Saturday Mass Set At St. Agnes

The First Saturday Mass and Breakfast sponsored by Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will be held on Saturday, March 6 at St. Agnes High School, 876 East Main St. according to Mrs. John J. Mahoney, regent.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. by the Rev. William J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church. Breakfast will follow in the high school.

Reservations for the breakfast are being made with Miss Margaret Mary Schnorr, COngress 4110 and Miss Virginia Winterroth, COngress 8968.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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HOW would we react to a persecution in America, if such a cross were given to us? A Eurpean writer recently stated that we would fail because we believe in a "Catholicism without crisis", that is, in a religion without a Cross. We wish that writer could read the thousands of letters we receive every day from our faithful who deny themselves luxuries and necessities in order to make a sacrifice for the Holy Father's Missions. These friends of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith are already "martyrs" in spirit.

Our children would react to persecution as the Chinese children are doing now. One young girl about nine years of age was asked to "renounce the imperialistic priests". The persecutors said to her: "Your choice is between signing and denying your country". Her answer was: "My decision was made a long time ago. It is for you to choose between sending me to prison or deporting me to Siberia." Another girl twelve years of age missed school on Sunday to attend Mass. She was beaten by her Communist teacher before the class. The next day in protest against the unjust brutality of the Communists, the whole class, including many pagan teachers attended Mass.

The Cross of Our Lord has lovers everywhere. Take the businessman who recently came to our attention. Whenever he eats in a restaurant, he always chooses the cheapest items on the menu, regardless of what they are, in order to make a dialy sacrifice for the Holy Father's Missions. Maybe we know only the good ones, but that is also because it takes a good person to make a sacrifice to help our missions in Africa and India and elsewhere.

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GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. L. and her two sons. "Shortly after receiving MISSION, I had occasion to open the banks of my sons. The smallest said: 'Mother, let's send some of this money to the missions for the poor children.' The other boy agreed. The enclosed $6 is from both boys." . . . to W. J. Q. for $3.10 " I saved ten cents a day for a month and wish to forward this to you for the Missions." . . . to Mrs. U. B. "The enclosed $10 was saved from my household expenses." . . . to I. W. E. for $17. "This money was saved through mortification during Advent." . . . to E. N. for $19.45. "I received $1.50 for my birthday and decided nto to buy a dress for $12.95 and $5 is in thanksgiving for a quick recovery of our baby from pneumonia." . . . to J. B. "I am sending you $1.50 for which I was going to buy a model airplane. I hope that this money will help a poor starving boy my age" . . . to Mrs. J. H. "Each month when we make a payment on our home, we send a donation for the missions—striving to build up a down payment on our permanent Home." . . . to E. M. S. "Enclosed is $10.16 which represents the proceeds from the sale of an old pair of ice skates. Together with other small amounts, I am sure that it will be useful to your worthy cause." . . . to M. K. "My three youngest children decided to ask for fewer toys this year and send the money to the Missions. Enclosed is $15."

Cut out this column, pin our sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 38th Street, New York 16x, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

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Catholic Belief Course Set For Geneva Inquirers

Geneva — An information course on the Catholic faith will be given beginning at 8:15 p.m., Monday, March 8, in De Sales High School.

While this class is set up primarily for persons interested in learning about the faith, all Catholics are invited. They are invited to accompany their non-Catholic friends.

THE COURSE of instruction will merely outline the chief truths of the faith and each session wil be followed by a question and answer period. Questions will be proposed by the audience and answered by the priest.

The course will run for two months.

The schedule is as follows: **March 8**, "The Existence and Nature of God"; **March 15**, "Sin"; **March 22**, "Redemption"; **March 29**, "Life of Christ"; **April 5**, "The Church"; **April 12**, "The Sacraments"; **April 19**, "The Commandments"; **April 26**, "The Last Things."

