

Scout Mothers Meet At St. Margaret Mary

Mothers Auxiliary of cubs and scouts of St. Margaret Mary Church met Thursday, Jan. 7, Mrs. Joseph Sionoff presided. Plans were discussed for the annual fathers and sons banquet in February.

Assisting Mrs. Ralph DeStefano with coffee were Mesdames Vince Carroll, Lawrence Buca, Frank Desiderio, Bernard Coniff, Louis Cirrione and Val Ehmman.

Holy Rosary Moccus List Talk By Cubs

Mothers and fathers of all Scouts of Holy Rosary Parish are invited to be guests of the Moccus at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, in the school hall when Children's Court Judge Thomas J. Meagher will speak. Refreshments will be served. Moccus are requested to be present promptly at 8 p.m. for a short business meeting.

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Spiritual Progress Told Cathedral Parishioners

While the financial statement for 1953 can be determined by simple mathematics, an adding machine is of little help in preparing an accurate spiritual report for the year, Sacred Heart Cathedral parishioners were told in the parish bulletin distributed Jan. 3.

The bulletin promises the financial statement in two weeks. Noting the spiritual progress, the bulletin says a higher system of mathematics is required to formulate such a report, "and that we do not have at our disposal."

"No certified public accountant could make sense out of our business because we are dealing with grace, something real but intangible," the bulletin continues.

"NO C.P.A. could balance our Divine Lord's books, where all the credits are debits and all the debits pure gain, where the business deals with souls, where each item in the books is worth more than all the material equipment of this church corporation. Such bookkeeping calls not for higher, but for the highest mathematics—the mathematics of the angels, who are used to God's way of reckoning things, God's mysterious ways!"

"The real spiritual report for '53 is known to God alone. Yet we can all see dimly as in a glass and certain credits and debits focus our attention. On the credit side of the ledger is the number of Holy Communion received during the past year: 134,000, an increase of 12,000 over '52. The number of parishioners attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion daily has grown gradually.

DAILY CONFESSIONS, inaugurated October 1, account for 75 additional confessions each week. The Cathedral last May was made a center for members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society from the northwest section of the city, and we are happy to report that the majority of the men have remained faithful to a practice which involves real sacrifice and self-discipline.

"On the debit side of the ledger, we can observe a growing number of parishioners, especially the young, sliding into the ranks of those who seldom approach the Communion rail. This is noticeable at the last two Masses each Sunday which make up fifty percent of our average attendance. The cause? Could it be the growth of a materialistic spirit due to unsettled world conditions? Those infected with this spiritual disease take the attitude that there may be a big blow-up fairly soon and they might as well get in their good times while they can.

"If a Saturday night party or dance interferes with the mid-night fast required for Communion, the party comes first. 'Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you die!' In the meantime, the sky's the limit—a pleasant philosophy—but, one which can cast the soul into hell.

"Take stock of yourself at the dawn of a new year. If you have slipped further into the world of the material (and it is usually a gradual descent), get back on the track before time runs out for you. There is only one right way to live, one Faith to follow, and they come from Christ. They alone can produce true peace of soul, a condition which unconsciously you want more than anything else in the world.

"Our Holy Father gives you the correct clues in your quest for happiness: prayer—prayer—real prayer which comes from your heart; frequent Holy Communion; and finally, penance. You have the clues. It's up to you to use them. We pray you do throughout 1954."

Day of Recollection Set At S.H. Academy
A Day of Recollection, for the Children of Mary, will take place at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince Street, on Sunday, Jan. 17. It will begin with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a buffet breakfast.

The day will close at 3:30 p.m. with Benediction. Rev. Nicholas Sullivan S.J. of Canisius College in Buffalo, will be Retreat Master.

Reservations may be made by calling the Convent Monroe 9134, before January 15.

Fourth Degree KC Set Party Jan. 14
Members of the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus will hold a New Year Party in the K. of C. Clubrooms, Columbus Civic Center on Thursday, Jan. 14.

The six knights and ladies will be served a buffet supper and will be entertained. Eugene R. Cotsker is chairman.

Sports Editor
Union City, N. J. — (NC) — Walter (Red) Smith, sports columnist for the New York Herald Tribune, has been named a contributing editor of The Sign, national Catholic monthly, it was announced here by the Passionist Fathers, publishers of the magazine.

Geneva Weddings
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College Men Exchange Greetings



ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE students were among those exchanging New Year's greetings with His Excellency Bishop Kearney at his residence on Sunday. Here Francis J. Pilecki, second from right greets the Bishop. Also in photo (from left) are Robert H. Kalb, Jr., J. Michael Carney and Joseph K. Weaver.

1500 Greeted By Bishop At New Year's Open House

Seventeenth annual New Year's Reception of His Excellency Bishop Kearney in Rochester brought more than 1500 men, women and children to the episcopal residence, 947 East Ave. on Sunday for the exchange of New Year's greetings.

