

Players List Shakespeare At Nazareth

Nazareth Academy will play most to one of America's foremost theatrical organizations when the repertory company, Players Inc. brings "Romeo and Juliet" to the Lake Ave. auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 8:15 p.m.

Founded by Father Gilbert Harke, O.P. at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1949, the group now boasts their ninth tour around the U.S.

In addition to the touring company, Players Inc. now operates two summer theatres, at Olney, Maryland and Winoski Park, Vt.

FIVE TIMES the troupe has taken its shows abroad for the Department of Defense. Twice they played in the Far East during the Korean War and three times they toured European mil-

tary installations in France and Germany, while two years ago they performed in the most isolated spots of the Arctic region.

In eight seasons of touring Players Inc. has presented more than 1000 performances of classic plays.

TICKETS for the production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Nazareth may be reserved by calling Gleason 3-0944.



ROMEO AND JULIET as portrayed by Players Inc. actors David Rounds and Dolores Viola are shown above. Shakespeare classic is listed for Nazareth Academy on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 8:15 p.m.

Joan Of Arc - With Red Hair

The role of Joan of Arc has been played by actresses who were blonde, brunette and redhead, and occasionally with hair chopped practically bald.

Joy Pedrone, who will appear as Joan in Catholic Theatre's production of "The Lark" will wear her tithan hair in a long "page boy" cut.

"The Lark" is scheduled for Oct. 11, 12 and 13 in Rochester's Catholic Theatre Auditorium, Clifford Ave.

Mrs. Pedrone, wife of Catholic Theatre's producer Ronald Pedrone and a mother of a 10-month-old little girl, appeared in the group's production of "The Saint of Bleeker Street" and "The Taming of the Shrew."

SHE HAS ALSO been seen in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," "Country Girl" and other productions of the Rochester Community Players.

A perennial favorite for the poet, playwright and novelist is the little French girl who became St. Joan of Arc. A strange magnetizing quality plus the obvious excitement of her short hectic career has inspired enough literature about Joan to fill a library.

The German poet Schiller wrote a verse drama on her "The Young Girl from Orleans," and more recently we were given George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan," Maxwell Anderson's "Joan of Lorraine," and Anouilh's "The Lark," with two English translations, one by British Christopher Fry and the other by American Lillian Hellman.

THE LATTER will be produced by Catholic Theatre of Rochester Paul Claudel, the late French poet-diplomat wrote his oratorio "Joan of Arc at the Stake," with music by Hoenriquet.

Joan even appears in a play by William Shakespeare "King John," though she is not well treated by the Bard.

And the actresses who have played the Maid of Orleans? In the movies, Geraldine Farrar, the Italian actress Falconetti, with head completely shaved, in "The Passion of Joan of Arc" and Ingrid Bergman, who also appeared in the Anderson play and the Claudel oratorio on stage. The latest find is Jean Seberg.



Joy Pedrone as St. Joan

appearing in Otto Prentner's new movie on Joan

ON STAGE, Dame Sarah Thorne was Shaw's first Joan. Others who have played her before the footlights include Katharine Cornell, Eva Hagen, Julie Harris, also on TV, Shobhan McKenna, Louise Rainer and Vera Zurlina, the balletina.

Even the divine Sarah Bernhardt played Joan of Arc.

"Joan" is a challenge to every actor, so is Joan to an actress. The combination of saint, soldier, country maid is a difficult one. Harder than any other role I've done," says Miss Pedrone, "but I think by far the most rewarding."

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Hong Kong — (RNS)—The last two American Catholic missionaries still under detention in Communist China were visited in Shanghai by the party of young American tourists who ignored a U.S. State Department ban on travel to that country. Both priests appeared to be ill.

The visitors found the Rev. Cyril Wagner, O.F.M., 50, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Rev. Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., 64, of Palmyra, N.Y., living in a ten-room house separate from the Shanghai city jail.

Maryknoll Father McCormack is the brother of Edward McCormack of Palmyra. He was sentenced in 1955 to five years imprisonment on charges of spying.

Steve Tyler of New York said Father McCormack seemed bewildered and acted as though seeing visitors had been a shock to him. He said the priest was very thin, wore a shirt too large for him and seldom looked at his questioners. The priest sat with his head in his chin most of the time watching two white-coated guards, Mr. Tyler added.

Daniel O'Connell, another visitor, said Father Wagner was "very warm and delighted to see us." But he said the priest apparently was in poor physical shape and told the group he spent most of his time being treated in hospitals for asthma. Father Wagner was arrested in June, 1953, also on charges of spying for the United States and sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

Mr. Tyler said both priests avoided answering political ques-

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