

# \$7,700 To Missionaries Sent By Mercy Students

Checks for a new church in Africa, refugee housing in Hong Kong, a hospital enlargement in India and assistance for needy parishes in several U. S. dioceses were the major disbursements in the \$7,700 mailed this week from Our Lady of Mercy High School as a result of the school's annual Mission Day held on November 22.

Mission funds were raised by a magazine subscription drive, two performances of a student musical comedy and a bazaar in the school gym under the direction of Kay Dwyer, president of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade and Sister Mary Judith, moderator.

**HEADING THE LIST** of bequests mailed out for Christmas delivery in seven foreign countries and the U.S. was \$1,000 to Most Rev. Joseph O. Bowyer, S.V.D., Negro bishop of Ghana, West Africa to begin construction of "Our Lady of Mercy Church" in his diocese.

The Medical Mission Sisters in Mandar, India, will receive a Christmas check for \$750 for their hospital building fund and Most Rev. Lawrence Bianchi, Bishop of Hong Kong, will get \$700 for a low-cost housing project he is promoting to care for homeless refugees from Communist China who have swarmed into his diocese.

An additional \$3,000, raised by extending the Mission Day show and bazaar an extra day for the sole benefit of the Junior College Building Fund of the Mercy Motherhouse, was presented to Mother General, Mother Mary Magdalene, by Miss Dwyer in the name of the student body at the kickoff dinner of the building.

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**Christmas Play Set For Ithaca Society**  
Ithaca — The Ithaca Rotary and Altar Society will meet Monday, Dec. 9. Members will go to the church at 7:45 p.m. for recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and adjourn to Parish Hall for the evening.

A Christmas play will be presented by children taught by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

Toys and gifts for Christmas for the needy children of the parish from the Society members should be brought to this meeting.

# Administrators Attend Schools Discussion

Administrators of Catholic colleges and high schools in the Rochester area participated in discussions on current educational problems at the 11th annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Atlantic City, last week.

Attending the convention from the Rochester area were the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president, and Very Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., dean of John Fisher College; the Rev. Brendan Hourihan, O. Carm., principal of Mount Carmel High School; Very Rev. Ernest McGee, C.S.B., principal, and the Rev. Leon Hart, C.S.B., vice principal, of Aquinas Institute.

Also Sister St. Catherine, dean of studies, and Sister Josephine Louise, registrar, Nazareth College; Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal, Sister Annunziata, vice principal, Nazareth Academy; Sister Rose Alma, principal of St. Agnes High School; and Sister Stella Regina, vice principal of Mount Carmel High School.

**THE NEED** for coordinating relationships between different levels of education to discuss interrelated situations and problems was discussed by Dr. Otto Kraushaar, president of Goucher College, and Frank Bowles, president of College Entrance Board.

This topic, "Place of the Regional Association in the Future Educational Scene," included such common demands on education at both college and secondary levels as enrichment program for the talented, more teacher education, and the development of programs suited to the changing needs of today's world.

Education today, according to the same speaker, requires college preparation on the secondary level. To meet the need adequately more than a local organizational unit is necessary. Dr. Kraushaar, and Mr. Bowles, recommended the use of such agencies on a national scope as the American Council on Education, the National Education Association, and the College Entrance Board.

Recognition by the Middle States Association of the importance of the Community College is imperative today, the speaker said.

A PANEL on college admissions pointed up the need for guidance counseling for students who have been rejected at the college of their choice. It also noted the necessity of informing students that they should make their college plans in their junior year of high school.

At a session conducted under the sponsorship of the National Catholic Education Association a code was suggested including pointers for teachers and for students.

Teachers were urged to become aware of distinguishing characteristics of each student. "Don't be a judge," was the warning given to teachers. "Spiritualize discipline... help the students in the light of the present day, not in terms of our past generation," was the highlight of the discussion for educators.

Manners in general were considered in the students' code. "Students represent the Church. They should show loyalty to the Church and to the school. Conduct in public places should be that of a lady or gentleman."

Movies, fraternities, automobiles, drink, dress, appearance, and dating were considered in relation to the student code.



CATECHETICAL WORKSHOP in action at Fairport School of Religion. Sister Maureen of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart explains to priests methods used at the school in teaching religion to public school children.

# Priests Turn Pupils For Day

Priests were pupils for a day to learn how to be better teachers.

They took advantage of the school holiday Friday after Thanksgiving to attend a "catechetical workshop" at Fairport's recently erected School of Religion.

They met to pool their ideas to solve the growing problem of how to teach religion to public school children.

"This religious instruction problem is growing," said diocesan catechetical director Father Albert H. Schnacky, "because our population is growing."

Pupils are applying at Catholic schools faster than pastors can build classrooms to care for them," he said.

**IN RURAL AREAS** especially, said Father Schnacky, Catholic pastors are swamped with the task of instructing hundreds of pupils enrolled in centralized public schools. Previously, scattered rural school pupils met for catechism lessons in some far-flung home.

Now centralized pupils used to modern classrooms, expect "modernized" catechism classes too, explained Father Schnacky.

Three parishes of the Diocese — Ithaca's Immaculate Conception, Fairport's Assumption, and Rochester's St. Francis of Assisi have arranged classes taught by nuns, specially trained to teach public school pupils.

Nuns of the Fairport Catechetical center conducted demonstration classes at Friday's workshop. They also showed classroom aids which help teachers — booklets, pictures, charts, film strips, recordings.

Fairport public high school described his "Catholic Influence in a Public High School." He pointed out how his religious instruction classes aided him in presenting the Church's attitude on current high school topics such as dating, drinking, and driving a car.

