

Fr. Atwell To Talk On New Liturgy

Rev. Henry A. Atwell, assistant editor of the Catholic Courier, will speak at the Lenten Masses of Holy Week and the meeting of St. Charles Borromeo Rosary Society on Tuesday evening, March 6.

Father Atwell will give a brief explanation of the new liturgy church will precede the regular of Holy Week as a help to the Rosarians to enable them to take a more intelligent part in the ceremonies. Copies of the recently-published Missal on the "New Masses of Holy Week and the Easter Vigil" by Rev. Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., will be available.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

What is the difference between Catholics in America who are not persecuted and Catholics in China or behind the Iron Curtain who are persecuted? The difference is this: Where there is not persecution a distinction is made primarily between the "good" and the "bad"; where there is a persecution, the distinction is between "true" and "false". The first is to some extent relative; the second is right and absolute.

One never realizes the value of truth until he is deprived of it. Persecution cuts away all human judgments and lays bare our total consecration to the Church in every detail of the creed. Henry VIII called himself a "good" Catholic after murdering his first two wives, but he was not a "true" Catholic. When Bishop King of China, after many months of persecution was told by the Communists he would still be a "good" Catholic if he denied the Holy Father, he proclaimed himself a "true" Catholic by suffering for the Faith.

The truth of a man's character is affirmed not so much by what he says, as by what he is willing to suffer to profess his Faith. As Pascal maintains: "I believe the Apostles who had their throats cut for their Faith in Christ and the Resurrection." So it is with us. We are not thrust into Communist jails to prove our Faith, but we do have to take on some voluntary form of self-denial to prove it.

What our missionaries have thrust on their shoulders, we have to take willingly on our own. Their bearing of the cross or being nailed to it by the Reds is the test that they are true! Our test is a kind of self-crucifixion by a denial of some pleasure, or luxury, or the cutting into our capital and savings for the sake of spreading the Faith. Since the Communists make belief in the Holy Father as the Vicar of Christ the test of Catholicity, we can make it our own test by sending our sacrifices directly to Him through His own Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He knows the Missions best; he can make a more equitable distribution of sacrifices than we can. Therefore, since He is under attack by the Reds, let Him be under our affection through love unto sacrifice.

GOD LOVE YOU! To W. G. L. "One morning last month I sent you \$10 for the Missions. In the letter accompanying the check I wrote: 'The Good Book says cast your bread upon the waters and it shall be returned ten fold, so here goes \$10 to you for the poor of the world.' By four o'clock that afternoon I closed a deal wherein I made a profit of \$162.55. It may have been coincidence but I want to believe it was not. I had not made a dime in the cotton business for two weeks before this. . . . to E. J. B. for \$10.00. 'This money was to be used for a telephone call to my fiancée in Florida, but we decided to send it to the Missions.' . . . to M. T. M. 'This \$10 represents no lunch on Thursdays for the past two weeks. I intend to continue this practice during 1956 for the Missions.'

There are 1,285,000 people who receive MISSION magazine six times every year. You who are Mission-conscious and are not yet receiving it, will be interested in this bi-monthly publication. Edited by the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, it contains articles and anecdotes, pictures and cartoons describing the work of the Propagation of the Faith in the five continents of the world. When you send us your sacrifice for the poor of the world, ask that your name be included on the MISSION mailing list. We will be happy to send it to you.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it, and send it to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. or your Diocesan Director, Rt. Rev. Magr. John S. Randall, 60 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.



INTERDIOCESAN examinations for June, 1956 for 160,000 elementary school pupils in five Upstate New York dioceses are being prepared by Curriculum Committee meeting in Convent School, Syracuse. Sessions were held Feb. 24, 25 and 26. In photo (from left) Rev. John F. Bourke, Albany Superintendent of Schools; Monsignor Arthur M. Leary, chairman of N.Y. State Council of Catholic School Superintendents; Curriculum Committee; Monsignor James E. Callaghan, Syracuse Superintendent of Schools; Rev. Floyd J. Brown, Ogdensburg Superintendent and Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, Rochester Superintendent of Schools. (Robert W. Johnston Photo).

Upstate Educators Meet To Review Examinations

Syracuse — Among educators from five upstate New York dioceses, including diocesan superintendents of schools, supervisors and teaching Religious attending a three-day meeting at Convent School, here, was the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools Diocese of Rochester.

Purpose of the meeting was to review the June examinations for the elementary schools of the five dioceses and to strengthen a practical and progressive program. This program is the outgrowth of ten years' work on courses of study in various subject areas and text books built on these outlines for the elementary grades.

Rt. Rev. Magr. James E. Callaghan, superintendent of schools for the Syracuse Diocese, Sister M. Veronica, O.S.F., and Sister Anna Celestina, C.S.J., diocesan supervisors, and Rev. Mother M. Jolenta, O.S.F., Superior General, acted as hosts for the group.

