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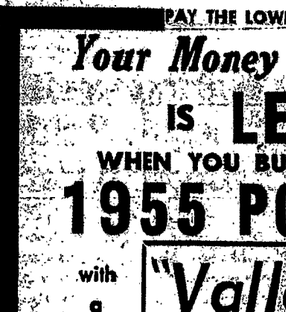

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SISTER AVILA is with the CLARIST SISTERS in Karuvannur, South India, as a novice. Can you help her in her need? Not blessed with this world's riches, she needs $150 for her support during each year of her two year's noviciate before she becomes a missionary for God. Can you make her your adopted daughter for eternity? She will be most grateful and you will share doubly in all her prayers.

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JOSEPH is in the first year of study at St. Anne's Seminary in Jerusalem. His six years of training before he becomes a priest of God will cost $600 altogether—$100 a year. Can you adopt him by giving this sum in any installments? He will be your priest—laboring for souls in the homeland of Our Lord and Our Lady.

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Bitter is the poverty in Jerusalem ever since the tragic days of 1948 when many lost their homes in Palestine during the Arab-Israeli war. Many of the aged have little or no shelter. Father Eugene is praying that we can find the funds to build them a modest "Old Folks Home." The Sisters of Charity will care for them. Can you help this most worthy cause? Write for our pamphlet, "SOMEBODY'S MOTHER."

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Father Hanna To Observe Silver Jubilee

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sumption church there. He was assistant at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, and St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn. For over three years, he was pastor of St. Anthony's, Elmira, and in 1942 enlisted as a Navy chaplain.

FROM NOV. 1942, Father Hanna was on overseas duty throughout the war, at Panama, North Africa, and Sicily.

While in Sicily, he conducted a boy's camp during the summer of 1945 for the "poorest and the best" boys of Palermo. Cardinal Lavitrano, then archbishop there, sent the chaplain a personal letter of commendation for this work.

Father Hanna attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander and has been active in veterans' organizations since returning to civilian life. He is presently American Legion 7th District chaplain in charge of an eight county area.

He is also chaplain of the Wayne County Legion program, and chaplain of the 40 and 8. He holds membership in the Palmyra Council K of C, 4th Degree K of C of Rochester, Musa Caravan, VFW Manchester Post and Macedon American Legion Post.

PRELIMINARY studies for the priesthood were made at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, and completed at the North American College in Rome. Father Hanna recalls that during his years as student in the Eternal City, the Fascisti under Mussolini, ruled Italy and agreed to a concordat with the Vatican. On the day after its ratification, over two hundred thousand packed St. Peter's Square and stood in a downpour of rain waiting for the Pope to give his blessing. It was the first time since 1870 that the Pope had appeared publicly.

Father Hanna attended the canonization rites of Madame Sophie Barat of the Sacred Heart community, and of St. Therese, Little Flower, and the beatification ceremony of the North American Martyrs. In 1925, Father Hanna attended the first Mass celebrated in honor of Christ the King which was offered by Pope Pius XI.

His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, then a Monsignor, was spiritual director of the North American College, and was later elevated to the episcopacy. Father Hanna served as thurifer at the new bishop's first pontifical Mass celebrated, Candlemas Day, 1926.

ORDINATION TO the priesthood in the College chapel was, at that time, a unique privilege, and only two other such rites had taken place there prior to Father Hanna's ordination. The ceremony conducted by his uncle, Archbishop Hanna, was attended by his parents, fellow students, and friends. Monsignor Eugene S. Burke, rector of the College, was his sponsor.

First Solemn Mass was celebrated by Father Hanna in the College chapel, Feb. 16, and his First Solemn Mass in America was offered July 15, 1930 at St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, where the sermon was given by the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern.

Attending the anniversary Mass on Feb. 13 will be Rev. Edward Lintz, Brockport pastor, and Rev. Jacob R. Rauber, Hilton, who will be chaplains to Bishop Casey, and Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, Fairport, master of ceremonies. Rev. John W. Cunningham of Alliance, Ohio, will be present in the sanctuary.

Keeping Refrigerator Clean

The average housewife finds that she no longer has any trouble cleaning out the refrigerator at least once a week.—O. A. Battista, "Life in Quotable Form."

Know Your Saints

ST. VALENTINE,
Martyr

How to recognize St. Valentine: With a crow on his shoulder: From a legend that this bird showed where Valentine was to be buried.

As a Bishop with mitre and crosier.

