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Msgr. Higgins Named Social Action Head

Washington — (NC) — Msgr. George G. Higgins, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been named Director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The appointment was announced by Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, who has just taken up duties of Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Social Action department.

Monsignor Higgins succeeds Father Raymond A. McGowan, whose resignation because of ill health had been announced by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, the retiring Episcopal Chairman of the department.

A member of the Department of Social Action staff for more than 10 years, Monsignor Higgins had served as assistant director under Father McGowan since January, 1946. He is widely known for his writings and talks on Catholic social teachings.

Silver Jubilee Mass Set By Court Rochester

Silver Jubilee Mass of Court Rochester, Catholic Daughters of America will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel, 8 Prince St. on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 9 a.m.

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Guests at a Communion breakfast following the Mass will be Bishop Kearney and Mrs. Frank Donahue, of Brockport, who as state monitor, will represent the State Officers of the CDA at the jubilee.

Miss Sara Malone will be toastmaster. Mrs. Joseph A. Murphy, past regent of Court Rochester is general chairman.

THE CATHOLIC Daughters court in Rochester was founded in 1920 following a state convention of the organization held at Hotel Seneca, here. With the late Miss Margaret Wickman as first grand regent, the court was given the encouragement of the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern.

First project was the supplying of furnishings for the rectory of the Most Precious Blood Church, Stenson St. and Lexington Ave., then newly established.

Down through the quarter century the Court members besides carrying on their own program worked for some time at the former Merrimac Center for the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Vogt, then in charge.

LATER THE COURT assisted the Rev. Edward J. Tolster in carrying on a youth program at Henrietta Hayloft. Another project has been the supplying of First Communion dresses, layettes and other articles for the Medical Missions.

Of recent months, the members of the Catholic Daughters have been cooperating with the Catholic Family Center.

Mrs. Murphy is being assisted in jubilee plans by the following committees: reception, Mrs. John T. Shapley, grand regent; Mesdames Andrew Dwyer, and Mortimer Donovan, Ellen Burkhardt, Katherine Knittel, James Tighe, the Misses Mary Clark, Mary Babb, Irene Culliton, Elizabeth Roby, Agnes Johnston and Irene Martin, vice regent.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET, Mesdames Charles J. Guzzetta, Joseph Iuppa and Joseph Doebrick; Shrine and decorations, Mrs. Harry L. Ferree and Mrs. Charles Combs; Program and publicity, Mrs. Frank T. Curtin and Mrs. John F. Croston.

Reservations are being taken by the Mesdames Russell Polizzi, William Mulcahy, Samuel LaTragna, Charles Schrandt, John Polvino, Joseph Tomaino and Miss Catherine Meyering.

Forum Speaker

EXTRA LECTURER in the Thomas More Lecture Forum, Sister Marie Suzanne, S.M.S.M., distinguished leprosarial scientist will discuss "Mercy, Medicine and a Mission," at Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Cenacle Convent Slates Triduum To Our Lady

Religious of the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., announce a triduum of evening sermons followed by Benediction, to take place at their convent in honor of Our Lady during the closing days of the Marian Year. Ceremonies will begin at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5, 6, and 7. Detailed plans are as follows:

Dec. 5: Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy — "Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix."

Dec. 6: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Craugh, Rector of St. Bernard Seminary—"Our Lady: Mediatrix of All Graces."

Dec. 7: Rev. Charles B. Connell —"Our Lady: Queen of the Universe."

Retreatants and friends, with their families, will participate in these ceremonies.

The Cenacle Convent, established in Rochester in 1948 to be a retreat house for women and girls, is one of 55 such convents maintained by the Congregation of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle.

One of the modern Congregations especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, it has as one of its aims the inculcating in those who are touched by its spiritual apostolate, a greater knowledge and love of Mary.

Besides those who follow spiritual exercises for a weekend or longer, this would include women and girls of every walk of life who are members of the different Cenacle guilds. The Cenacle motto reads "They were all persevering in prayer . . . with Mary the Mother of Jesus."

