

## Large Daily Attendance Marks Chair Of Unity Octave Observance

Corning — Large daily attendance marked the 1956 observance of the Chair of Unity Octave which opened at St. Vincent de Paul Church Wednesday, Jan. 18, and extended through Wednesday of this week with the Friday of the Atonement of St. John the Evangelist at Montour Falls presiding.

The Chair of Unity Octave is a 14-day period of prayer for the religious reunion of all people. The services were conducted at two Southern Tier churches: St. Vincent's in Corning and St. John's in Montour Falls.

At St. Patrick's, where the Rev. Ralph Thomas, S.A., and the Rev. Christopher Schrader, S.A., delivered the sermons, evening Masses were scheduled on Jan. 18 and 20. On Thursday evening, Jan. 19, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Ladislav Dowicz, with the choir of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church of Montour Falls singing the hymns.

The Rev. Peter Rudden, S.A., and the Rev. Edmund Delaney, S.A., of St. John's Seminary, presided at the octave sermons at St. Vincent's in Corning. An evening Mass was offered for the observance of Christmas unity on Jan. 19 and 20.

Catholics, as well as non-Catholics, were extended invitations to attend the Octave services in either the Corning or Montour Falls churches. For those who were unable to attend the Unity Octave services and yet desired to join in prayer for Christian unity, the Friars of the Atonement offered a free booklet of prayers available at St. John's Seminary in Montour Falls.

REPORTS ON the first three evening services at St. Vincent's are given below:

The Chair of Unity Octave opened Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, with High Mass offered by Father Rudden. In his sermon, he urged the congregation of more than 200 persons to pray daily during the eight days of the Unity Octave for Christian unity.

"What do we Catholics pray for?" asked Father Rudden. "When we pray for Christian unity? Let us be very definite and precise about our goal: first of all we do not believe that the Catholic Church is in a state of emergency, or that the unity of the Church is something to be hoped for or achieved sometime in the future. We believe that the Catholic Church itself is already united."

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CCD DISCUSSION CLUB IN ITHACA are reported producing an articulate speaking Catholic lay group similar to those who will soon open their eight week courses in various city and rural areas. This year's presenters are enrolled in the Leadership Training Course of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Division. Above seated (from left) Herman Glezer, Mrs. Gladys Glezer, Mrs. Florence Hagg, James Leary, Mrs. Elizabeth Zeller, and Alfred Hagg. Standing is Robert Hagg. (Photo by Ken Jones)

## Apostolate Of Good Will Division Performs Works Of Mercy In Ithaca

Ithaca — A number of zealous men and women who joined the Apostolate of Good Will Division of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine are reported having performed "one of the beautiful corporal works of mercy," that of visiting the sick and shut-ins since the CCD was canonically erected in immaculate Conception parish here.

In a large parish such as the immaculate Conception it has been found impossible for the Priests and Sisters to visit the sick as often as they would like.

A group of the laity organized under the CCD have come to the assistance of the Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Byrne, pastor in this charitable work. Seventeen men and women met with Monsignor Byrne at Sacred Heart Mission Center a month ago and heard the systematic plans which the Monsignor drew up for this apostolate, outlined.

JAMES LEARY was elected president; Mrs. Mathryn Perkins, vice president; and Mrs. Alice Sherwood, secretary. Other parishioners desiring to assist in this work have since joined the

Apostolate of Good Will. Systematically each month, the workers visit the rooms of the sick in private homes, convalescent homes and hospitals and bring a message of cheer and good will to brighten the spirits of these shut-ins and handicapped.

A copy of the "Parish Bulletin," a holy card, and prayer verse are left and if the patient is well enough a decade of the Rosary is recited together.

At the January meeting it was reported that approximately 51 parishioners confined to their

homes for long or short periods were visited during the past month by the following Apostolate of Good Will:

James Leary, Dennis Joyce, John Ruane, Mrs. Phyllis Arsenault, Mrs. Margaret Benedict, Miss Mary Bowler, Mrs. Marie Chief, Miss Gilberte Cyr, Mrs. Mary Daniels, Mrs. Anna Egan, Also Mrs. Mary Finerman, Viola Johnson, Mrs. Helen Keefe, Mrs. Josephine Mellberg, Miss Margaret O'Hare, Mrs. Kathryn Perkins, Mrs. Marie Schickel, Mrs. Alice Sherwood and Mrs. Alice Sullivan.

## Lay Workers Cited 28 Ways To Spread Faith

Ithaca — Twenty-eight ways in which the Apostles of Good Will carry out their program in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here are listed below:

- PRAYERS**
1. Have Masses offered for the conversion of all non-Catholics and "Fallen-aways" within the parish limits, and ask others to attend.
  2. Promote attendance at devotions for the conversion of all non-Catholics and "Fallen-aways" within the parish limits.
  3. Say daily prayer for conversions.
  4. Encourage the sick to offer their sufferings for conversions.
- INSTRUCTION**
5. Learn to discuss points of Christian doctrine in which non-Catholics are particularly interested. Join CCD discussion clubs.
  6. Distribute Catholic literature to every non-Catholic residence in the parish.
  7. List interested non-Catholics and periodically send them a special pamphlet.
  8. Supply continually Catholic literature to airports, railroad and bus stations, hospitals, etc.
  9. Supply secular newspapers with Catholic news or arrange for series of advertisements; e.g. K. of C., Narberth, Paulist.
  10. Use "Letters to the Editor" newspaper column to present the Catholic point of view on matters of doctrine and practice.
  11. Write letters of appreciation to newspapers, radio and TV stations.
  12. Give to non-Catholic civic, professional and religious leaders good Catholic reference books.
  13. Ask public library to purchase Catholic books from a list presented, or donate books to the library and promote their circulation.
  14. Get Catholic programs on local radio and TV stations, publicize these and other Catholic programs.
  15. Continually give good example; carefully avoid giving any bad example.
- INVITATION**
16. Invite and accompany non-Catholics to Mass and special services.
  17. Promote an "open house" in

