

Fisher Students To Hold Retreat

Students at St. John Fisher College will make their annual retreat beginning on Palm Sunday at 4 p.m. The retreat will continue through March 31.

The retreat master will be the Rev. Russell Pendergast, C.S.B., Ph.D., the spiritual director of the college.

For the first time, evening Mass at the college will be a part of the retreat schedule. In addition to the availability of the retreat master and confessors, students will be able to consult with nine retreat assistants, priests from the college staff during periods of recollection and quiet.

A Holy Hour will be held on Sunday evening with Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., Ph.D., president, conducting the service.



Bishop To Mary's Legion

God's Love Seen Lourdes' Message

BY FRANK KELLY

"The message of Lourdes is a double message," Bishop James E. Kearney told members of the Legion of Mary at their annual rededication ceremony on Passion Sunday at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Rochester.

"It is the message of the Divine Compassion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Affection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary," the Bishop said.

Over 1100 members of the Legion of Mary, whose members do work of the lay apostolate, were gathered in the church for the annual ceremony, called an Actus to hear the Ordinary of the Rochester Diocese.

BISHOP KEARNEY said that there have been many messages attributed to the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, France. These include the "plea for penance by Our Lady," the

transcendent power of Our Lady before the Throne of "God" and the power of the Rosary, which Our Lady said with St. Bernadette.

"But the message of Lourdes can be summed up into this double message," he said.

"What has gone on at Lourdes during the past 100 years is a result of the divine manifestation of the Sacred Heart of the Virgin Mary and the appearance of the stream of water that has such miraculous healing qualities was part of the plan given to Our Lady by her Divine Son. But the healing done at Lourdes is only partly known. The healing of the body is what we know about but the miracles of Divine Grace are the ones that count, where people accept their burdens by bowing to the will of God," he added.

"We all know that by praying directly to God, our prayers will be answered, but He has given His Virgin Mother the responsibility for our care. We need no further evidence than Lourdes to show that He chooses to dispense His favors through Her. This is the second part of the double message of Lourdes.

"You members of the Legion of Mary have chosen Mary to tell you to do the things that she knows God wants you to do. She draws His Divine Grace to support your works," the Bishop added.

"It is only when you get out on an aggressive campaign that you realize your own weakness. It is then that Our Lady obtains the graces to help you do your work.

"I feel this year that the Mother of God will shower down upon you special graces obtained from her Divine Son, this being the hundredth anniversary of her apparition at Lourdes. This will help you carry out the program that God has laid out for you.

"It will be through these special graces that you will once again be able to work out your projects this year with your efforts being blessed by the Compassionate Heart of Mary under the Divine Manifestation of the Sacred Heart," the Bishop concluded.

The program included the recitation of the Rosary, the individual act of consecration by each active Legionary, a group recitation by auxiliary members, recitation of the Magnificat and concluded with benediction of



AN OVERFLOW crowd of more than 1,000 members of the Legion of Mary are shown during Actus exercises held by the Legion at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Irondequoit last Sunday. The exercises are held each year for the Legionnaires to rededicate themselves to the Virgin Queen. Shown above kneeling before a statue of the Immaculate Conception are Vincent Fess, left, and Frances O'Brien.

The Blessed Sacrament and singing of the hymn, "Holy God." The program was under the direction of Rev. Charles L. McCarthy, spiritual advisor of Mary. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Praesidium at St. Margaret Mary Parish and members of the h & t group which included Frances O'Brien, Vincent Fess, Frank Sullivan, Charles Schutte, Frank Hummel, Mary Auhle and Margaret Schutte. Ed Adams and Nester Stein from Sacred Heart Cathedral also added the group.

IN ADDITION to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Praesidium, there were 39 senior Praesidia and 12 junior praesidia, including Mary. Our Lady of the Universe of St. Margaret Mary Parish, present at the ceremony, representing 23 parishes. Two other praesidia are Diocesan in nature.

This represented only the Rochester area groups, the Elmira-Cornwall having its Actus ceremony at St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira the same day. Monsignor James Frank Hummel, Mary Auhle and Lowery, vice chancellor of the Margaret Schutte, Ed Adams and Nester Stein from Sacred Heart Cathedral also added the group.

George Switzer Requiem Offered

Requiem High Mass for George L. Switzer was offered in Blessed Sacrament Church, Thursday, March 24 at 8 p.m. services in Murphy Funeral Home, 535 Oxford St.

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The Mass was offered by the Rev. James Crowley, a Franciscan Friar from Wilkesbarre, Pa., and a first cousin of Mr. Switzer assisted by the Rev. Robert M. Egan, deacon and the Rev. Conrad Sandholm, subdeacon. Also in the Sanctuary were Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, Monsignor Leslie G. Whalen and Rev. William T. Nolan.

Burial was in St. Bonaventure Cemetery, Olean.

