

# Demonstrations of Teaching Religion Feature Second Anniversary of CCD

Ithaca — Second anniversary of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Ithaca was commemorated in Parish Hall, Canonically erected in Immaculate Conception Parish on Dec. 4, 1955. The Confraternity exists that Catholics may learn more about their religion, thus teaching themselves as well as others the knowledge and love of God.

The program, planned by the executive committee of the Confraternity in Ithaca, was narrated by Charles Christian and presented each of the six Divisions in relative circumstances.

Parent - Educator Group, of which Mrs. June Ahmann is chairman, showed members paying a visit to a mother of a small baby. Those who work as parent educators visit the homes of parents of new babies each three months and instruct the mother in ways of teaching religion to the small child and creating a Catholic atmosphere in the home.

ADULT DISCUSSION Groups, in charge of Matthias Weiden,

comprise couples get-togethers to discuss the truths of their religion. One hour a week for eight weeks is a usual length of time for a series of meetings.

At the program in Parish Hall, the audience participated by meeting in informal groups during which a short discussion of the Confraternity took place. The purpose of audience participation was to show the ease with which discussion clubs can be started and the great value of them.

Mrs. Josephine Melberg, chairman of the Apostles of Good Will, demonstrated ways in which this committee comforts and consoles those in need.

MEMBERS OF THE Fisher Division are seekers of souls as the Apostles were. It was shown how one of their responsibilities is accomplished — that of seeing that Catholic public school children are enrolled in religious education classes. Joseph Farley was acting-chairman of this group.

Mrs. Nell Bedell, chairman of the Lay-Teachers Division, conducted a demonstration class in Religious Education. Five public school children took part and teacher and pupils showed how Catholic public school children are taught to love God and their neighbor. A film on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was shown as a method of class teaching. This committee which has been active longer in Ithaca than any of the other five divisions, currently has fourteen lay teachers. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception,

of the Sacred Heart, conduct weekly grade and school religious education classes for more than 900 Catholic children attending public schools. At the present time, two weekly classes are being held for the training of more lay teachers—one class for grade school and the other for high school instructors.

THOSE WHOSE duties prevent them from taking part in any of the five divisions listed may find it possible to give a limited amount of time when called upon as Helpers. These persons lend their assistance by doing clerical work, typing and by-sitting, and in similar ways. Mrs. Charles Christian is Chairman of the Helpers Division.

Following the presentation of the six Divisions of the program, Mr. Christian explained how those interested in a particular phase of the Confraternity should contact the Chairman of that group for further information or to offer their services.

Those who cannot take an active part in any of the Divisions may become Associate members and should contact Mrs. Edward J. Smith, president of the Confraternity, or the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Mission Center 325 North Plain Street in Ithaca.

Preceding the program, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated in Church by Rev. William Thomas, assistant director, Spiritual director of the Confraternity in Ithaca is Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



### Profit Sharing Checks Presented

ACCEPTING THEIR CHECKS at fifth annual profit-sharing dinner for Creighton Creamery employees are: John Sain and Paul Maramack, (center) from Stanley J. Creighton, (left) and Lawrence Creighton, (right), firm members. Checks averaging three weeks pay for those with one year service were presented with the rest of personal sharing according to length of employment. Guest speaker at event in Langwell Hotel, Elmira was Wayne Patton, a dairy equipment manufacturer representative.

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### Miss Manley Rites Offered By Brother

Bath Miss Catherine C. Manley, 63, of 32 E. Morris St., who since 1940 had resided here with her brother, the Rev. Henry C. Manley, pastor of St. Mary Church, died last Sunday in Lakeview Memorial Hospital.

The Rosary was recited at the Fagan funeral home Tuesday evening, and Requiem Mass was offered by Father Manley Wednesday morning in St. Stephen Church, Gva. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery in that city.

Miss Manley was born in Geneva October 18, 1892, the daughter of Henry C. and Mary J. Maloney Manley and was a member of St. Mary Church.

Besides her brother, she is survived by four sisters, Miss Peter S. Jennings and Mrs. Thomas J. Brennan of Geneva, Mrs. Vincent S. Welch of Port Washington, L.I. and Miss Frank E. O'Brien of Rochester and several nieces and nephews.

### Service Award Presentation To Feature Hospital Party

Annual Christmas party for employees and student nurses at St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira will be held Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dunn Memorial. The hospital's Christmas party will be held on Friday morning, Dec. 20 in the parish hall.