3-Day Retreat To Open At Nazareth

Nazareth College students will begin their annual three-day retreat Ash Wednesday, Mar. 3. The Rev. Bernard I. Mullahy, C. S. C., vice-provincial of the Priests of the Holy Cross, will be retreat master for juniors and seniors; and the Rev. Arthur S. Harvey, professor of speech and dramatics at Notre Dame University, for freshmen and sophomores.

According to **The Gleaner**, Nazareth College newspaper, Father Mullahy has requested that students be given an active part in the work of the retreat by writing meditations on the mysteries of the rosary which apply concretely to student life. These are to be used in the recitation of the rosary.

Retreat will begin each day with the recitation of Prime and will conclude with Compline in the evening. Informal discussions will be held in the evening. Classes will be resumed Monday morning, Mar. 8.

Security Tax Rise Explained By Aide

Beginning January 1, 1954, the social security tax contribution from an employee's pay was increased from 1½ percent to 2 percent. The employer's tax contribution was also increased from 1½ to 2 percent.

"This increase in the tax contribution is in accordance with the tax schedule set up when the Social Security Act was changed in 1950, and is not a 'new' tax," says B. L. Keenen, manager of the Rochester social security office. This tax schedule provides for periodic tax increases in anticipation of future obligations of the program, but the next increase is not until 1960.

The social security tax for self-employed persons covered by the law was also increased beginning with 1954. The tax was changed from 2¼ percent to 3 percent. As the self-employed pay their social security tax but once each year, and that at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present rate of 2¼ percent on their 1953 income.

This will be due not later than March 15, 1954, the income tax date deadline. The increased rate of 3 percent will be on 1954 self-employment income, and it will be due with the Federal income tax on March 15, 1955.

Further information regarding the changes in tax contributions may be obtained from your nearest social security office. The social security office in Rochester is located in Room 612 Granite Building, 130 East Main Street.

Mothers List Fashion Show

Mothers' Troop Committee of Girl Scout Troops 117 and 357 of St. Boniface Church is sponsoring a fashion show on March 1, at 8 p.m. in the school hall. Proceeds will be used for the troops' summer camping activities. Women's, men's, and children's spring fashions from Penney's will be modeled by some of the girl scouts and their parents.

As chairman, Mrs. Hugh McDonald, has appointed the following committees; refreshments, Mrs. Walter Mason, Mrs. Herbert Harvey; tickets, Mrs. Clement Bayer, Mrs. Geno Termotto, Mrs. Patrick Honadle; models, Mrs. Francis MacArthur, Mrs. Edward Sloan, Mrs. Kenneth Barber; publicity, Mrs. William Smith.

Pre-Lenten Party Listed At CWC Club

Catholic Women's Club will sponsor a pre-Lenten dessert-bridge on Friday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m.

Mrs. George H. Cannon and Mrs. Alfred F. Hoffman will be co-chairmen.

Hostesses will be: Mesdames Emmett Connaughton, Albert W. Ferguson, Martin A. McAuliffe, Edward E. Roland, Fay M. Fealthy and Miss Laura Connaughton.

Bishop Kearney Scholarship Fund

GENEVA CATHOLIC NURSES established the Bishop Kearney Scholarship Fund at a dinner meeting. Shown at the session are: (front row, from left) Mary Ellen Lynch, chairman; Miss Mary Bertino, president; Mrs. Adela Green, secretary; Miss Marian Whalen, toastmistress and Mrs. Loretta Linehan, treasurer; (rear) the Rev. John V. Laughlin, the Very Rev. Edward K. Ball, V.F., the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan and the Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Hogan. (P. B. Oakley photo).

Bishop Honored By Geneva Nurses Scholarship Fund

Geneva — Geneva unit of Catholic Nurses as a tribute to His Excellency Bishop Kearney, is instituting a Bishop Kearney Scholarship fund for nurses.

Announcement of the fund was made at the annual mothers and daughters banquet held in Hotel Seneca. One hundred were present.

The unit members hope that by 1955 the fund will have grown so that the unit will be assisting a nurse in one of the Diocesan hospitals.

