

Services Held For Fairport Assumption Religion School



AT FIRST FRIDAY MASS, the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor of Assumption of Our Lady Church, Fairport, distributes Holy Communion to Sacred Heart club members in the "School of Religion." Kneeling (from left) John Tiberia, Ronald Michaud and James Cross. (Tom Casey Photo.)

The children correspond with the Novices at any time and each letter receives an individual reply.

The Novices have written to Sister Maureen, Superior in Fairport, that the children's letters often bring a chuckle and, once in a while, the feeling that we are eavesdropping on the Holy Ghost.

'Life Worth Living'

Bishop Sheen's Nephew Makes Himself Heard

Olympia, Wash.—(NCY)—To prove that "life is worth living," Fulton John Sheen III, came into the world with a lusty yell April 14, at 3:14 a.m. in St. Peter's Hospital here. Hospital attendants reported that, like his great-uncle, Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, he was making himself heard.

Fulton John III is the son of Fulton John II, nephew and namesake of the Bishop, and the former Virginia Allison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. Howard Allison of Summit, Ill. Mr. Sheen is a graduate of Loyola University and Mrs. Sheen is a graduate of Mundelein College, Chicago. The young couple are making their home in Olympia while Mr. Sheen is in the service of Uncle Sam at nearby Fort Lewis.

Fifth High School Torrance, Calif. — (NC) — Bishop Montgomery High School, fifth Catholic high school to be built during the past year in the Los Angeles archdiocese, will open here in September.



Teaching Religion In New Hall

COLOR FILM STRIP presentation of the Resurrection story in release time religion class shown by the Rev. John L. Maxwell, pastor in St. Vincent de Paul, Churchville new hall is viewed by Jimmy Kruse, Katherine Wade, James Wade, Patrick Kavanagh, John Freeman and Janice Freeman. The hall construction under the church by men of the parish has progressed to a point for limited use. Building committee and men are working to complete project by summer.

F.B.I. Chief Hits Coddling Youth, Reds

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labor unions and civic organizations.

"Actually," he said, "the convention was a victory for the old Stalinist leadership, policies and aims. Much was made of a personality clash between the old guardist William Z. Foster, then national party chairman and a hardened Stalin follower, and John Gates, editor of the 'Daily Worker'.

"GATES WANTED to reorganize the party on the basis of a political action organization and change its name." Mr. Hoover continued. "Prior to the convention, party circles echoed with debate over the Foster-Gates conflict. But at the convention the clash became a mere whisper. In fact, debate on the issue was throttled after only an hour and Gates was given only five minutes to state his position. Throughout the convention the old Stalinist guard sought to maintain complete control."

To hide this harsh reality, he added, the party used clever and untruthful publicity to convince the public that drastic changes had been made. Headlines heralded the "breaking away" of the party from Russia and the abo-

lition of the position of national chairman, held by Foster, and secretary, held by Eugene Dennis.

Actually, Hoover recalled, these "open" actions were used to cover up the real purposes of the convention. When a new national committee and a temporary 11-member administrative committee were set up, the old guard Stalinists took key positions. Foster and Dennis were elected to both groups.

"What the party did not do at the convention is as important as what it did," he added. "For example, it refused to pass resolutions condemning Soviet intervention in Hungary or anti-Semitism in Russia. Both issues were raised at the convention, but the Stalinist leaders manipulated the delegates into staying on the Kremlin line."

34,134 Enrolled in Release Time Classes; Up 3,505 Over Last Year

Total number of students in Religious Released Time classes for the year 1956-57 is 34,134 in comparison with 30,629 in the year 1955-56 as reported by the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

THIS IS A total increase over last year of 3,505 students receiving religious instruction in the various parishes in the diocese. This total does not include kindergarten or first grade pupils in the Summer Vacation School high school students who cannot attend due to work or conflicts in schedules, those who cannot be reached or those who refuse to attend.

The total of Catholic children in the diocese actually attending public schools is about 37,000 as compared with 47,416 in Catholic elementary and high schools. Some of these pupils will receive additional instruction in religions during the Summer Vacation School Program.

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Pagan Baby Adoption Plan Opens In Schools

"May Adoption for Holy Childhood Association" project in schools of the Diocese of Rochester is now in progress according to the Rev. George S. Wood, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and of the association.

The program is a national crusade when children as members of the mission aid society contribute throughout the month to the fund which helps missionaries in non-Christian lands to give Baptism, shelter, food and a Christian education to abandoned pagan children.

The youngsters' donations will be sacrificed from their monthly budget for candy and movies. The May crusade is based upon sacrifice and prayer.

IN A LETTER sent to schools by Father Wood, he said: "We sincerely hope that all the schools, teachers and children in the Rochester diocese will do all they can to help the poor pagan children of the world." A poster to promote the project was sent to the schools.

"Wherever they may be in orphanages, in schools, in better homes, these children will pray for those who have given them a goal in life. This will be the reward of those who have prayed and worked as promoters and members of the Holy Childhood Association."

The Holy Childhood Association has set \$5 as the individual "adoption aim." Throughout the month of May, it may be contributed by a group of children, or by an individual, to whom the association will issue a colorful "Certificate of Adoption," suitable for framing and signed by the national director, Father Reitan and the diocesan director, Father Wood.

Success of the program in this diocese was attested in the report made last year in which the sum of \$29,231.95 was sent to the Pontifical office placing Rochester tenth highest in the United States.

National director, Very Rev. Augustus O. Reitan, C.S.S., in a letter to His Excellency Bishop Kearney thanked the Bishop for his continued interest in the organization set up under the direction of Father Wood.

"Children in every corner of the globe will be won for Christ because of your generous and

'Money-Losing' Venture To Open

Washington (NC) — A modern Catholic Information Center which its directors expect to be "a money-losing venture completely" will open next month in the downtown business district of the nation's capital.

The center, the first of its kind in the Washington archdiocese, will be dedicated on May 5. It will be staffed by two Redemptorist priests, Father James Kerins (C.S.S.R.) and Father James Con (C.S.S.R.), and a lay receptionist.

Father Coen, a graduate student in theology at Catholic University, said the center will have a lending library, and that public lectures and private counseling will be offered. Many books and pamphlets on subjects related to Church teaching will be for sale, he said.

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