# Nazareth Alumnae Launch Annual Membership Drive

Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association launched its membership campaign on Thursday, March 15 under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. Eugene Mater and Mrs. C. R. Palmer, cochairman. The campaign will continue for one month.

The annual membership fee is $1. This entitles the member to receive the "Alumnae Bulletin" which announces all alumnae activities and news. Any Nazareth Academy graduate who desires to renew her membership in the Association may do so by sending $1 accompanied by her name and address to Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association, 1001 Lake Ave., Rochester 13, N. Y. "Life Membership" is $15.

## Rochester Curia To Meet

Rochester Curia of the Legion of Mary will meet in St. Anne school hall on Friday, March 16, at 8 p.m.

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**NURSES' HOME MEETING SET BY PERPETUAL HELP**

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# God Speaks Clearly To Silent Adorers, Nocturnal Men Told

(The following text is an address given by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence R. Casey at the Nocturnal Adoration Society Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 11, in the Bausch and Lomb Cafeteria, Rochester.)

By BISHOP LAWRENCE R. CASEY

A YEAR AGO LAST summer a committee of Nocturnal Adoration men met to plan the Silver Jubilee of your society here in Rochester. It was decided that the event be marked by a Pontifical Mass to be celebrated the evening of Sept. 21, 1954, by Bishop Kearney.

In making the arrangements, the question was raised, "Should there be a social gathering after the Mass at which the members could renew old friendships and recall memories of the days when the Society held its Holy Hours at St. Patrick's?" One of the charter members spoke up, a man who had been a Nocturnal member for 25 years. He said, "This is not a social organization. I think it would be better if we confined our celebration to the Mass itself." And it was so voted.

**I WAS PRESENT** at the meeting and was impressed by what this man said. He felt that his relationship with God was a purely personal proposition and after a quarter of a century of making monthly Holy Hours he was following his philosophy out to its logical conclusion. And he was "on the side of the angels."

**The Nocturnal Adoration Society has no place for social activity, or business contacts, or political ambition. Its members have "no motive for gathering together other than the love of God, no other program than prayer, no other ambition than to please the Sacred Heart of Jesus by making atonement for the sins of the world and by playing their part in furthering the work of the Redemption."**

The purpose of this annual Communion breakfast is likewise not a social one. Its sole purpose is a demonstration of solidarity and faith. We have it for the same reason that we have the adult confirmation ceremonies at the Cathedral and Corpus Christi Church each May and at St. Patrick's, Elmira, each October. Conversion to the Church, like membership in the Nocturnal Adoration Society, is a very personal proposition.

At times, the adult convert may think his spiritual experience is unique and unusual. Yet when he looks around the church on his Confirmation Day and sees several hundred fellow converts representing practically every age, walk and condition of life, differing in temperament and personality, it gives him confidence to know that he shares something in common with them, the priceless gift of the Faith.

That is the feeling you have today when you look around this spacious hall and see over a thousand Catholic men from Rochester and its suburbs who still consider that the most important thing in life is the service of their God and their duty to adore Him. It does something for your faith to be part of such a gathering as this and it certainly must strengthen your resolve to continue a faithful member of this organization as long as you live.

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**A MONTH AGO**, one Thursday night, like many of you, I was watching Bishop Sheen's weekly program on television. The theme of the Bishop's talk was the fact that our thoughts dictate our actions; that the way we think ultimately decides what we shall do in a given case. In pleading for a correct philosophy of life, the right way of thinking, the Bishop stated another fact, that we Americans don't get off enough by ourselves to think—too much noise, too little silence.

The reason for this fondness for noise is not love of noises for itself. Good makes no noise and noise does no good. People generally prefer things to be quiet. The real reason people like distracting noise, excitement and movement is their desire to do the impossible, to escape from themselves.

They do not like to be with themselves because they are not pleased with themselves. They hate to be alone with their conscience. "They do not like to be quiet because the footsteps of the Hound of Heaven which can be heard in silence, cannot be heard in the din of excitement. They do not like to be silent because God's voice is like a whisper and it cannot be heard in the tumult of the city streets."

As the poet says:

**"The world is too much with us late and soon;**
**Getting and spending we lay waste our powers;**
**Little we see in nature that is ours;**
**We have given our souls away —a sordid boon.**
**See all the sights from pole to pole,**
**And glance and nod and hustle by;**
**And never once possess our soul,**
**Before we die."**

How fortunate that you can get away from the turmoil and the shouting at least once a month and possess your souls in silence before the altar of the Living God.

Here I refer not to that part of your Holy Hour which is occupied with the recitation of the office of the Blessed Sacrament. This is corporate vocal prayer and it is valuable in the sight of God. I refer rather to that part which is devoted to silent prayer, the time when you are alone with your God and speak to Him personally.

The rules of your Society state that one half of the Holy Hour is to be devoted to silent prayer. The leaders of the various bands should try to see that this regulation is carried out. It is obvious that necessary announcements and corporate vocal prayers for particular intentions may encroach somewhat on the period of silent adoration, but every effort should be made to keep that period of silent prayer intact because it is the more valuable part.