Due to inclement weather, the guest speaker, Bishop Kearney, was unable to attend the banquet.

NURSES AND guests from Clifton Springs, Canandaigua, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Newark, Auburn, and Geneva were present.

Guests included the Rev. Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, the Rev. John V. Loughlin, the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, pastor of St. Stephen's Church; and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Hogan, principal of De Sales High School, Robert E. Johnson, administrator of Geneva General Hospital, and Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Elizabeth Jones, director of Nurses.

The guests spoke briefly expressing their best wishes to the nurses and their mothers.

MISS MARY BERTINO president of the unit, welcomed the guests.

Miss Marion S. Whelan was toastmistress. She presented a corsage to Mrs. Anna Holleran Toole, a graduate of Geneva General Hospital, in gratitude for her years of continuous service in nursing.

Miss Martha Nagle, daughter of Mrs. Helen Nagle of Teall Beach, received a corsage as an inspiration as she begins her career in nursing. Miss Nagle is a recent graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Miss Mary Ann Handlan, a student at Nazareth College, Rochester, entertained with vocal selections. Miss Handlan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Handlan, 96 Pulteney St.

Miss Mary Ellen Lynch was chairman of arrangements for the banquet.

St. Francis Group Holds School Benefit

Auburn—The Sacred Heart Society of St. Francis D'Assisi Church entertained at a pre-Lent en dance Saturday, Feb. 20 at the school hall. Dancing was enjoyed from 9 until midnight with the proceeds going to the new school. Mrs. Frank DePaull was general chairman of the party.

Veterans' Units Set Smorgasbord At OLPH

Members of Catholic War Veterans Post and the Ladies Auxiliary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will hold their Seventh Annual Smorgasbord at the School Hall, 1069 Joseph Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Serving will begin at 7 p.m. Dance music will be furnished by a Bavarian orchestra.

Committees are: Tickets, Sadye Coleman, Celine Knauer; Food, Ida Hellen, Kay Ruff, Helen Beo, Helen Glinke, Julia Bossert, Ann Batz, Francis Blier, Cella Schleble, Florence Helmrich; Decorations, Marian Bleier, Eileen Blier, Irene Bock and Esther Eaves.

Pre-Marriage Retreat Set In Cenacle March Schedule

A Preparation for Marriage Retreat is one of four weekend spiritual exercises scheduled during March at Cenacle Convent, 693 East Ave., the Religious in charge announced today.

The March schedule at the Cenacle follows:

RETREATS:

March 5 to 7—Young Business Girls, Rev. Terence Cummings, S.A., retreat master.

March 12 to 14—Carmelite Tertiaries, Rev. Alexis McCarthy, O. Carm.

March 19 to 21—Preparation for Marriage Retreat, Rev. Kieran Hickey, O. Carm.

March 26 to 28—Mercy High School Alumnae Association, Rev. Herbert Clancy, S.J.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION:

Thursday, March 4—Eucharistic Guild, 9:15 a.m., Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B.

Thursday, March 11—St. Bonaventure University Alumni Auxiliary, and St. Louis Guild, Pittsford, Very Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J.

Thursday, March 18—St. Theodore, Gates and St. James, Rochester, Rev. Henry Atwell.

Thursday, March 28—St. Anne's Rosary Society, Brighton, Rev. William J. Gaynor.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION:

Wednesday, March 10—Young Matrons Group of Catholic Women's Club, 7:15 p.m., Rev. William Jamison, C.SS.R.

GUILD MEETINGS:

Tuesday, March 2—St. Raphael's Guild, 7:15 p.m., Rev. E. Leo McManmus.

Monday, March 8—Blessed Gourdere Guild, 7:15 p.m., Rev. William Jamison, C.SS.R.

Sunday, March 14—St. Regis Guild for High School Girls, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Rev. Otto Vogt.

Monday, March 15—Our Lady of the Cenacle Guild, 7:15 p.m., Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt.

