Marie Dionne, Health Back Returns To Convent Life

Quebec — (NC) — Marie Dionne has recovered her health and has returned to the novitiate of the cloistered convent she left shortly before the death of her sister Emilie in August last year.

MARIE DIONNE

Marie originally entered the cloister of the Congregation of the Servants of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Servantes du Tres Saint - Sacrement) in November, 1953. She served six months as a postulant, but then had to leave for health reasons. Her entry into the convent had marked the first time any of the quintuplets had been separated from the others.

IT WAS AFTER Marie Dionne returned home to Callander, Ont., that Emilie died suddenly of an epileptic seizure while at a religious rest home at Ste. Agathe, Que.

Marie and Emilie had been particularly close, and it was reported that Emilie's death further delayed Marie's early return to the Quebec cloister. Afterward, Marie Dionne studied for a time at Marguerite Bourgeoys College in Montreal, but left to return home in December. The three others of the famous five — Yvonne, Cecile and Annette—also continued their education in Montreal. They marked their 21st birthday together in Callander last May 28.

MARIE RETURNED to the cloister on September 12, and even many of her family's close friends remained unaware of the fact for a fortnight. Marie had returned, was in good health, and was "very happy."

It was understood she resumed here religious life as a novice, rather than beginning again as a postulant. Her novitiate will be for two years.

Al Smith Dinner Lists General Taylor

New York — (NC) — General Maxwell D. Taylor, army chief of staff, will be guest speaker at the 11th annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria here on Thursday, October 20.

Governor Averell Harriman of New York and Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City will also talk. Proceeds from the affair will be turned over to the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Hospital which was dedicated in May, 1951.

Total cost of the event has been donated by an admirer of Governor Smith and a friend of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, so that the full amount of each $100 dinner subscription may be given to the hospital. For ten years, more than 2,500 persons have attended.

Dominicans Acquire Old Plantations

Kingstree, S. C. — (NC) — The old Springbank plantation here has been purchased by the Dominican Order and will become the official headquarters for Dominican missionaries. It will also serve as a retreat center.

Father Michael Browne, Master General of the Dominicans, has released papers declaring that the plantation will be known as Our Lady of Springbank.

Father Patrick Walsh, O.P. has been appointed first superior of the new foundation.

Holy Name Men Parade In Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pa.—(RNS)—More than 100,000 members of the Holy Name Society marched through the city streets here in an eight hour parade that wound up its sixth quadrennial national convention.

Police said 100,000 persons were ranged along the two-mile line of march through the civic district. More than 400 units passed the reviewing stand between noon and 8:00 p.m. when the last marchers filed by.

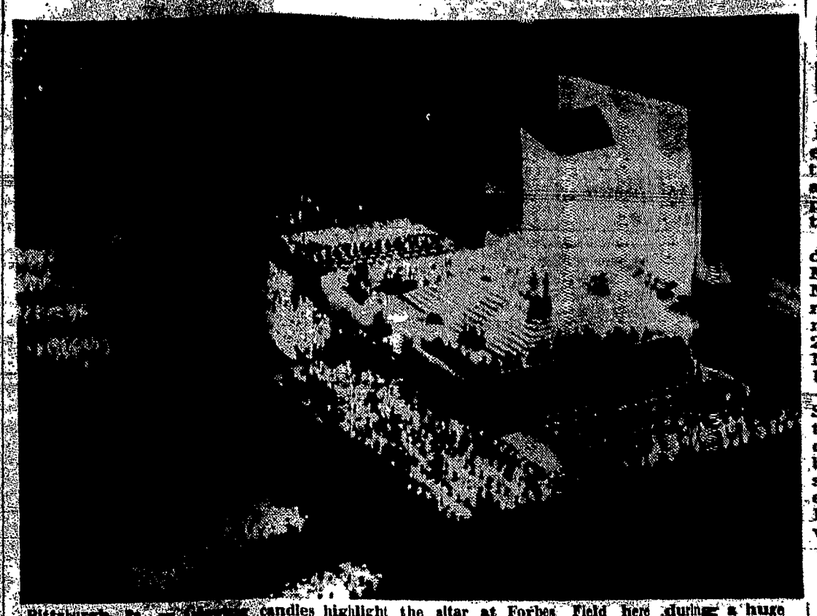
In the stands were Bishop John Francis Dearden of Pittsburgh, Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh and many Church and civic dignitaries.

ONE OF THE most popular units in the parade was a corps of 1,500 uniformed policemen and 700 firemen from New York City, all members of the society. Cleveland, O., was represented by 5,000 men, six floats and two bands, while Washington, D.C. sent a delegation of 3,500 marchers.

A total of 25 musical units and 50 floats participated in the parade.

Highlight of the convention was a huge evening Eucharistic rally held in Forbes Field, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, at which Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia was the scheduled preacher. Owing to his illness, the archbishop's sermon was read by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. O'Shea of Philadel-

Candles Highlight Holy Name Rally



Pittsburgh, Pa. — Burning candles highlight the altar at Forbes Field here during a huge evening Eucharistic rally attended by 30,000 members of the Holy Name Society. The service was held in connection with the Society's sixth quadrennial national convention. A procession to the altar was headed by Bishop John F. Dearden of Pittsburgh who carried a monstrance containing the Sacred Host. Following him were hundreds of priests, 11 bishops and some 1,280 altar boys. The rally concluded with the men repeating the Holy Name pledge. (RNS Photo).

Diocese Distributes $100,000 Relief

Scranton, Pa. — (NC) — The Diocese of Scranton distributed more than $100,000 to victims of the raging flood waters which smashed through this section from the heavy rains of hurricane Diane.

