

Auburn Mothers Schedule Supper

Auburn—The Mothers Club of St. Alphonsus Parish, Auburn, will serve a home style spaghetti supper on Saturday evening, April 11 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Mrs. William Byrne, president of the organization, has named Mrs. Robert R. Schneider as chairman. The supper will be prepared and served in the school cafeteria by a large committee. Assisting Mrs. Schneider as co-chairman are Mrs. Thomas P. Tierney and Mrs. Alfred E. Geherin.

The supper is open to the public. Proceeds from the project will be used to help underwrite various Mothers' Club projects.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

It is hard to believe that the Civil War in the United States is still effecting our missions in Africa, but that is the truth. Most of the slaves that were sold in the Southern States came from Africa. Those who were taken from the West were dragged through the hot sands of the Sahara. Even to this day the caravan routes are strewn with the white bones of men with black skin who were being sold by white men with black souls. Other slave caravans which came from the East and Central Africa headed toward Zanzibar. The Moslems sometimes met these slave caravans and promised them exemption from slavery if they became followers of Mohammed. Many did in order to save their lives.

Naturally those who were "converted" to Moslemism returned to their native lands and became spreaders of Moslemism. This accounts for some Africans being Moslems today. The prospects are not too bright today for the Moslems. Black Africa has a population of 180,000,000. Out of this number, 15,000,000 are Catholics and over 25,000,000 are Moslems. In other words, the Moslems number about 23% of the population and Catholics about 10%.

Looking back over a period of 20 years, despite our missionary efforts, we have not kept pace with the growth of the Moslems. In that period of time, the Moslems increased 9% and the Catholics only 4%. This means the Moslems are converting the natives of Africa twice as fast to Mohammed as we are to Christ.

There are some reasons for this. Every Moslem merchant is a missionary, but not every Catholic is a missionary. A Moslem not only buys and sells goods or silks, he also sells the Koran. Very few Catholic businessmen in Africa ever try to convert a soul.

Africa will be the most important continent in the world in less than 75 years and also the richest. What it will do for the peace of the world depends on whether these good people follow a code which permits them to have four wives and as many concubines as they desire, or a code in which loyalty and fidelity in marriage become the backbone of the social order.

There is something we can do about this, and that is to become vicarious missionaries in Africa by sacrificing some of our substance to help spread the word and belief in Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Giving alone is not enough, because in giving we part with only a thing; in sacrificing we give a part of ourselves. And every bit of our heart that goes to Africa cost of love for souls helps Africa more than a bit of what we give from our pocket alone. Africa is full of souls and each of them is as important to the Saviour as the souls in London or New York. To redeem them in union with the Cross, we have to have a cross in our lives and that is what we mean by sacrifice.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. F.M.D. who sold a suit of clothes she didn't need and sent the money to the Missions. . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to J.C. "I am ten years old. I cleaned a boy's bicycle for 50¢ and am sending it to you for the Missions." . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to M.W. "Enclosed find \$5, a day's wages for the Missions in preparation for my sins and that my sinner becomes a Catholic." . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to M. B. "I have not used my suit for the past two weeks so I am sending the Missions the \$8 I would have spent for gasoline."

Pray for Africa. The green beads on the World Mission Rosary will remind you. Give them also as gifts to your friends. At your request and an offering of \$2, we will send you a World Mission Rosary blessed by me.

Write to us about an annuity—no bank is safer—your interest will be high, and then at your death you take your money with you in the sense that because you leave it to the Holy Father, it is given to the credit for your soul on the day of judgment.

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, 109 East 58th Street, New York 18, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 10 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Sister Mary John Rites Conducted In Mercy Chapel

Funeral services for Sister Mary John Rourke of the Sisters of Mercy were conducted Wednesday, March 18 at the Motherhouse Chapel. Sister died March 15, 1953. Richard T. Torney, chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy, said the Requiem Mass which was sung by the Sisters' choir. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis J. Edelman was in the sanctuary. Sister Mary John, who was a native of Schuylerville, N. Y., entered religious life August 1901 in the old Mercy Motherhouse on South Street. She pronounced her final vows in 1904.

FOR YEARS, Sister Mary John was stationed at St. Mary's parochial school as teacher and principal. She held other teaching posts in Hornell, Corning, Auburn, Aquinas Institute and Our Lady of Mercy High School. Besides these teaching assignments, Sister has held the administrative positions of Bursar and Mother Assistant of the Community.

Burial was in the Sisters' plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Geneva DCCW Hear Fr. Hohman

Geneva Describing the Cross of Christ as "a bridge by which we enter Heaven" the Rev. Fr. Louis J. Hohman, Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, addressed 45 members of Geneva Deaneary National Council of Catholic Women Wednesday, Mar. 11, in Penn Yan.

