

Nazareth College Gives Scholarships To 21 Students

Nazareth College has awarded scholarships to 21 seniors of Rochester area high schools, Sister Rose Angela, dean of the diocesan women's college, announced today.

Scholarship winners announced today are residents of the city of Rochester and suburbs and will be registered at the college as day students.

Competitive scholarship examinations for resident students, those who live outside the immediate Rochester area, will be held at the College on Feb. 20.

Winners of full tuition scholarships to Nazareth College, which amount to \$1,700, are:

Elizabeth Gantert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Gantert, 310 Winona Blvd. She is a student at St. Agnes High School and a member of St. Margaret Mary parish.

Jeanne Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, 460 Campbell St. She is a student at Nazareth Academy and a member of Holy Family parish.

The following are winners of partial scholarships amounting to \$200 a college year:

Mary Budinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony L. Budinski, 56 Ries St. Nazareth Academy, Holy Family parish.

Mary Rowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rowan, 92 Hobart St., Nazareth Academy, St. Augustine parish.

Marie Cornella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy A. Cornella, 829 N. Plymouth Ave., Nazareth Academy, Holy Rosary parish.

Mary Lou Haidle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard C. Haidle, 300 Webster Rd., Our Lady of Mercy High School, Holy Trinity parish, Webster.

Alice O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. O'Brien, 583 Washington Ave., Our Lady of Mercy High School, St. Thomas parish. Miss O'Brien's scholarship is to the music department.

Scholarships amounting to \$150 tuition each college year were won by:

Laetle Tomczyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tomczyk, 53 Van Stallen St., Nazareth Academy, St. George parish.

Shirley Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Ross, 170 Fulton Ave., Nazareth Academy, Holy Rosary parish.

Mary Ann Woodward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt A.

Woodward, 328 Berkeley St., Nazareth Academy, Blessed Sacrament parish.

Margaret Gervais, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gervais, 108 Aldine St., St. Agnes High School, St. Monica parish.

Prudence Costich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Costich, 870 Culver Rd., Our Lady of Mercy High School, St. John the Evangelist parish.

Elaine Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, 769 Fenfield Rd., Nazareth Academy, St. John the Evangelist parish.

Barbara Flanagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flanagan, 178 Ingleswood Dr., Nazareth Academy, St. Augustine parish.

Emmagenese Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fisher, 400 Hollywood Ave., Brighton High School, Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Molly Anne Barnett, 98 Bristol Ave., Irondequoit High School, St. Margaret Mary parish.

Barbara Rosenfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo G. Rosenfeld, 817 South Ave., Our Lady of Mercy High School, St. Boniface parish.

Suzanne Sisk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Sisk, 218 Bay View Rd., Our Lady of Mercy High School, St. Cecilia parish.

Shella Long, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Long, 131 Commonwealth Rd., Our Lady of Mercy High School, Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Mary Rosenfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo G. Rosenfeld, 817 South Ave., Nazareth Academy, St. Boniface parish.

Arlene Teschner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Teschner, E. River Rd., West Henrietta High School, Good Shepherd parish, Henrietta.

Pope Enroute To Marian Ceremony



Rome—Pope Pius XII (in front car) is shown leaving the Vatican on his way to the Basilica of St. Mary Major here, where he presided at the ceremonies opening the 1954 Marian Year. Thousands lined the streets to greet the Pontiff. In the Basilica the throng was so great that it overflowed into the adjacent square and streets. (ENS Photo)

Immaculate Conception Votive Mass Permitted On Most Saturdays

Vatican City — (NC)—Pope Pius XII has authorized the celebration of a votive Mass of the Immaculate Conception on most Saturdays of the Marian Year.

Through a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites published here, the Pope enlarged the general votive Mass privilege. The new decree states that one votive Mass of the Immaculate Conception may be offered in all churches and oratories on all Saturdays of the Holy Year with only four sets of exceptions.

A votive Mass is one other than the Mass normally specified for the day.

Officials of the Congregation of Rites underscored the fact that permission is granted for only one Mass in a church or oratory. The decree is not a blanket faculty for all priests, they point out.

The privilege was granted by

the Pontiff, according to the decree. "In order that the devotion of the Christian people toward the Virgin Mother Mary may every day grow more intense and that not only private but public devotion may be shown to the most sweet Mother."

