

Women's Action Unit In Coming Lists Breakfast

Members of the Women's Catholic Action Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Church will receive Holy Communion in body at the 8 a.m. Mass, followed by a Communion breakfast in the church hall Sunday March 21.

This was announced at a luncheon meeting of the WCAAS attended by about 125 members and their husbands in St. Vincent de Paul's Church hall Monday evening, Feb. 15. The Communion breakfast was presided over by the Rev. James E. Slattery, assistant pastor, gave opening prayers. The next meeting is planned for Mar. 15.

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So You Would Like To Be A Lady of Charity?

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Executive Director, Catholic Family Service

So you would like to be a Lady of Charity and you thought the annual affiliation of new members would be held during the month of March? And you would like to know why we have departed from our traditional practice?

No, dear Catholic Women and would-be daughters of St. Vincent de Paul, we are not turning a deaf ear to your inquiry. Granted our membership has increased far beyond our expectations on that June morning in 1940 when more than 150 women became charter members of the Elmira branch of this international organization.

At the time of her admission into the Ladies of Charity each new affiliate receives from the hands of our Bishop a small silver crucifix, which has been blessed by him. This small, richly-indulged symbol of our religion is no given as a sign of membership in any other lay organization in the world.

SOLEMN ARE the words used in each individual imposition. "Accept this crucifix, wear it always upon your heart and bear it with you wherever you may go, to be your strength and protection, your consolation and salvation in life and in death, Amen."

Echoing down through the centuries we hear the words of St. Vincent de Paul as he admonished each Lady of Charity during the first years of the Society to wear the crucifix at all times. He said in part—"So that this instrument of your salvation may remind you that you are going to really serve the sufferings of Jesus Christ, who died out of love for these abandoned souls."

It is a silver crucifix and not an orchid for the Lady of Charity, who faithfully fulfills her

And what do you do now if you are interested? Give your name to any one on the membership committee or telephone our office. Your name will then be submitted by the Executive Committee and you will be invited to attend two training sessions which will be scheduled during the month of March.

These active members will serve a probationary period on some particular committee, so all doubts about the duties of a Lady of Charity will be answered in one way or another.

The affiliation will be scheduled in September and we do want your application, if you are not a sister, and if your application is approved by your pastor. No, we are not making it difficult for you to be a Lady of Charity because a wearer of the Silver Crucifix is charitable because she is Christlike and Christlike because she is charitable.

Deep in her heart beneath the silver crucifix will be the realization that she is working for Jesus Christ, seeing Him and exemplifying Him in each and every whom she visits or helps. Would you like to be a Lady of Charity?

Saturday Group To Hear Doctor Hogan

Geneva—Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Hogan, principal of DeSales High School, will be guest speaker at the First Saturday Luncheon of Geneva DeSales National Council of Catholic Women according to Mrs. Lewis J. Fowler, deansery president.

The luncheon will be held at Hotel Seneca, here, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Thomas Jennings is chairman. Reservations must be by March 4.

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Testimonial To Faithful Friar



ELMIRA FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY, Knights of Columbus paid tribute to the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, its faithful friar at a dinner Monday in Mark Twain Hotel. Joining in the testimonial are: (seated from left) Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., Elmira dean; Father Schwab, Philip J. Sullivan, dinner chairman; (standing, from left) Monsignor Francis J. Lane, Elmira Reformatory chaplain; William F. O'Donnell, faithful navigator.

Fathers and Sons Dinner Slated For Owego Men

By HELEN A. BROSNAN

Owego — The first monthly breakfast meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church was attended by more than 40 members. The first meeting of this type was held in the church hall following the monthly Communion Mass of the society on Feb. 14. The business session was conducted by John E. McTamney, Sr. president.

Plans were made for the annual Father and Son dinner which will be held Monday evening, Mar. 17 in the church hall. James Cavataio was appointed general chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements. He is being assisted by Girard Gavin, Paul Egan, John Woloch, Maurice McMahon, Raymond Stella, Jr., Harry Barrett, Harold Conner, Walter Fairlie, Gilbert Forsythe, Paul McCormick, and Ralph McMillen.

The World Series will be shown following the dinner.

All men of the parish, whether members of the Society or not, are invited. Each man attending is expected to be accompanied by at least one boy.

Owego — Investiture ceremonies of the recently organized Boy Scout Troop, 57, of St. Patrick's, will be held in the parish hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 27. Members of Troop 38, Owego, of which Alfred Tilly is Scoutmaster, will be in charge of the ceremonies. The colors will be presented by John E. McTamney, president of the Holy Name Society which is sponsoring the group; and Dr. Harold Phelps, Commander of Glenn A. Warner Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Colors will be blessed by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's.

Joseph Letrus is scoutmaster of the new troop and the assistant is Robert Reynolds. Robert Simpson is the Scout committee man from the society and Frank McGovern is the institutional representative.

Owego — A book review will be featured in the entertainment program following the regular business meeting of Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, Tuesday evening, March 2.

Mrs. Katherine Blanchard, a member of the faculty of the Owego Free Academy, and a member of Court St. Rose of Lima, will review the book, "The Song of Bernadette."

Mrs. Helen Knox, Grand Regent, will preside during the business meeting. During the Marian Year, each meeting is opened with the recitation of the Rosary.

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Father Schwab Honored By 4th Degree Knights

More than 150 members of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, their Ladies and guests attended an appreciation dinner at the Mark Twain Hotel last Monday night in tribute to Rev. Leo G. Schwab, Faithful Friar of the Assembly.

Rev. Benedict A. Ehrmann, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, was guest speaker and pointed out that "responsible citizenship demands that we be not merely recipients but doers; not only inheritors but creators; and as we have inherited the past, we must help to shape the future of our glorious land."

Continuing, the speaker said, "always there are new frontiers and barriers to conquer and we must have an understanding of our citizenship and that understanding calls for constant effort to educate and form our minds in the ideas as well as the ideals of our democracy."

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St. John's Women Groups Told Of Role In Church

About 75 members of the Sodality and Altar Society of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira attended the Annual Dinner, held February 22nd at the New England Kitchen.

Principal speaker was the Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, Administrator of St. Charles, Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights and former Assistant Pastor at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira.

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Food Sale Scheduled By L. of C. Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity will conduct a food sale, Saturday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. at Sheehy's.

Mrs. Karl Close is general chairman, assisted by the following committee: Madames Charles Stevens, Frank Fabinski, Bernard Eissen, Paul Donovan, Joseph Milliken, J. J. Shedio and Uri French and Miss Loretta Bolton.

Main project of this committee of the Ladies of Charity is to call upon new Catholic mothers and babies and to give them a medal blessed by His Excellency Bishop Keane and a booklet of information concerning the care and raising of Catholic children.

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