

Ban Sought On Gideon School Bibles

Westminster, Md. (RNS)—A petition was filed in Carroll County Circuit Court here asking that the county school board be restrained from permitting the distribution of Gideon New Testaments to students.

John A. O'Donnell, a local lawyer, charged that the school board was engaged in "active participation in the affairs of a religious organization" in violation of the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

The New Testaments are distributed by the Gideons International, a Protestant organization.

THE PETITION described the Bibles as "copies of religious Scripture, sectarian in nature and susceptible of many interpretations."

It alleged that the State's public school machinery is being used to help "sectarian groups further their religious interests."

Chief Judge James E. Boylan, Jr., granted a temporary injunction against distribution of the Testaments in the schools. He did not set a date for hearings on the petition.

Mr. O'Donnell said he did not institute the action as a Roman Catholic but because "as a lawyer and a veteran, I have sworn many times to uphold the Constitution."

"That was my only consideration in acting against what I believe to be a flagrant abuse of the Constitution," he added.

Mr. O'Donnell cited the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal in October, 1954, to review a New Jersey Supreme Court ruling that distribution of Gideon New Testaments to Rutherford, N. J., public school children was unconstitutional.

The New Jersey Supreme Court decision, which the U. S. High court declined to review, said the Gideon Bible is a "sectarian book" and its distribution in the public schools violates the state constitution and the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

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AT PRAYER—Novices at St. Basil's Novitiate, Augustine St., Rochester, are shown above reciting the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, a daily devotion for candidates of the Basilian Fathers. (Thomas Casey Photo)

AT PLAY—On their own hockey rink, novices Edward Zemla, Windsor, Ont.; George Di Giovanni, Rome, Italy; Joseph Molnar and James Kennedy, Windsor, Ont. are halted in the middle of a game by bell-ringer Thomas O'Sullivan, Detroit, Mich.

Basilian Fathers Of Future Prepare At Local Novitiate

By ROBERT SMITH

The drawl of the Lone Star State and the clipped accents of the Roman are both represented in the 15 young men spending a year as novices in the Rochester Novitiate of the Basilian Fathers on Augustine St.

Four of the novices hail from Windsor, Ontario, four from Detroit, Mich., three from Houston, Texas, and one each from the Bronx, N. Y., Baltimore, Md., Elmhurst, N. Y., and Rome, Italy.

The Roman in the group, George Di Giovanni, has been a Rochester resident for three years and attended St. John Fisher College under the direction of the Basilian Fathers before he entered the Novitiate last August. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Di Giovanni, 1341 Clifford Ave.

The Novitiate constitutes one wing of the Basilian residence where the Fathers live who staff Aquinas Institute. Founded as St. Basil's Novitiate in 1942, the house is the former Nazareth College, and prior to that, the Motherhouse and Normal School of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

THE NOVIATE YEAR is one of introduction into religious life, during which the young aspirant or novice follows the routine common to a Basilian, according to the Rev. James W. Embser, C.S.B., Master of Novices.

"Secular studies are set aside as the novice concentrates on the change-over from the life that he has known in the world to that of a religious," Father Embser said.

A novice begins his year on August 5 or September 2 with a 10-day retreat. At the end of the retreat, he receives the habit of a Basilian. The habit is a simple cassock of black serge, gathered at the waist by a plain corded cincture or sash. Then his novitiate life begins.

A Basilian novice rises at 5:30 a.m. and starts the day with meditation or mental prayer, Mass and Holy Communion.

A short recreation follows breakfast in which the silence is broken for the first time since the previous evening. Except for the three periods of recreation, silence is kept at all times.

THE DAY'S SCHEDULE is filled with various prayers and the religious exercises, performed as a group and privately, manual labor, study of the rule of the

Manual labor at the Novitiate can mean just about anything. As in the keeping of any private home, there is the routine dusting and cleaning, floors to be scrubbed and dishes to be washed. There are twenty seven rooms in the Novitiate, which makes for a great deal of sweeping.

The current work project of the novices is refinishing a huge oak staircase leading from the first to the second floor of the building.

During the good weather seasons, there is much to be done in keeping up the spacious grounds and gardens at the Augustine Street residence. Hoe, rake and lawn mower are in fairly constant use after the snow is gone.

