

## Gym To Serve Fr. Snyder's Parish As Chapel Until New Church Is Built

The gymnasium of a new \$350,000 ranch-style parochial school under construction in Amherst, a suburb of Buffalo, will also serve as a chapel until the recently created parish of St. Leo's erects a church.

The Rev. Clatus E. Snyder, a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries is pastor. The parish now numbers 450 families and was created last summer by Bishop Joseph A. Burke of Buffalo. Father Snyder is a nephew of the Rev. Albert J. Geiger, pastor of Church of the Holy Ghost, Coldwater.

**THE SCHOOL** will be ready for occupancy in the fall and will accommodate 300 pupils. Low and rambling in design, it will consist of a main building and two wings, all interconnected by enclosed foyers. Ramps instead of stairways will be used within the building to provide free and easy movement.

The parish's long-range construction plans include a church with a seating capacity of 1,000, a 350-car parking lot, a rectory and a convent.

## St. Mary's Faculty Meets At Hospital

Monthly meeting of the active and associate faculty of St. Mary's School of Nursing will be held in St. Mary's Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m.

Miss Barbara Davis, assistant librarian of Nazareth College will discuss "Catholic Book Clubs" and there will be a book display.

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WHY send missionaries to Africa, India, Thailand and Japan when each pagan people has its own teacher? Since they have Buddha, Confucius, Tao and others why offer them Christ?

There are two reasons: first of all, their teachers are in the order of nature and reason and not in the realm of the divine and grace. Pagan religions seek to bring man to God; Christianity is God coming to man. The second reason is that the most pagan teachers can leave a Book; for example, Mohammed left the Koran, and Buddha his Eight-Fold Rule. But Our Blessed Lord being God did not leave a Book; He sends His Spirit.

That is what the other teachers could not do. They could give codes. But Our Lord by sending His Spirit would not be an example to be copied but a veritable life to be lived. The Spirit that brooded over the chaos of the universe made it a Cosmos; the Spirit that broods over the souls of men makes them a Church or the Body of Christ.

The Spirit of Christ fulfills a double purpose. The Spirit not only inspires missionaries to preach Christ in foreign lands but also inspires us to sacrifice for them. Those who lack the Spirit never help the Church or her missions, as a body without a soul has no desire for growth.

If you want to bring the Spirit of Christ to someone else do one of these things:

- Send in your old gold, silver or discarded jewelry. The sale of it will aid the Missions.
- If you already pray for the Missions on your World Mission Rosary, make a \$2 sacrifice for another rosary for a friend. Include their name and address with your request and the \$2 sacrifice.
- Remember Our Lady Queen of the Missions. Honor her by wearing a God Love You medal. For a \$5 offering and your request, we will send a sterling silver God Love You medal or for a \$10 offering had your request, we will send a gold filled one.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. E. I. won this \$3-bowling. I had fun winning it, now I hope the money will give someone a little happiness. . . . to E. W. D. "Enclosed is \$100.00 to be used for missionary work as needed. This is a small token of appreciation for the countless gifts God has bestowed upon our family. . . . to Ann. "Enclosed is \$27.00 the amount of a speeding fine. Let the "twain" of my life being careless help someone care more for God. . . . to N. R. "Enclosed is \$1 which I received for baby-sitting. It is the first dollar I ever earned. . . . to M. M. "I need a new black purse, but managed to make one myself, so I am sending the difference I saved for my sacrifice. . . . to M. H. W. "Enclosed is \$10, a special thinking offering celebrating my 30th anniversary in the Catholic faith on January 2nd. . . . to A. E. "I received \$10 for Christmas and wanted to visit a friend with it but certain conditions prevented me. I send it to the Missions in hope that some priest will be able to take a trip that will give a soul back to Christ. . . . to M. G. H. who sent \$50 to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . to A. E. G. "Enclosed is \$10, part of my Christmas bonus. I know it will be put to good use. . . . to F. B. for \$1. "I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to aid my faith as my faith has aided me."

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 54 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

## Seminarians Work For Missions



PACKAGES FOR MISSIONS in various parts of the world are loaded on a truck by Red Maggerty (left) and Dave Fitzgerald, students of St. John's Atoneement Seminary, Montour Falls, where packages are prepared for needy missionaries. (St. John's Seminary photo)

## Holy Trinity Youth Set Dance Saturday

Members of the Holy Trinity Youth Sodality of Our Lady, in cooperation with the Freeman C. Allen Post, Number 1156, are putting the final touches on their plans for their annual St. Valentine's Day Round and Square Dance, to be held Saturday evening, February 13.

