkmar and Frances White are in charge of tickets and refreshments.

Father Contegiacomo invites all friends and parishioners. Tickets are \$50 each. Hall may be reached on the Lee, Lyell and Lexington bus.

Christmas in Spain Motif Of Nazareth Club's Party

"La posada" and "la pinlata" were ready when "Los Reyes Magos" visited Nazareth College Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 3) for the Spanish club's Christmas party.

"La posada" is the crib; "la pinlata" a brightly-colored paper jar suspended from the ceiling and filled with delicacies; "Los Reyes Magos," the three wise men.

All are prominent in traditional Spanish Christmas observance.

LUCINA BOSCAN, freshman from Maracaibo, Venezuela, joined Mary Jo McKenna, Elmira, in "Jarabe Tapatio," the Mexican hat-dance. The 30 members of the club, dressed in native Spanish costume, entertained the rest of the student body and faculty by singing the Spanish Christmas carols "Noche de Paz," "Carmelina," "Venid Pastores," "El Primer Noel" and "Adeste Fideles." Lucille DeGoris, vocalist from Buffalo, and Barbara Cashier, violinist from Syracuse, also performed.

FOUR-YEAR OLD Senorita Kathryn Ann Conti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conti, 374 Yarmouth Rd., was selected to break the "pinlata," in accordance with Spanish custom, setting off a scramble on the part of the guests for the contents thus released.

Sonia Angell, senior sociology major from Puerto Rico, portrayed one of the three wise men who, according to Spanish tradition, distribute the gifts. The other wise men were Gloria Lopez, Los Angeles, and Rose Bozette, Mount Morris. They wore authentic Magi costumes.

An elaborate Spanish-style centerpiece decorated the table when refreshments were served. Mrs. E. Martin Jones, professor of Spanish, is club moderator.

Sodalists To Join Bishop In Rosary

Members of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union will join with His Excellency Bishop Kearney in recitation of the Rosary over WSAY, Monday evening at 7 p.m., Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Bishop in accordance with his practice of leading the Rosary on Feasts of the Blessed Mother, will be heard from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orange and Whitney Streets.

Headed by the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, diocesan director, the Sodality will come from every parish to join in the recitation of the Family Rosary for Peace.

Retreat For Youths Of 3 Parishes Opens Dec. 7

A retreat for the young people of three Rochester parishes will open in St. Boniface Church, Gregory St., Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:45 p.m. and will close on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the same hour.

The youths of St. Anne's and St. Mary's parishes will again join with those of St. Boniface in making their annual retreat. The retreat is open to all young people of those parishes whether they are in or out of school, whether in parochial or public high school, priests in charge said.

RETREAT EXERCISES will be conducted by the Rev. Edward Wojniak, S.V.D., a former China missionary. Father Wojniak is Mission Procurator for the Eastern Province of the Society of the Divine Word.

He was serving in the China missions when the Japanese entered China and was there later when the Communists overran the mission. Father Wojniak has given retreats to young people in various parts of the country and is in charge of the retreat movement at Girard, Pa.

The Retreatants' Mass each morning will be at 7 a.m. to be followed by a brief conference. Services will be held at 7:45 p.m., each evening and will consist of Rosary, Confession and Benediction.

Confessions will be heard after the services. During school hours, the seventh and eighth grades of St. Boniface School will make their retreat.

Priests of St. Boniface, St. Anne's and St. Mary's parishes expressed confidence that this year's retreat will be even more successful than last year's.

Father Hogan To Explain Pope's Infallibility

Catholic Information Series meeting, Monday, at 8 p.m. in Hotel Seneca will hear the Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, S.T.D., of St. Andrew's Seminary and St. John Fisher College faculty.



Fr. Hogan will discuss one of the most important and yet widely misunderstood points of Catholic teaching. He will treat of the divine and human elements in the Church under the title, "Can a Pope Be Wrong?"

This will be the seventh in the series of 20 lectures aiming to bring, particularly to non-Catholics, a clear knowledge of what their Catholic brethren believe and why they so believe.

Though the series is designed to offer a rounded picture of Catholic beliefs, yet each lecture is a complete unit in itself. So it is never too late to start attendance, the priests in charge said.

