



Donations For Holy Angels Home Continue

Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge who conduct Holy Angels Home for Girls, 1320 Winton Road, North will sing the Tenebrae and make a special intention in all their services during Holy Week for all their benefactors and those helping in the current appeal for the home. The Sisters also announced the speaker this week and reports on responses received. Mrs. E. Eugene Lynch of the Holy Angels Speakers Bureau will speak on the work of the Home, April 2 at St. Margaret, Mary's Altar Society meeting. LETTERS RECEIVED said in part: " . . . just a little mite (\$50.00) towards a most wonderful cause . . . We are very pleased to enclose bank check for \$50.00 as a contribution for Holy Angels Home Building Fund . . ."

HIGHLIGHT of the Annual Communion Breakfast of Catholic War Veterans Post 625 at Osborne Hotel, Auburn is this presentation of the Catholic Layman of the Year Medal to Edwin M. Nolan (left). Presenting award is Joseph Malvaso, commander and watching is Attorney William H. McKeon, toastmaster who read the citation.

Layman Of Year Award Goes To Edwin M. Nolan

Auburn—Edwin M. Nolan, well known Auburnian and a teacher at West High School was named the 1956 "Catholic Layman of the Year" at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Catholic War Veterans Post 625, Auburn, Sunday, March 25 at the Osborne Hotel.

The citation read by the toastmaster, Attorney William H. McKeon praised the recipient for "his outstanding spiritual life coupled with the mark that you have made in our community in civic and religious activities."

AFTER LISTING Nolan's participation in various Knights of Columbus activities and his promotion of K of C religious life projects and his youth work, the citation continued that the choice of layman of the year went to Nolan "because in your every day Catholic life you are a shining example of one who practices real Catholic action and in your own field of endeavor . . . you are constantly counseling, advising and encouraging our youth to further themselves."

The award was made by Joseph Malvaso, commander of the Auburn Post. In accepting the medal Nolan paid tribute to the various individuals and institutions which had influenced him, speaking especially of his parents, spiritual advisers, both priests and sisters and particularly his pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Straub, V.F.

A large array of prominent Auburnians were present among whom was the Rev. Raymond Wahl, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church who brought greetings from Monsignor Straub.

Mr. . . . became so interested in your work for girls that he asked me to send you his personal check for \$100.00. He will also work on our committee for your Home Building Fund."

"Please pray for a very special intention of mine. I'm enclosing \$50.00 toward the Building Fund."

Official 1956 Directory Available

The 1956 edition of the Official Catholic Directory of the Diocese of Rochester published by the Catholic Courier-Journal made its appearance, this week. Enclosed in a cream colored cover, the 116 page publication comprises a yellow-page section, with names and addresses of priests of the diocese and a Buyers' Guide and the rest attractively printed on enamel stock. A total of 149 advertisements appearing in the directory are listed in the Guide.

A map of the Diocese of Rochester is included and officers of diocesan organizations and institutions are listed. Chaplains serving in the armed forces and chaplains of public institutions are included.

Parish churches, educational institutions, hospitals, and all the religious orders, men and women, appear. Diocesan and parish lay societies and their officers, purpose of group, and addresses are in this issue.

Copies of the directory are available at the Courier-Journal office, 35 Scio St., Rochester 4, N. Y. or will be mailed. The directory cost is \$1.50 each.

Msgr. Vogt Listed In Talk On Mass

Sacred Heart and Rosary Society of Holy Redeemer Parish will meet after Novena services on Wednesday, April 4. The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, pastor, in the church will demonstrate the symbolism of priestly vestments used in the Mass. Lunch will follow in the church hall. The ticket sale for the annual card party in the school hall, April 13, will be opened.



CLIMAXING the sixth and final session of the Marriage Preparation Course sponsored by Monroe Deanery Council of Catholic Women in Powers Hotel ballroom was blessing of the rings. Rev. Daniel V. Hogan, moderator blesses ring of Miss Agnes C. Meyering with her fiance Edward W. Adams watching. Ring was previously blessed by Monsignor Richard K. Burns in solemn engagement rites at St. Thomas Church.

City Missioner Relates Jungle Experiences

Maryknoll, N. Y. — While most Rochesterians will be all decked out in their Easter finery for Sunday's Mass, a young Rochester missioner will be administering his priestly duties 5,000 miles away in the "Green Hell" section of Bolivia.

The Rev. Gilbert J. DeRitis, Maryknoll Missioner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DeRitis, of 201



FATHER DERITIS

Rugby Ave. Rochester was ordained to the priesthood in June 1954. After a short vacation at home he left for the Maryknoll Missions located in northeastern Bolivia near the headwaters of the Amazon River.

THIS WILL BE his home for the next seven years. Father DeRitis also has a sister in the religious, Sister Ann Vincent, S.S.J., St. Monica Convent, Rochester. In a recent letter to Maryknoll headquarters, the Rochester priest relates his experiences on his first sick call into the treacherous jungle that lies along the banks of the Beni River.

HIS MODEST letter follows: "The other day, I returned from up river and I want to tell you of one of my experiences. I

had received word that there was an old woman dying of cancer and that she was calling for a priest. As I had no boat, I decided that the best way to get to her was by hitching a ride on the first dug-out canoe that came along.

"MY FIRST DAY'S trip took me as far as a small settlement called Villa Bella where I celebrated Mass for the small group of people there. The insects had a big feast that day and the next as it was two days before another dug-out came along. I was able to hitch another ride on this one, sitting on bags of sugar.

