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Parishes Gain in 'Courier' Circulation

First reports received this week in the Courier-Journal's annual subscription campaign, bolstered hopes that this diocesan weekly's bid for a new circulation record may be achieved.

Supporting these hopes was the adoption by Holy Cross Parish, Rochester, of 100 per cent family subscription coverage. The Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell, pastor of Holy Cross, has reported for his parish a total of 800 subscriptions which is an approximate gain of over 500 new subscriptions over last year.

ANOTHER significant gain was reported this week by the Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan, pastor of St. Helen's Church, Rochester, where the 100 per cent plan has been in effect for a number of years. According to Father Sullivan, St. Helen's Parish will have 490 subscriptions in the coming year. This is a gain of 100 over last year's figure of 390.

The Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, renewed 100 per cent coverage of his families with a report this week of 700 subscriptions.

THE 100 PER CENT plan was also renewed by the Rev. Ralph J. Meyers, pastor of St. Patrick's, Aurora, and St. Michael's, Union Springs. He reported a total of 115 subscriptions for his parish and mission.

The Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor of St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg and St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken, reported a total of 146 subscriptions for a gain of 21 in his renewal of the 100 per cent plan.

As reported last week, the 100 per cent coverage plan has been adopted by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish with a total of over 1600 subscriptions and by the Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, with a total of approximately 900 subscriptions.

IT IS EXPECTED that the all of 33 parishes of the diocese which followed the 100 per cent subscription plan last year will continue it again this year. Almost all parishes which have ever adopted the 100 per cent plan have continued it successfully each year thereafter, according to Elmer G. Grapensteter, circulation manager.

Circulation records, examined this week, also showed that at least three parishes under the 100 per cent family coverage plan, gained subscriptions during the year, ending with more than the totals reported in last year's circulation drive. These parishes were: Holy Rosary, Rochester, from 1,103 to 1,105; St. John the Evangelist (Humboldt St.) Rochester, from 793 to 815; and St. Stephen's, Geneva from 830 to 871.

FOLLOWING THE reading on last Sunday of Bishop Kearney's letter asking support of the COURIER-JOURNAL backed by appeals from parish priests, a number of Rochester pastors this week indicated their intention to continue the 100 per cent coverage of families in their respective parishes.

Among pastors expressing such intentions were: Monsignor John B. Sullivan of St. John the Evangelist, Monsignor Charles F. Shay of Holy Rosary, Monsignor John S. Randall of the Immaculate Conception, the Rev. Francis W. Luddy of Our Lady of Lourdes; the Rev. Leo V. Smith of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and the Rev. Charles J. Bruton of St. Margaret Mary's.

The COURIER-JOURNAL circulation campaign, launched throughout the diocese last Sunday will continue through the Sundays of February 21 and 28. Deadline for receiving parish reports of subscriptions at the COURIER-JORUNAL office is March 6.

Cost of the annual subscription, payable according to the method selected by individual pastors is $4.00 for 52 issues, according to Mr. Elmer Grapensteter, circulation manager. All subscriptions received in last year's circulation drive will expire with the issue of March 26, 1954. Subscriptions received in this month's drive will start with the issue of April 12, 1954.

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'Sisters In Christ'

ROCHESTERIANS IN MARIST CEREMONIES: Sister Mary John Francis, S.M.S.M. (l), formerly Miss Virginia Cameron of St. James Parish, pronounced her First Vows and Sister Mary Roxanne (r.), formerly Miss Roxana Hall of Immaculate Conception Parish, received the white veil and her new name in religion in ceremonies at the Bedford, Massachusetts, novitiate of the Marist Missionary Sisters on the Feast of the Purification.

Area Women Professed In Marist Missionary Nuns

Framingham Centre, Mass. — Two Rochester-area girls participated in reception and profession ceremonies at the Marist Missionary Sisters Motherhouse here on the Feast of the purification.

SISTER MARY JOHN Francis, the former Miss Virginia Cameron of St. James parish, Irondequoit, pronounced her first vows as a Marist Sister, and Sister Mary Roxanne, the former Miss Roxana Hall of Immaculate Conception parish, Rochester, made her reception as a novice.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael John Moran, Sister Mary John Francis was one of 16 Sisters making first vows, the largest profession group in the history of the Marist Sisters.

