

### 4-Day Social Program Set For Nazareth Graduates

Four years of lectures and laboratories, study and term papers will be brought to an end for Nazareth College seniors with four days of pre-commencement social activities, solemn exchanges of congratulations and sentimental expressions of farewell.

### Mt. Carmel High Design Hailed By Architects

Auburn — The Carmelite Fathers in Auburn released during the past week an architect's report of progress on the Mt. Carmel High School which summarized the results of four and one half months of work on the development of the site, drawings and other work towards the construction of the school.

The architects, Beardley and Beardley "consider the design very distinctive and efficient and believe that the final result will be one of pride to all of the people of our community and to the students who use the building."

The ONE STORY plan for the school has been developed in three general areas with the common facilities such as gymnasium, with stage and seating for approximately 700, and cafeteria with seating for about 400 located in the eastern portion of the building with a corridor arranged for a future auditorium to the east.

Common instructional facilities are located in the central portion of the building. These will include offices, health room, library, science laboratory, science recitation, homemaking suite and a special classroom which will be used as a chapel until a permanent chapel is added.

In the western portion will be classrooms for home rooms and general instruction. There will be ten large classrooms plus two large dual purpose study halls. Provision has been made for future classroom extensions to the west.

THE REPORT concludes: "Although considerable study has been necessary for the arrangement of the building the architects consider that excellent progress has been made since the architectural contract was only awarded in late December of last year. The excellent cooperation and vision of the Carmelite Fathers has permitted continuous progress without delays which often happen on a project of this type."

The architects wish to point out that many projects of this size have taken more than a year in the preliminary stages before requirements of the owners can be fully satisfied and working drawings started.

The school, funds for which were raised in the Bishop's Jubilee High School Campaign, will be operated by the Carmelite Fathers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

### Movie Classes Proposed For High Schools

Cincinnati — (NC) — So that Catholics "will not be misled by the materialism and secularism" often portrayed in the movies, Msgr. Carl J. Ryan, Cincinnati archdiocesan superintendent of schools, has proposed to Catholic educators the training of high school students in analysis and critical judgment of films.

The Monsignor pointed out that a program of motion picture evaluation has been conducted successfully for six years at the Archdiocesan Teachers' College and for four years at Regina High School for Girls here.

THE VIEWS of Monsignor Ryan were expressed in an article called "The Movies — A Problem for the Schools" in The Catholic School Journal magazine. He emphasized that "while the Bishops of the country consider the entertainment field important enough to justify the Legion of Decency, our Catholic educators do not consider it important enough to be treated in class."

Monsignor Ryan said that Catholic educators cannot assume that because a person is well grounded in religion, he automatically will be able to detect propaganda and fortify himself against its influence without specific training.

THE MORE VULNERABLE process of undermining their moral standards, he said, "is apt to be detected and hence gradually accepted. Hence the need of some specific training to see and evaluate movies from the philosophical and moral point of view."

Monsignor Ryan stressed that Catholics cannot be expected to see only Catholic movies, but added "we can teach them to see all movies as Catholics."

### First Lay Catechist Diplomas



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE diplomas, first awarded in the Diocese of Rochester were conferred on above lay catechists at Immaculate Conception, Ithaca by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, Sunday. In photo (from left) first row, Mrs. Michael Mahood, Mrs. George Zeller, Mrs. Miriam deVries, Bishop Kearney, Monsignor William Byrne, pastor; Mrs. Nelson Hillick, Mrs. Bernice Joyce, Mrs. Edward J. Smith; second row, Mrs. Carl A. Besseler, Mrs. Leo F. Flanagan, Mrs. Missor Bennett, Mrs. Elizabeth Ervey, Mrs. Frederick E. Hartsock and Mrs. J. R. Sedell; Top row, Sisters Maureen, M. Esperanza, M. Immaculata and M. Tarcisus of the Sacred Heart Mission Helpers community.

### Bishop Kearney Confers CCD Certificates On 12 Ithacans, Commends Lay Apostolate

Ithaca — His Excellency Bishop Kearney, of Rochester, conferred Confraternity of Christian Doctrine certificates on 12 lay catechists at an impressive ceremony following a Solemn High Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The Bishop was escorted from the rectory to the church by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Color Guard.

In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor; and the Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Massey, Vice Chancellor.

Celebrant of the Solemn High Mass was the Rev. John S. Maloney with the Rev. James F. Baker as deacon and the Rev. Paul A. Morgan as subdeacon. The Sisters of St. Joseph, two Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart from Buffalo, and the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart were present.

IN THE 24-YEAR-OLD history of the Diocese of Rochester this is the first time a special course of this type has been given.

"Newly commissioned apostles of Our Divine Lord," Bishop Kearney termed the graduates in his sermon. "The Feast of Pentecost always has been and always will be a day of carrying to the world the message of God."

Declaring that in search for truth it is always the Holy Spirit to whom "we look as the Spirit of Truth," the Bishop said: "These newly commissioned apostles today have agreed to undertake the teaching of the gospel in areas where it is greatly needed."