The Holy Hour for the intentions of the priests will be conducted on Thursday, March 4 from 8 to 9 p.m. by the Very Rev. John H. O'Loane, C.S.B.

Jesuits Give 1,016 Retreats For 79,756 Persons In '53

A total of 79,756 men and women attended 1,016 retreats conducted by priests of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus during 1953, according to figures just released by the Rev. John A. Hughes, S.J., Director of Retreats and Missions of the Province, 501 East Fordham Road, New York 58, N. Y.

These figures include 70 retreats given to 2,965 diocesan clergy, six given to 557 seminarians, 44 to 1,962 male religious, 230 to 12,829 female religious, 346 to 32,194 laymen, 299 to 25,225 laywomen and 21 given to mixed lay groups totalling 4,024 persons.

THE RETREAT and Mission Band of the Province consists of 20 Jesuit Fathers who act as Retreat Masters and Missioners in the dioceses of New York, Brooklyn, Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo, Ogdensburg and Newark and Paterson in New Jersey.

In addition they are given special assignments for retreats and missions outside these areas. In this work they are assisted by other priests of the Province who are stationed in the Jesuit high schools and colleges in New York and northern New Jersey.

Although the great majority of such activities during the past year took place in the New York-New Jersey area, representatives of the Band went as far as Denver, Colorado; Ontario, Canada; Mobile, Alabama; and Washington, D. C., for the conduct of these spiritual exercises.

Groups as diverse as business men's organizations, communities of cloistered sisters, high school students and West Point cadets were among those who availed themselves of the guidance of Jesuit Retreat Masters of the Province in 1953. Retreats were given for groups of nurses at 14 hospitals and at 12 colleges for men and 15 colleges for women in the northeastern United States.

Plans for the Retreat and Mission Band for 1954, as outlined by Father Hughes, include, in addition to the regular schedule of retreats and missions, missions for teenagers, novenas to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June, retreats to religious communities through the summer, a series of missions in October, novenas to the Immaculate Conception in December and year-end retreats for religious.

SMS Breakfast Set As Part Of Golden Jubilee

Seneca Falls—The S.M.S. Society will hold a Communion Breakfast for its members and their families on Sunday, March 7. The day will open with the reception of the Holy Communion by the men in a group at the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church. The breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the S.M.S. Society Hall on Ovid St.

TOASTMASTER IS Anthony Piscitelli. Rev. John P. O'Bierne, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, will be a guest of honor as well as several Capuchin Fathers from the Retreat House in Geneva.

The breakfast is the first of a series of events which will be held by the Society during the year in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the organization.

Co-chairmen of the breakfast are Louis Centollela and Peter Giovanetti.

A special committee has been appointed to begin formulating plans for the Golden Jubilee Banquet to be held later in the year, probably in this fall.

Equity Knights Plan March 17th

Plans are being formulated for the annual St. Patrick's Banquet and Ball, sponsored by the Knights of Equity.

The banquet will be held at the Powers Hotel on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 according to Frank E. Donnelly, Vice President of the Community Bank, and this year's chairman. The dinner will be followed by entertainment.

An address by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, and selections by widely known artists will feature this year's program.

John A. Conway, assistant District Attorney will be Toastmaster. Dancing will follow and will last until midnight.

Joseph Kennedy, the Sir Knight, announced that tickets may be secured from the members, with Michael T. Ryan, Tom Davis and Chris Delanty in charge of ticket distribution.

Sophomore Testing Program Scheduled

To assist in their educational and vocational planning, Nazareth College sophomores will participate in the twenty-third National Sophomore Testing Program Tuesday, Mar. 2.

The program, under the direction of the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., is designed to measure students' abilities and interests in major fields of college study. Scores enable the student to understand her own qualifications as compared with those of other college sophomores throughout the United States.

The series of tests is administered annually by the guidance department of the women's college. On the basis of results, students are counseled in selecting fields of concentration as upperclassmen and are helped to prepare for vocations for which they are best suited.

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