

100 Elmira Area Men Keep Adoration Vigil

Nearly 100 men of the Elmira area met last Saturday night at St. Peter and Paul's Church to make the monthly Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. "This was the generous response to the Nocturnal Adoration Society's efforts to increase the membership in order to inaugurate the all night vigil in the near future," leaders said.



SISTER MIRIAM

GUEST OF THE evening was Rev. Leonard Kujawski who kept watch with his men from St. Casimir's Parish during their Holy Hour from 11 o'clock until midnight.

Purpose of the Nocturnal Adoration Society is fourfold:

1. To provide for our Eucharistic Lord during the lonely hours of the night.
2. To atone for the coldness and the indifference of so many Catholics towards the Holy Eucharist.
3. To atone for the many sins committed during the night.
4. To draw down God's blessings on the city of Elmira and vicinity.

Elmiran Enters Benedictine Order Of Nuns

Received as a novice in the Benedictine Nuns of the Primitive Observance at Regina Laudis Monastery, Bethlehem, Conn., was Miss Mary Benedict, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford G. Benedict of 601 W. Hill St., Elmira.

THE NOVICE was given the name in religion of Sister Miriam.

The Very Rev. Damasus Wizen, prior of Mt. Saviour Monastery, Elmira, officiated at the investiture ceremony.

Prior to her entrance in the religious order, Sister Miriam was a parishioner of St. Casimir Church, Elmira, and was organist at the church for several years. She is a graduate of Elmira Catholic High School and was employed at Rosenbaum's as a member of the office staff.

The Benedictine Nuns adhere to the primitive rule of St. Benedict and observe vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, stability and enclosure. They are privileged to recite the Divine Office and rise at 2 a.m. daily for matins. Their day is spent in prayer and work, observing the Benedictine motto, "That in all things God may be glorified."

Parental Bill (RNS) — A bill making parents financially responsible up to a maximum of \$300 for acts of vandalism committed by their children was passed by the state Senate here.

Room In St. Joseph's Furnished For KC



A CHECK FOR \$825 is presented by the Grand Knight of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus to Sister Margaret Adelaide, Administrator of St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira, to furnish the K. of C. room in the hospital. Emblem of the order and crucifix adorn the wall of this room. In photo (from left) Edward A. Clauss, district deputy; Sister Margaret Adelaide; Grand Knight Frederick D. Specchio and Frank K. Rhode, council secretary.

Aides Named For CDA State Convention

Appointment of all committee chairmen has been completed by Mrs. John J. McMahon and Miss Mary Katherine Margraf, co-chairmen of the Catholic Daughters of America Convention to be held in Elmira May 14 to 17 at the Mark Twain Hotel.

MRS. AGNES LONG, chairman of decorations will be assisted by Mesdames Herman R. Amacher, Edward A. Clauss, Edward Connelly, Harry Copeland, Florence Curran, Walter Dailey, William A. Danaher, Harry Fean, Peter Hanrahan, Louis Lodi, Norman Lutes, Henry Lynagh, Charles Sullivan and the Misses Margaret Kelly and Carmella Tress.

Social events planned for the delegates and guests include a trip to the Corning Glass Center with Mrs. Ann Brown in charge of arrangements and transportation and a trip to famed Watkins Glen with Mrs. Charles McCarthy as transportation chairman.

Miss Loretta Ryan will furnish the dinner music at the banquet.

First Saturday Devotions Listed

Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima for Saturday, March 3 will be held from noon until 3 o'clock in St. Patrick Church, Elmira, sponsored by the Reparation Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary each hour will take place. The first Saturday intention is, "that we may through the Immaculate Heart of Our Queen of Sorrows, draw nearer this month to the Heart of Jesus Crucified by generous and constant self-sacrifice, offered for the salvation of sinners."

Information about the Reparation Society may be obtained by calling Mrs. William J. McCarthy at 25470 or Mrs. Helen Jensen at 25505.

New Apalachin Chapel To Be Blessed May 27

Owego—Sunday, May 27, has been set as the date for the blessing and dedication of the new St. Margaret Mary Church at Apalachin, according to announcement in the parish bulletin, published on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The Apalachin Church is a mission church of St. Patrick's, and is under the supervision of the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor. The church building was purchased several months ago. Previously Mass had been offered in the Apalachin Grange Hall, for the Catholics of that locality.

According to the announcement, His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney will bless the Church at 11 a.m. on May 27. On the same afternoon, at 1:30 p.m. the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's. First Holy Communion, for the children of the parish, will be administered on Saturday, May 3. — *Bressan*

Friar Explains Catholic Book Status To CAS

Corning—A talk, "Contemporary Catholic Literature," by the Rev. Ralph Thomas, S.A., of St. John's Seminary, Montour Falls, highlighted a meeting of the Catholic Action Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Church last week.

Introduced by the president, Miss Vivian Dell, Father Thomas pointed out that February 19 to 25 is National Catholic Book Week and that Catholics are urged to read books not only for information and recreation but for spiritual edification.

Attempting to define "Catholic Literature," Father Thomas said that as "the telephone directory and the cook book were not literature even though they result from a print job, neither were books written by a Catholic or books dealing with the Catholic Church necessarily Catholic books because of authorship or title.