"By nightfall, I arrived at a place which was close to where the old woman was. As it was night, I decided to wait there on the banks of the river until the following morning when someone would come down to the river and guide me to the settlement. At night, the jungle is no place to go walking about.

"Early the next morning my guide arrived, and after an hour's walk, we arrived at a small settlement. There I set up my Mass kit and celebrated the first Mass there in many months. "After Mass, I administered the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and Extreme Unction to the dying woman. As I sat on the dirt floor of the jungle hut, talking to her, I discovered that this old woman way out here in the jungle was in reality a Saint. It was a hot, sticky day. The insects were biting and the stench of death was present.

"AS I BRUSHED the flies from her face with my handkerchief, she told me that she asked Our Blessed Mother to send a priest to her before she died. The pain, but she suffered without complaint. Never once did she murmur, and although she was in great pain, she managed to smile at the crucifix that I held in my hand. "I told her that soon she would be with Our Blessed Lord and His Blessed Mother, and that she would soon feel no pain. I told her to offer her pain and sufferings with those of Christ, crucified, and you know what she told me? "Padre," she said, "I have from the very beginning of my illness. Then and there, I forgot the smells and the bites of the insects, the filth of that jungle hut, and I saw only a beautiful soul slip peacefully into heaven."

Requiem Mass Offered For Mother Of Priest

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Burns LeVeque, mother of the Rev. John W. LeVeque, chaplain of St. Agnes High School were held at Farrell Brothers, 51 Ridge Road West and at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Friday, March 23.

Mrs. LeVeque of 151 Gorsline St. died March 20, 1956.

In the presence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney and His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey, Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by her son, Father LeVeque assisted by the Rev. Charles B. Connell, deacon and the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, subdeacon. Bishop Kearney imparted the absolution.

Also in the Sanctuary were the Right Reverend Monsignors Wilfred T. Craugh, Maynard A. Connell, George W. Eckl and Richard K. Burns.

Mrs. LeVeque is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Frances Lynch, Mrs. Mary Wulf, and Miss Margaret LeVeque and three other sons, Nicholas, Joseph and Robert and six grandchildren.

Other priests attending were the Reverend Fathers Edward J. McAniff, Elmer McDonald, Francis J. Taylor, Michael C. Hogan, Edwin R. Wedow, William J. Naughton, William Lammers, Leo V. Smith, John E. Roach, Austin E. Hanna, Paul G. Wohlrab, Robert L. Kress, Francis R. Davis, Bernard C. Newcomb, Raymond G. Heisel, Leo J. Matuzewski, Richard Stanton.

Also the Reverend Fathers Eugene H. McFarland Raymond Wuest, Francis Hester, John Kleipf, Donald J. Murphy, James C. Lane, Robert A. Meng, William J. Arnann, John J. Hempel, John F. Duffy, John E. McCafferty, Edward J. Lintz, John M. Merklinger, Vincent LeFrois, John C. Newcomb, Jerome F. Schifferli, Joseph T. Gaynor, James P. Collins, Richard Orlando, Clarence Gardner.

Also the Reverend Fathers Charles A. Bennett, John P. Norris, Richard Torney, Francis J. Peggiam, George Vogt, Michael Connor, C.P., Michael P. O'Brien, Robert T. Connor, James J. Mar-

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ST. CECILIA'S GUILD LISTS THIRTEEN SUPPER

St. Cecilia Ladies Guild will meet in the church hall, Culver Road on Tuesday, April 3. Members of the Guild will entertain the Women's Association of Irondequoit Presbyterian Church at a supper. This supper is being planned under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mary Phelps.

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But Our Lord said to her: "Touch Me not." The weakness to which such love as Mary's is liable is that it clings too closely to the carnal and the physical. She must learn to love even when there are no longer Feet to caress or a Voice to hear. She is to cling not to the Lord as He is tabernacled in the flesh, subject to all its limitations, but to the Lord in perfect union with the Father.

Our fault may be like Mary's—contentment with unfinished work; a sentimental love of Our Lord to the utter forgetfulness of the great work to make known His ways to men. That why Our Lord immediately sent Mary on a mission: "Go to my brethren." She must learn the truer fidelity which serves the absent Lord.

The real corrective for sentimental religion is to go on a mission to begin doing the Lord's work among the 1,200,000,000 pagan brethren who as yet know not the Scars of the Risen Christ. More glorious than any external clinging is the fulfillment of the commission: "Go, teach ye all nations."

During this Eastern Day, when you may want to cling to the Feet of the Risen Christ, He bids you use your own feet: "Go, tell others!" If you cannot go on a mission, we will do it for you. You just give yourself an Eastern scar by making a sacrifice and we will send it through the Holy Father to the brethren in the Missions of the world. Please!

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J. F. M. "I gathered this \$7 by saving my loose change. I hope it will help the Missions." . . . to Mrs. H. M. "Enclosed is \$5, which I won on a radio quiz. I hope it may help win some souls to Christ." . . . to J. L. "Here is \$12 that I promised to the Propagation of the Faith. It represents one cent for each dozen eggs my chickens have laid during the last two months." . . . to W. X. C. for a \$500 Lenten offering to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . to W. F. R. for \$2. "Since I pay two per cent of my salary to Social Security while I am on earth, I would like to pay at least one per cent to the Missions to help me gain my security in Heaven"

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