RECREATION IS TAKEN as a group whenever possible and the sport seasons are followed in the Novitiate as they are everywhere else. Hockey is king at present, and the novices enjoy a full size rink in their own backyard. A new sport for the Texans, perhaps, it is "bread and butter" for the Canadians from Windsor.

Inside games, when the weather is inclement, include everything from bridge to "scrabble."

Periods of the day are marked by the "bell-ringer," who, a novice himself, calls the others to prayer, work or play according to the schedule. Another novice called the "ancient" is appointed by the Master of Novices to oversee and be responsible for work projects.

At any time, the novice is free to consult the Novice Master or the Confessor, the Rev. Donald B. Beninger, C.S.B.

As a novice, the young man is not officially a religious. At the successful ending of his novitiate year, he takes the temporary vows of poverty, chastity and

Pope's Condition Remains Unchanged

Vatican City—(NC)—The health condition of His Holiness Pope Pius XII remains unchanged. He is following a schedule of increased nourishment and more rest prescribed by his doctors, and meanwhile is limiting his activities to essential matters only.

It was announced that the Holy Father had entrusted to Msgr. Federico Calloni di Vignale, newly-appointed Master of the Chamber, the task of accepting the candles traditionally presented to the Pontiff on Candlemas Day, February 2.

NORMALLY, THE Pope appears personally in the Consistorial Hall to receive the candle offerings by all the chapters, collegiate churches and institutions of Rome. The fact that he passed up the ceremony this year does not indicate any new or serious element in his illness. Rather, it confirms the fact that he is not yet well enough to undertake

things which, while interesting and colorful, are not essential. Pope Pius received in audience in the Throne Room the new Ambassador to the Holy See from Peru, Dr. Dionisio Arias Schreiber, who formally presented his credentials.

The usual ceremonial was employed from the time the ambassador arrived in the St. Marcellus Courtyard until his visit to St. Peter's Basilica and the altars of the Blessed Sacrament, the Madonna, and the Confession.

FOLLOWING THE formal ceremony, Pope Pius invited Mr. Arias to his private library for a cordial visit, just as he has done times without number for other diplomatic representatives.

Know Your Saints

How to recognize St. Apollonia: Holding a Pincer with a Tooth: Instrument of torture before her martyrdom.

Palm: Symbol of the martyr's victory.

According to the legend Apollonia's mother, a pagan, was childless and prayers to her pagan deity did not bring her a child. When she became a Christian, she again prayed for a child and Apollonia was born.

When she was grown, Apollonia had a vision in which God commanded her to go to Alexandria to preach the Gospel. Arrived in Alexandria she made so many converts that the authorities arrested her.

Apollonia was ordered to worship the pagan god of the town. She refused to do so. Instead, she made the Sign of the Cross over it and the devil within the god rushed forth, shattering it into fragments.

Apollonia was then tortured by having all her teeth pulled out. A pyre was prepared to burn her and in her eagerness to gain eternal life, she rushed into it. St. Apollonia is invoked against toothache.



ST. APOLLONIA, Virgin Martyr

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Altar Society of St. Jerome Church, East Rochester, will hold a baked-food sale Friday, Feb. 11 at the Town Dry Cleaners, 110 W. Commercial St. beginning at 10 a.m.

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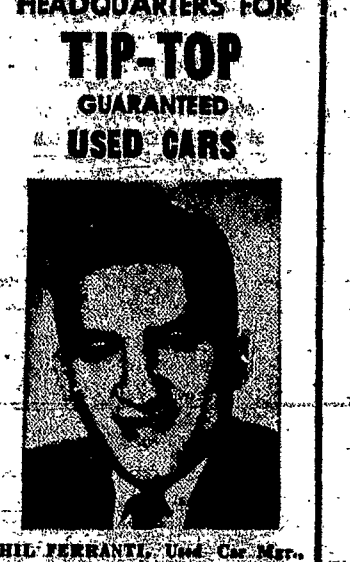
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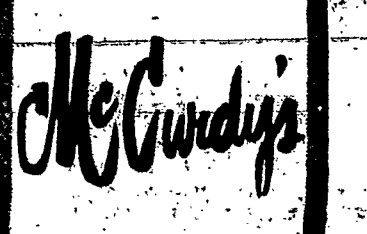
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