

Churches Safe
Auckland, New Zealand—(NC)—The earthquake and tidal wave which struck the Fiji Islands did not damage any Catholic institutions, or seriously injure any Catholic personnel.

Successful Retreat For High School Students Draws 200 To Hornell Church

Hornell — A retreat for high school students in St. Ann's retreat Mass for a three-day period in Hornell the early part of the week invoked enthusiastic response. More than 200 students attended evening services and a of St. Mary's Passionist Monastery in Dunkirk. Father Smith, World War I chaplain, who has given similar retreats and numerous missions beamed his talks to the particular interests of teenagers.

ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGHLIGHTS

By JACK LACEY
The 1954 yearbook staff of Elmira Catholic High School attended a yearbook discussion meeting at Rochester last Thursday. Editor Jim Milliken with associates Dolores Salafia, Dick McGill and Skilly O'Connor learned the basic operations for the creation of a successful yearbook.

School was delighted to hear, in the sermon, that Thursday would be a holiday in which we could rest up from the freshman assembly and dance Thursday also, was the feast of the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Mary Lourdes was absent from school last week with a serious illness. We hope she will be with us again next week.

Sunday, the 27th, the Prefect Skilly O'Connor and the Vice-Prefect Dolores Salafia, attended a sodality conference at Genesee.

Boys Town Gridders Meet Aquinas Tonight

The "Little Irish" of Aquinas play host to the famed Boys Town football team at the Aquinas Memorial Stadium tonight in a game that promises to be one of the most exciting of the season.

Coached by Skip Palrang, who is starting his eleventh season with the squad, Boys Town is again one of the top attractions in national high school football. The visiting team has two wins to their credit this season, against Kansas City, 30-0 and Sioux City, 34-6.

Each morning, following Mass, breakfast was served the retreatants in the Pine Room of St. Ann's School. An average of 175 students appeared for breakfast, and were spared the necessity of returning home before school.

The Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Ann's, arranged for the breakfasts, with the assistance of members of St. Ann's Mothers' Club.

In the line, the Boys Town team averages 185 pounds, anchored by Frank Curry, 265-pound center. The backfield averages 155 pounds per man.

"This is the time when a student should evaluate his aims and his purposes in life," he said. "Each of us, naturally enough, wishes to be a success, not only in school but throughout life."

"Christ, Himself asked, 'What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?'" That direct challenge should be your first consideration," Father Smith said.

"No one wants to be a failure in life. The greatest failure which can befall you now and throughout eternity is living and dying in mortal sin. Mortal sin is the greatest evil on earth. It is so horrible it is difficult to visualize, but if mortal sin could be photographed it would be a cruel composite of the anguish and intense sufferings inflicted upon an all-loving Christ," he said.

"Consider your crucified Lord," Father Smith concluded, "and consider, too, what exchange shall a man give for his immortal soul."

Other topics discussed by the Passionist priest were "Blessed Are the Clean of Heart for They Shall See God"; "Faith, the Ticket to Heaven"; "Perseverance, the Greatest Treasure"; and "Aunce."

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Designed as a one-story structure with provisions for a second, the school will be adjacent to the present C.Y.A. Building. Construction will be of cement block with brick facade. Eight classrooms and a kindergarten, a library, lunch room, principals' and nurse's offices will be included.

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CENTER OF CEREMONY



THIS SHRINE of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was set up in the Columbus Center as the center of an initiation ceremony for Elmira Ladies of Columbus. Looking at shrine (from left) are: Mrs. Edward A. Clauss, president and Mrs. Paul Wills, sentinel.

Ladies of Columbus Admit 10 In Initiation Rite

Ladies of Columbus and Elmira held their annual initiation ceremony last week in Columbus Center and received ten into the organization.

\$200,000 Drive For School Opens In E. Rochester

A \$200,000 campaign to erect a new, modernly equipped school building in St. Jerome's Parish, East Rochester will be launched with a dinner at the East Rochester Columbus Youth Association building on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.

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300 Boy Scouts To Make Retreat At Camp Cutler

Boy Scout and Explorers of Rochester and Monroe County of the Catholic faith will camp at Camp Warren Cutler this weekend for religious exercises under the direction of the Rev. Mark Cleary, C.S.S.R., assisted by the Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, Council Chaplain.

The event is sponsored by the Catholic Lay Committee of Scouting, an organization of Rochester and vicinity men devoted to encouraging Scouting among Catholic boys. The Committee is under the general chairmanship of Edward M. Lorscheider.

THE RETREAT, at which 300 Scouts and Explorers are expected will include Mass and Communion, religious conferences and a pamphlet Saturday evening.

The Retreat Committee is under the chairmanship of Burdette R. Nash. Other members of the Lay Committee working to make this second annual affair successful are Paul S. Von Bach, Perry D. Finks, Joseph M. Geraghty, Richard Thiele, Norman F. Huether, and Thomas C. Rowe, Council Advisor.

The Scouts and Explorers will camp in their own tents, cook their own meals and take part in the religious phase of the program from 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning to 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

St. Vincent Women Open Fall Program

Cornell — The first fall meeting of the Women's Catholic Action Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Church was held last week in the school hall and was preceded by a supper under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sara Miller and Mrs. Nora Orcutt.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Clarence Bonnell, president, reports were read by Miss Vivien Dell and Mrs. Helene DeJoseph, secretary and treasurer respectively.

A short talk by the Rev. James Slattery, new assistant pastor, was a feature of the meeting.

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State KC Scholarship Test Deadline Set For Dec. 1st

Eight college scholarships—five for boys and three for girls—will again be offered by the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, to help defray tuition or other expenses in any Catholic college in the United States, according to Emmett Burke of 486 Park Avenue, Yonkers, Chairman of the State K. of C. Scholarship Committee.

A candidate for the preliminary examination must be a Catholic, resident in New York State, and expect to graduate from a recognized four-year Catholic or public high school in either January or June, 1954.

DEADLINE FOR applications will be Dec. 1, 1953. Blank cards are available in the high schools and local Councils of the Knights of Columbus or by writing Mr. Burke at the above address.

The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each and total \$2,800. They entitle the winners to receive \$400 each year. Awards will be made as the result of a series of two competitive examinations, the first to be conducted on Saturday morning, Jan. 16 under the direct auspices of the Knights of Columbus to determine the top three candidates from each of the scholarship districts. The remaining 24 students will then take the College Entrance Examination Board tests on March 13, 1954.

Rumanian Doctor On Niagara Faculty
Niagara University, N. Y. — A native Rumanian, who holds doctor's degrees from two European universities, was named to the faculty of the College of Business Administration at Niagara University.

He is Dr. Angel Rugina, of Bucharest, who received his doctorate in economics from the Academy of Graduate Studies, doctorate from the University of Bucharest in 1942 and a second from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) in 1943.

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