She attended St. John the Evangelist School in Rochester and is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy School, class of 1951.

SISTER MARY ROXANNE received her religious name and white veil. A graduate of Nazareth Academy, she attended Immaculate Conception School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hall.

The Marist Missionary Sisters, with headquarters at Framingham Centre, Mass., number almost 200 Sisters in the American community, whose field of operation covers 165,000 square miles of missionary territory in the Pacific islands.

The care of some 1,000 leprosy patients engages approximately 1 out of every 5 of their number, while the majority of Sisters are assigned to clinics, hospitals and mission schools.

Grover Whalen's Daughter Makes Final Profession

Rome —(NC)— Mother Ann Whalen, daughter of Grover A. Whalen, prominent New York City civic leader, and businessman was one of 32 young women of 16 nationalities who made their final profession of vows here in the Congregation of Religius of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Whalen, who was in Europe on business, was present at the first of two ceremonies in which his daughter was professed. He will journey home with her.

Making their final profession with Mother Whalen were two other Americans and a Canadian, Mother Mary Cowan, of Montreal. The two Americans were Mother Faine McMullen, who, like Mother Whalen, was graduated from Manhattanville College, New York, in 1948, and Mother Mary Anne Dubrouvielet, a graduate of Maryville College, St. Louis, Mo.

Red Regimes Order Blackout On News Of Pontiff's Illness

Berlin — (NC) — The Iron Curtain regimes are using censorship, threats, fines and jail sentences to keep concern by the faithful for the Pope's health from leading to new demonstrations of solidarity with the Holy See.

This fact emerges from reports reaching here from a number of communist countries. They include Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

THE GENERAL tenor of the reports is the same. The Red rulers fear that widespread prayers by Catholics for the Pontiff might bring a new fervor of faith, and with it an increased restlessness under the communist yoke.

Many Hungarian, Czech and Slovak priests have defied the order of the Red authorities not to mention the Pope's illness in sermons, the reports say, and have paid for their defiance with heavy fines and even imprisonment.

Reports of these fine and arrests come from Szombathely and Kalocsa in Hungary, Ruzomberok in Slovakia, and a number of parishes in the Czech lands.

A severe censorship has reportedly been imposed upon all mail by the Bishops to their clergy in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in an effort to stop news about the Pope's sickness from reaching the priests.

High-ranking communist officials in Hungary and Czechoslovakia have warned the Hierarchy that the Pope's health is not the concern of the "working classes," reports say. The Bishops were told they must not under any circumstances ask Catholics to say special prayers for the Pontiff, because "preoccupation with events in the Vatican" would result in decreased production.

REPORTS STATE that despite Red efforts to block news about the Pope's illness, it has generally come to the attention of the faithful behind the Iron Curtain and has led to increased prayer and an open display of sympathy for him.

The Iron Curtain Catholics have been prevented from sending any message of sympathy to the Pontiff, it was learned. Both His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, the semi-imprisoned Archbishop of Zagreb, and Archbishop Joseph Ujcic of Belgrade reportedly tried to send telegrams to the Pontiff. But the Yugoslav authorities refused to forward them.

'Red' Holidays Slated For Polish Children

London — (NC) — Heavier doses of communist propaganda are in prospect for Polish school children with the publication of a new list of Red holidays to be commemorated in all schools.

The Red school calendar lists 51 communist "gala days" and a solid month devoted to Polish-Soviet friendship.

Among the special holidays are: anniversary of Lenin's death (January 21), international day of the struggle against the colonial system (February 21), anniversary of Stalin's death (March 5), Hungarian national holiday (April 4), Czechoslovak national holiday (May 9), Bulgarian national holiday (September 9), Chinese national holiday (October 1), East German People's Republic national holiday (October 7), anniversary of the Russian revolution (November 7), Albanian liberation day (November 29), anniversary of the founding of the Polish United Workers' (communist) party (December 15), and Rumanian national holiday (December 30).

The month of Polish-Soviet friendship extends from October 8 to November 7.