A program directed by the Sisters of Mercy will be presented and includes "Story of the First Christmas" the Nativity scene, both to be recacted by the students of the school.

Parents and friends of the school are invited to be present. The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor will again be the host for the annual Christmas party for children of pre-school age. This affair will be held in the parish hall on Sunday afternoon Dec. 22. Father Schwab has assured both groups that Santa Claus will be on hand to greet his many friends.

### Adoration Group Elects Officers

Leo Herrmann was elected president of the Southwest Center, Nocturnal Adoration Society at the annual meeting held Nov. 25 at St. Monica Hall.

Elected with him are Joseph Klueber, vice president; William J. Caulfield, marshal, and Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, moderator.

Ways and means to build up the membership were discussed.

### ST. ANTHONY MEN

Members of the Sacred Heart Men's Society of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira will hold their annual Christmas party in the Annex on Sunday afternoon.

Samuel LeMaik and Albert Panzi were named co-chairmen and will be assisted by Alexander Rossi, Daniel Lusi, Thomas Maxumiller, Frank Nafie, Edward Rowe, Joseph Thayer, Adolph Cruller, Philip Marino, Daniel Purzo, Albe Quattrone and the officers of the Society.

### Knights of Columbus

Annual Christmas party for members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be held in the Center on Sunday afternoon Dec. 15 commencing at 3 p.m. A program of entertainment, movies, refreshments, group singing and the appearance of Santa Claus has been arranged. Members with children in the age group from one to ten are urged to attend and bring the little ones for an enjoyable afternoon.

Frank A. Belgotti and Rah and J. Fernan are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Walter Komar, Thomas Ryan, John Wash, Lester Elliott, Wilfred Williams and George Rafferty.

Our Lady of Lourdes  
First annual Christmas party for students of the newly opened Our Lady of Lourdes school, El

### Notre Dame High Notes

By PATRICK SAXE

Sodalty Reception at Notre Dame High School, Elmira was held Monday in the school auditorium. Mary Claire Hager, a senior, was the only one to make a permanent Act of Consecration. Freshmen and upperclassmen who had never been received made their first Act of Consecration. All other members renewed their pledges. The ceremony was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Father Joseph F. Hogan.

THE JUGGLERS' CLUB is preparing its gift, a one act play, for a Christmas offering to the student body. The play, "Flowers for Christmas," stars Ellen McWilliams, Suzanne Clate, Richard Monahan, Bernard Coffey, Sally Von Hedy, Walter Bulass, Mary Magk and Patricia Watts. The play teaches the lesson of generosity in a unique manner.

### India Bishop Writes Rochester Woman Of Missioner's Death

Sudden death of a veteran missioner in India who had been helped financially by a Rochesterian was reported by Bishop G. Marengo, S.D.B., of Dibrugarh (Assam-India) in a letter to the priest's friend, Mrs. Veronica Szobiewski, 951 Hudson Ave., Rochester, received this week.

The priest, Father L. Piasecki met with an accident while cycling back home from the Post Office at Dibrui on Nov. 10. He died three hours later in the local hospital.

"The good father," Bishop Marengo wrote, "had just gone to Dibrui from Doom Dooma to act for the local priest, who was to go on home leave. Father Piasecki was no longer young, but he was full of life and happy anticipation of doing still a lot of work. He is now resting by the side of the Cathedral which he himself built 18 years ago."

Asking for continued help for the diocese which Father Piasecki served "with so much zeal and sacrifice," Bishop Marengo solicited prayers "so that God may send us Priests on the pattern of our lamented Father Piasecki."

### And Cellophane

SAINT MARY'S Altar and Rosary Society was entertained Dec. 3 by Kathleen Miller, Stephanie York, Mary Mack and Ellen McWilliams. The girls enacted a typical Christmas shopping rush. Elizabeth Deuel played a few

### James Coletta, Scout Leader

JAMES COLETTA, a local scout leader, dazzled the Jugglers Club with his thrilling experiences as an intelligence agent in the European Campaign in the last World War. His talks proved so interesting that the Jugglers voted to invite him back to speak to the entire student body.

CLASS eliminations for the American Legion oratoricals have been held and at an assembly Wednesday, the surviving applicants vied for the school representation. The six contestants were John Lutes, Joseph Reidy, Patricia Tamara, James Cunningham, Rita Mullany and Loretta Sheehy.

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