Ten Geneva members attended the Day of Recollection held in St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan. The program opened with Mass at 9 a.m. The Rev. Francis Waterstraat, moderator was celebrant.

THEME of the day was personal sanctification with Fr. Hohman, Rochester Deaneary moderator conducting the program.

A Holy Hour service was conducted at 2 p.m., followed by Benediction.

Mrs. Louis Fowler, Penn Yan, Geneva Deaneary president, was in charge of arrangements. Present from Geneva were Mrs. Eugene Marshall, Mrs. Leo Knight, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Elvey Marshall, Mrs. Fred Burke, Mrs. Thomas A. Kane, Mrs. Arthur T. McAvoy, Mrs. Terry Dalton, Miss Elizabeth Kane and Mrs. Howard Groden.

4 Women Units Set In Dansville Meet

Dansville—Plans for a joint meeting in April with the Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church, the Christian Mothers of St. Mary's Church, and NCCW members of Homell were made at the March 9 meeting of Dansville Council, Knights of Columbus 25 following Lenten services.

After the meeting at 9:30 p.m., Herman Walz representing the Red Cross will speak and will show the film, "Blood and Bullets." All women of the parish are invited.

Plans will be completed by the Society for the Get-Acquainted Social Hour to follow the April meeting.

Election, Hospital Visit In Auburn



TWO AUBURN groups in action. Top, Newly elected officers of Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John installed in St. Alphonsus School. They are: (front, from left) Catherine Anton, recorder; Mrs. Carl Boyk, Syracuse, state vice president who assisted in installation; Mrs. Joseph Hutchings, president; Miss Bertha M. Kemmerknecht, Utica, state president and installing officers; Mrs. Frank Tuttle, Syracuse, state trustee; Betty Clancy, treasurer; standing, Mrs. William Mallory, first vice president; Mrs. George F. Green, second vice president; Mrs. Richard A. Evans, messenger; Mrs. Francis W. Parkinson, past president; Mrs. Edward Zona, sentinel and Mrs. Ernest Funke, financial secretary. HOLY FAMILY HIGH seniors interested in nursing visit Auburn Memorial Hospital School of Nursing (lower photo). In the hospital kitchen (from left) Anne Gormley, Holy Family High graduate and medical clinical instructor of the Nursing School; Seniors, Mary Fennessey, Mary Curtin, Kathryn Copley, Carol Byers and Lorraine Lawler; William Hanning, baker, showing batch of pastries and Miss Patricia Krumm, assistant nursing arts instructor.

Geneseo HNS Elects Vincent Ryan Head LeMoyne Series Speaker

Geneseo—Vincent Ryan was elected president of the newly reorganized Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church, Geneseo, on March 8.

Election followed reception of Holy Communion in a body at the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church, and breakfast in the Big Tree Inn in Geneseo.

The Rev. Peter Jankowski, pastor, and spiritual advisor of the Holy Name Society talked on "Behavior of Children in Church." He also said he was pleased with the record attendance of the men at their Communion and hoped that it will continue in the future. Named with Ryan who is active in church affairs was Joseph Quirk, vice president; William F. Barry, secretary and treasurer; Robert O'Mara and Hubert Chandler, delegates.

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LeMoyne Series Speaker To Discuss Father Feeney

Auburn—Third lecture in the current Auburn-LeMoyne lecture series will be given by the Rev. William A. Scott, S.J., of the Department of Theology at LeMoyne College on Saturday, March 28 at Lyceum Hall, St. Mary's Church, Auburn. His topic is entitled: "No Salvation Outside the Church: Its Meaning."

E. Rochester KC Rites Set

With the objective of forming a new Knights of Columbus Council in the East Rochester area, a first and second degree of the order will be conferred Sunday, March 22 in the C.Y.A. center, East Rochester at 2 p.m.

Degrees will be supervised by District Deputy John J. Kliney. The Canandaigua Council staff will confer the first degree and Rochester Council degree team, the second.

Children Take Part In 40 Hour Rites

Geneseo—Dressed in white and carrying single red and white carnations, a number of children of St. Stephen's parish took part in the solemn professional marking the opening of the Forty Hours Devotions Sunday in St. Stephen's Church.

The devotions opened following the 12 a.m. Mass. They closed at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The Rev. John V. Loughlin of St. Francis de Sales Church delivered the sermons in connection with the evening devotions at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Use plenty of elbow grease at your job remember a home run is just a pop fly with a little extra energy behind it.

Geneva Student Honored At Holy Cross College

Geneva—Harry J. Touhey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Touhey, 128 Maxwell Ave., a freshman at Holy Cross College, has been chosen for the student government group. He is in the Naval ROTC at college.

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