**During that time you may have something to say to God but He also has something to say to you. In prayer, the important thing is not so much what you say to God, as what God says to you. And He speaks most clearly in the silence and the quiet of the church where He is enthroned on the altar.**

Human nature being what it is, a man who rises from a sound sleep at say, 2:00 A. M., and hurries off through the dark streets to keep his appointment with God, may not be able at times to concentrate fully on the business at hand. However, Our Lord is a very understanding Person and He makes allowances for human weakness.

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**YEARS AGO**, a French Bishop told a group of men who worked through the night and could only go to early Mass under conditions of great exhaustion, that God would be glad of the presence of their bodies and would forgive the fatigue and distraction of their minds.

A London newspaper writer criticized the Bishop and said that his attitude reflected the lifeless formality of the Roman religion.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton read the criticism and then pulled the rug from under the newspaperman. Said Chesterton: "What a lot of common sense these people seem to have. If a man walked ten miles to please me I should be pleased, even if he fell asleep when he got there."

The Lord makes allowances for your frailty. But He also gives a greater grace to the Nocturnal man who, though tired in body and spirit, makes a conscious effort to talk to Him during his monthly Holy Hour.

The results of these conversations are ordinarily not apparent immediately. You'll notice though, in your own lives a gradual sharpening of spiritual vision. Those of you who have made a good weekend retreat recall that at the end of the retreat you saw your life in its proper perspective. Life is made up of different compartments, some important; some, less important. Prayer helps you to see more clearly the things that really count.

These Holy Hours have another result. They make a man less content to visit the Blessed Sacrament just once a month. The friendship between Christ and the Nocturnal men grows and you will see him at daily Mass, or if his work does not permit this, you will notice him dropping into church each day to keep in contact with Christ and get strength to face his daily problems.

We priests are dealing all the time with people's personal problems. We all have them and they take a thousand shapes and some of them are rather involved and difficult.

We priests see people constantly struggling to grasp happiness and hang on to it—and that means, in its essence, possessing peace of mind, the ability to live with themselves.

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**WHEN ABBOT WALTER** of the Trappist community in Piffard was solemnly blessed at the Cathedral last month, it was interesting to watch the reaction of the people in church as the 70 monks from Piffard walked down the aisle after the ceremony.

You could almost see the puzzled look on the faces of many lay people out there in church and read the unspoken question in their minds: "What makes these Trappists who live an austere life of prayer and fasting and perpetual silence, what makes them look so cheerful and happy?"

The answer is simple: they possess Christ. They have peace of mind and they are happy because they are close to Christ.

You men are also to be envied. Look back over your term of membership in the Nocturnal Adoration Society. For some of you it is only a few months; for others it stretches out over 25 years.

Would you not be willing to admit this morning that the sleep you have given up, the sacrifices entailed in living up to your obligations as a Nocturnal man, have been more than paid back by the Lord? He said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11, 28.

It has worked out that way with you because you have had enough generosity of spirit to go part of the way toward Him.

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## Auburn Adoration Group To Meet

**Auburn**—Nocturnal Adoration Society of Auburn will meet Saturday, March 24 in Holy Family Church, according to the director, the Rev. William E. Davie, pastor of Holy Family. The change from the regular assembly date has been made because of the Easter Vigil.

AWARD FOR HEROISM, first of its kind offered by Monroe County Catholic War Veterans is presented to Walter Alexander by County Commander John L. Driscoll, (right) at War Memorial, Tuesday while State Aide Don Foley watches. Alexander was the hero of a hotel fire on Joseph Ave., last month. (Hi-Tone Photo)

## China Mission Lecture Slated

An interesting lecture on experiences as a missionary in China will be given by the Rev. Joseph P. Tackney, M.M. on Monday evening, Mar. 19 in Blessed Sacrament parish hall, according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Connors.

Fr. Tackney

The lecture is being sponsored by the Rosary Society and all parishioners are invited.

Born in Ireland, Father Tackney while serving in a Maryknoll mission in China was taken prisoner by the Japanese and held for a year and a half. After serving as a chaplain in the United States Army he returned to China.