By scenes such as the one illustrated above which allude to his miracles of healing.

Little is known about St. Valentine.

What is known is that Valentine was a holy 3rd-century bishop. Summoned before the Roman Emperor Claudius and asked to worship the pagan gods, Valentine, of course, refused and tried to convert the Emperor to Christianity, even accepting the Emperor's challenge to cure his daughter's blindness. But when Valentine restored the girl's sight, the Emperor was more than ever filled with hatred of Valentine and ordered him beheaded.

The association of Valentine with young lovers and the custom of sending "valentines" seem to have grown out of the Christian-ization of the pagan festival of the Lupercalia celebrated in ancient Rome on February 15.

Why Read The Bible?

The following sermon was delivered to students of Nazareth College on Septugesima Sunday by the Rev. William H. Shannon, college chaplain:

You have heard perhaps of the young man who went to College and during his first week there received a package from his aunt. With eager curiosity he opened the package only to find, to his disappointment, that it contained —a Bible. He put it in his bookcase where it gathered dust. Four years later, when he was leaving College and gathering up his belongings, he picked up the Bible. From its unturned pages there fell a ten dollar bill.

I tell you this story, not to send you hurrying back to your Bibles to look for any stray ten dollar bills between their covers, but because this is the beginning of a week that has been set aside by the Bishops of the United States as Bible Week and because I should like to suggest to you that there is a great deal of reading pleasure and spiritual enlightenment that is lost on so many of us because the Bible remains for us a closed book.

ONLY THREE TIMES in Our Lord's life do we hear the words of the Father spoken to us. On each occasion the words are the same: "This is My Beloved Son, listen to Him." The secret of happiness in the Christian life is to know and love Jesus Christ. As St. John tells us: "This is eternal life, to know God and Jesus Christ Whom He has sent."

Suppose we were to receive an announcement telling us: Jesus Christ will lecture tomorrow night at the Chamber of Commerce on "The Christian Life in the Modern World." We would all flock to see Him. We would all be eager to see what He looked like, how He acted, what He had to say to us. Yet that very experience can be ours, if in a spirit of faith and prayer we would turn daily to the pages of the New Testament.

Those of us who have made a consistent effort to read the New Testament regularly are surprised to find how strikingly modern it is, how almost without, our realizing it we find in the New Testament an answer to the problems that seem to be facing us at the moment, how the words of Christ fit the situation of our own lives.

PERHAPS YOU will say: "I'd like to read the New Testament regularly, but with classes and assignments, I can't really find the time." You know as well as I do that that really isn't a problem. You know as well as I do the things we want to do we find time to do.

Suppose you met a young man, got to know him and become quite fond of him. Suppose he writes to you several times a week. Perhaps his letter is a couple of pages long. It takes a little time to read it. You manage to find the time. You read the letter with eagerness and concentration—a concentration that is sometimes so complete that it makes it difficult for a teacher to begin a ten-thirty class.

I doubt very much if any of you has written to John Smith, let us say—the boy you have become fond of and said: "Dear John, I'm sorry, but you must stop writing to me during the school year. I'm very busy. I really dont have the time to read your letters."

No, I'm sure if you receive a letter of a couple of pages every day, you find the time to read it.

Yet a two-page letter is just as long as a chapter of the New Testament. It takes just as long to read a two-page letter as it does to read a chapter of the Gospels. Why is it that we find time for one and not the other? Does it mean that we are more fond of John Smith than we are of Jesus Christ?

LISTEN TO ST. PAUL'S words in today's Epistle. He is writing to the Corinthians, speaking of the athletic games so familiar to them. He reminds them of the time and effort that their athletes give to preparing themselves for the contests; and they are working only for a corruptible crown. How much more important then, says St. Paul to the Christians, that you should really work at living Christianity, for you are striving for an incorruptible crown.

Change the figure of speech. For athletes substitute students. Think of the time and effort you give, especially toward the end of a school term, to the acquisition of good marks. If there is anything that is a corruptible crown, it is an A or a B in an examination. How much more ought we to strive for union with God—an incorruptible crown!

Pick up your New Testament and use it daily. You probably will not find any ten dollar bills. You will find something infinitely more precious—something imperishable. You will find Jesus Christ.

Auburn Charities Names Director

Auburn — Appointment of an executive secretary to direct the new Catholic Charities Agency in Auburn was made at an organizational meeting held here Tuesday evening and attended by the agency's board members. He is Mr. Victor Favasuli who has served on the staff on the Catholic Family Center of the Rochester Catholic Charities since 1948.

