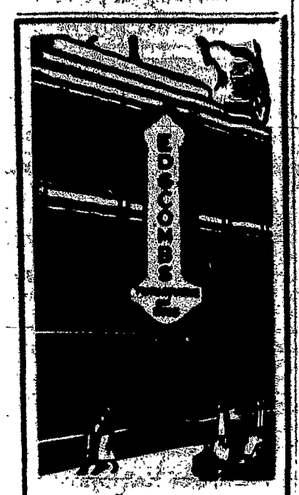

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Meaning Of Mass Told Owego Altar Rosary Unit

By HELEN A. BROSNAN

Owego — "It is amazing that the greatest prayer of the Catholic Church is the one most misunderstood. By the greatest prayer, I mean, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

These were the opening words of the Rev. Bruce A. Ammering, moderator of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Patrick Church, Owego, as he addressed members of the Society at the September meeting.

Father Ammering explained the various vestments worn by the priest when saying Mass. He described the meaning of each article, told of its origin, and repeated the prayer that the priest says as he invests himself in the various vestments. The moderator, then, explained the altar from the altar stone to the Mass cards, Missal, and candles used.

Father Ammering was introduced by Mrs. James P. Quinn, who conducted the business session. During the meeting, it was voted to hold a rummage sale, early in October. Refreshments were served by a committee of which Mrs. Adam Burcz was chairman.

Second Novena Opens

Owego — A second series of Novenas to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal opened in St. Patrick's on Sunday afternoon. For the past several months novena services have been held each Wednesday evening and a large number of parishioners have been attending. Some, however, have requested another time, since it is impossible for them to attend on Wednesday evenings.

The announcement of the second novena was made bf the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor, in the regular weekly bulletin.

First Saturday Breakfast

Owego—The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's will start an innovation on Saturday, Oct. 1, with a First Saturday Communion breakfast. These devotions are in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

The members of the Society will attend the 8 a.m. Mass and receive Holy Communion in a group. Breakfast will be served at the Deep Well Restaurant at 9:30 a.m.

CDA Bazaar Report

Owego—Results of the bazaar, which was held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, will be discussed and announced at the October meeting of Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, next Tuesday evening.

The meeting will be held in the church hall, with Mrs. Robert Simpson, grand regent, conducting the business session. Refreshments will be served by a committee of which Mrs. Robert Chermak is general chairman.

Newman Club Assembles At Geneseo State

Geneseo — The Newman Club of the State University Teachers College, Geneseo, held a get acquainted openhouse Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center on Main Street. All members, new students, and faculty members were invited.

Mrs. Ruth Sheppard of Geneseo was general chairman.

Bishop To Celebrate Carmel Novena Mass

Solemnly closing the Public Novena in honor of St. Therese, "the Little Flower," His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Carmelite Sisters Chapel, 1530 East Ave., Rochester, on the Feast, Monday, Oct. 3.

Girls from Our Lady of Mercy High School will sing.

A Mass will be celebrated also at 6:45 a.m. Mass.

Father O'Connor Returns To Post

FATHER O'CONNOR

Niagara University, N. Y. — The Rev. Thomas D. O'Connor, C.M., who spent 22 years as priest and professor, 19 years as dean of discipline and three years as superior at Niagara University, has been reassigned to the university, according to the Very Rev. Francis L. Meade C.M., president of the university.

Father O'Connor, widely known throughout the Eastern United States, served as prefect of discipline and student adviser at Niagara from 1922 to 1941 and as religious superior from 1941 to 1944.

A native of Clinton, Mass., Father O'Connor attended Niagara University and completed his theological studies at St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1921 at Philadelphia by Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, then Cardinal Archbishop of the diocese.

Following his ordination, Father O'Connor taught for one year at St. Joseph's College, Princeton, N. J. and for the next 22 years served in various capacities at Niagara University.

He later served as pastor and superor at Immaculate Conception Church, Baltimore and for the past two years has been attached to St. John's University, Brooklyn, as professor of religion.

Father O'Connor, who holds an M.A. from Niagara University and a Ph.D. from St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Mo., will teach sociology at Niagara.

NROTC Exam Set By Navy

The tenth annual competitive examination for high school seniors who desire to attend college and train for careers as Naval officers will be held throughout the nation on Dec. 10.

Male citizens of the United States, between the ages of 17 and 21, are eligible to apply for the NROTC aptitude test. From the pool of qualified candidates remaining in competition, approximately 1,800 young men will be selected for appointment to the NROTC, and the college of their choice.