Announcement has also been made that His Excellency Bishop Kearney will officially close the Cenacle ceremonies by celebrating Evening Mass at the convent on Sunday, Dec. 12. Details are to be given later.

Indians Prefer 'Battle-Soiled' St. Michael

Ilave, Peru — (NC) — A Maryknoll missioner here has found out that Indians prefer their statues realistic.

Father Thomas F. Carrity, of Waterbury, Conn., had planned to give the statue of St. Michael, the town's patron, a thorough cleaning.

He soon found, however, that St. Michael has his own legions among the Andean Indians, who want their leader battle-scoiled. He gave up his cleaning efforts after a wave of Indian protests. The statue was put back in armor and dusty clothing.

Named Legate

Vatican City —(RNS)— His Eminence Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, has been named by Pope Pius XII as Papal Legate to ceremonies at the famed Lourdes Shrine in France on Dec. 8, marking the close of the Marian Year.

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Sisters Of Mercy To Hold Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sister dolls and homemade baked goods will highlight the Christmas Bazaar of the Sisters of Mercy and the Mercy Guild, Friday, Dec. 3, in Mercy's gymnasium from 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 p.m.

This annual sale will feature at the gift counter many handmade fancy goods such as aprons, handkerchiefs, and sister dolls fashioned by the sisters and the guild members.

Other gift suggestions will be found at booths containing religious articles, men's items, and mystery packages. The homemade baked goods of the sisters and the guild will be on sale also.

In keeping with the Christmas season the gymnasium will be gaily decorated and Christmas decorations and wrappings will be sold.

Many games of skill will be available, and light refreshments will be offered all during the sale.

Air Force Sponsors Closed Retreats

The Air Force has sponsored Closed Retreats for its Catholic personnel for the first time during National Youth Week.

Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, says more than 50 Retreat Houses in the United States and overseas were utilized to accommodate Air Force personnel and their dependents.

Spiritual Life Conferences for Protestant personnel and Jewish Torah Convocations for members of the Jewish faith are also being held this year.

Mrs. Sprague Rites Held In Ithaca

Ithaca — Funeral services for Mrs. Monica P. Sprague of 510 Mitchell St., who died Nov. 9, 1954, were held last Friday at the Bangs Funeral Home, followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne was celebrant, the Rev. Paul A. Morgan, deacon, and the Rev. Otto J. Vogt, subdeacon.

Seated in the Sanctuary were the Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, the Rev. James T. Baker, the Rev. Vincent P. Collins, the Rev. L. John Hedges and the Rev. Robert J. Downs.

Active bearers were Joseph F. Farley, William M. Egan, Raymond J. Slany, John H. Hardy, Sergio S. Santos and Charlton C. Hetzler.

Honorary bearers were Mesdames Isabel Davis, Frances Spano, Lillian Charron, Clara Smith, Sonia Peech, Mary Daniels, Mary Hetzler, Lucy Aguilar, Nell Bedell, Jane Lisenring, Phyllis McKee, Eileen Kohles, Geneveive Bossack, Mary McCarthy, Rita Egan, and Elizabeth Hartsock, members of the Altar and Rosary Society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and the Parent-Teacher Association of the school.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, where Msgr. Byrne conducted the prayers at the grave assisted by the priests who attended the Mass.

500 Parishioners Make Marian Year Pilgrimage

Approximately 500 persons from St. Thomas Parish made a Marian Year Pilgrimage Sunday afternoon in two buses and 97 automobiles to three churches bearing the titles of Our Blessed Mother.

The group left St. Thomas at 2:30 p.m. and proceeded to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church where the Marian Year prayer was led by Rev. John A. Morgan followed by the Litany of Loretto, prayers for the Holy Father's intentions and finished with a hymn to the Blessed Mother.

At Holy Rosary Church, the prayers were repeated led by the Rev. Daniel V. Hogan. At Mother of Sorrows Church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor, gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

MONSIGNOR BURNS told the congregation how pleased the Blessed Mother must have been with the devotion of the people of St. Thomas to Her.

This was the second event within the month of November in honor of the Mother of God by the parishioners of St. Thomas. On Nov. 1 the parish honored Our Lady when the Holy Father declared the new feast in honor of Mary—Her Queenship.