THE MEETING brought together six diocesan superintendents as well as 34 teachers and supervisors. Elementary school populations of the dioceses represented are:

Albany	26,866
Buffalo	58,933
Ogdensburg	7,702
Rochester	40,223
Syracuse	23,698
Total	157,482

Diocesan superintendents attending in addition to Monsignor Boyle and Monsignor Callaghan, were Rev. John F. Bourke of Albany, secretary of Council of Superintendents of Catholic Schools; Rev. Leo E. Hammerl of Buffalo, associate superintendent of schools; Rt. Rev. Magr. Arthur J. Leary, of Ogdensburg, secretary of Curriculum Committee of the New York State Catholic School Superintendents, and Rev. Floyd J. Brown of Ogdensburg, superintendent of schools. Also representing the diocesan schools were five Sisters from Albany, 11 from Buffalo, four from Ogdensburg, seven from Rochester and seven from Syracuse.

St. Thomas Unit Slates Recollection

A Day of Recollection at the Cenacle Convent will be observed by members of the Rosary Society of St. Thomas Church on Thursday, March 15.

Rev. Melvin Rogge, O. Carm., of Carmelite College, Niagara Falls, Ont., Canada, will conduct the spiritual exercises. The day will begin with a conference at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude with Benediction at 3:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Melbourne J. Porter at CHarlotte 0364-J.

Mercy's Guide For Parents Draws Praise

The Guide for Parents published in November by the Parents Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School has won wide acclaim from various groups according to Mother M. Francesca, principal. In "Principal's Perspective"

William C. Wolcott, principal of East High School, visited the school and requested a faculty member to attend the February and March meetings of the Marriage Counseling Group at the Chamber of Commerce.

REQUESTS FOR copies of the book were received from the Archdiocese of New York School Department, Diocese of Syracuse, San Francisco, and Wichita, Kansas. The April issue of the Queen's Work will feature an article on the guide in April.

Dr. Warren Knox of the State Department of Education called the book outstanding, and passed it on to Dr. Dexter Throe who added: "The Guide for Parents is an excellent idea and is sufficiently liberal in philosophy to be of great help to parents in solving many problems involved in setting standards of conduct which can be reasonably explained to teenagers."

Ryan Acquires Plating Firm

New owner of Stuart-Oliver Holtz Co., specialists in gold plating at 20 Symington Place is James H. Ryan of 107 Magee Ave., a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

Associated with Ryan is Jerry P. Boland, 85 Magee Ave. and also of the Cathedral Parish, as sales representative.

THE FIRM is proficient in metal spinning, enameling, gold, silver and bronze plating and church work. Ryan said, this week: "We have an improved gold solution for plating sacred vessels," he announced.

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Ryan is a graduate of Notre Dame University and was elected secretary of the 1920 class recently. Boland is a graduate of Aquinas Institute.

Greece Men Plan Group Communion

Men's Club of St. John Parish Greece, will receive Communion as a group Sunday, March 4, at 8 a.m. Mass. Communion breakfast after Mass will be held at Roycraft's Restaurant with children's Court Judge Joseph Ertisch as guest speaker.

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Ithaca Parents Instructed In Religious Training

Ithaca — Instructions to parents as teachers of religion in the home are given each Monday at 7:45 p.m. in Immaculate Conception school hall, Ithaca, by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart and Mrs. Rena Traynor, chairman.

The Parent Educator section of the Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine seeks to impress upon Catholic parents that their function as teachers of religion in the home is a God-given assignment, a spokesman said.

"The program is planned, not only to arouse fathers and mothers to an awareness of this great duty, but to offer directions toward its fulfillment."

THE PROGRAM has been inaugurated in 45 dioceses in the United States with 50,000 families receiving the guiding leaflets.

The group cited that previously religious teaching of preschoolers has been neglected due to the lack of "know-how" on the part of the parents. Through the classes and leaflets, the group hopes to instruct the parents in the fulfillment of this duty.

Formosa-Bound Priest Makes Mission Plea

The Rev. Patrick Veil, S.M.B., a Bethlehem Father, now visiting his brother in Rochester, Michael Veil, 70 Vayo St., made a plea today for religious articles of all types, holy cards, pictures, crucifixes, and statues, to take with him to Formosa when he leaves on his mission in March.

He explains that the people of Formosa are aborigines speaking a language that cannot be written, so that all communication must be made through an interpreter.

FATHER VEIL speaks of the great love these people have for holy pictures and religious articles, "the sort of thing that most American Catholics have in such abundance that they lay hidden in bureau drawers."

Father Veil was a missionary in Manchuria for twenty years. He was subjected to imprisonment and torture by the Reds over a period of three years until his exile in 1949. (Catholic Courier Journal, Feb. 24 issue).

Anyone who might want to answer Father Veil's plea may send such articles to the Vayo St. address, or to the Bethlehem Fathers, 3639 East 26th Ave., Denver, Colo.

Fairport Guild To Show Styles

St. Mary's Guild, Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport, will meet in the parish hall Wednesday, March 7, at 8 p.m. Following a show business meeting, members will model spring and summer fashions from the Fairfield Dress Shop.

Canandaigua Student Named To Dean's List

Niagara University, N. Y. — Robert W. Joyce, 208 Gorham St., Canandaigua, was one of 14 students in the School of Education at Niagara University named to the current dean's list by the Rev. Mark J. Mullin, C.M., dean.

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