Ithaca Lay Catechists Observe Anniversary

Ithaca — Eleven catechists of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, observed on Thursday, May 26, at a dinner in Parish Hall, the second anniversary of their graduation as Certified Lay Catechists. It was in May, 1953, that His Excellency Bishop Kearney came to Ithaca and presented to the graduates their certificates of Christian Doctrine and Methods of Teaching Religion.

Also present on Thursday evening were 12 catechists-in-training — two from the newly-established parish of St. Pius X in Van Etten and ten from Immaculate Conception Parish — who on Sacred Heart Sunday, June 19, will be presented Certificates by Bishop Kearney qualifying them as trained catechists.

MRS. NELL BEDELL, toastmistress at the dinner and secretary of the trained catechists in Ithaca and Mrs. Clare Smith, president, both spoke briefly, stating they consider teaching Religion a privilege and feel that they themselves are benefited by it.

Sister Tarcisius and Sister Maureen, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart in Ithaca who supervise the training of the catechists, were present and expressed their gratitude to the zealous catechists who so willingly and capably assist the Mission Helpers in teaching Religion to the 800 children enrolled in the 73 weekly classes held in Ithaca and rural areas.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was a guest at the dinner. He paid tribute to the trained catechists and the catechists-in-training stating that because of the lack of religious vocations, the time has come when the laity must come forward to assist the priests and sisters in their work of teaching Religion. He said that bishops and pastors across the nation are relying more and more on trained militant Catholic lay teachers to staff parochial schools as well as conduct catechetical classes.

Rev. Otto Vogt and Rev. Robert Downs, assistants at the Church of the Immaculate Conception were also present. In the instruction of lay catechists, the assistant priests conduct the 30-hour course in Christian Doctrine.

GUEST SPEAKER was the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Father Schnacky lauded the work of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart in training lay catechists, and expressed the desire that more pastors might be as fortunate as Msgr. Byrne in Ithaca and Rev. Michael Reder, O.F.M. Cap., pastor at St. Pius X Church in Van Etten, in having in their parishes so extensive and well-organized a program of Religious Education for public school children. Father Schnacky invited the catechists to attend a regional convention of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at Lake Placid on Oct. 6-8. He also told of a National Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Congress which will be held in Buffalo in Nov., 1956, in which some of the Ithaca Catechists will participate either by giving demonstrations or talks on various phases of the Teachers Division of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Ithaca, which is meeting with much success.

Following the dinner, Father Schnacky entertained the group by showing the newest sound film strip visual aide produced by St. John University, which play such an important part in the teaching methods of the catechists.

The certified lay catechists present for the dinner were the Mesdames Nell Bedell, Margaret Bennett, Alice Benscoter, Carrie de Ycaza, Elizabeth Erway, Elisabeth Hartsock, Helen Hillick, Mollie Joyce, Ann Mahoor, Clare Smith and Elizabeth Zellar.

The Catechists-in-training for Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, who attended are John Cullen, Joseph Farley, Kerman Glaser, and Dr. Clinton Stimson. Also the Mesdames Lillian Baker, Alice Cullen, Caire Gilbert, Ann Grippen, Dorothy Sheehan and Dorothy Wilson.

Also attending the dinner were the Catechists-in-training for the parish of St. Pius X in Van Etten—Mesdames Lucy Junker and Mabel Murtaugh.

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Auburn CDA's 40th Anniversary

JOINING IN CELEBRATION of 40th Anniversary of Court Auburn Catholic Daughters of America at a dinner in Springside Inn, May 24 are: (seated, from left) Mrs. Albert Thomas, Owego, charter member; Miss Elisabeth A. Harmon, Auburn, past grand regent and district deputy; Mrs. Grace Partrick, North Rose, district deputy; (standing, from left) Rev. Joseph T. Gaynor, chaplain, Miss Marie C. Curry, Bellerose, L.I., state regent and national director; Mrs. George M. Frank, grand regent, Auburn, and Mrs. George A. Snyder, toastmistress.

Weddings In Corning

Bassett-Picarazzi

Corning—The single ring service was used for the wedding of Miss Mary Agnes Picarazzi of Corning and Norman B. Bassett of 223 Wall St., at St. Mary's Church last Saturday morning. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Alfred J. Horr, assistant pastor.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Angelo Picarazzi of 327 West Erie Ave., and the late Mr. Picarazzi. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bassett of 22 Ravine St., Hornell.

Miss Nancy Dowling was vocal soloist and Miss May Moran, organist.

Mrs. Carroll Snyder of Prattsburg, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Frank Bassett, Jr., of Rochester, brother of the groom was best man. Ushers were Robert Morse and Renato Sorge, both of Corning.

Wiedmaier-Miller

Corning—Before an altar decorated with white pompoms at St. Patrick's Church, Miss Eleanor Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Samuel Miller of 337 East Second Street, became the bride of Richard W. Wiedmaier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiedmaier of 208 Lincoln Street, Ithaca, May 7 at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Joseph Donovan, assistant pastor, performed the double ring ceremony, uniting the couple.