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Benny Goodman Story, The
Bengazi
Bobby Ware is Missing
Bound To Freedom
Bring Your Smile Along
Cattle Queen of Montana
Case of The Red Monkey
Cinerama Holiday
Come Next Spring
Court Jester, The
Court Martial of Billy Mitchell
Dam Busters, The
Davy Crockett
Day to Remember
Dig That Uranium
Divided Heart, The
Forever Darling
Fury at Gunsight Pass
Far Horizons, The
Francis in the Navy
Ghost Town
Glory
Good Morning, Miss Dove
Headline Hunters
Heidi and Peter
Invaders From Mars
Kettles in the Ozarks, The
King's Thief, The
Lady and the Tramp
Last Command, The
Lay That Rifle Down
Lease of Life
Littlest Outlaw, The
Lone Ranger, The
Long Gray Line, The
Lord of the Jungle
Lucy Gallant
Man Who Knew Too Much, The
Man Who Never Was, The
Match Making Marshall
McConnell Story, The
Never Say Goodbye
Naked Sea, The
Outlaw's Stallion, The
Phantom Trail
Private War of Major Benson, The
Purple Mask, The
Quantin Durward
Richard III
Santa Fe Passage
Seven Cities of Gold
Slightly Yours
Strategic Air Command
Sun Chasers
Tarantula
Target Zerro
Texas Lady
Three Stripes in The Sun
Tiger and the Flame, The
Timber Country Trouble
Tilted Tenderfoot, The
Top Gun
Toughest Man Alive
Twinkle in God's Eye, The
Unexpected
Vanishing American, The
Virgin Queen, The
Warriors, The
Wichita
World in My Corner

**CLASS A-2 — Unobjectionable for Adults**

Alone on the Streets
All That Heaven Allows
Apache Ambush
Backlash
Blood Alley
Bold and the Brave, The
Bottom of the Bottle, The
Brain Machine
Broken Star, The
Carousel
Cobweb, The
Count Three and Pray
Creature Walks Among Us, The
Crime Against Joe
Crooked Web, The
Diane
Deadliest Sin, The
Desert Sands
Desperate Hours
Double Jeopardy
Duel on the Mississippi
Gate of Hell
Gentlemen Marry Brunettes
Girl in the Red Velvet Swing, The
Hell on Frisco Bay
Hell's Horizon
Helen of Troy
Hold Back Tomorrow
House of Bamboo
I Died a Thousand Times
I'll Cry Tomorrow
Illegal
Inside Detroit
It's Always Fair Weather
It's a Dog's Life
Jail Busters
Jubal
Killer Is Loose, The
Kismet
Kiss of Fire
Lady Godiva
Last Frontier, The
Left Hand of God, The
Let's Make Up
Lovers and Lollipops
Man Alone, A
Man from Laramie
Man With a Gun
Marty
Max Max
Miracle in The Rain
Naked Street, The
Night Freight
Night My Number Came Up, The
One Desire
Our Miss Brooks
Over-Exposed
Pearl of the South Pacific
Postmark for Danger
Prisoner, The
Ransom
Rains of Ranchipur, The
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Red Sundown
Return of Don Camillo
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Scarlet Coat, The
Scarlet Hour, The
Seven Little Foys, The
Sea Shall Not Have Them, The
Sins of Pompeii
Simba
Skabenga
Special Delivery
Spoilers, The
Square Jungle, The
Strange Intruder
Strange Lady in Town
Storm Fear
Sudden Danger
Svengali
Tall Man Riding
Thai Lady
There's Always Tomorrow
Timetable
To Hell and Back
To Catch a Thief
To Paris With Love
Treasure of Pancho Villa
Trial
Tribute to a Bad Man
Ulysses
Uranium Boom, The
Wakamba
We're No Angels
Wicked Wife
You're Never Too Young

**CLASS B — Objectionable in Part**

Ain't Misbehavin'
Artists and Models
Battle Cry
Betrayed Woman
Big Knife, The
Big Night, The
Blackboard Jungle
Cash on Delivery
Conqueror, The
Court Martial
Danger Zone
Deep Blue Sea, The
Diabolique
Doctor at Sea
Female on the Beach
Edge of Fury
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Foot Loose
Foxfire
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Girl Rush, The
Girls in the Night
Great Day in the Morning
Guys and Dolls
Hell's Half Acre
Holiday for Sinners
Meadows, The
Hot Blood
How To Be Very Very Popular
Houston Story, The
Indestructible Man, The
Ivy
Jamaica in Paris
Invasion of The Body Snatchers
Kentuckian, The
Killer's Kiss
Joe Macbeth
Kiss Me Deadly
Las Vegas Shakedown
Last Hunt, The
Love Is A Many-Splendored Thing
Lawless Street, A
Lieutenant Wore Skirts, The
Love in the City
Love Me or Leave Me
Lover Boy
Maddalena
Magnificent Matador
Mambo
Manfish
Man With the Golden Arm, The
Man Who Loved Redheads
Meet Me in Las Vegas
Mister Roberts
My Sister Eileen
Naked Dawn, The
Naked Amazon
Night Holds Terror, The
Night of the Hunter
Not As a Stranger
Oklahoma
Other Woman, The
Outlaw Girl
Paris Follies of 1956
Pete Kelly's Blues
Phenix City Story, The
Picnic
Price of Gold
Prodigal, The
Queen Bee
Riviera
Robbers Roost
Rogue Cop
Rose Tattoo
Royal Bed, The
Run for Cover
Running Wild
Sea Chase
Second Greatest Sex, The
Seven Year Itch
Shack Out on 101
Shotgun
Slightly Scarlet
Soldier of Fortune
Summertime
Tall Men, The
Teenage Crime Wave
Tender Trap, The
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This Man is Dangerous
Three Bad Sisters
Top of the World
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