Palmyra Knights To Hear District Head

District Deputy John J. Kinney of Rochester will be a guest of honor at the Communion Breakfast of Palmyra Council, Knights of Columbus, Sunday, Dec. 7 according to Grand Knight Edward Marvin.

The Palmyra Council members will assist at 8 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, of which the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor is council chaplain. Breakfast will follow in the Macedon fire house.

Installation, Party Set By Mercy Guild

Installation of officers and exchange of gifts will follow the Christmas dinner for members of the Mercy Guild of the Little Flower, Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Rose Carlin's, 143 Dartmouth St.

Reservations must be made no later than Dec. 5 with Miss Ada Meng, chairman, LOCUST 6633.

Franciscan Conventual Hear Work For 100 Years In U.S., Commended

Syracuse—Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of organized activities of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual in the United States, a two-day celebration was ushered in here at the Church of the Assumption, Sunday with Solemn Pontifical Mass.

AMONG members of the hierarchy participating was His Excellency Bishop Kearney. In the diocese of Rochester, St. Theresa's Church, Rochester with the Rev. Bruno Dobala, O.F.M. Conv. and St. Hyacinth's in Auburn, the Rev. Jerome A. Holubowicz, O.F.M. Conv. as pastors are in charge of the Franciscan Conventuals.

Work of the Friars since their earliest days in the United States was praised by Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse in the sermon at the Solemn Pontifical Mass.

He recounted the service of the Friars which saw the Order grow from its original band of five into a large community of four Provinces, with more than 1,000 members, of whom more than 600 are priests.

"JUST AS once St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Order, was called by God, according to a vision of Pope Innocent III, to support the crumbling pillars of the Church of the early Middle Ages," Bishop Foery said, "so in the 19th century Bishop John McCloskey of Albany, later Cardinal Archbishop of New York, called the Friary Minor Conventuals from their first missions in Texas to take care of the neglected German immigrants in the Empire State, now comprising the Dioceses of Albany, Syracuse and Rochester."

A distinguished group of prelates and priests gathered here to pay tribute to the order's work in this country which began on a systematic basis in 1852 when a group of five Franciscan Conventuals from Europe arrived at the request of Bishop John Odlin, C.M., of Galveston, Texas, to minister to the needs of German and Polish settlers in the vast Diocese.

Previously individual priests had been sent from Europe with the blessing of the Holy See, as early as 1720.

THE MASS was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop David-P. Cunningham of Syracuse, in the



MAKING THE CENTENARY of their Order of Friars Minor Conventual in the United States were the Rev. Bruno Dobala, O.F.M. Conv. of St. Theresa's Church, Rochester and the Rev. Jerome A. Holubowicz, O.F.M. Conv. of St. Hyacinth's, Auburn and their confreres now serving in the Diocese of Rochester.

presence of Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, Bishop Kearney of Rochester, Bishop Joseph A. Burke of Buffalo, Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart of Ogdensburg, Bishop George W. Ahl of Trenton, N. J., and Father Bede Hess, O.F.M. Conv., Minister General of the centuries-old Order.

Also present were Father Lorenzo Di Fonzo, O.F.M. Conv., about 25 monsignori, and over 100 priests belonging to the Conventual Order as well as to the two other Franciscan groups—the Order of Friars Minor and the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin.

The priests included all the Provincials both of the Friars

Tridium Honoring Patron Saint Of Eyes Scheduled

St. Lucy's Church at 238 Troup Street will celebrate its patronal feast Saturday, Dec. 13 with three days of special devotion.

THE TRIDIUM in honor of the patron Saint of the eyes has been set for Dec. 10, 11, and 12 at 8:00 p.m. by the Very Rev. Msgr. Benedict J. Maselli, pastor of the Troup Street Church.

Services each evening will consist of special prayers to St. Lucy, a sermon, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the Saint's relics.

The sermons will be preached by the Reverend Fathers James O'Connell, Donald J. Murphy, and Patrick J. Flynn.

Those who suffer from any eye ailment as well as those blessed with good sight will welcome this Tridium as a special time to seek help and express thanks to the great patron saint of the eyes.

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