Joan C. Mitchell, Corning, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Mitchell and Mrs. Rose Mary Tombasco, both of Corning.

Robert Wiedmaier of Ithaca was best man for his brother and seating guests at the church were Dominic Alexander of Ithaca and Lloyd Shipley of Baltimore, Md.

Sowersby-Brucie

Corning—Miss Mary Ann Brucie, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Brucie of 70 East Pulteney Street and the late Mr Brucie, became the bride of Hiram T. Sowersby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sowersby of 9 Stanton Street, Painted Post, at 10 a.m., May 21 in St Vincent de Paul's Church. The double ring service was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph Guilfoil. Mrs. James Ward, organist, played appropriate music for the occasion.

As her maid-of-honor the bride chose Miss Rose Michell. The bridesmaid was Miss Ernestine Sowersby, sister of the groom and Miss Carol Ann Stamilio, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Vincent Brucie, brother of the bride, was best man, while ushering guests at the church were Francis Cowley of Erwin and John L. Fey, brother-in-law of the groom.

Miller-Sullivan

Bath — St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport, was the scene of the wedding Saturday morning, May 21, of Miss Esther G. Sullivan and John J. Miller.

Miss Sullivan is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hann of Bath, and Mr. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Miller, 9 Cameron Street, Bath.

The marriage vows were received by the Rev. John Lambert Rowan, O.F.M., cousin of the groom.

Attendants were Mrs. Doris Wilber, cousin of the bride as matron of honor; Norbert Buckley, cousin of the groom, best man; bridesmaids, Arlene Robords LeGro and Rita Rowan, sister of the groom, and ushers, Robert Rowan and Robert Wilber.

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Indian Tribesmen Will Be Ordained

New Delhi — (NC) — Two members of aboriginal tribes in India will be ordained Franciscan priests on Ascension Thursday, May 19. They are Joseph Hansdak and Anthony Xalxo, both members of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.

They will be ordained by Bishop August Wildermuth, S.J., of Patna in St. Francis' Church, Gokhia.

Father Hansdak, a Santal tribesman, is the second member of his tribe to be ordained a priest. Father Xalxo belongs to Oaron tribe, which numbers over 350,000 Catholics in northern India.

First Communion Of 47 Pupils Held In Waverly

By ELIZABETH TUCCINARDI

Waverly — The Sisters of the new St. James school presented their first class of First Communicants, which included some from the town and outlaying area public schools, at the 8:00 Mass Sunday morning, May 29th.

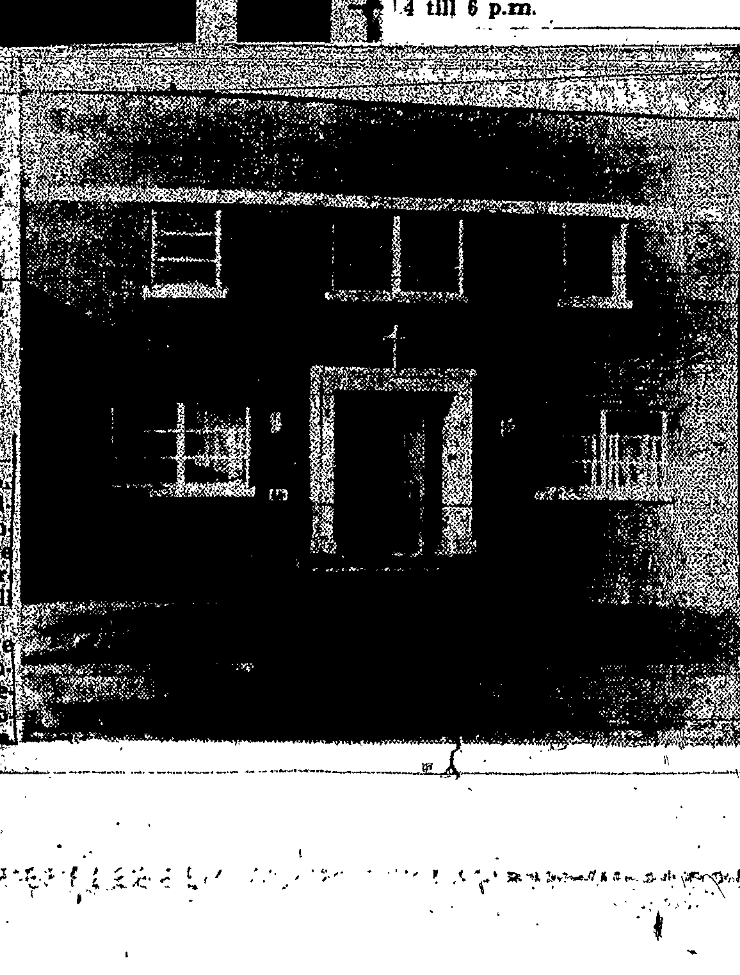
Twenty-seven boys and 20 girls were led into the Church in procession by two older girls dressed as angels.

In the afternoon, at Benediction Johanna Tersegno, escorted by members of the First Communion Class and altar boys, placed the crown upon the head of the Blessed Mother.