The Rainbow Orchestra will provide the music from 9 to 12 p.m. for tomorrow night's dance, which will be held in the newly-remodeled school hall in Webster.

Committees include: Decorations, Clarence Byers, chairman; Dorothy Basch, co-chairman; June Fromholzer, Louise Puzler, Betty Schoff, and Mary Prizing, Refreshments, Gerald Fry, chairman; Nancy King, co-chairman; Karen Fromholzer, Carol Fritz, Gerald Berthold, Robert Hildbraker, and Richard Hemmerlich; Checking, Kay Mayer, chairman; Marie Murelli, co-chairman; Mary Lou Brahier, and Nancy Ginett; Publicity, Irving Trumble, chairman; Alma Byers, Mary Ann Repp, Joseph Hurysz, and Mary Jane Hurysz.

## Boy Scouts Attend Mass In Mt. Morris

Mt. Morris—Catholic members of troop 82 Boy Scouts of America and Cub Pack attended the 8:30 Mass at St. Patrick's Church and received Communion in a body Sunday morning. The Rev. Robert Fennessy celebrated the Mass.

Following the Mass the boys were the guests of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church at a Communion Breakfast at Costa's Grill. The Scouts are celebrating their 44th anniversary.

## Mary's Intercession Can Halt World Ills Says Priest

Hornell—Communism, materialism and other dangers facing the world today can be remedied through the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession to her Divine Son, the Rev. John L. Coonan of Rochester Diocese told a First Saturday luncheon group.

Father Coonan, former assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church, was guest speaker at the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women luncheon in the Moose Club. At the luncheon, held in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, were 96 women.

The priest based his talk on "Mary's Year," 1954, which has been set aside by Pope Pius XII for special devotion to the Blessed Virgin in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

**IN THE ENCYCLOPICAL** establishing the Marian Year, the Holy Father likens the declaration of the Immaculate Conception dogma to a "bright new gem added to the crown of Mary," Father Coonan said.

"That privilege of being free from the slightest stain of sin was granted Mary because she was to be the Mother of the Divine Saviour," the priest continued.

"If the world recognizes Mary as the mother of Christ, it should have confidence in the realization of Mary's power before the throne of Her Divine Son," Father Coonan said.

He explained the following intentions for which the Holy Father has asked in special devotions to Mary during this year:

- For youth, that they may have strength to live up to worthy ideals;
- That old people may have loving trust and confidence in the goodness of God when facing death;
- For those suffering persecution for their faith;
- That native rights of the Church be recognized with the realization that the Church has always worked for the good of the world.

"An increase in our love for Mary and imitation of her virtues can bring us to a more perfect following of her Divine Son—the Way, the Truth and the Life," Father Coonan concluded.

The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Robert MacNamara, moderator of Hornell District DCCW. Father MacNamara commended the women for their excellent attendance at the luncheon, and expressed pleasure at their cooperation with this activity of the Hornell District.

Miss Virginia Hussong, president of the district, conducted the brief business session. She reported that the Hornell District's project for January, which was replenishing the Vatican storehouse with infants' wear for distribution to the needy, was "gratifyingly successful."

**MORE THAN 300** articles of infants' clothing, 21 pairs of shoes and \$96 were contributed by Catholic women's organizations in Hornell, she said. Mrs. Edwin J. Boyle, of Hornell, was chairman of the district war relief committee.

The project for February is a book-fair and book-review tea which will be held Feb. 21 from 3 until 5 p.m. in the Pine Room of St. Ann's School. This is in observance of Catholic Literature Week, Feb. 21-27. Mrs. Raymond Coonan is chairman of the event and Miss Josephine Fitzgerald, assisting chairman.

The speaker's table was centered by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, encircled by tiny red and white rosebuds. Miss Elizabeth Bill was in charge of decorations.

Miss Hussong introduced Miss Margaret Barrett of Corning, former district deputy of the Catholic Daughters of America, and welcomed Mrs. John Ebert, a past officer of Hornell District, who recently returned to Hornell, and members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

She expressed appreciation to Miss Armella Bell and Mrs. J. H. Mahoney, chairman of the reservations committee. The next First Saturday luncheon will be March 6.

## Mission Donations Hailed By St. John's Students

Montour Falls—Due to the generosity of many benefactors in the Diocese of Rochester, student Crusaders of St. John's Atoneement Seminary, Montour Falls have been able

to supply needy missionaries with materials aid to assist them in the teaching of the Holy Gospel.

