

Carmelite Tertiaries Second Congress Set

The Very Rev. Father Albert, O.C.D., Provincial of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers, announced to all local Tertiaries that registration is now open for their Second National Third Order Congress which will be held at the Somerset-Puritan Hotel in Boston, Mass., October 16, 17, 18, 1953.

Theme of the Second Congress will be, "The Spirit of Carmel—Prayer, Penance, and Devotion to Mary." It is hoped that every local Tertiary who can possibly do so will register in the near future, Father Albert said.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

If a splinter got into your eye, your entire body would vibrate with the pain. But your hand would also come to the relief of the eye. So in the Church, if Catholics in one part of the world suffer, we come to their aid.

What reaction does this historical fact produce in your heart? We just received word from China that the last foreign missionary in a certain diocese was held a prisoner in a small room on the second floor of a mission compound. There was a heavy wire screen over the only window, which the Reds believed was sufficient protection. The ingenuity of the faith under persecution is greater than the genius of faith in prosperity.

A few devout Chinese Catholics came outside the house during the night. They threw through the window a small stone to which was attached a string. The missionary pulled up a bamboo stick in which were hidden wine and altar breads. The priest read Mass, consecrated about 150 hosts, lowered them in the bamboo stick, and the members of the Legion of Mary then distributed Communion to the faithful.

Twice a week sermons were lowered to the faithful, and twice a week consoling messages were hoisted to the Shepherd from his flock. Three letters began with these words: "Dear Father, I do not ask to stop my sufferings; I ask only to increase my love." Another: "I shall never give up the Church even unto death." A third: "Pray that as the persecution increases, my faith may grow apace."

Interesting? Admirable? No! No! Just that! Exemplary? Compelling? Yes! Match that persecution with your sacrifice, their bravery with a surrender of something you have. If it is just a gift to the Holy Father's Missions, it will help them, if it is a sacrifice it will help you too!

See what others are doing . . . GOD LOVE YOU to E.E.A. for \$125. "This is my first day's pay on a job I wanted. I promised this as a thanksgiving." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to M. for a bracelet and ring which she gave to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . "GOD LOVE YOU to the Holy Father's Missions \$5 out of their club treasury for the Holy Father's Mission . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. M.K. who is employed in a department store. She sends \$20, and also the larger part of her commission to the Leprosy Fund. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. and Mrs. E.B. for \$5. "Because we have been so lucky with our children, we cannot help but think of the hungry little children in the missions." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to T.G.H. for \$3. "I read your article about sharing one's food and I am taking the money I normally spend for one meal and giving it to you so that in a small way I will be able to share a meal with someone that needs it a lot more than I." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. A.J.C. "I am enclosing \$10 made up of dimes put in a little cup after shopping, for the Holy Father's Missions."

Did you pray for China this week? If you had a World Mission Rosary with the yellow decade, you would have remembered. At your request, and a \$2 offering to the Holy Father's Missions, we will send you a World Mission Rosary blessed by me.

Why not take out an annuity. The Holy Father's own Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith will give you a high rate of interest during your life, and at your death you give Him the capital for the spread of the faith. Write for full details.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 East 38th Street, New York 18, New York or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Magr. John R. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

St. John Fisher College Debaters To Meet Canisius

St. John Fisher College Debating Team meet with members of the Canisius College Debating team of Buffalo on Friday, March 6, at St. John Fisher College.

The resolution is "That the Congress of the United States Should Enact a Compulsory Fair Employment Practices Law." The St. John Fisher Team includes William Dorr, John Falvino, John Pietropaoli and John Schmitt.

THE COLLEGE debating team is a part of the Fisher Forum comprised of a discussion group and a debating team both under the direction of Gerard Tucker. Arrangements have been made for a debate with students from Nazareth College and for participation in the LeMoyné Tournament.

The discussion group has presented discussions on the subject "Why A Catholic College?" before students of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Nazareth Academy and Aquinas Institute. Members of the Discussion Group include John C. Murphy, chairman, Fred Buttaccio, John Falvino, John Pietropaoli, Ronald Schoenberger and John Schmitt. This group is negotiating to arrange for discussions before Parent Groups in parishes of the Diocese.