He also said the priests and nuns had guided pupils in drawing careless Catholics back to the practice of their faith.

Father Leonard Kelly, pastor of Assumption Church, Fairport, host to the workshop sessions, said at least fifty priests and eighty-five St. Bernard's Seminary students attended the program.

**HE OUTLINED** the Fairport program conducted by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, one of the newest communities to come to the Rochester Diocese.

Besides teaching 636 public school pupils, the sisters also train lay catechists, assist in organizing adult discussion clubs, and aid in a parent-educator program which guides parents in the religious training of their children.

# Atonement Father Guardian To Address Watkins HN

Watkins Glen — The Very Rev. Thomas Condon, Father Guardian of St. John Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, will speak at the December Communion Breakfast of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's of the Lake Church.

Father Condon is a former Director of St. Christopher's Inn at Graymour. St. Christopher's Inn is a home for homeless men under the direction of the Franciscan Fathers.

The breakfast will follow the monthly Corporate Communion of the Society at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. Mary Church, Watkins Glen.

The Rev. Edward Shannon, moderator, will give the invocation at the breakfast. Atty. John Callahan Sr., President of the Society, will act as toastmaster. Michael Donnell is ticket chairman.

# Seminarians Slate T. S. Elliot's Play

Montour Falls — Students at St. John's Atonement Seminary will present a performance of T. S. Elliot's "Murder in the Cathedral." The play will be held in the school auditorium on Sunday evening, Dec. 8 at 7:15.

The lead role will be played by Ed Houghton and Father Ralph Thomas, S.A. is directing. The public is invited.

# Needy To Be Remembered At Christmas Parties

Christmas time programs will feature gatherings of parish and other society groups in the Elmira area. Planned for the coming week are parties outlined here.

**MEMBERS OF THE** Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's parish, Elmira, will hold their annual Christmas party in the parish hall on Monday evening Dec. 8.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given in the church at 7:45 p.m. and the party will follow.

An "excellent" program was arranged to include a visit from Santa Claus, refreshments and exchange of gifts.

Members are requested to bring an article of food for placement in the Christmas baskets for the needy.

Mrs. Robert Ryan is chairman and Mrs. Paul Reidy is co-chairman. They are being assisted by these committees: publicity, Mrs. Charles Bristow Jr., refreshments, Mrs. Frances Kurtz, chairman and Mesdames John Foy, Edward Elston, Jesse Knox, James Moore, Harry O'Connor, Joseph Rice, Marion Chalk, Julia Richards, Gregory Scarp, Blanche Shapiro, Robert Gerner, Marlene Burtney, John Woodhouse and Medora Deming; decorations, Mrs. Gerald Steinhilber, chairman, assisted by Mesdames Robert Gerner, William Griffin, Marion Chalk and William Lynch, Sr.

**MEMBERS OF ST. CASIMIR** Rosary Society will gather for a general December meeting on Monday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will begin the program, after which all members will proceed to the school hall for Christmas party.

A religious film entitled "Saviour is Born," will be shown. Refreshments will be served.

Traditional Christmas carols will be sung. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts, all members are requested to bring a gift for a baby's layette. These gifts will be distributed to needy infants by the DCCW.

A Christmas party for members of the Sewing Guild of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira, will be held in the Annex, Tuesday evening, Dec. 10 commencing at 6 p.m.

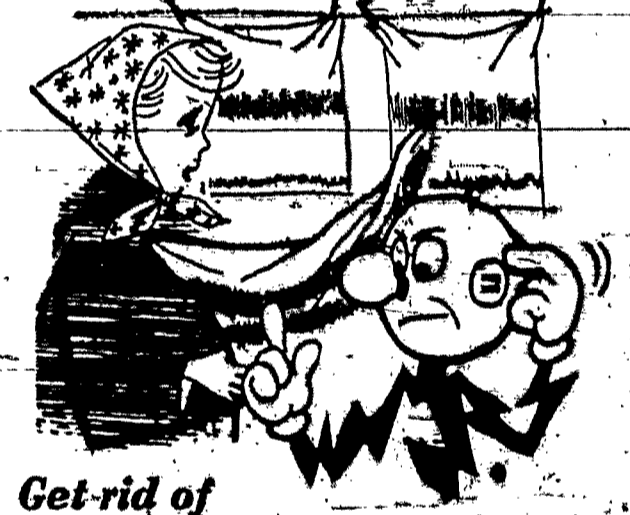
Committees named are: food, Mrs. Louis Oppucci and Mrs. Joseph DeBenedetto; entertainment, Mrs. Michael Cicotti, Mrs. Joseph Puntio and Mrs. Alexander Stefan; decorations, Mrs. Francis T. Mogro, Mrs. William Riley and Mrs. Daniel Puzos; gifts, Mrs. Samuel LeMark and Mrs. Edward Rose Sr.; kitchen, Mrs. Louis Liberatore, Mrs. Peter Cambio, Mrs. Francis Caporale; dining room, Mrs. Harry Clerk, Mrs. Americo D'Aloisio and Mrs. Julia D'Annunzio.

**SACRED HEART** Ladies Society of St. Anthony parish, Elmira, will hold their annual Christmas party in the school on Sunday evening, Dec. 8 at 6:30.

Festivities will start following a supper and will include entertainment, a visit from Santa Claus and exchange of gifts. Mrs. Nicholas Skallone is chairman and will be assisted by the officers of the Society.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS** party sponsored by Elmira Ladies of Colurambus will be held at the Langwell Hotel on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Officers of the group are in charge of arrangements. Gifts will be exchanged.



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