At that time the Church was filled as never before for the consecration of the parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the crowning of a statue of Our Lady in recognition of Her Queenship. And now the parish is drawn even closer to the Heart of Mary through this tremendously successful pilgrimage.

Cardinal Cicognani Gets Vatican Post

Vatican City — (RNS) — His Eminence Gaetano Cardinal Cicognani, a member of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, has been named its Pro-Prefect by Pope Pius XII.

He succeeds Giuseppe Cardinal Bruno, who was Prefect from last March until his death Nov. 10. The Apostolic Signature Tribunal is the highest Vatican court of appeals.

Cardinal Cicognani is a brother of Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Pilgrims Slate Bethlehem Trips

Jerusalem. — (RNS) — More than 2,500 Arab and other Christians living in Israel have already filed applications for three-day passes to cross the border into Jordan-controlled Bethlehem on pilgrimages during the Christmas season, it was reported here.

It is expected that the number permitted to cross over into Jerusalem's Old City on Dec. 24 for the five-mile pilgrimage to Bethlehem will far exceed last year's record total of 3,000.

At Teachers College Initiation Ceremony

Geneseo — Newman Club of State University Teachers College at Geneseo held its annual ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

The program consisted of the initiation ceremony, a talk by the Rev. Peter Jankowski followed by a short talk by the club's president, Carolyn Vangallo, Geneseo. A formal tea followed the ceremonies.

Spanish Cardinal Appointed Legate

Manila — (RNS) — His Eminence Fernando Cardinal Quiroga y Palacios, Archbishop of Santiago de Compostella, Spain, has been named by Pope Pius XII as Papal Legate to the Philippine National Marian Congress to be held here Dec. 1-5.

Announcement of the appointment was made here by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Papal Nuncio to the Philippines.

Seal Sale Quota Set

Returns for the first three days of the 1954 Christmas Seal Sale being conducted in Monroe County outside the city amounted to $4000.00 according to Mrs. Miller R. Hutchison, Jr., of Brighton, Christmas Seal Sale chairman for the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County. Funds received in this campaign are the sole support of the work of the County Health Committee and quota for this year is $42,000.

1st Railroad Chapel Planned In Boston

Boston, Mass. —(RNS)— The nations first railroad station chapel will be opened at South Station here before Christmas, Roman Catholic Archbishop Richard J. Cushing announced.

A renovated movie theatre adjoining the main concourse of the station will house the new unit, to be known as "Our Lady of the Railways Chapel."

The name was selected to correlate with the title of the world's first permanent airport chapel here, "Our Lady of the Airways." A third travelers' chapel is located here at Commonwealth pier and is called "Our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel."

Archbishop Cushing said that redecoration of the South Station theatre would begin immediately so that pre-Christmas services may be held there.

Apostolic Delegation Staff Aide Named

Washington — (NC) — Msgr. Pio Laghi, 32, has joined the secretariat of the Apostolic Delegation here, it has been announced by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Monsignor Laghi was transferred here from Managua, Nicaragua, where he served on the staff of the Apostolic Nunciature from March 1, 1952, until earlier this month. A native of Castiglione, Forli, Italy, the Monsignor is the son of Antonio and Laura Conti Laghi who reside in Faenza, Italy.

Medical Nuns Open 'Coconut Paradise'

Philadelphia, Pa.—(RNS)—The Catholic Medical Mission Sisters announced at their motherhouse here the opening of the order's seventh hospital in India.

They are calling it, fondly, their "coconut paradise." It is located in the coconut grove village of Thuruthipuram, on the Travancore peninsula, near the Arabian sea in South India. The institution has been named the Archbishop Attipetty Memorial Hospital. It has 24 beds and is staffed by five nuns, headed by Sister M. Francis, M.D., of Chicago, who is a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania here.

Slovaks Editions

Cleveland, O. —(NC)— A new translation of the New Testament into Slovak has just been published, the work of a Slovak refugee Karol Strmen, a teacher at Benedictine High School here.

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