

Departure Ceremony
Notre Dame (N.C.) - A departure ceremony was held here in Sacred Heart church for 17 Holy Cross priests and Brothers who will leave soon for missionary service in Pakistan and Ghana.



AT SPEAKERS' TABLE at third annual Communion breakfast of Owego Rosary and Altar Society are: seated, (from left): Mrs. Mary Starr, treasurer; the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor; Mrs. Mary Rutherford, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley, vice-president. Standing, Miss Helen A. Brosnan, publicity chairman; Mrs. Ann Miller, chairman of breakfast; Mrs. Dorcas Donnelly and Mrs. Edna Hauser, members of committee. (Tubbs Photo)

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DOINGS AT THE DALYS

It wouldn't be quite truthful to say that we're in a fever of anticipation over an upcoming PTA meeting... On the other hand, it isn't as bad as the story they tell of an expectant mother weeping profusely while the doctor tries to console her.



Mary Daly

"I don't mind having another baby," she's supposed to have sobbed. "But I can't stand the thought of eight more years of PTA!"

Matter of fact, most parents find a middle ground on the subject. They realize that a meeting with school authorities and with other parents is mutually helpful.

Unless well organized however, such a meeting presents possibilities of pitfalls, an educator who launches forth on a long, dictatorial tirade, parents who make this their sole social event and prolong it ad infinitum, and the lady who would air her own grievances...

"GEORGIE CAME home last Tuesday the day it rained, you know, and his cup and clothes were covered with mud... but I'm getting ahead of my story. Anyway, Georgie came home and he said, 'Mummy,' he said, 'the children in that school are perfect rowdies.' These were his very words, ladies and gentlemen, perfect rowdies."

"Anyway, those boys took my son's cap and threw it over the fence into the reefer yard. And then they made him climb the fence to get it back. Over the fence, mind you, not through the gate. Why, Georgie might have fallen - or, well, almost anything. I think - and my husband agrees with me, don't you, Fred? - we think that what this school needs... etc., etc."

Such was our memory of PTA meetings of the past, attended mostly by mothers and they were there only because a prize was given to the class with the greatest proportion of long-suffering representation.

FORTUNATELY, nowadays PTA's have changed, reflecting the sound judgement and realistic approach characteristic of today's young parents, as well as the cooperative open-mindedness of forward-looking teachers. Concentrated efforts of fathers, mothers and teachers result in a pooling of thinking on questions vital to all.

With the wide age-span in our family, we find ourselves bridges between the old and the new - many of the young parents being contemporaries of our "old" children and having tots in the early grades while our youngest is in the seventh. We are gratefully aware of the change.

The careful planning of our present organization was an eye-opener. Rather than a helter-skelter get-together, just to meet and

discuss, those in charge had set a definite topic, secured a panel of authorities, each with a time limit, then opened the meeting to questions.

THE TOPIC was "Study" - vague until we saw the objective approach. We learned from the school's principal the difficulties caused by crowded classrooms, of the need of parental interest, explanation of assignment books.

"If your child says he has homework in arithmetic, spelling and history," she said, "Check to see that he has done those three." She told of a child who stayed up for hours doing a whole page of arithmetic, though the assignment book, in the child's own writing, had stated: "Page 11, first row."

One of the points taken up was the invaluable study technique of separating the known from the unknown, with only a quick review of the unknown and concentrated study time devoted to the unknown. How many times have we seen our children spend their whole time and energy going over familiar ground, hedging away from really digging in and mastering the new work that has been explained in class that day.

WE DIDN'T need a blueprint, nor did the other parents, to show us that a certain directional hand at home during those homework hours could channel youthful and inexperienced efforts toward real progress in study.

Underlying the entire parent-school relationship, and openly expressed was the truth that it is the parents' primary duty to educate their children. By no means abrogating their right they simply delegate this authority, temporarily, to the school. No longer in vogue is the attitude: "Here they are, Sister, You take over." Rather, it is, "Please, Sister, help us to educate our children."

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PTA's Are Here Again

By Mary Tinley Daly

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Church, Divine Law Explained At Owego Society Breakfast

By HELEN A. BROSNAN

Owego - The difference between the Divine Law and the Church Law was explained to about 50 members of the Rosary and Altar Society at the third annual Communion breakfast.

The breakfast was held at the Deep Well Restaurant, on Saturday, Oct. 5, and speaker was the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's.

Father O'Brien explained that while the Church law could be changed as circumstances required, that the Divine law, governing the rules of the church, could never be changed. Mrs. Ann Miller was committee chairman completing the arrangements for the breakfast. At each place was a picture of the Blessed Virgin giving the Rosary to St. Dominic.

Visit Binghamton
Owego - Seventeen members of the Rosary and Altar Society

Episcopal Donates Catholic Parish Site

New Vernon - (RNS) - A Protestant Episcopal layman donated 15 acres of land to a new Roman Catholic congregation here so it can build a church.

The gift by Allen P. Kirby, president of the Allegheny Corp., and a director of three national firms, apparently ended a controversy that started last May when he placed his property in Harding Township up for sale for \$33,000 and the newly-formed Christ the King parish offered to purchase it.

Some residents opposed the sale on the grounds that a church building would destroy the rural character of the village. Others feared the sale would lead to bingo, raffles, a parochial school and parish houses.

The gift was accompanied by the Rev. Michael L. Reagan, moderator.

17 Join Society

Owego - At a reception for new members, the Rosary and Altar Society, Monday evening, Oct. 7, seventeen new members joined the Society. The reception ceremonies were held in St. Patrick's Church, with the Rev.



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Monday, October 14 - St. Callistus, martyr (red), Gloria.
Tuesday, October 15 - St. Teresa, virgin (white), Gloria.
Wednesday, October 16 - St. Hedwig, widow (white), Gloria; VR.
Thursday, October 17 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin (white), Gloria.
Friday, October 18 - St. Luke, evangelist (red), Gloria, Creed.
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