



St. John Fisher, Nazareth Colleges Slate Graduations

Commencement Week ceremonies were announced today for the two Rochester Diocesan colleges. St. John Fisher College for men, and Nazareth College for women.

Five year old St. John Fisher will confer degrees on 53 candidates at the school's second annual commencement exercises on Sunday, June 3.

Nazareth College's 29th annual commencement exercises on Wednesday, June 6 will see 84 seniors receiving their degrees.

Womens' College U. of R. Head Lists Speakers For Graduation To Speak At John Fisher

Eighty-four young women will receive degrees at Nazareth College in commencement ceremonies on Wednesday afternoon, June 6 it was announced today by Sister Rose Angela, S.S.J., dean. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside at the graduation rites to be held out of doors on the college campus.

Dr. Vincent E. Smith, professor of the philosophy department at Notre Dame University will be the commencement speaker.

The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Lintz, pastor of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Brockport will give the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 3 at Mass in the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel. Father Lintz is former chairman of the department of philosophy at the women's college.

Program for the 1956 commencement at Nazareth College follows:

May 28 - 7:30 a. m. - High Mass for Sister Teresa Marie, first dean of Nazareth College, at the Motherhouse Chapel.

June 1 - 9 p. m. - Senior Ball - Iroquois Country Club.

June 2 - 8 p. m. - Alumnae Reception - Tea at Medaille Hall, 3 to 5 p. m.

June 3 - 11 a. m. - Baccalaureate Mass - Motherhouse Chapel. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Lintz, Ph.D., 8 p. m. - Resident Students' Dinner - Medaille Hall.

June 4 - 2 p. m. - Class Day Exercises - Daisey chain, class poem, class history, prophecy, and last will and testament read by members of the senior class in the auditorium; 6 p. m. - Dean's Faculty-Senior Dinner in the Dining Hall.

June 5 - 12 noon - Junior-Senior Luncheon.

June 6 - 12 noon - Senior Parents Luncheon; 4 p. m. - Commencement Exercises. Commencement Address, Dr. Vincent E. Smith, on the campus.

Rosary For Mother's Day

Showing the spiritual note that Catholic families will feature in their observance of Mother's Day this Sunday are the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Allen W. Jackson of 169 Leonard Road in Mother of Sorrows Parish in Greece. The Jackson children who are seen here presenting their mother with a traditional Rosary Card for Mother's Day are: Connie, 7, (who will receive her First Holy Communion Sunday), Robbie, 9, Paul, 6, George, 4, Pamela, 3 months, and Sharon, 2. (Thomas Casey-Courier-Journal Photo.)

St. Bernard's 1930 Class Bishop Casey, Classmates Donate Church In Formosa

The Class of 1930 came through in grand style. With these words Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey has thanked his fellow classmates from St. Bernard's Seminary for successfully completing their pledge of \$10,000 to build a new church for a missionary classmate in Formosa.

THE MISSIONARY classmate is Maryknoll Father Maurice A. Feeney, an Albany native, and a veteran of 20 years in the China missions before his expulsion from China to Formosa by the Communists.

When the alumni of the class of '30 looked around last year for an appropriate way of celebrating the 25th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood, they could think of no better way than by personally donating a church for Father Feeney's new mission on Formosa.

Led by Bishop Casey, 22 classmates from seven different dioceses, personally raised the money and forwarded it to Father Feeney, who is presently starting construction of the church.

"WE DID NOT distinguish ourselves as a class going through St. Bernard's Seminary," wrote Bishop Casey to his classmates. "But this is the first time, to my knowledge,

Carpenter Leaves Savings To College

New York - (NC) - A master carpenter, 69, who for the last nine years of his life earned \$25 a week plus room and board at Manhattan College here, left an estate estimated at between \$15,000 and \$15,000 to the college, which is run by Christian Brothers.

John Byrne, who died on February 21, willed the bulk of his life savings for a scholarship fund in memory of his close friend and former superior, Brother Thomas Stanislaus.

Jewish Couple Gives Land To Catholics

Haverhill, Mass. - (RNS) - A Jewish couple here made a gift of 18,000 square feet of land to a Roman Catholic parish which will convert it into a parking area immediately and perhaps erect a parochial school later.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Shiner gave the property to St. Rita's parish.