Son Sinos Mass For G. A. Didas

Perkinsville—Funeral services for George A. Didas, 86, of this village were held in Saturday, Feb. 28 with his son, the Rev. James Didas, S.S.J., of Baltimore, Md. officiating.

Mr. Didas died suddenly, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1953 shortly after being admitted to Wayland Hospital.

Solemn Funeral Mass was celebrated by his son, Father Didas of the Josephite Fathers assisted by the Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, Perkinsville, as deacon and the Very Rev. Thomas McNamara, S.S.J., Baltimore, as celebrant.

In the Sanctuary also were the Reverend Fathers Adelbert Schneider, John Steger, Francis Turner, Robert Fennessy, Francis M. Feehey, and John Murphy of the Rochester Diocese. The Rev. George Koch, Sheldon, Very Reverend Fathers Edward Cassery, S.S.J., George O'Dea, S.S.J., and Reverend Father Arthur O'Neill and Charles Coughlin, S.S.J., all of Baltimore; Reverend Fathers Arthur O'Reary, S.S.J., Washington, D. C.; Robert O'Connell, S.S.J., Francis Daisey, S.S.J., and William Philipps, S.S.J., all three of Newburgh, N. Y.

Besides his priest son, Mr. Didas is survived by another son, Norman, of Swaine, N. Y., his daughter, Sister James, Joseph of Strykersville, N. Y.; two sisters, Miss Josephine Didas of Perkinsville and Mrs. Celia Monaghan, Buffalo and two grandchildren.

Names Camp For Nazareth

Camp Nazareth has been selected as the name for the new \$150,000 Catholic Youth Organization camp on Long Lake and White Lake in the lower Adirondacks. Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse has announced.

Equipped to accommodate 125 children from seven to 15 years old, Bishop Foery said it is believed to be the first CYO camp in the nation named Nazareth in honor of the Christ Child, Father Daniel E. Lawler, director of Utica Catholic Charities, is the camp executive. "It is our prayer that the Christ Child, through the intercession of His Blessed Mother, may bless and direct at all times the activities at Camp Nazareth," the Bishop said.

K. C. Scholarships Test Lists 2 Girls

Two girls residing in the Diocese of Rochester qualified in the New York State Knights of Columbus Scholarship and are eligible to take the Entrance Board Examinations on March 14, according to Deputy Grand Knight John J. Kinney of Rochester. Qualifying in District F were: Dorothy I. Fletcher, R.F.D. No. 2 of Trumansburg High School and Mary A. McAnarney, 406 Porter St. of Watkins Glen High School.

The lists of students qualified was released by State Chairman Edward F. Hargroves of Brooklyn handling the scholarship examinations.

Catholic College Plans Own Airfield

London — (NC) — St. Mary's College, conducted by the Irish Christian Brothers at Crosby, Liverpool, is to have its own airfield and hangar. They will be laid out in the college playing fields for St. Mary's air cadet force. The boys will use a glider for training.

Diocesan Basketball Tournament Opens With 34 Teams; Award Banquet Slated



HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS for the Third Annual Diocesan Basketball Tournament in Rochester March 6, 7 and 8 are at work above. At desk is Howard F. Neath, CYA Program Director. Standing (from left) are: Harry McFarlin, Walter E. Mason, Robert W. Mason, Joseph F. Murphy, Patrick J. McBride. (Courier Staff Photo).

By HOWARD F. NEATH

CYA Program Director

The Third Annual Diocesan Basketball Tournament will get underway tonight (Friday, March 6) and will continue to Sunday when the finals will wrap up another year of competition. This year's tourney will pit city teams against visiting teams from such towns as Waverly, Owego, Watkins Glen, Penn Yan and Webster. In all, 34 teams will compete in the High School and Grammar School classes.

And Sunday with the Grammar

School finals at 2 p.m. Sunday and the High School Finals at 3 p.m. Sunday. Both of these games will be played at the Edgerton-Park-Sports-Arena. Highlighting Sunday's events will be the Bishop's Banquet. Scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., it is open to all teams, relatives and friends of the players. At the banquet, trophies will be given to High School and Grammar School Champs and runners-up. Trophies will also be given to the "All-Star Team." Tournament headquarters will be in Columbus Civic Center

lobby. All team information will be supplied there.