Waverly — Open house will be held at the St. James School, Sunday afternoon, June 5, for the parents and friends of the school children by Sister Mathilda, principal, Sister Marie Mathew and Sister Agnes Rosaire.

Waverly — On Wednesday evening, Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor of St. James Church, gave the invocation at the Betowski Vandemark American Legion home in Waverly at a dinner honoring charter members and past presidents.

New Mt. Carmel Convent



BLESSING of the new Mt. Carmel Convent to house Sisters of Mercy by His Excellency Bishop Kearney took place, Wednesday, this week. The Bishop celebrated Mass in the chapel, altar of which he and the Rev. Charles J. Azzi, pastor are inspecting above. Front view of convent, located at 59 Ontario St. is at right.

Released-Time Bill Fails In Arizona

Phoenix, Ariz. — (RNS) — Efforts to obtain passage of legislation authorizing released time religious education programs in Arizona failed here when the state legislature's current session closed with the bill still in committee.

Senators advocating passage of the measure said it was supported by several Protestant denominations as well as the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson.

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Area Students Take Degrees In Catholic College Rites

Students from the Diocese of Rochester receiving degrees in commencement ceremonies of Catholic colleges and universities outside the diocese are as follows:

Seton Hill College — Patricia Murnighan, 239 Alpine Dr., Rochester; Bachelor of Arts (psychology).

College of Notre Dame of Maryland—Marguerite R. Falcone, 26 Backus St., Rochester; Bachelor of Arts (biology).

Niagara University — Margaret A. Briceland, 653 Wellington Ave.; Joan M. Kase, 2233 Culver Rd.; Joy T. Veltz, 51 Baier Dr.; all of Rochester; Bachelor of Science (nursing sciences).

James F. Hamill, 276 Castle St., Geneva; Vincent A. Palermo, 92 Oaklawn Dr., Rochester, Katherine M. Sedita, 918 Glide St., Rochester; Bachelor of Business Administration.

Salvatore F. Colozzi, 65 Monica St.; Thomas R. Hafner, 92 Grafton St.; David M. Soble, 15 Harwood St.; all of Rochester; John J. Torell, Newark; Edward M. Gilbert, Geneva; Paul J. Laper, Auburn; Bachelor of Science (economics).

Christopher H. D'Amanda, 1045 Harvard St.; Sheldon J. Keenan, 300 Alexander St., Rochester; Russell G. Nolan, Auburn; Donald E. Kneeland, Corning; Bachelor of Arts.

Francis W. Feeley, Cohocton; Henry P. Patanella, Mt. Morris; James H. Stewart, Hornell; Bachelor of Science.

Arnold J. Steinberg, 45 Vassar St., Rochester; Master of Arts.

University of Notre Dame — David F. Miller, Bachelor of Science in Architecture; James A. Porcari, Jr., Donald G. Yeckel, Bachelor of Arts; James R. Schaeffer, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry; Edward R. Schickler, David J. Weidmann, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Gerald E. Schoenherr, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering; all of Rochester.

St. Vincent College—Richard F. Prola, 2326 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester; Bachelor of Arts (biology).

Newton College of the Sacred Heart—Lois Lee McGrady, 267 Alexander St., Rochester; Bachelor of Arts.

Marquette University—Biagino M. Marone, 15 Ontario St., Rochester; Master of Arts. Robert E. Yardly, 902 Dewey Ave., Rochester; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Alfred J. Farchione, East Rochester; Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Assumption College — Philip G. Beers, 166 Wendhurst Dr., Rochester, Bachelor of Science.

Manhattanville College — Angeline Mastri, 45 Oakman St., Rochester, Bachelor of Arts; Mary Ann Rice, Geneva, Bachelor of Arts.

Franciscan To Be Ordained In Washington

REV. MALCOLM KEENAN

Reverend Malcolm (William) Keenan, O.F.M. will be ordained to the holy priesthood at the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D.C., by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States on Thursday, June 9.

Father Keenan is the son of Mrs. Eleanor J. Keenan of 47 Upton Place, and the late Earl J. Keenan. He will celebrate his First Solemn Mass in Holy Cross Church, Rochester, on Saturday, June 11 at 11:15 a.m.

A GRADUATE of Holy Cross School, and of Aquinas Institute in 1945, Father Keenan attended Hobart and Union Colleges as a Naval Aviation Cadet. Upon release from service he worked for a year as a commercial pilot and flight instructor at Hilton Airport and then enrolled at St. Bonaventure University, graduating from there in 1950.

He entered the Franciscan Order making his novitiate at Paterson, N.J., and continued his studies of philosophy and theology at the clericates of the order in Butler, N.J. and Washington, D.C.

Assisting the newly ordained priest in the celebration of the Solemn Mass will be Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, pastor of Holy Cross Chrch, as arch-priest; Rev. Peter A. Carr, OFM, as deacon; Rev. Robert Donovan, as subdeacon; and Rev. John O'Malley, as master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Benedict Ballou, OFM, superior of Holy Name College, Washington, D.C., will preach the sermon.

Reception and first priestly blessings will be held at 124 Wildmere Rd. Saturday, June 11 from 4 till 6 p.m.

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