The four exceptions stipulated by the decree are the following: when the Saturday falls on (1) a feast of a double or of the first or second class, (2) a privileged feria, (3) a vigil or octave of the first or second class and (4) the feast day, vigil or octave of a feast of the Blessed Virgin.

The long-standing privilege for votive Masses permits them only on a day when the feast is below the rank of a double. The new privilege extends to all Saturdays between December 8, 1953, and December 8, 1954. The decree also urges that some other pious exercises in honor of the Blessed Virgin be held on those Saturdays.

Dated November 20, 1953, the decree is signed by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Pro-President of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and Archbishop Alfonso Carinci, secretary.

The Rites decree was the third issued by the Holy See in connection with the Marian Year. First, a decree of the office of the Sacred Penitentiary listed a whole series of indulgences which can be gained by the faithful during the Marian Year. Then the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments issued a decree authorizing special Masses a half hour after midnight on the opening and closing days of the Marian Year.

Solomon Chieftan Ordained Priest

Bougainville, Solomon Islands — (RNS)—The Rev. Alexys Tamuka, a young hereditary chieftan of the Solomon Islands, whose ancestors were notorious head-hunters, was ordained at Suva to the Catholic priesthood.

Bishop Thomas Wade, S.M., Vicar Apostolic of the North Solomons, officiated at the ordination.

Father Tamuka began his priestly studies under the late Father James Henneay of Boston, a missionary in the Solomons who lost his life during the Japanese occupation.

Pontiff Leads Thousands In Rome Ceremony Opening Worldwide Marian Year

By MSGR. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rome, Dec. 8 — Catholicism's greatest shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary—the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome—was the fitting setting for ceremonies in which His Holiness Pope Pius XII joined in commemorating the opening of the Marian Year.

Only a short while before, the Pontiff had paused on his way from the Vatican Palace to join throngs gathered in front of the

famous statue of the Immaculate Conception, which stands in the Piazza di Spagna, to bring alms and floral offerings and to lift their voices in prayer to the Mother of God.

It was truly Mary's day in the ancient capital of Christendom where 100 years ago Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception — an event which the whole Catholic world will commemorate throughout the next twelve months by acts of special devotion and in recognition to the Queen of Heaven.

CELEBRATING CEREMONIES held the streets along which the papal cortege passed by its way to St. Mary Major and which started a scene of the Madonna holding the Child Jesus and television cameras relayed every detail of the procession as well as of the ceremonies at the Basilica and at the Piazza di Spagna. This was not the first time that the Pope or a papal ceremony had been televised, but it was Italian television's first opportunity to transmit both.

The inauguration of the Marian Year had previously been marked by a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Basilica. Among other shrines where similar rites took place was the chapel of the new North American College in Rome. A Midnight Mass was offered there by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the College, which is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Bishop is a member of the committee in charge of the Marian Year, having been appointed by the Pope himself. A magnificent rendering of the "Tu Es Petrus" by the Sistine Choir acclaimed the entrance of the Holy Father into the Basilica, of



Rome—Thousands of newly-placed electric fixtures brilliantly light up the facade of the Basilica of St. Mary Major here for the opening of the 1954 Marian Year by Pope Pius XII. Dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the Basilica is the fourth of the patriarchal churches and its site is said to have been chosen by Our Lady herself when she appeared in a dream to Pope St. Liberius. The Marian Year opened on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It marks the 100th anniversary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and was proclaimed by the Pontiff in an Encyclical letter dated Sept. 8. (RNS Photo)

'I'M Not Afraid To Die For God!'

Ex-POW Risked Death For Rosary

Washington—(NC)—An American prisoner of war who told a Red guard he would have to kill him before he'd give up his Rosary, unfolded a story of communist atrocities in Korea before a Senate investigating committee here.

Sgt. George G. Matta of Brockton, Mass., was one of more than twenty G.I.s who appeared before the committee in four days of testimony that shocked the nation and which was called "utterly spurious" by Soviet U. N. Delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky.

At the same time the United Nations voted 423 in favor of an American-backed resolution condemning atrocities by any government and expressing concern at reports of atrocities in Korea.

Sergeant Matta told of retreating his Rosary daily in a Red Chinese prison camp and described how he refused to give up his beads when a guard tried to take them away from him.