The Board also announced that the new Auburn Catholic Charities Office will be located at 16 William Street. Opening is tentatively set for February 15.

THE MEETING HELD at St. Alphonsus Church Rectory named the Very Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus and Dean of Cayuga, as Temporary Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Louise W. Merna was appointed Temporary Treasurer.

The following committee was named to draw up a constitution: Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church, as chairman of the committee; Rev. Leo A. Jones, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport; George F. Train; Herbert T. Anderson; and Edward T. Boyle.

Election of permanent board officers and acceptance of the constitution will be made at the next meeting on March 1.

THE NEW executive secretary, Mr. Favasuli, who already has established his home in Auburn, attended Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's Seminary in Rochester. He graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1945.

He joined the Rochester Catholic Family Center in 1948 and in 1950 he was granted two years leave of absence for the purpose of specialized training. This included studies in social welfare at St. Patrick's College of the University of Ottawa in Canada; and field experience in family case work at the Jamaica Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Brooklyn; and service at the State Agricultural and Industrial School's psychiatric clinic at Industry, N. Y.

Following this special training, Favasuli resumed his post in the Rochester Catholic Family Center. He was named a staff supervisor in June 1954.

BESIDES MONSIGNOR Cowen and Father Straub, those who attended the board's organizational meeting were: Rev. Frederick L. Walz, King Ferry; Rev. Ralph Meyer, Aurora; Rev. Edward Kurdziel, O.F.M. Conv., Auburn; Rev. William E. Davie, Auburn; and Owasco; Rev. John B. Crow-Rev. Orrin W. Feller, Moravia ley, Auburn; Rev. John J. Nacca, Auburn; Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, diocesan director of Catholic Charities; Rev. Leo A. Jones, Weedsport; Gordon J. Cummings, King Ferry; Edward T. Boyle, Auburn; George F. Train, Auburn; Frank O'Connor, Auburn; Mrs. Laura C. O'Connell, Moravia; Mrs. Richard Connor, Union Springs; Mrs. George Beck, Auburn.

As announced previously, the new Catholic Charities Agency in Auburn will serve Catholics of Auburn and Cayuga County.

New College To Honor Carrolls

Allentown, Pa. — (RNS) — A Catholic college named after three noted American Carrolls will be established in this area, it was disclosed by Msgr. Leo G. Fink of Allentown.

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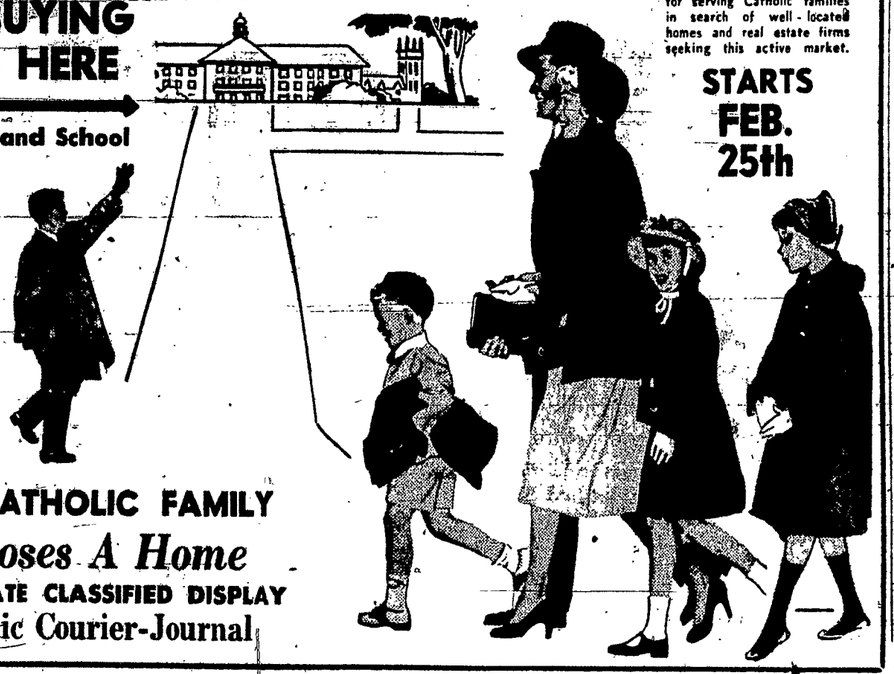

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