U. S. Medics Invited To World Congress Of Catholic Doctors

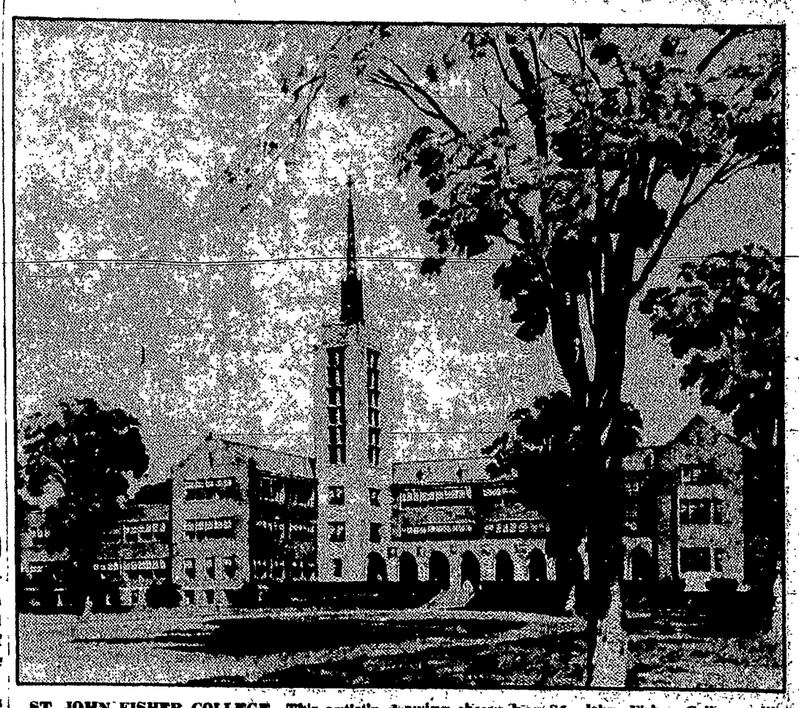
Washington, D. C. — (NC) — An invitation to American medical men to attend the Sixth International Congress of Catholic Doctors was received here from Archbishop John C. McQuaid of Dublin, Ireland, where sessions will open June 30.

Archbishop McQuaid's invitation was conveyed in a letter to Msgr. Donald A. McGowan, moderator of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds.

Declaring that "the matter to be treated at the Congress is of the greatest import from the point of view of the Natural Law and of the teachings of the Church," Archbishop McQuaid said "we should be honored by the presence and participation of the American Catholic doctors."

Archbishop McQuaid wrote as patron of the Catholic doctors' congress, which is expected to be attended by delegates from all parts of the world.

St. John Fisher College To Construct New Wing



ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE—This artist's drawing shows how St. John Fisher College will look when two-story wing (in far left of photo) is erected. Plans were announced today for the immediate construction of the addition which will provide the three-year-old men's college with cafeteria and auditorium facilities.

$261,300 Wing For Auditorium, Cafeteria

Plans for the immediate construction of a new $261,300 wing to St. John Fisher College were announced today by the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of the men's college. The two-story planned addition will feature a cafeteria and an auditorium.

Contract for the work has been awarded to the LeChase Construction Corporation, low bidder on the project, Father Murphy said. The LeChase firm's bid was $261,300. Maginnis and Walsh of Boston, architectural firm for the college's present Administration Building, has also designed the addition.

OCCUPYING THE lower level of the new wing will be a cafeteria with accommodations for 400. The interior will be furnished in tile from floor to ceiling. Features will include food storage facilities and modern serving equipment.

Second level of the addition will provide an auditorium with a 600-seating capacity. Plans for the auditorium incorporate the traditional stage and also provide for a "theater in the round" center stage. The auditorium will be finished in oak paneling which is in keeping with the interior decoration of the present Administration Building.

The two-story addition will embrace 219,000 cubic feet. Its exterior, designed to harmonize with the existing structure will be finished with Indiana limestone and Belden gray brick.

The new wing, according to Mr. Eugene Kennedy of Maginnis and Walsh, "will complete the original architectural composition and bring the tower of the present Administration Building into more harmonious perspective."

Explaining the decision to erect the new college wing, Father Murphy stated:

"The steady growth of St. John Fisher College has been heartening for all of us. This addition will augment our facilities and enable us to offer the best in Catholic higher education for an ever increasing student body."