The money came from parishes, individuals, official agencies of the diocese and neighboring dioceses. Some of it was sent directly to the afflicted areas, some to parishes and the remainder to the Red Cross for distribution.

Church property escaped with remarkably little damage in the floods, but uman suffering was widespread. From the first, parishes in the stricken area offered aid to the homeless, and continued to do so for days after the flood had receded.

Catholic Schools Share In $4 Million Estate

Detroit—(NC)—Millions of dollars amased in Detroit real estate will be shared equally by four Catholic institutions under the will of the late Mrs. Adele Campau Thompson.

An estimated $4,000,000 will be divided among the University of Detroit, a Jesuit institution; the St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher home for children, conducted by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul; the Burtha M. Fisher Home for the Aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and Sacred Heart Academy, Grosse Point, a school staffed by the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

A DESCENDANT of Joseph Campau, an early French settler in Detroit, Mrs. Thompson had established a trust fund in her will with fixed payments from the interest going annually to an adopted daughter and a son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Springle.

Mrs. Thompson's will stipulated that upon the death of the two heirs, the trust be liquidated by giving equal shares to each of the Catholic institutions.

Mrs. Springle, a widow, died September 17 in Oka, Que., at the age of 67.

While the trust was in effect the remainder of the interest was being split between the four institutions. It is estimated that each received about $25,000 annually from the fund.

Church Construction Halted For Year

Indianapolis, Ind. — (RNS) — Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis has halted construction in the archdiocese for a year to permit parishes to concentrate on the reduction of existing debts.

The Archbishop made the announcement at a meeting of Indianapolis clergy at which he also reported that 163 new buildings have been added to archdiocesan properties in the past eight years.

The Archbishop told the clergy that the buildings were about 75 per cent paid for, either through ordinary collections, fund drives or through the interparochial lending agency. But he said that about one-fifth of the total building cost stands as an obligation to banking institutions.

Dr. Marcus Thanks Priest For Role In Baby's Return

San Francisco—(NC)—Dr. Sanford B. Marcus, whose infant son was returned by the kidnaper who kept him eleven days, expressed his "extremely deep gratitude" to the priest who received the child and to all the Catholics who had prayed for the Marcuses during their ordeal.

Little Robert Marcus had been delivered safe to Father Alan McCoy, O.F.M., pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Church in nearby Stockton. The child's kidnaper, Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 26, had previously phoned Dr. Marcus to say she would give the baby up at the St. Mary's rectory.

ALERTED BY a call from the San Francisco pediatrician, Father McCoy talked to Mrs. Benedicto until police arrived. The baby was then taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton, operated by the Dominican Sisters. He was reunited with his parents within an hour.

In a telephone call to The Monitor, archdiocesan newspaper, Dr. Marcus said, "of the hundreds and hundreds of letters assuring us of prayers for the infant and ourselves, five out of six came from Catholics. And none referred to the fact that my wife and I are of a different faith." Dr. and Mrs. Marcus are Jewish.

In the joyful confusion of the reunion with their baby, Dr. Marcus did not meet Father McCoy. He said he was writing a letter to the Franciscan pastor detailing his gratitude.

The physician said he would write Archbishop John J. Mitty thanking him for the repsonse of Catholics in the San Francisco archdiocese.

DR. MARCUS in his telephone call mentioned repeatedly the "warm encouragement and hope given by so many of our Catholic friends and Catholics everywhere." He said he is especially grateful to the Sisters of three San Francisco Catholic hospitals for their prayers, to the local Paulist Fathers whom he met through his hospital work, and the girls of Notre Dame Des Victoires High School who recited special prayers. Dr. Marcus is on the staff of Mt. Zion Hospital, from which his new-born son was adbucted.

The child was healthy and unharmed when he was returned.

According to Father McCoy, the kidnaper deserves "mercy and psychiatric treatment."

The priest said that during the 25 minutes he consoled the weeping and remorseful Mrs. Benedicto until police came, she told him, "Father, I took good care of him. I wanted a baby, oh so badly."

FATHER McCOY

Father McCoy, who is 42, served as Catholic chaplain at the Arizona State Prison 15 years ago.

Catholic College Opens In Hawaii

Honolulu, T.H. — (NC) — Hawaii's first Catholic institution of higher education will open its doors here for the first time this month.

An estimated 100 young men make up the first class of the new St. Louis Junior College conducted by the Society of Mary (Marianists). In 1956 the second year will be added.

This stride into higher education is paced by the steady growth of Catholic education in Hawaii, notably since 1941.

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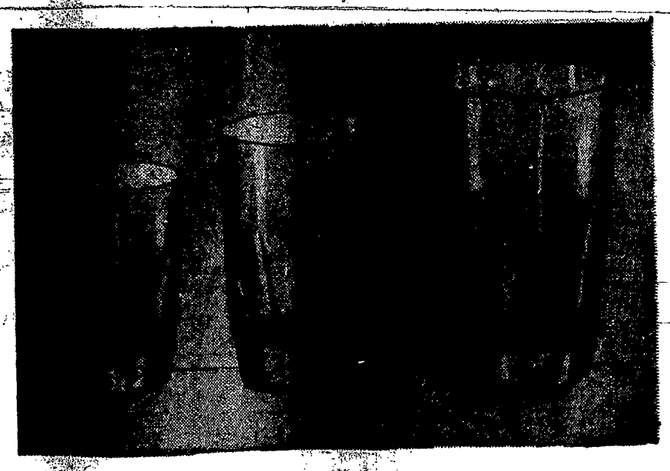

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