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### Symbolic of Nurse Career Start



**CAPPING CEREMONIES** - Fourteen members of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1955 received caps at impressive exercises March 29 in St. Ignace Loyola Church, Hornell. Sister Mary Valerian, superintendent of nurses, at left, capped the students. Jean Quartz is shown enkindling a miniature Florence Nightingale lamp from a candle held by Sister Elizabeth Anne.

### Caps Conferred On 14 St. James Hospital Nurses

Hornell—Devotion to the care of the sick was pledged by 14 members of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1955, at capping exercises, here.

St. Ignace Loyola Church, where the ceremonies were held, was filled with relatives and friends of the student nurses.

Members of the class are: Suzanne Marie Dealy, Alyce Suzanne Jeffrey, Mary Teresa Morrell, Mary Jean Quartz, Marcia Lee Root, Alice Marie Schieder and Frances Rita Sherwood, Hornell; Marie Ann Costello,

Wellsville: Loretta Lou McMichael, Arkport; Beverly Anne Norton, Canisteo; Donna Marie Mohar, Belmont; Norma Jean Ann Nemo, Allegany; Helen Marie North and Louise Marie North, Rochester.

The Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor, described the cap as a symbol of the nursing profession and an emblem of the traits of character which must be possessed by the good nurse.

"Today," he told the students, "you are officially accepted into the nursing profession. Reception of your caps signifies your possession of potential qualities of character that will, in time, enable you to accept responsibility, master difficult situations and face emergencies with a calm and considerate attitude."

FOUNDERS OF the nursing profession adopted the cap to represent nursing ideals, the priest continued. The cap should mean purity of life, loyalty and faithfulness to a high trust.

"The care you give to the least of His creatures you give to Christ," Father McDonnell concluded. "In times of trial look to Christ and hear, deep in your hearts:

"Come, take possession of the Kingdom prepared for you because when I was sick, you cared for Me."

MEMBERS OF the Class of 1955 entered the Church in solemn procession. Their uniforms contrasted effectively with the white robes of the Sisters of Mercy of the nursing staff, and the blue capes and white uniforms of the graduates.

Those to be capped were presented by the Rev. Leo E. Lynch, chaplain of the hospital. The caps were blessed by the Rev. John D. Malley, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Revville, and placed on the students' heads by Sister Mary Valerian, superintendent of nurses. She was assisted by Sister Mary Anne.

Sister Elizabeth Anne led the famed Florence Nightingale pledge, and each student returned to her seat carrying a miniature Nightingale lamp.

Music from the exercises was by St. Ignace Loyola Male Choir, under direction of the Rev.

James F. Slattery, assistant pastor, William Loree was organist. The choir sang Haydn's "All Glory, Laud and Honor," the traditional "Hail Immaculata" and "O God of Loveliness."

Ceremonies were closed with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Lynch was celebrant, the Rev. Francis Donoghue of Rochester, deacon, and the Rev. Robert MacNamara of St. Ann's Church, sub-deacon.

Following ceremonies at the church, a reception and tea were held at the hospital. Three hundred attended.

Sister Mary Thomas was general chairman of tea arrangements, assisted by the Misses Doris McCollum, Mary Quigley and Lillian Merton. Miss Mary Ellen Davis and Mrs. Betty Smith poured.

### Catholic Union Asks UN Drop 'Divorce' Term

United Nations, N. Y. — (NC) — Speaking for Catholic women throughout the world, a consultant asked a United Nations Commission on the Status of Women to drop from a proposed covenant a reference to the "dissolution" of marriage.

The term, which originally appeared in Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is "widely interpreted as a general sanction by the United Nations of divorce" and is therefore offensive to the conscience of millions of women.

Miss Catherine Schaefer, consultant of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, stated.

MISS SCHAEFER spoke before a commission currently studying the status of women in private law after France and Pakistan had presented a resolution asking that a proposed Covenant on Human Rights include a sentence from Article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states that men and women "are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage, and at its dissolution."

She expressed agreement that legislation should recognize that husbands and wives have equal rights and that this should include cases where "serious discord render legal separation necessary." But she pointed out that the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations had from the beginning opposed the introduction of the term "dissolution" in the article since it seemed to sanction a disruptive influence in society.

### Women Appointed NCCW Heads

Washington, (NC) — A woman who has been heralded in promoting better movies for children's Saturday matinees and another who formerly was a public school teacher have been named chairmen of committees of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. William H. Dalton of Augusta, Ga., NCCW president, appointed Mrs. Kenneth C. Williams of San Francisco chairman of the Family and Parent Education Committee, and Mrs. George A. O'Sullivan of St. Louis chairwoman of the Home and School Activities Committee.

Chairmen and vice-chairmen of NCCW national committees have the task of inspiring programs during the year in their specific fields to the more than 700 organizations connected with the national organization.

### Canisteo Rosary Society Joins In Holy Week Rites

Canisteo — Holy Week activities were planned by the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Joachim's Church on March 25. The group met at the home of Mrs. Leo Driscoll. The meeting opened with recitation of the Rosary. Mrs. Jack Ferrer presided.

The Rev. John D. Malley, pastor, outlined services to be held during Holy Week.

The Rev. Sylvester Cannon, C.P., and the Rev. Alfredo Morotti would assist during Holy Week in St. Joachim's, he said. Father Malley outlined the Good Friday and Holy Saturday services.

SPECIAL MUSIC will be sung by St. Joachim's Choir singing the Choral Mass by W. J. Maish on Easter Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Helen Callahan, organist.

Mrs. John Dagon and Mrs. Driscoll were to assist in preparing the children for a procession on Holy Thursday.

Mrs. Edward Benson and Mrs. Arthur Burdick were to prepare the repository for the Holy Thursday vigil. Parishioners and members of the Rosary and Altar Society were to participate

### New Building Blessed In Japan

Tokyo — (NC) — A new three-story building designed to house the National Catholic Committee here has been formally dedicated.

Archbishop Peter Doi of Tokyo blessed the new structure at ceremonies in which Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Papal Intercuncio to Japan, members of the hierarchy and clergy, and about 25 American chaplains took part.

### Irish Missionary Awaits Red Release

London — (NC) — An Irish-born missionary who has been a communist prisoner in North Korea for the past two years will soon be a free man again, provided Moscow carries out the promise made to the British Foreign Office here.

The priest is Msgr. Thomas Quinlan, 57-year-old native of Palla, County Tipperary, Ireland, who is Prefect Apostolic of Chunchon. No news has been heard of Monsignor Quinlan, who belongs to the Society of St. Columban, since he fell into the hands of North Korean communists in the early part of the Korean war.

MONSIGNOR QUINLAN was among nine other imprisoned persons for whose release the Foreign Office announced the new Russian regime had promised to act immediately. The Soviet viet pledge was made shortly before General Vassily Chulkov, the Soviet commander in Gerwho is Prefect Apostolic of Chunchon. No news has been heard of Monsignor Quinlan, who belongs to the Society of St. Columban, since he fell into the hands of North Korean communists in the early part of the Korean war.

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