Bishop Kearney greeted persons of all creeds including leaders of other church groups, city, county and state officials and many family groups.

Catholic organizations were represented in delegations including those of the Catholic War Veterans, Knights of St. John, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Equity, members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, auxiliaries of these groups and other Catholic women's societies.

William T. Nolan headed a Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus group attired in morning clothes who served as ushers.

THE BISHOP noted that the Hickey family headed by Jeremiah C. Hickey, president of Hickey-Freeman Co. and brother of the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, second Bishop of Rochester was represented by three generations.

Many of the visitors including those of other beliefs visited the Bishop's chapel on the second floor. The Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, the Bishop's secretary assisted in receiving the visitors.

Distributed were cards which read, over the bishop's signature: "I am deeply grateful for your kind visit. May God bless you with His Divine Care during the New Year. My sincere wish is that this be a very happy New Year for you and yours."

Altar Society To Meet In East Rochester Hall
The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, will meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. with Mrs. Mary Sampson, newly elected President, presiding.

Other officers elected for 1954 are Mesdames Helen Trescott vice-president; Viola DeMare secretary; Margaret Macgusco treasurer.

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Communion Breakfast Set For St. Dominic's HN Men

Shortsville — Plans for a breakfast meeting on Sunday, Jan. 17 were made by members of the Holy Name Society of St. Dominic's Church, Shortsville at the Dec. 20 meeting.

Albert Ryan was elected president at the December session with these other officers: John Johnson, vice president; Neil Harkentier, secretary, and Robert Peters, treasurer.

The members will attend 8:30 a.m. Mass and receive Holy Communion in St. Dominic's Church on Jan. 17. Immediately after the Mass, a ham breakfast will be served in the church hall. A business meeting will be held. At this time informal installation of officers ceremonies will be conducted with the Rev. John E. Napier, pastor, officiating.

GUEST SPEAKER will be Maurice M. Chacchia, widely known Geneva attorney. Toastmaster will be Arthur F. Doody, of Buffalo, formerly of St. Dominic's.

Plans were discussed at the December meeting for a subscription drive during February, Catholic Press Month. Two magazines, The Sign, and The Holy Family, and one newspaper, the Courier Journal were picked as the Catholic literature to be sold during the drive.

The meeting closed with Father Napier appealing to the Holy Name men to receive Holy Communion frequently, not only for their own good, but that a striking example may be given to young persons of the parish.

U. S. Milk Means No Street Corpses
Moloko, Korea — Since Columbian missionaries here started distributing American milk daily to 200 starving refugee children, no more corpses have been found on the streets by the sanitary department. Before that, the bodies of dead children used to be picked up every day.

The milk was donated by NCWC — War Relief Services, reports Columbian Father Harold Henry, of Northfield, Minn., head of the mission. "These kids owe a lot more to Migr. Samaritans (director of NCWC-WES) than to Santa," he said.

Pray The Rosary

W. R. Morris Of Hornell, Dies
Hornell — Funeral services for William R. Morris, 65, of Hornell, formerly of Corning were held at St. Ann's Church Jan. 2. The Rev. Leo Mans was celebrant of the Requiem Solemn High Mass; the Rev. Robert MacNamara was deacon and the Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, sub-deacon. Services at the grave in St. Ann's Cemetery were conducted by Father MacNamara.

Mr. Morris resided in Corning for the past 35 years and moved to Hornell several months ago. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus and Dolan Machinist Lodge No. 201. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Helen Morris of Hornell; a sister M. Margaret, O.F.M. of St. Elizabeth's Academy in Allegany; a niece Sister M. Justin of the Sisters of Mercy, Rochester and several other nieces and nephews in Hornell.

DOMINICAN THIRD ORDER
Members of St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, Third Order of St. Dominic, will meet at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 3:30 p.m.

The director of the Chapter, the Very Rev. Albert Drexelius, O.P., will conduct the meeting which will include an instruction on the Rule, sermon, Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

"The chapter is hoping that other Catholics anxious to work earnestly toward their own perfection and eternal happiness will join the Third Order during the year 1954," the announcement said.

"What is required of a tertiary? A lot of formal prayers? No! A spirit of penance? Yes! That is a willingness to turn away from the world and to God... and a desire to grow daily in the love of Christ which is perfection."

"Tertiaries strive (they don't succeed all at once) to live by the Rule of St. Dominic, which is not binding under pain of sin; it stresses the duties of one's state in life; frequent reception of the Sacraments; Holy Mass; daily recitation of an office accommodated to one's responsibilities; attendance at the Chapter meetings."

"The aim of the Dominican Tertiary is to bring souls to God—his own first — and then as many others as possible by prayer and good example."

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