Couple Plans Lay Missionary Role

Preparing to go with St. Ignace and St. Elizabeth's, two missionaries, will assist Divine Word Missionaries as teachers at a central high school. Successful in business and college graduates, they decided on their new life after reading an article about lay missionaries who returned to the U.S. in pages of the Catholic Review, archdiocesan paper of Baltimore, Md. They are shown above examining a photo, made by New Guinea coastal people. (NC Photos)

U. S. Counters Communist Coercion Against Refugees

By WILLIAM E. RING (Staff Writer, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Red Diplomats Terrorize Refugees To Return Home

Washington, D. C. - (RNS) - Monsignor Bela Varga, president of the Hungarian National Council in New York, charged the Hungarian Legation here with using terrorism and blackmail to coerce refugees from Hungary to return to their Communist-dominated homeland.

The Roman Catholic prelate, himself a refugee from Hungary where he was the last freely-elected Speaker of the Hungarian parliament, testified before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

The subcommittee is investigating a world-wide Communist campaign to get refugees who have found asylum in the West to "re-defect" to the Iron Curtain countries.

Msgr. Varga formally accused Charles Marka, minister of the Hungarian Legation, of acts of terrorism in the United States against "selected innocent victims."

He made the same charge against two members of the minister's staff, Laszlo Hars, and Vince Caspalia, secretary of the legation.

"In circumvention of their obligation to the United States government," he said, "they have been travelling in the U.S. visiting their prospective victims, threatening and blackmailing them with reprisals against their families in case they refuse. These acts are being committed by them in an official capacity and often with reference to orders from the Hungarian government."

Msgr. Varga told the subcommittee he had received a letter a year ago from the Hungarian Legation inviting him to return home. He said he turned the letter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Meanwhile, he wrote a refusal that was placed in balloons and dropped over Hungary by a refugee organization.

As a result, the monsignor stated, the Communists "terrorized" his family in Hungary, arrested his brother-in-law six times for interrogation and placed guards around his father's house.

Msgr. Varga's accusation against the Hungarian diplomats came as the subcommittee heard further testimony that five young Soviet sailors who abandoned their asylum in the United States on April 7 to return home were in reality kidnapped by Soviet agents.



MONSIGNOR VARGA "Received Letter"

Among refugees assisted in coming to this country by Catholic Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Red pressure game had virtually no effect, according to Msgr. Edward E. Swanson, the agency's executive director.

THE MONSIGNOR explained that this was due largely to the efforts of local branches of the National Catholic Resettlement Council, which looks after the welfare of refugees after they have arrived in this country and while they are being integrated into the American way of life.

Until the United States entered the fight against the pressuring of refugees, Msgr. Swanson said, the usual avenue for complaint against such tactics was the office of the High Commissioner for Refugees maintained in Geneva by the United Nations. The monsignor said that virtually no cases went to the office because it was difficult to prepare cases with the necessary documentary material required by the Geneva office.

The monsignor said cases of forcible abduction and repatriation of refugees have been known, but it was virtually impossible to substantiate them with the required legalistic trimmings for prosecution.

IN RECENT months, protests against the communist pressure came from the International Rescue Committee, of which Angier Biddle Duke is president. The organization has headquarters in New York.

Gen. William J. Donovan, Buffalo, N. Y., lawyer and widely known Catholic layman, who is chairman of the committee's emergency commission, has been made the head of a group to protect Iron Curtain refugees from being coerced to return to their native lands.

Gen. Donovan, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War I when he served with New York's famous "Fighting 688" and was chief of the Office of Strategic Services in World War II, declared:

"The full weight of welfare agencies, private and governmental organizations working in the refugee and immigration fields must be brought to bear on the development of effective measures to make sure that no refugee shall be returned against his will."

IN THE WAKE of the protests, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee opened an investigation, which developed that five Russian seamen who returned to the Soviet Union a month ago, doubtless were pressured into doing so by communist diplomats in this country.

On the heels of the Senate investigation, the State Department stepped in and delivered the one-two punch against the communist pressure game.

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Singer Teresa Brewer Awarded CYO 'Crown'

Brooklyn - (NC) - Singer Teresa Brewer has been named by the Brooklyn Catholic Youth Organization to receive its "Diocesan Crown Award" for 1956.

CYO officials said the award was voted in "recognition of her talents as an outstanding Catholic personality in the realm of theatrical arts, her service to her Church and community, and as a Catholic wife and mother."

The award will be presented during the 10th annual CYO Talent Show finals on May 11 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Singer Brewer was selected by more than 2,000 Catholic students who have participated in the CYO talent competitions.

Past recipients of the CYO Diocesan Crown Award have been Ted Mack, Ed Hechlin, and Ed Sullivan.

A CYO spokesman said that Miss Brewer, "by her example as a model Catholic wife and mother, blends perfectly the responsibilities of her home life with the strenuous demands of her professional career."

In private life, Teresa is married to William Monaghan of New Rochelle, N.Y., and is the mother of three little girls, Kelly, 5, Susan, 4, and Megan, 1 1/2.

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