Schedules follow:

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

First Round

Edgerton, March 6—St. Monica's Hall, 7:00 p.m.; St. Francis of Assisi (Roch.) vs. St. Andrew (Roch.) 8:00 p.m.; St. Charles Borromeo (Roch.) vs. Holy Trinity (Webster).

St. Stanislaus Hall, 7:00 p.m.; Mt. Carmel (Roch.) vs. St. Stanislaus (Roch.) 8:00 p.m.; Holy Redeemer (Roch.) vs. Mother of Sorrows (Roch.).

Saturday, March 7—St. Monica's Hall, St. Anne (Hornell) vs. St. Francis of Assisi (Auburn), 12:20 p.m.; Holy Rosary (Roch.) vs. St. James (Waverly); St. Stanislaus Hall, 10:00 a.m.; St. Ignace (Joplin, Roch.) vs. St. Nicholas (Penn Yan), 11:20 p.m.; Immaculate Conception (Roch.) vs. St. Elizabeth (Auburn).

C.Y.A. (court, 10:00 a.m.; St. Mary (Watkins Glen) vs. St. Monica's (Roch.), 11:00 a.m.; St. Patrick (Owego) vs. St. Boniface (Roch.).

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASS

Saturday, March 7—St. Francis Xavier Hall, 10:00 a.m.; St. Stephen (Roch.) vs. Immaculate (Conception) (Roch.), 11:15 a.m.; St. Thomas (Roch.) vs. St. Patrick (Seneca Falls), 12:20 p.m.; St. Mary (Watkins Glen) vs. Holy Redeemer (Roch.).

Our Lady of Mercy High Court, 10:00 a.m.; St. Monica (Roch.) vs. St. Augustine (Roch.), 11:15 a.m.; St. Francis Xavier (Roch.) vs. St. Francis of Assisi (Auburn), 12:20 p.m.; St. Patrick (Owego) vs. St. Mary (Watkins Glen).

Mothers in Wayland Form Club To Aid Parish School

Wayland — Hoping that through a mutual understanding of problems, arising in the life of the child, a solution can be reached through cooperation between teacher and parent, a Mothers' Club was formed in St. Joseph's Parish, Wayland.

Meetings are to be held once a month, on the second Wednesday. The need for such an organization has long been felt by parents and teachers, club officers said. At the first meeting in February the following officers were elected: Mrs. Gerald Kirtz, president; Mrs. Robert Wright, vice president; and Mrs. William Schrader, secretary and treasurer. A St. Patrick's Day card party is being planned to raise an initial fund to help the organization carry out its plans.

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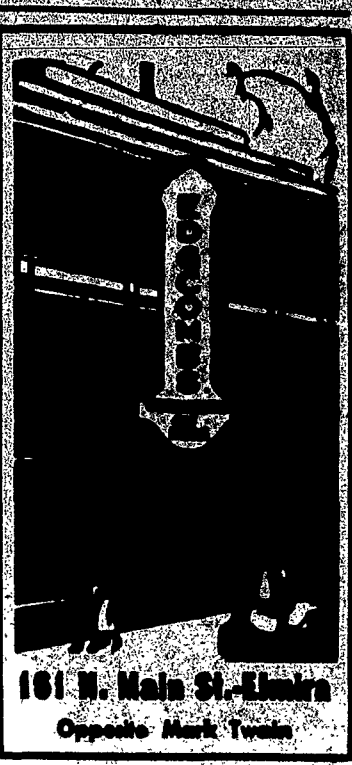
Reports Heard By Action League

Auburn—A report of the recent Sauerkraut Supper, plans for the coming Day of Recollection, and a discussion of the society's part in the celebration of the approaching parish Centennial were the highlights of the February business meeting of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church.

Miss Mariott Berry, vice-president, presided and heard the reports. Miss Carline Rattigan acted as secretary pro-tem.

Making reports were Miss Catherine Anton, Mrs. Thomas P. Tierney, and Mrs. Thomas Long, who reported of the group's cooperation with the Red Cross Blood Bank Recruitment program.

Because the meeting was held during Lent, no social hour followed the meeting.



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