Students enrolled in the Regular NROTC program will spend their summers on training cruises with the Fleet, and will receive $600 annual retainer pay until commissioned. All tuition, fees, and books will be furnished by the Navy.

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C. C. D. EXECUTIVE BOARD planning parish organizational meeting. Officers of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, C. C. D. discuss Canonical Erection of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Seated (from left) are: Mrs. Marie Pokerwinski, Sister M. Tarcisius, S.S.J.M., August Macali, Monsignor William Byrne, Mrs. Clare Smith, Mrs. Nell Bedell, Sister Maureen M.H.S.H., Dennis Joyce, Elizabeth Hartsock and Mrs. Helen Hartstock and Mrs. Helen Farley. Standing are James Leary and Kerman Glaser.

Aquinas Stresses Passing Defense

Aquinas Institute's football team under the direction of Coach Frank "Hunk" Vadas, has been drilling on pass defense in an effort to correct the weakness shown in this line last Sunday in their clash with North Catholic of Pittsburgh.

Constant drilling in pass defense for the past week should be evidenced this Sunday when Aquinas meets Archbishop Stepinac High School of White Plains at 2 p.m. in Aquinas Memorial Stadium on Ridgeway Ave.

LOU DI FABIO

The White Plains school boasts an excellent quarterback in Jay Davis. He is noted for his passing and Aquinas will have to show considerable improvement in their pass defense this Sunday. Francis Fitzpatrick, left halfback for the visitors, has been rated as the best halfback in the history of the school.

Last Sunday's game against North Catholic was the first loss Aquinas ever suffered in an opening game. Aquinas led the scoring only to have the Steel City team rebound to take a 7-6 lead. The Little Irish again took the lead 8-7 when a fumbled pass from center trapped a Pittsburgh back behind the goal line.

A first down pass set up the final score of the game as Aquinas allowed the opposition to get behind their defense and Pittsburgh emerged the victor 13-8. Twice Aquinas was within scoring distance, just before halftime and near the end of the game, but lack of conciousness of the time ended their chance to score.

Tom Riley, who had been switched from an end to fullback this year, was named player of the week. Riley is president of the Student Council.

Auburn Music Program Set By St. Joseph Nun

Auburn—With the opening of Mt. Carmel High School plans are underway for an inter parochial grade school band as well as a full musical program at the high school itself.

The music teacher at Mt. Carmel, Sister Margaret Josephine, S.S.J. has scheduled lessons in choral, band and orchestra work for the Catholic grade schools as well as teaching her classes at the high school.

GRADE SCHOOL level lessons have been started both in private and class sections at St. Alphonsus School where the response has been reported as enthusiastic.

Sister Margaret Josephine comes to Auburn with a bachelor of music degree from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart in New York.

She has also studied at Nazareth College and has worked with Arthur Kraft, voice coach at the Eastman School of Music, as well as with Alfred Spouse, head of the music department in Rochester's public schools.

Sister recently participated in Hans Barth Piano Workshops in Cleveland and at Marywood College, Scranton. In 1951 with Sister Florian, S.S.J. she was named to the committee appointed to form the present music syllabus used in the Catholic schools of New York State.

893 Students Enroll

Notre Dame, Ind. An 11 per cent enrollment increase this fall gives Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, an all-time high of 893 students as the college enters its 101st year of teaching in its Indiana location.

Airmen Set Youth Week Retreats

Typical of the new tone of religious observance and acknowledgement of the Deity which is found in the Armed Forces today, is a letter forwarded from Continental Air Command through First Air Force Headquarters and published, this week, by Col. Raymond J. Mead, commanding Rochester's 9063rd Air Reserve Group.

The letter states that "Headquarters, United States Air Force, will sponsor spiritual closed retreats for Catholic officers and airmen, male and female, non-segregated as to race, during National Youth Week, beginning Oct. 30."

"Any of the 50 retreat houses located in various sections of the country may be utilized for these retreats. Necessary arrangements will be made with the director of the retreat house by the senior Catholic chaplain of the base."

The CONAC letter authorizes placing Air Force personnel on temporary duty for 3 days, plus travel time, to participate in the retreat program and reports that overseas bases are also being ordered to cooperate in similar programs, wherever retreat houses are available.

Addresses of retreat houses throughout the United States have been furnished to all Catholic chaplains, and units having no Catholic chaplains have been directed to contact and cooperate with the Catholic chaplain at the nearest installation.

