



CATHOLIC EDUCATORS MEET: These photos were taken at the annual two-day conference for teachers in Rochester Diocesan schools. Photo left shows teachers gathering for general assembly session in the auditorium of the Aquinas Institute. His Excellency Bishop Kearney (center photo) greets two diocesan teachers: Mother St. Peter Julian, R.J.M. of St. Francis Assisi School, Auburn, and Miss Clara Fitzpatrick of St. Margaret Mary School, Rochester. In photo right, special exhibits on display at the conference attract a group of interested teachers: (left to right) Miss Emma Lunge of St. Peter and Paul School, Rochester; Sister Mary Joseph of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester; Sister Stella Regina of Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Rochester; Miss Rose Ann Chiappone of St. Monica School, Rochester; and Sister Viviane of Holy Family School, Rochester. (Courier Journal Photos).

'Bringing Souls To Christ' Catholic Teacher Role, Says Bishop Kearney

"Bringing people to the feet of Jesus Christ" is the principle concern of Catholic Education, His Excellency Bishop Kearney told diocesan teachers gathered for the 49th Annual Teachers Conference last Friday afternoon at Aquinas Institute.

The Bishop closed the two-day conference by celebrating Solemn Benediction.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph.D., superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Rochester, was chairman of the Conference which was attended by teachers from 110 Catholic schools in Western New York on Thursday and Friday. While the 120 teachers took part in the many conferences, lectures and exhibits, 32,000 students enjoyed a two-day holiday.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward T. Waterson, S.T.D., secretary of education for the Archdiocese of New York, gave the opening address to the assembled educators on Thursday morning.

MONSEGNOR WATERSON

He said that the teacher's religious vocation should pattern her attitude towards the pupil. "The teacher should practice the virtues of patience, understanding, impartiality and patriotism," he said, "so that the child will imitate the good example."

He called upon his listeners to practice fairness and impartiality in the school room, reminding them that the teacher's influence enters the child's family and the community.

Grammar school teachers also heard Francis J. Daly, Ph.D., director of pupil personnel services, State Department of Education, speak on "Community and Public Services for Our Children." Dr. Daly, the only lay educator to address the institute, asserted that school health and guidance services as well as all other counseling aid available should be given in equal measure to every pupil.

For the high school teachers the Rev. John P. Cotter, C.M.A., a chairman of the National Catholic Educational Association, discussed "The Role of Secondary Education Today."

Sister Mary Jeanne, O.S.F., of Rosary Hill College, Diocese of Buffalo, spoke on "Expressing Christian Social Living through Art." In discussing visual arts, Sister termed them an important means of achieving "the integrated personalities of pupils."

"THE FLYING NUN," Sister M. Aquinas, social studies supervisor for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., described "Christian Citizenship" to primary school teachers. In cooperation with the Civil Aeronautics Authority, Sister M. Aquinas, who became known as the "flying nun" during World War II, developed courses in navigation, meteorology and maintenance, and toured the country for the government to teach the subjects.

She has more than 35 government flying hours to her credit, beginning when she sought instruction at a small Wisconsin

airport in order to gather first-hand material for a high-school science class she was teaching.

President of Providence College R.I., the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., Ph.D., told the secondary school teachers how "Teachers Are Made Not Born." He declared that teachers have not only the right but the duty to participate freely in the work of searching for and communicating truth.

Father Slavin said that the teacher's choice of doctrine must be determined for her by its truth and not by public opinion or political policy, or by the personal whims of friends nor the tyranny of any group.

"Truth and intellectual progress demand freedom of original research and the communication of its results," he said.

Friday's speakers included: the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., Ph.D., president of St. John Fisher College, Rochester; Brother George N. Schuster, S.M., editor of "Catholic Authors," St. Louis, Mo.; and the Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D., superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

FATHER MURPHY told the teachers that the "rosy dreams" of a world brotherhood of man through mass education and democracy have failed. "Today," he said, "man quakes in uneasy terror at the prospects of the devastation that his laboratories have hatched."

Speaking on the philosophy of words of Our Lord, "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?"

Our Lord has a tremendous confidence in teachers, the Bishop added, urging the assembled educators to "teach as He would teach."

Besides Monsignor Mahoney, presiding chairman of the Teachers' Conference included: the Rev. Richard T. Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester; the Rev. Charles B. Connell, chaplain of Nazareth Academy, Rochester; Sister M. St. Margaret, S.S.J., Nazareth Academy; Sister M. Johanna, S.S.N.D., St. Joseph School, Rochester; the Rev. John H. O'Loane, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute, Rochester; the Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, S.T.D., principal of DeSales High School, Geneva; Miss Mary Kinnersley, Rochester High Association; and the Rev. William E. Davis, M.A., principal of Holy Family High School, Auburn.

Evening Mass Arranged For Invalid Pilgrims At Pier

Hoboken, N.J.—(NC)—Evening Mass will be celebrated here on a New Jersey pier before invalid pilgrims board a ship for a visit to the shrines of Europe.

The Mass, under the permission of Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, will be offered on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, for members of the first national pilgrimage of Invalids to Europe. Many of the crippled and disabled pilgrims will arrive at the pier on litters after cross-country train trips. The evening Mass was permitted for their convenience.

The pilgrims will depart on the liner *Nieuw Amsterdam* for "Operation Dreamboat", a journey to the Catholic shrines of France, Portugal, Italy and Switzerland sponsored by the Confraternity of Pilgrims.



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