18. Invite people to a mission or a short series of lectures for non-Catholics.
19. Support preparation, promote attendance, and help in the follow-up work of street preaching programs.
20. Enroll non-Catholics in CCD discussion clubs; parent-educator section of the CCD; establish mixed marriage discussion groups.
21. Invite non-Catholics to Catholic social events.
22. Invite non-Catholic parents to enroll their children in Catholic schools, CCD religion classes, or correspondence courses.
23. Invite non-Catholics to attend public or private instruction classes, or to take a religious correspondence course.
24. Accompany non-Catholics to instructions and help the priest with room arrangements, checking attendance, follow-up, etc.
25. Organize permanent coverage of newcomers.
26. Lend every support in the preparation and follow-up of parish inquiry campaigns.
27. Help new converts enter parish life.
28. Promote co-operation of special groups in the Apostolate of Good Will:
  - a. School children can try to bring back relatives who are not practicing the Faith; can also interest their non-Catholic classmates in the teaching of the Church.
  - b. College CCD units can put on radio and TV programs explaining the Faith and have a training course for the lay apostolate.
  - c. Hospital units of the CCD can help with many of the above points.

**Corning Area Men To Make Retreat**

Corning — Corning area men interested in making a retreat in the spring at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Rochester may contact William M. Cassidy, chairman.

## 'Out of Debt' Reports St. Mary Parish, Corning

Corning — St. Mary's Parish is entirely out of debt, the Rev. Thomas F. Brennan, pastor, announced to his parishioners at the Masses last Sunday.

He said the liability of the parish on Jan. 1, 1955, was \$3,000 and this was paid off during the year. He reported receipts totaling \$71,255.32 during the year and expenditures of \$68,255.32.

The pastor said \$12,057.45 was in a special fund as of Dec. 31, 1955, and \$6,018.67 in the regular parish fund at the same time.

FATHER BRENNAN, in his address to the parishioners, said, "Figures even at their best, are limited in their capacity to convey the state of things as they really are. Where they cannot reveal completely is the marvelous and heartening operation in our souls of the mysterious but very real gift of God which we call His Grace."

"What courage to fight life's

battles; what earnestness in our spiritual and moral life has been ours through His Grace cannot be put down in print on paper. Both faith and experience show us nevertheless that the blessing of God has been on us as individuals and as members of St. Mary's parish."

Closing, Father Brennan said, "I am sure the people know how grateful I am to God for the things that He has accomplished in this portion of His vineyard; I hope that the supporters of this parish, know that the pastor is thankful to them for their unflinching support in all the phases of the work of the parish. I invoke His blessing on us all for the time to come."

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### 3 More Burglaries Reported

**\$10,000 Burglary Probed**  
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## Legion Of Mary Formed At St. Cecelia Parish

AN initial meeting was held last week in St. Cecelia Church, Elmira, to form the presidium for the Legion of Mary in the parish.

The meeting was attended by 17 candidates with the entire presidium of St. Peter and Paul parish in attendance to conduct the election and explain the purpose of the organization.

REV. THOMAS J. MANNERY, pastor of St. Cecelia's welcomed the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien of St. Peter and Paul Parish and these visiting officers: Carl M. Webb, president; Miss Frances Katorsky, vice president; Floyd Velding, secretary and Mrs. Virginia Treasurer.

Legion of Mary members from St. Peter and Paul Parish have just completed 203 missions in their first year with an approximate total of 2,000 parish visits and appointments.

It is the prayer of the Legion of Mary that its work will spread rapidly throughout the diocese, the aim being purely the spiritual welfare of souls, under the direction of the parish priest.

Additional study of the organization of the Legion of Mary was made Tuesday evening when the presidium of St. Cecelia Parish attended an actual Presidium in action at St. Peter and Paul cathedral.

## High Mass Set For WENY Radio

Broadcast of the 11 a.m. High Mass on Sunday from St. Charles Borromeo Church will be over Radio Station WENY.

The Rev. Urban Gills, S.A., of St. John Abatement Seminary, Montour Falls will be the celebrant of the Mass. Rev. Joseph G. Marcol, pastor, will preach the sermon. James L. Swine will be the narrator.

## Luncheon Lists Elmira Recorder

First Saturday luncheon in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held at the Mark Twain Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

The luncheon is sponsored by Elmira Ladies of Charity and all women of the area are invited.

John D. Frawley, recorder of the City of Elmira will be guest speaker.

The Mother Cabrini committee headed by Mrs. James B. Walden is in charge of arrangements.

## Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Friday, Jan. 27 — Boston Street, Montour Falls; Academy Conv. Center, Rochester.

Friday, Feb. 2 — St. James Mission Hospital, Hornell; St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls.

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