Rochester Girls Leave For Canadian College

Miss Virginia Elsie DeRoma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph DeRoma of Barberry Ter. and Miss Sandra Jane Trovato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trovato of Oneida St. have left for Assumption College, Windsor, Ont., Canada, to begin their freshman year. Both young ladies are recent graduates of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Two Day Celebration To Mark Jubilee's End At Sacred Heart

The two-day celebration of the Centenary Year of the Academy of the Sacred Heart on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2 will be closing a series of events marking the academy's 100 years.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Solemn Pontifical Mass, Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. After the Mass will come a luncheon at 12:15 p.m. for distinguished guests. A pageant by the pupils at 1:45 p.m. in the gymnasium and Solemn Benediction at 2:15 p.m. to be followed by tea comprises the first day's program. The program will be repeated by Sunday with Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, Chancellor of the diocese celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. and Bishop Kearney celebrating Solemn Benediction at 3:15 p.m. with tea following at 4 p.m.

The Centenary Year of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Rochester opened with an Evening Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Nov. 23, 1954 at 4:30 p.m. in the Academy chapel.

Religious of the Sacred Heart founded in 1800 by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, opened the Academy in Rochester in 1855. It was accredited by New York State Board of Regents, in 1896.

American girls have been trained in convent schools of the Sacred Heart since 1818 when Mother Philippine Duchesne established a school at St. Charles, Missouri.

The Academy at 8 Prince St., during the 100 years of existence, has followed the aims of the founders to a degree which has established it as a fitting unit of the Religious.

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While the school insists upon cooperation with its aims, and obedience to its regulations, there is an informal, family spirit that is a strong formative influence in education.

Committees for the opening event of the centenary year were Mrs. John F. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Robert F. McGraw. A centenary supper dance enjoyed at Treadway Inn on Nov. 26, 1954 was in charge of Mrs. Paul E. McNamara.

Outstanding in the series of centenary events was the coming of Reverend Mother E. M. O'Byrne, president of Manhattanville College. Mother O'Byrne was welcomed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, and in an address in the academy gymnasium she cited the educational needs of the day. Increased school enrollment in the years ahead, she warned, calls for an alert citizenry to "ask for a complete education for our children."

A PROMINENT guest at the gathering was Miss Virginia M. Butler of Boston, president of the Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart. Chairman for the event was Mrs. Lewis J. Boyce.

Heard in a concert here and acclaimed by the critics was the Pius X Choir of Manhattanville College, on March 19. Mrs. Benedict J. Messners was chairman.

Other events included the centenary Field day sponsored by the Father's Council with chairman John F. Hotchkiss and H. Clay Yutzy and the Children of Mary Communion Breakfast with Miss Marian Leaty, chairman.

The centenary committee comprised: executive committee: Mrs. Thomas G. Farrell, general chairman; Miss Mary Dowling, secretary; Mrs. Charles F. Seuffert, treasurer; Mrs. Charles W. Denniston, president of Alumnae Association; Mrs. H. Raymond Drysdale, president of Parents' Association and Mrs. Richard T. Redington, publicity chairman.

Mrs. J. Kenneth Scott, program; Miss Cathleen Chrystal, decorations; Miss Marie Hartigan, Mrs. William J. Maley, Mrs. George Welch, alumnae representatives; Miss Mary Ruth Hone, Miss Marian Leaty, Mrs. Frank R. Sweeney, Children of Mary; Johan A. Dale, Charles F. Seuffert, Leo W. Waldert, Father's Council; Mrs. John A. Dale, Mrs. Eaton Hammond, Mrs. Waldo Westwater, Parents Association; Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Crowley and Mr. and Mrs. Hert F. Janick, past parents representatives.

Mrs. Nash Rites Held In Waverly

Waverly—A solemn High Mass of Requiem was held Monday morning in St. James Church for Mrs. Thomas Nash following funeral services at her late home at 102 Elm Street, at 8:30. The Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor of St. James, was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, Rochester, as deacon, and the Rec. Guy Wertz, assistant pastor at St. James, as sub-deacon.

Mrs. Nash died at the age of 63 in the Robert Packer Hospital following a long illness. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Miss Margaret Mary at home; a son, John, of Newark, Delaware; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of St. James Church and Court Joan of Arc, Catholic Daughters of America. Members of the Court met at her home Sunday evening for recitation of the rosary led by Father Hogan and served as honor bearers at the funeral.

Pallbearers wer John Manning, Patrick Sullivan, John Conroy, Bernard Stok, Jack Dugan and George Talley. Burial was in St. James cemetery with Father Wertz officiating at the grave.

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