The three-year-old men's college was opened under direction of the Basilian Fathers, in September 1951 with a freshman class of 110 students. The current enrollment, which includes the first three college years, is 310. Current freshmen enrollment is 163.

St. John Fisher will graduate its first senior class in 1955 and will have estimated overall enrollment of approximately 500 students by next September.

The present Administration Building of the college, constructed in the Collegiate Gothic style and featured by a 175-foot tower and a 7-arch logia, surmounts a commanding hilltop site at the junction of East Avenue and Fairport Road in Brighton.

It was constructed at a cost of $1,045,000, exclusive of equipment and land. The 70-acre college site was purchased in 1947 for $175,000.

Original funds for starting the college were raised in a diocesan-wide campaign in 1948. The campaign goal of $1,047,236 was oversubscribed with pledges amounting to $1,229,369.

St. Valentine Or Valentino Behind Those Lacy Cards?

Boston — (NC) — St. Valentine would be "a perplexed patron" if he appeared in the U.S. today.

"Trailing his long white Roman robe past the candy-store windows with their large red hearts of shining pasteboard, and the drug-store windows with their little red greeting cards edged with paper-lace, and the flaring red signs everywhere: 'Don't Forget St. Valentine's Day!' 'Won't You Be My Valentine?' . . . the original Valentine might shake his holy head and wonder if they had not confused Valentine with Valentino."

Father Manton

THAT PICTURE was painted by Father Joseph E. Manton, C.SS.R., in a Catholic Hour broadcast on the Feast of St. Valentine. The priest said that the love which the world wants St. Valentine to endorse—"almost like a testimonial in a commercial"—is love "gone pagan."

"I have never seen a statue raised to this particular saint, nor even a tiny medal struck in his honor . . . He is so obscure a saint that on the calendar of the Church he rates the very simplest rank of feast that she can give.

"His background is so vague that about the only things we know about him are that he lived in the third century, died in a pool of blood, a martyr, and was buried outside Rome."

Asking "Won't you be my Valentine?" according to the facts of St. Valentine's life, should mean "Won't you be my fine noble Christian Saint? Won't you be my Christian martyr?" Father Manton said.

"There are many who would think twice before they asked that," he observed.

"You understand there is nothing wrong with mailing Valentine cards or giving Valentine candy," he said. "What is wrong is that they should be called Valentine cards or candy in the first place."

NCCS Lists Items For Armed Forces

Washington — (NC) — More than a half-million religious items were distributed last year by the National Catholic Community Service, an agency of USO. The articles included Rosaries, prayerbooks, medals, and booklets.

USO in meeting its responsibility for fostering the spiritual development of the nation's servicemen and servicewomen assigns an important role in strengthening the faith of the military to religious literature and religious articles, it was pointed out.

DURING THE past year, NCCS headquarters here in carrying out one phase of this responsibility has provided USO clubs and centers in this country and overseas with 121,496 religious items for distribution to the military. Included in this listing are clubs directed by other agencies of USO. In addition to the figure listed above, UCO-NCCS clubs through local purchase or donation have been able to distribute to the armed forces 90,359 additional religious materials.

The filling of Catholic chaplains' requests accounts for approximately two-thirds of the total material distributed, NCCS explained. The meeting of specific local needs of chaplains shows up in the distribution of missals which totaled 19,281 for the year. This total included Sunday, Christmas, and Lenten missals written in English and various orders for Sunday missals written in Polish, German, and Italian for overseas shipment.

Priests Ordained In Red China

Brussels — (NC) — Four Chinese seminarians have been ordained priests in Lanchow, according to information received by Archbishop Theodor Buddenbrock of Lanchow, Divine Word mission veteran who was expelled from China last year. The ordaining prelate is said to have been a Chinese Bishop whose name is not given. Archbishop Buddenbrock, who is 78, is at present in Belgium on a visit.

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'Atlantic Monthly' Writer

'We Need Private Schools'

Boston—(NC)—"The private schools, including the big Catholic parochial schools, are the last rampart against the dead hand of the educators of educators."