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine came into existence because of the neglect of the religious instruction of the children of the world, the Bishop continued. For many years it was a regrettable fact that the church of America became lax in the instructions of her children.

TODAY MORE parochial schools are being built and more children are being properly instructed in their religion but there are yet many children in outlying areas who cannot take advantage of a Catholic school education. Under the CCD we have begun to develop a program that every child may have his birth right no matter what school he attends.

On the college level there is the Newman Club to care for the spiritual welfare of the students; on the high school and grade school level there is the release time program. Every baptized

person is entitled to such a program. The apostle in the workshop and in the office, the professor and the political party member as a Catholic must take his part in the program. For this training is needed.

Today a new group is commissioned to go into areas and teach the Gospel of Christ. This is the Catholic Action at its best. We trace back to the roll of Christ the roll of teaching. Congratulations, the Bishop said, to the graduates and to the Sisters who have done a magnificent work in this roll of training teachers for the parish that the little people may have religious instructions.

GRADUATE LAY Teachers of Religion who received their Certificates were the Mesdames Nell Bedell, Margaret Bennett, Alice Benscoter, Caroline de Ycaza, Elizabeth Ervey, Phyllis Flanagan, Elisabeth Hartsock, Helen Hillick, Mollie Joyce, Anna Mahood, Clara Smith and Elizabeth Zell.

These qualified women completed a 30-hour course in "Methods of Teaching Religion" under the tutelage of Sister Maureen of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart and a 30-hour course in Christian Doctrine, taught by the assistant pastors of the Immaculate Conception Church.

The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, a Pontifical Congregation of Sisters, came to Ithaca from their motherhouse in Towson, Maryland, in August 1950 at the invitation of Bishop Kearney and under the direction of Msgr. Byrne to teach religion to the public grade and high school children, to take the parish census in Ithaca, and to train and supervise lay catechists.

THROUGH THEIR visitation in the homes, the Sisters learn the needs of these children and adapt their teaching accordingly. Lay Catechists share in the Sisters' experience and are trained to teach religion in such a manner that the children will know it well, love and appreciate it so much that they will be led to practice it of their own volition, the Sisters have found.

A thorough grasp of background material and a knowledge of the psychology and vocabulary of the particular age group prepares these lay catechists to teach doctrine in language and ways adapted to the interests of the pupils.

After each lesson plan has been checked by the Sisters, the lay catechists will be ready to present the day's doctrine in language and ways adapted to their respective groups of children graded according to their grades in school.

### Station Fires Broadcaster For Anti-Religious Program

Framingham, Mass. — (RNS) — A Lithuanian-language commentator on radio station WKOX here has been dismissed as the result of an editorial in the Catholic Free Press, official organ of the Catholic Diocese of Worcester, which charged that her program attacked Christianity and was "welcomed" by the Communists.

Richard E. Adams, manager of WKOX, said that Marie Zavis of Brookline, Mass., who for the past four years has given Sunday morning commentaries on Lithuanian news, had been dropped because "her programs did not conform to the standards of the station," and "did not follow the script given to the station."

THE CATHOLIC FREE Press said it had received complaints about Mrs. Zavis "from numerous Lithuanian people who consider, as do we, that the present Lithuanian program of WKOX is an affront to the Americanism and the Christianity of the Lithuanian people."

In one of her broadcasts, the Catholic paper said, Mrs. Zavis had "panned" the Christian idea of the soul, an idea which sustains the real Lithuanians in the midst of violence inflicted on their bodies by those whom she seems to consider her nation's "liberators."

Someone objected to Mrs. Zavis's remarks, the paper said, and in a subsequent broadcast "she assailed her critic as a 'jackass' and added: 'Anyone who says anything against present-day Lithuania and denies that everything is fine there is also a jackass.'"

The Catholic Free Press also said that Mrs. Zavis frequently pleaded with her listeners not to forget "to renew your subscription to Litava," an alleged Communist Lithuanian newspaper published in New York.

A BROADCAST IN February was cited by the paper as evidence that "only anti-religious Lithuanians and Red sympathizers" were happy about Mrs. Zavis's program.

In the broadcast, Mrs. Zavis was alleged to have said: "The people of Lithuania live much more freely and much more happily now that they have discarded all kinds of ecclesiastical superstition and tomfoolery. That superstition has come here to America."

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The Catholic Free Press said that in her programs during March, Mrs. Zavis "made fun of

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### Letters Drive Opens In India

New Delhi — (NC) — An international Catholic campaign to foster goodwill and peace among nations has been opened here under the sponsorship of the Catholic Action Association.

The campaign, blessed last autumn by Archbishop Joseph Fernandes of Delhi-Simla, will take the form of simple friendly letters from man and woman of one country to those of another. The start has already been made between India and the United States of America.

A clearing house has been established in each of the two countries which will exchange the campaign. The U. S. clearing house is at West Baden College, West Baden, Ind.

At first, Catholics will write to Catholics. Later non-Catholics too will be enrolled as members.

Radio Talk  
New York — (NC) — Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia will talk on "The Blessed Trinity" on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" program on Trinity Sunday (May 31).

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