Catholic literature in the true sense covers human life in its totality — man's personal life, his relations with his fellow-man, and most important of all his relations with God. It envisions the struggles, defeats and triumphs of human life but never loses sight of man's sublime destiny." Plans were made to hold a public card party March 17 in the school hall.

Record Number — Cozaco, Mexico — (NC) — The largest religious profession in this country in recent years was held in the new chapel of the Salesian novitiate here when 35 young men took vows in the Salesian Congregation.

Hornell Student To Address Forum

Miss Mary Louise Coyle of 13 Riverside Place, Hornell, will participate March 11 in an intercollegiate Mission Forum to be held at the College of Saint Elizabeth. She is a senior at the college, where she is a member of the Mission Unit.

Rev. J. Franklin Ewing, S.J., of Fordham's Institute of Mission Studies, will be main speaker at the forum to be attended by student representatives of Catholic colleges in the metropolitan area. Theme of the forum will be "World Religions and their Challenge to Catholicism." Miss Coyle will speak on the challenge of Protestantism.

American Students — Fribourg, Switzerland (NC) — Enrollment figures show that 110 American students comprise the largest number of foreigners attending the Catholic University of Fribourg.

Rochesterian Begins Graduate Studies

Ithaca — Gerald M. Sass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Sass of 664 Norton St., Rochester, has begun graduate studies at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

A graduate of Niagara University in 1954, he received an M.A. in Industrial Relations last year from University of Chicago. At Cornell Mr. Sass holds a graduate assistantship.

Catholic Family Board Hears Chairmen's Report

The Board of Governors of Catholic Family Service met in the offices of the organization at 212 Lake St. on Monday, February 27th at 7:30 o'clock.

Attorney John D. Frawley, Chairman presided and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, Diocesan Director of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester attended the meeting. Monsignor Ratigan was recently named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII.

REPORTS WERE made by: Carl Hubert, Chairman of the Personnel Committee; Stephen J. Bednarek, Chairman of Finance Committee; Dr. James A. Mark, Chairman, Twenty-sixth Anniversary Meeting; D. Mark, President, Camp Villa Maria and Rev. William A. Burns, a member of the PTA committee on lurid literature.

Rev. Francis J. Reilly, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented a slate to fill vacancies on the Board. Joseph B. Rampe was named to fill the unexpired term of William F. Sheehan, who has moved out of town, and Adolph A. Cirulli to succeed the late Cornelius J. Milliken, Sr. The agenda also included Resolution on Mr. Milliken's death, presented by the Rev. L. J. Szczepanski and a motion that the Board will recommend to the Association of Commerce that Good Friday will be observed in Elmira this year by closing all business places and industries from noon until three o'clock. The Agency Budget was a matter of serious consideration due

to the necessity of absorbing a cut of \$3200.00 in the original estimate of the budget needs for the Community Chest year beginning Oct. 1, 1954.

Women's Mission Opens In Elmira

A Mission for the women of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira will open Sunday at 7:30 p.m. All women, including high school girls are urged to attend. The Rev. James A. Culbert, C.M. will conduct the services.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, March 4 — Falkport; Lyons; Spencerport.

Catholic Alumni To Hold Communion Breakfast

Alumni of Catholic colleges living in the Corning-Elmira-Ithaca area plan to hold a Communion breakfast at the Mark Twain Hotel in Elmira on Sunday, April 8. The breakfast will be held in observance of the Ignatian year, and will offer all Catholic alumni an opportunity to become better acquainted with one another.

AFTER A SURVEY of local alumni, preliminary plans for this event were initiated by the Fordham Club of Southern New York at a meeting held Feb. 25 at the home of Gerald O'Brien in Ithaca. All men and women of this area who have attended any Catholic college or university are urged to attend a committee organizational meeting which will be held in Elmira at the K. of C. rooms on Sunday afternoon, March 4, at 3 p.m.

Further arrangements will be made at that time with the help of a wide representation of Catholic schools. Pending the formation of an enlarged committee structure at this meeting, Fordham Club President Francis Lee of Elmira is being assisted by a committee which includes the following: James Kerwan, Charles Emory, Daniel Moriarty, and Edward Gill of Elmira; Paul Kane, Philip Dellisanti, and Paul Lovette Jr. of Corning; Gerald O'Brien and James Ward of Ithaca.

Lay Retreats Set In March

The March schedule of laymen's retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House conducted by the Redemptorist Father at 248 Alexander St., Rochester, follows:

- March 2, 3, 4 — St. Rose, Lima; St. Paul of the Cross, Honeyoye Falls; St. Catherine, Montour St. Joseph, Ligonier; St. William, Conesus; St. Michael, Livonia Center; St. Mary, Honeyoye; St. Bridget, East Bloomfield; St. Agnes, Avon; St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen; Good Shepherd, Henrietta; St. Joseph, Rush.
- March 9, 10, 11 — St. Stanislaus, Rochester; Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Michael, Rochester.
- March 16, 17, 18 — St. Margaret Mary, (Rochester).
- March 23, 24, 25 — St. Andrew's, Rochester; Our Mother of Sorrows, (Rochester).
- March 30, 31, April 1 — Easter Sunday.

BOYS STATE SCHEDULED BY LEGION AT COLGATE

Elmira Boys' State sponsored by the American Legion each year, a citizenship training program designed to meet the needs of youth, will be held at Colgate University, Hamilton from June 24 to June 30. Twenty-five juniors from Monroe County High Schools will be selected.

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