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AT OUTDOOR SHRINE OF Our Blessed Mother erected for the day in the side entrance of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, above group passes for prayer: At left is Private Joseph Leyton, U. S. Marine Corps, of the parish, home from Camp Lejeune, N. C. on leave. In front are Julia Kerwan and Geraldine Morgan, Elmira Catholic High students; on right are: John Hantz, James Minchia and Leonard Paganelli, pupils of St. Peter and Paul's School.

Public Shrine Marks May Day For Elmira Sodality

The High School Sodality of Saint Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, observed May Day by building a public Shrine to Our Lady at the front entrance of the Church.

Members of the Sodality had a three-fold purpose in building the public Shrine:  
1. To honor Our Lady as Queen of the May and to make May Day truly Mary's Day.  
2. To encourage the parishioners to pray for the conversion of Russia and for world peace.  
3. To remind each family to build a May Shrine to Our Lady in every home.

During the day, many people visited the Shrine and paused to say a little prayer to Our Lady, Queen of the May. On Sunday, Rev. Hubert Blay, Pastor, congratulated the members of the Sodality for their efforts to promote this program which originated with the Christophers.

This Sunday, being Mother's Day, the members of the Sodality will present a special offering to Our Lady, their Spiritual Mother. Kenneth Dimon is in charge of this program.

On May Day, the following Sodality members watched before the Shrine of Our Lady and prayed over the Shrine:  
James Hubert, Thomas Lane, Lawrence Shannon, Barbara Bell, Joan Hantz, Joan Kahriz, Julia Kerwan, Margaret Keyes, Veronica McKernan.  
Carol Morgan, Geraldine Morgan, Sylvia Palmer, Estelle Short, Kathleen Sullivan, Helen Westbrook.

Rites Conducted For Joseph Neale Jr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the home and at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Horseheads Unit Lauded By Pastor

Members of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Mary's Church, Horseheads, held their annual Communion breakfast last Sunday at the Mark Twain Hotel following reception of Holy Communion by the group at the 8 o'clock Mass.

True Cross Role In Spread Of Faith Told Hornell Unit

Hornell—The Rev. Robert F. MacNamara, assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church, was guest speaker at the annual Communion breakfast of Court St. Ann, Catholic Daughters of America, Sunday.

Father MacNamara discussed the influence of the Cross in the spread of Christianity. He selected that particular theme since Sunday was the Feast of the Finding of the True Cross.

The breakfast, which followed the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Ann's, was held in the American Legion Home. One hundred members and guests were present.

"The Cross upon which Christ died is believed to have been hidden after the Crucifixion to minimize its increasing faith of the early followers of Christ," Father MacNamara said.

He described the persecution of the early Christians who used the sign of the cross as a mark of identification.

"Despite even the death penalty, Christians persisted in their reverence and love for the symbol of Christ's love," he said. That reverence contributed to the spread of Christianity within all known countries for 100 years after the Crucifixion, he added.

PERSECUTION of early Christians continued until the early part of the fourth century, the priest said, when the Emperor Constantine saw a vision of a cross in the heavens.

"Although Constantine was not then a Christian, the effect of this remarkable event was far-reaching," he said. "It led to his issuance, in 312, of the Edict of Milan which forbade further persecution of Christians. Constantine, himself, later became a Christian."

Father MacNamara told of the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, mother of Constantine.

"According to tradition, St. Helena went to Jerusalem and through questioning discovered the spot where the Cross upon which Christ died was supposed to have been concealed," Father MacNamara said.

"UPON SEARCHING the place, three crosses were found buried," he continued. "This presented a problem as to which was the true Cross."

Tradition tells of St. Helena's taking the crosses to a woman near death, the priest said, and touching her with each. Two had no effect, but at the touch of the wood of the third cross, the woman was healed.

Mrs. Raymond Curry, grand regent of Court St. Ann, presided at the breakfast. Co-chairmen of arrangements were Miss Lillian Karl and Miss Helen Glynn.

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