

Confraternity Delegates Urged To Spread Truth

His Excellency Bishop Kearney urged "making the eternal truth of Jesus Christ vital in your community," at Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday. The Mass climaxed the Fifth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

It was a fitting day, the Feast of Christ the King, to close the Congress, Bishop Kearney said. The Bishop said the Congress emphasized the truth that the King came upon earth to teach. He said we live in an age which has lost the sacredness of truth. We have become victims of false opinion and propaganda expressed in secular newspaper editorials, in literature, radio and the movies in which concern for truth is secondary.

WARNING of the tendency to have one religion accepted as good as another, the Bishop said tolerance and understanding are commendable virtues in themselves but they cannot be pursued as an end in themselves.

Highlight of the Congress for the city was the Parents Night session in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium, Friday night when speakers were His Excellency Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse and Dr. Ralph F. Castafiero, director of curriculum and supervision for the Ridgway Area Joint Public School District, Ridgway, Pa.

BISHOP FOERY said that the mothers and fathers have the equipment by virtue of the Sacrament of Matrimony by which they can carry out their responsibilities and fulfill their duties.

He said that parents, as well as teachers, must see that children understand what they are taught, and that the child does not merely recite words and phrases from the catechism.

Among the duties and responsibilities that are placed on parents, he said, is that "when you teach religion, be sure that you learn well, that you practice fully and that you believe earnestly."

Bishop Foery said that Pope Pius XII, in a recent address to a group of catechists, had given this same advice. He said the Pontiff had criticized parents "who will take a little boy and say, 'Recite to me. What is the Holy Eucharist?'" The child, word for word out of the catechism recites the definition of the Holy Eucharist. And then the parent will ask the child to recite the definition of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Word for word, the child recites the definition.

"The Holy Father says to parents that there is danger in that—a danger in memorized formulae, for he says that the very word that your child is repeating to you he may not grasp. Therefore he's unable to make an act

Catechetical Instruction Urged



LEADING ROLES at the Fifth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held in Rochester over the weekend were taken by those shown. Top photo after Solemn Pontifical Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral and closing the Congress shows: (from left) Monsignor Wilfrid Craugh, His Excellency Bishop Kearney, speaker; His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey, celebrant; Rev. William H. Schnacky, Confraternity director; and the Rev. Mr. Bernard O'Reilly of St. Bernard's Seminary. In lower photo are Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, Bishop Kearney and Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester, N.H., speakers in Columbus Civic Center.

of faith in the very thing he is being taught."

Bishop Foery emphasized that parents must be sure the child understands his answers and that he grasps their full meaning.

Dr. Ralph F. Castafiero, director of curriculum and supervision of Catholic schools in Ridgway, Pa., told parents that they were teaching a plan of living by precept and example.

"Many parents," he said, "neglect their children's religious education during the first six years of life, excusing themselves by saying they are going to send their children to Catholic schools later. That is insufficient, since

the first six years are much the most important years."

Father Schnacky was chairman and Bishop Kearney spoke briefly to the 33 parents present.

His Excellency Bishop Matthew F. Brady, Bishop of Manchester, N. H., addressed a gathering of area priests at a luncheon Friday in Sheraton Hotel, Bishop Brady based his talk on the Encyclical of Pope Pius X on the Teaching of Christian Doctrine.

At the Sisters' Day opening session on Saturday in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium, the speaker was His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey. Speakers also included the Rev. John E. Kelly of Wash-

ington, D. C.; the Rev. Raymond F. Herzog of Buffalo; the Rev. Bertrand J. Gulmerich, Elba, who addressed the priests.

Father Kelly of Washington; Rev. Leonard A. Kelly of Trumansburg; Sister M. Maureen of Ithaca and Sister Mary Leonard of Corning who spoke to the Sisters.

14 Devotions For Women Set At Cenacle Convent

Five closed retreats for women are scheduled in November it was announced at Our Lady of the Cenacle Convent, 693 East Ave. by the Sisters in charge.

The November schedule follows:

Retreats:
Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. Business Girls and General, the Rev. Patrick Healy, O.M.I., retreat master.

Nov. 6 to 8—Mercy High Girls' Sodality, officers and seniors, Rev. Cletus Mulloy, C.P.

Nov. 13 to 15—Blessed Coudere Guild and Young Business Girls Retreat, Rev. Clarence Drouillard, C.S.B.

Nov. 20 to 22, Business Girls and General, Rev. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Nov. 27 to 29. High School Retreat, Rev. Raymond Fullam, S.J.

Days of Recollection, all beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11—Girl Scouts of Holy Cross, Parish, Rev. John A. Morgan.

Thursday, Nov. 12—St. Margaret Mary Altar Society, Rev. John M. Merklinger.

Thursday, Nov. 19—Mothers' Club of St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. Richard Torney.

Guild Meetings:
Tuesday, Nov. 3—St. Raphael's

Smorgasbord Set By KC Auxiliary

Knights of Columbus Auxiliary will hold a smorgasbord Nov. 12 in the K. of C. Home.

Fifty members met Monday to discuss plans for future activities.

Miss June O'Malley was appointed chairman of the nominating committee, including Mrs. Michael McDonald, Mrs. Harry Touhey and Mrs. Donald Andrews.

A letter was read from the Very Rev. Father Flittkar of Austria.

Lunch was served after the meeting. Mrs. Alice Simons was chairman, assisted by Mrs. John Long. Mrs. Elvey Marshall, Mrs. Edwin Dallor, Mrs. John Malone and Mrs. Lester Goodnow.

KC Halloween Party Open To All Adults

An informal Halloween party to be held Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. will open the Knights of Columbus Clubroom doors to all adults who wish to partake of its "trick or treat" entertainment, including a Grand Knight's "Ghoulish" Talk.

Sam Cosling will furnish the music. Committee headed by Conrad E. Gagnon promises an enjoyable evening. A buffet lunch.

Tickets may be obtained from committee members or from Clifford E. Sargent, executive chairman at the clubroom.

John Meade heads the ticket committee assisted by Joseph Wetzel, William Woerner and Jerry Morris. Edward Bolt is in charge of decorations with Robert Wynne and Frank Conner.

Nov. 5 will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Quinn from 8 to 9 p.m.

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