**THEIR APPEAL** for used clothing, rosaries, medals, prayer books etc., has met with a generous response from the mission society supporters in the diocese. From contributions received, packages were sent to missions

in Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Korea and Africa.

The Catholic Students' Mission unit at St. John's seminary assists the missionaries throughout the year and will continue to do so just as long as material is furnished to them by readers of the COURIER-JOURNAL.

The Crusaders each day in their prayers and good works beg God's blessings upon the mission-minded faithful who assist them in this worthwhile apostolate.

Any who have anything to contribute may send the package, no matter how small, to Catholic Students' Mission Crusader, St. John's Atoneement Seminary,

## Cards To Aid Girl Scouts

Annual Girl Card Party to raise funds for the three Girl Scout Troops of St. Andrew's parish, given by the troop committees, will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 18 at 8:15 p.m. in the school hall. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Edward J. Haefner is general chairman assisted by the following committee:

Troop No. 99: Mrs. Ralph DeRoma, Mrs. Raymond Oldfield, Mrs. Robert Vogt, Mrs. Philip Halner, Mrs. Peter LoGrasso, Miss Anna DeRoma and Miss Margie Migliore.

Troop No. 395: Miss Elizabeth Cook, Mrs. Patrick McElvado, Mary Grace Polito, Mrs. Ross Marinaro, and Mrs. Harold Borate.

Troop No. 466: Mrs. Richard Reinhardt, Mrs. Armand LaMay, Mrs. Wilfred Ehrstein, Mrs. Sigmund Gorczynski, Mrs. Richard Roesser and Mrs. Perticone.

## Apostleship of Prayer

By JAMES J. LYNGH, S.J., Assistant National Secretary

### SOCIAL JUSTICE IN AFRICA

During the month of February, and the Africans — but not the Holy Father asks all Associates of the League of the Sacred Heart to unite their prayers with his for social justice in Africa.

For the past year or so, pictures about Africa have been featured presentations in our movie palaces. The real stars have been the wild animals of the forest and jungle, as though Africa were primarily a hunting-ground, complete with an abundance of game, native guides and porters. All that is part of the real Africa, as Yellowstone Park is part of the United States.

**THE NEW AFRICA** is a land of large cities and convulsive political life. Some forty million Africans have emancipated themselves from tribal life to become city dwellers; and, due to this centralization, the social consciousness of Africa has developed to the point where it is rebellious against European colonialism.

Ethiopia, Libya, Egypt, Liberia and the Union of South Africa manage their own affairs. Soon the Gold Coast may become self-governing — and then Nigeria, the Sudan and Uganda.

Africa is a rich land, with the world's largest unexploited reservoir of material resources. As Mr. Kimble reported to the New York Herald Tribune: "The North Atlantic Treaty powers are aware that the occupation of any part of Africa by hostile power would make their chances of effective counterattack very remote, for Africa drives an enormous wedge between the Americas and southeastern Asia, which are the two largest land areas adjacent to the Russian 'heartland.'"

**IN THE DEVELOPMENT** of Africa, its political leaders are faced with problems of every kind—the backwardness of millions of its people, racial tensions and rioting, European, American and Russian pressures. Their main concern must be for Africa

and the Africans — but not against the rest of the world. Africa is part of our One World, and must be educated in political and social philosophy and in religion.

Dr. Daniel F. Malan, the Nationalist Prime Minister of South Africa, has not distinguished himself for leadership, except in an opprobrious sense. The racialism for which he stands is like a trumpet-call to men of nobler instincts and ideals to rescue Africa from itself.

The Catholic hierarchy of Tanganyika, British East Africa, instituted last April by Pope Pius XII, has issued its first pastoral, a sixty-page booklet entitled "Africans and the Christian Way of Life." In it the bishops denounced racial discrimination as a crime against justice and charity, and urged the necessity of a thorough preparation of the people for self-government, looking forward to the day when "the pastoral staffs" will be "held by none but African hands."

**Pope's Message** Washington—(NC)—The 1953 Christmas message of Pope Pius XII to the world has been published in pamphlet form by the publications office of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The pamphlet is entitled "On Modern Technology And Peace."

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Afternoon Masses  
Mobile, Ala.—(NC)—All parishes in the Mobile diocese have been granted permission by Bishop Thomas J. Toole of Mobile to have an afternoon Mass on the first Saturday of each month during the Marian Year.

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Drawing Saturday, Feb. 27th  
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