That statement, part of a delayed-fire counterattack to Dr. James Conant's 1952 charges against private schools, was made by novelest-anthropologist Oliver La Farge, a graduate of ex-president Conant's Harvard.

WRITING IN the February issue of The Atlantic, Mr. LaFarge explained that private schools "choose teachers on a basis of character, apparent ability, and depth of knowledge of the subject to be taught . . . By and large, the private schools have not bought the dreadful theory that if a teacher has studied education, he does not have to have a real mastery of the subject he is teaching in school."

Ten years ago—Mr. La Farge said in his article, "We Need Private Schools" — he would have agreed with Dr. Conant that "the American scheme required that all should be educated alike in the public schools."

"Since then a series of happenings has caused me to observe public schools, and the public school product," Mr. La Farge said. After teaching college students, "it has become apparent to me that a great many schools, including a number of private schools, fail to provide that most fundamental thing of all, an education. This failure seems on the whole, to occur more often among public schools . . ."

From his teaching, Mr. La Farge concluded that most of his students were semi-literate — "They can read, but they cannot write." As for many private school graduates in his classes, "on native intelligence, they should place around the middle of the class, but their elementary education is so superior that they are able to rank in the top third without special effort."

Mr. La Farge denied that he was making a general attack on the public schools. But he added, "To some extent, any fair discussion of the place of private schools in the American scheme must be, not a general attack, but an attack upon the excessively large number of inferior public schools . . . Public schools are very uneven. They range from splendid to awful; they differ sharply from state to state, county to county, city to city. Uniformity of education is a myth."

TAKING ISSUE with Dr. Conant's statement that "democratic unity" is threatened when children fail to attend public schools, Mr. La Farge pointed out that private education fits American and democratic ideas.

Americans, he said, "do not insist that everyone have the same house and the same car . . . If someone does not like the community hospital or the public golf course, which the majority finds excellent, he is free—and most Americans will hasten to tell him so—to see if he can find others to join with him in setting up private ones more to his liking."

Mr. La Farge observed that many parents want "a better education" for their children. "By this they mean the academic training or the surounding circumstances and atmosphere that are so important a part of the education process. Many of them are thinking of the incorporation of religious training without which as a built-in part of the whole they consider education incomplete."

A graduate of Groton and Harvard, and a Pulitzer Prize winner (for his first novel, "Laughing Boy"), Mr. La Farge is not a Catholic. His uncle, Father John La Farge, is a widely-known Jesuit writer and editor.

Cardinal To Install Ogdensburg Bishop

New York—(NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman will officiate at installation ceremonies of Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg as Bishop of the See of Ogdensburg on March 25 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg.

Cardinal Spellman will also preside at a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kellenberg

Mothers Complain

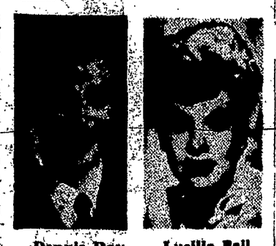
'Lucy' Too Late For Tots

Los Angeles, Cal. —(NC)—Los Angeles mothers took exception to television time tables that schedule "unsatisfactory (children's) programs" early in the day and save "excellent family programs" like "I Love Lucy" for late evening.

THE CRITICISM of television scheduling was included in a survey of 1,386 homes conducted by the Los Angeles Council of Catholic Women. Survey results showed that programs like "Lucy" and the "Dennis Day Show" — which are both enjoyed by the children and approved by adults—are often scheduled too late for children to view them.

At the same time, the report said, programs for children shown during the early evening are "unsatisfactory" and often not popular with the children.

Only 14 of 29 programs which fell into the most popular category were designed for children, the Council reported. Some programs, although advertised for children, had hardly any children viewers, the mothers claimed.



Dennis Day — Lucille Ball

LISTED UNDER this category were two award-winning television programs, "Youth Wants To Know" and "Kukla, Fran and Ollie."

Suggestions for improving children's shows included a 23 per cent vote to eliminate "murders, holdups, robberies and westerns," and an eight per cent request for elimination of old movies because of immodesty in dress and "fear and horror."

Additional dislikes, according to the council, are "exploitation of children in advertising or selling of articles on a program, bad grammar," and too much "space fiction."