When the guard raised his rifle, Sergeant Matta said, "I grabbed the end of the bayonet and put it against my heart and told the guard he would have to get rid of me first before he could get the Rosary."

An interpreter who watched the incident sent the guard away, Sergeant Matta said. "Then he asked me why I was willing to die for those beads."

"I said God died on the cross and I'm not afraid to die for Him," the sergeant replied.

Sergeant Matta, who has a wife and five-year-old daughter, is still in the Army "in the hope of getting another crack at the Reds," he told the committee. He is currently on recruiting duty in his home town.

His testimony included accounts of meager rations and a 400-mile death march in which 50 men died.

Among the Korean veterans who testified before the committee, many had tales of prayer and spiritual strength under the horrors of Red beatings, mass murders and torture. Two of the men reported that nothing enraged the Red guards so much "as hearing us pray."

The men who testified were underweight and still recovering from wounds received under Red imprisonment. Some were on crutches.

Hartford Mayor Proclaims 'Rejoicing' For Marian Year

Hartford, Conn. — (RNS)—Mayor Dominick J. DeLoane of Hartford proclaimed Dec. 8, 1953, the opening of the Marian Year, a "day of rejoicing and celebration."

Mayor DeLoane said he was leading the proclamation "in the spirit of Christomanticism in the evening celebration to commemorate the birth of the Christ Child."

"Without Mary there would be no Christ," he said.

"This celebration is very dear to many of our citizens," the mayor said. "Therefore, I am very happy to announce this day as a day of celebration mingled with prayer."

ten called the Liberator Basilica in memory of Pope Liberius, who, according to legend, founded the great shrine on the Esquiline Hill in the year 352 after he had had a vision in which the Blessed Virgin revealed she herself had chosen the spot.

AS SOON as the Blessed Sacrament had been exposed on the high altar, Pope Pius led in the recitation of the special prayer he had composed for the Marian Year.

A chorus of thousands of voices joined in a mighty cry of intercession, "O Crystal Fountain of Faith, bath our minds with eternal truths. . . O Fragrant Lily of Holiness, captivate our hearts with your heavenly perfume. . . O Well Beloved of God, hear the ardent cry which rises dedicated to you. . . protect the up from every heart in this year Holy Church, make all men feel the attraction of Christian goodness. . ."

Among those who joined in the recital of the prayer was a group of girls belonging to the youth division of Italian Catholic Action. It had originally been planned to invite the children of Rome to the ceremony, but authorities feared that such a gathering might lead to the spread of infectious diseases from which many in the city were suffering. "Outside the Basilica, other thousands also recited the prayer, among them great numbers of young men affiliated with various Catholic Action groups."

FOLLOWING THE Pope's prayer, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Vicar General of the Rome Diocese.

The Pontiff then processed to what is called the Boschiense Chapel, to venerate the famous painting of the Madonna and the young Popill Roman — which claims was the work of an angel.

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Catholic Daughters Give \$105,000 To National Shrine

Washington — (NC) — Gifts totaling \$105,000 are being made here by the Catholic Daughters of America.

Magr. Patrick J. O'Connor, director of the Shrine, said the C.D. of A. gave \$5,000 to the current National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Appeal. They are also giving \$100,000 "for a fitting memorial in the Shrine."

The monsignor said he was authorized by Miss Frances M. Maher of Kane, Penna., Supreme Regent of the C.D. of A., to make this announcement.

The Catholic Daughters of America, Miss Maher told Magr. O'Connor, are making these gifts "in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received in the past 50 years of our organization's life."

Urges Deist Motto On U. S. Currency

Washington, D. C. — (RNS)—An Arkansas man's proposal that the motto "In God We Trust" appear on all U. S. currency, as it does on most of our coins, was received here by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Rep. Oren Harris (D., Ark.).

In letters to the officials, Matt Robert of Camden, Ark., president of the Arkansas Numismatics Society, said the fact that phrase is left off U. S. paper money is an oversight that should be corrected.

"Putting it on," he said, "would affirm our trust in God in a manner that would be heard round the world and give moral and spiritual strength to those who realize a great nation humbly and reverently places its trust in the Almighty."

"In God We Trust" began appearing on U. S. coins in 1934 as the result of a suggestion made to Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase three years earlier by the Rev. M. R. Wilkinson of Ridleyville, Pa.

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