

Welcome To New Pastor In Owego



PARISHIONERS OF St. Patrick's Church, Owego joined in holding a reception in honor of the Rev. William J. O'Brien, newly named pastor, Sunday. At reception above are: Mrs. and Mrs. Francis J. Munroe and son, Philip, Father O'Brien, J. Edmund Norton, parish trustee and Tommy Coveney. Reception sponsors were the Holy Name Society and Catholic Daughters of America. Mrs. Robert Inacho was refreshment committee chairman. (H. T. Tubbs Photo)

Rochester Man Clothed In Trappist Monk Habit

George J. LeFrois Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. LeFrois, 55 Mayfield St., received the habit of a Trappist monk and his religious name on Thursday, Mar. 19. He will now be known as Frater M. Alphonsus.

The ceremony took place at Our Lady of the Genesee Monastery of Christ the King in Piffard.

A former salesman, the 34-year-old novice entered the Trappist novitiate on Feb. 15. He will spend a two-year period in the monastery as a novice before taking first vows.

This will be followed by a scholastic training of three years in which he will study theology, philosophy and canon law.

AFTER THE FIVE years he will take final vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, conversion of manners and stability. The vow of conversion of manners is a final adoption of the way of life of the Cistercians which means that he will live under the rule of silence.

When a salesman, Frater Alphonsus handled several large accounts for the Ontario Liquor Distributors Inc. He decided to enter the Cistercian Order in 1949 when visiting the Our Lady of Getsemani Trappist Monastery in Kentucky.

As a youth, former George LeFrois, played football and baseball in St. Francis Xavier School in Boston. In his 13 years in business he especially enjoyed reading biographies of the saints. Much of his spare time while in business was in the distribution of Monk's Bread made at the Monastery and sale of which helps in its support.

Frater Alphonsus has several relatives in religious life from the Rochester area.

Japanese School Reports Converts

Tokyo —(NC)—Thirty-four of the 83 Catholics who are receiving degrees from Sophia University here this month are converts who joined the Church while studying at Sophia.

The Jesuit institution—the oldest Catholic university in Japan—has a graduating class of 237 students — including 23 seminarians.

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Funeral Services Conducted For Six Persons In Corning

Corning—Funeral services for six Corningites were conducted in Catholic churches here during the past week.

Corning — James F. Howard of 67 W. First St., died Wednesday, March 11, 1953 at Corning Hospital. He was born in Towanda, Pa., the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard and had been a resident of Corning since 1906. He had been a member of Corning city staff since 1910.

Mr. Howard was a member of St. Mary's Church, the Holy Name Society, Corning Council Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Council.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Mary A. McEntee Howard, Mr. Howard is survived by one daughter, Miss Lucille Howard of Corning; two granddaughters, Mrs. David Crum of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Edward Cahill of Davenport, Pa.; a grandson, James F. Howard of Buffalo; a great grandson and great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Corning — Joseph A. Frick 53 of 132 Hamilton Circle died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 4. He was born at Riverside, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Frick and had spent his entire life in that community. He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the Ingersoll-Rand Services Association and the Technical Club of the company.

Besides his wife, the former Miss Kathleen Kinney, he is survived by two sons, Midshipman Joseph F. Frick who is a member of this year's graduating class at Annapolis Naval Academy, and John P. Frick, a student at Genesee State Teachers' College; two cousins.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 8:30 a.m. from the home and at 9 o'clock in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Corning — William L. Doyle, 77, 148 W. Third St., died Monday, March 9, at the Townley Nursing Home, Elmira. He was born in Corning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Doyle. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. Survivors include one sister, Sister M. Isadore of St. Mary's

Notre Dame Trains European Workers

South Bend, Ind. — (NC) — Forty skilled European workers have arrived here to begin a one-year work, study and training program, designed to teach them American technical know-how, introduce them to labor-management relations and give them an insight into American life.

The project in international relations is sponsored jointly by the University of Notre Dame, which will assume responsibility for the trainees during their year's stay, and the Mutual Security Agency with the cooperation of South Bend labor and management officials.

Father Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice president in charge of academic affairs at the University, is chairman of a joint management-labor-school committee which will oversee the project.

Father Moore said Maurice P. Cohen, a Notre Dame alumnus, who has been named project supervisor, has been granted a leave of absence by the Studebaker Corporation and Studebaker Local 5, UAW-CIO, to serve as counsellor to the trainees and liaison officer between the university, MSA officials, plants executives and union leaders.

Corning — Mrs. Caroline Durante, 62, of 22 Weaver St., died unexpectedly Thursday, March 12. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Church and the League of the Sacred Heart.

Survivors are: three daughters, Mrs. Michael D'Amico of Norristown, Pa., Mrs. Joseph Schon and Mrs. Rodney George, both of Corning; four sons, James of Chicago, Carl and Milano of Elmira and John of Corning; three sisters, the Misses Mary, Concetta and Carmella Servello, all of Sessano, Italy; 14 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday from the home at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Corning — Isadore Hamann, 82, of 87 W. Third St., died Monday, March 16, at his home. He was born in Alsace Lorraine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hamann. He had been a resident of Corning for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and the Holy Name Society.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Ramont Hamann; two sons, Joseph and Lucien Hamann, both of Corning; three daughters, Mrs. William Crane and Miss Anna Hamann, both of Corning and Mrs. Harold Barrett of Cooper; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the home Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

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Legislator Holds Parochial Schools No Longer Private

Augusta, Me.—(RNS)—Strictly speaking, parochial schools are no longer private schools, a Maine legislative committee was told here.

Rep. Henry Albert, Augusta, made this statement in supporting his bill to permit parochial pupils to ride public school buses on established routes.

Nearly a score of mothers of parochial school pupils appeared before the committee to favor the measure, while Protestant clergymen and laymen opposed it.

The Rev. Arthur G. Christopher, pastor of the Methodist

church here, said he thought it was "a breach of the principle of separation of Church and State."

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