



Gift For Auburn Church Building

CHECK FOR \$500 is presented in the name of the Sacred Heart Society of St. Francis Church, Auburn to the Rev. John Nacca, pastor at the annual banquet in Albee Hotel. At presentation (from left) Father Nacca, Rev. Joseph Beattini of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, speaker; Mrs. Michael Colella, toastmistress; Mrs. Carmel Pacelli, president and Mrs. Anthony Cio, banquet chairman.

Elmira Catholic Chaplain's Report Covers Puerto Rican Inmate Study

Commitment of Puerto Rican youths to Elmira Reformatory is presenting a problem discussed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain in his annual report for 1955 to 1956. Here is the report:

By THE RT. REV. MSGR. FRANCIS J. LANE

During the year, from April 1955 to 1956 323 men who claimed to be Catholics were admitted to the Reformatory as compared to 380 (the previous year. Very few even claimed to have attended Church to any extent before their arrest and most of them admitted that they hadn't been to Church in two or three years, some much longer, the longest being ten years.

A fairly good percentage, especially among the Puerto Ricans are really not members of the Church, in spite of the fact that they have registered as such because they cannot even remember the last time they were inside a Church.

Of the 323 only 41 were first offenders which means that over 90 per cent of our Catholic inmates have been arrested or have been in trouble before they were sent to the Reformatory. These figures seem to bear out our contention that there is still too much leniency being shown our youthful offenders.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE or about 85% came from broken homes, i.e., homes where either or both parents are deceased or the parents are separated. In 75 of these cases or about 30% the parents are separated or divorced. These figures seem to emphasize the need of more domestic courts and greater activity on the part

of the churches in an endeavor to solve these social problems and thus prevent the breaking up of the home.

No program for rehabilitation is complete without a thorough knowledge of each one's family background, how the men feel toward their families and how their families feel toward them. In order to obtain this information we make three or four trips a year to New York City to interview the parents and possibly suggest a program they must follow if their sons are to succeed on parole.

During each visit we interview between 75 and 100. We consider this one of the most important phases of our work and certainly the one most appreciated by all concerned. We regret that we cannot do as thorough a job along this line as we would like because of financial conditions. As it is we pass over all other demands and spend the entire \$100 allowed for traveling expense on this work.

The Puerto Ricans still present a difficult problem. Of the 323 received, 75 or about 23% were Puerto Ricans. Over half of these were convicted of a Narcotic Charge and practically all the others for crimes that they committed in order to obtain narcotics. These men require a great deal of attention, because most of them

speak little English and seem to know nothing about their religious and moral obligations.

During the year we received 19 converts into the Church and instructed 31 others in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

ABOUT 100 BOOKS were added to the Catholic Library bringing the total to close to 1,500. These are mostly religious books and are well patronized. The average number in circulation is about 125.

We also established a special library to supplement the lessons in "Successful Living". The men find these a great help for further explanation of the lessons taught in the classes.

Two Masses were held regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. The average number of confessions for the Reformatory men were 210, besides we have between 40 and 50 from the Reception Center. The Perpetual Weekly Novena in honor of St. Don Bosco was held each Friday evening and was well attended.

Two hundred and sixty-five Catholics were paroled during the period covered during the past year. Two hundred and forty-three of these received the Sacraments or returned to the practice of their religion. Less than 5% we could not reach or influence.

The redecoration of the Chapel was begun in December and isn't quite finished at the time of the writing of this report.

18 Awards Presented At DeSales High School

Geneva — His Excellency Bishop Kearney presided and preached at the 41st annual commencement of DeSales High School Sunday in the school. The Rev. Richard C. Nangle, principal, introduced the program and presented the diplomas.

Mary Alice Lynch was awarded the Bishop Kearney scholarship for nursing at the ceremony.

Awards were presented as follows: Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus religion award, Mary Alice Lynch; Missions, Mary Lee Olsen; Geneva College Club Award Eleanor Chibbert; Palatin Award, Mary Lee Olsen; Sodality, John Greco.

Nester Hose Memorial prize in memory of Sgt. John McGuire, science, Mary Alice Lynch; in memory of Charles Dhalie, highest average, boy, John Hart, and in memory of Edwin Levy, citizenship, education, Frances Liberator.

Mary C. Cowan Memorial for the highest average girl, Frances Liberator; Elks Club Memorial in memory of William C. Hill, general excellence and leadership, John Greco; Loretta Joyce Memorial, commercial department, Mary Dalton.

Joanne Kane Memorial, French, Martha Connor; James Media Memorial, Spanish, Eleanor Chibbert; English, Frances Liberator; Latin, Frances Liberator; mathematics, Eugene Hefferon; Mildred M. Jennings journalism award, Eileen McWilliams.

Six Students Complete Courses At Girls' Home

Four eighth grade girls were graduated and received Regents' diplomas and two completed a two-year commercial course at Holy Angels Home, 1326 Winton Road, North, the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge in charge announced today.

The Sisters also reported several excerpts from letters answering their appeal for a "Mistery Fund" as follows:

"... the extra \$5.00 is a little donation for you. Would you kindly keep me and ... in your prayers"

"Enclosed find check for \$25.00 ... hope your campaign is a success"

"The enclosed check (\$25.00) is to complete a promise I made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help if she would help me. Yesterday my difficulties were straightened out for which I am very grateful ..."

"Here is a dollar to add to your Building Fund. I am following with great interest, the articles in the Catholic Courier Journal showing your progress."

Palmyra KC Council Gives 2nd Degree

Seventeen members of Palmyra Council, Knights of Columbus were initiated in the Second Degree of the order in St. Ann Hall, Tuesday night by a Rochester staff headed by State Lecturer John J. Kliney.

Grand Knight Kermit Jones presided and announced 10 more members will soon receive the First Degree.

The Council has a team in the area softball league.

Public Invited To View Annual Rose Show

Thirty-sixth annual rose show sponsored by the Rochester Rose Society will be open to the public on Sunday, July 1 from 2 to 9 p.m. in the Rochester Savings Bank, main floor, 40 Franklin St. Admission is free.

Rose Day at the Municipal Rose Garden in Maplewood Park will be observed on June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Veterans Picnic Planned

Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, July 1 from noon to 7 p. m. at Corbett's Glen, according to John L. Driscoll, county commander.

Gerard Beauchamp was appointed general chairman assisted by the following committeemen: Mario Ferrari, William Sliney, Michael Tedone, Arthur Buckley, Trevor Durrant, Al Brien, and Fred De Marsse. All members of the C.W.V. and auxiliary are invited.

Bishop Casey Presents Diplomas At Auburn Rite

Auburn — His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey presided and preached at the 23rd annual commencement exercises of Holy Family High School, Auburn, Friday, June 29 in the school auditorium.

Bishop Casey presented the diplomas and delivered the commencement address. Awards were presented as follows:

JoAnne Milhausen, religion, social studies, Knights of Columbus Award for American History; Michael Iacovino, Boys' Scholarship Award, science, French, Achilleian; Rita Kaufman, Latin, Sodality; Alice Brennan mathematics; William Donnelly, So-

Vatican City (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has appointed Msgr. Salvatore Baldasari, professor at the Bologna seminary, as Archbishop of Ravenna and Cervia.

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