WHAT'S NEW In The Parishes

HOLY TRINITY, WEBSTER parishioners are looking forward to their Annual Spring Festival, Thursday, April 10 in the school hall. Members of St. Monica Sodality, the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, Holy Name Society, St. Christopher Society and Youth Sodality of Our Lady are cooperating in preparing for a fresh ham dinner and round and square dancing.

ST. MARGARET MARY Altar Society will have its Annual Communion Breakfast, Palm Sunday, March 30. Mrs. Gilbert Fuhrman, honorary chairman; Mrs. Frank Bonisgnore, chairman and Mrs. John Plekan, co-chairman are being assisted by Mesdames Lawrence Liberatore, Emil Steinhilber, John Greely and Donald Lamberton on reservations.

ST. ANDREW Mothers' Club will meet in the school, Monday evening, March 31. Guest speaker, Sister M. DePazzi of Catholic Academy Junior College will speak on Remedial Reading, Sisters of St. Andrew School faculty will be in the school hall from 8 to 8:30 p.m. to meet the mothers. Plans for a linen show for the nuns will be made and banquet plans discussed. Coffee after the meeting. Jean Werner, chairman.

ST. LUCY Guard of Honor is sponsoring showing of the movie, "King of Kings," produced by Cecil B. De Mille. This portrayal of the life of Christ from birth to death will be shown, Palm Sunday, March 30 at 7 and 7 p.m. in the school hall, 283 Troup St. Public is welcome. Donation will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children. The donation is to defray expenses. The Guard members cite viewing of the film as a means of preparing properly for Holy Week.

ST. ANNE, PALMYRA St. Anne Society will meet in the church hall, Monday, April 5 at 8 p.m. A movie on care of the Altar will be shown. Plans for a bazaar to be held in the fall will be discussed. Mrs. Polly Sampson, is refreshment committee chairman with Mrs. Louis Wizegan, co-chairman assisted by Mesdames Anna May Hickey, Alida Gratton, Margaret Bowe, and

ST. JOSEPH, PENEFIELD Rosary Guild's Annual Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 30 at Country House on Mass. The Rev. Robert J. Boyle, S.J. of McQuaid Jesuit High School will be guest speaker. Mrs. Charles Townsend, chairman is being assisted by Mesdames Carl Wyand, tickets; Walter Decker, decorations; Frederick Kelly, program, Joseph Traut, publicity and Joseph Englert. All women of the parish are invited to attend and to bring their daughters.

HOLY REDEEMER Sacred Heart and Rosary Society will conduct its annual Card Party, Friday, April 11 at the school hall, Hudson Ave., near Clifford.

ST. BRIDGET Bredda Club will meet Tuesday, April 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the school hall. Speaker will be Rev. William Schifferl, who will show slides on the Holy Land and Egypt. Tickets for the annual Card Party will be distributed. All proceeds from the Card Party which will be held in May, will be turned over to the Church for recess. Mrs. Joseph Nalove, publisher of the Holy Land and Egypt, Mrs. Margaret Alhasser, Mrs. Margaret Fitzgibbon, cards; Mesdames Margaret Eckert, Edward Wandtke; Mesdames Peter Steiger, Laura Adamski, Sid Englert, M. Honan, Jo Stavy, Lorraine Padushowski, table prizes; Mesdames Joseph Nalove, Rose Wplike, Anthony Burger, Donald McPherson, Helen N. Jankowski, Mary Rapp, hostesses. Refreshments.

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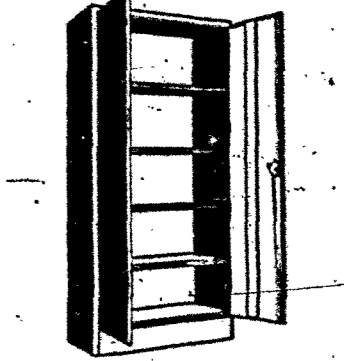


Margaret Adams, Elizabeth Adams, Irene Webber and Addie Cook.

St. Anne Society on March 23 with the Knights of Columbus sponsored a movie on the Shrine of St. Anne, Cap de Madelaine and St. Joseph. About 50 persons attended. Movie was shown by Mrs. DeRuyker of Newark. About 150 persons attended the Fourth Annual Shamrock dance in the church hall, Palmyra, March 27. Lou Johnson and his orchestra played for dancing. Committee comprised Mrs. Clarence Marshall, master; Mrs. Anita Lynch, tickets; Mrs. Don Campbell, decorations; Miss Ella Sanders, Mrs. Gladys Batterby and Mrs. Betty Troskosky, publicity; Mrs. Helen-Lonville, Mrs. Nellie Persyns, door; Mrs. Mary McGuire, Mrs. Hilda McGuire and Mrs. Mary Deagman, kitchen.

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St. Andrew's Sets Entrance Tests
Entrance examinations for prospective students of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary will be given in five cities of the Diocese.
Rochester area students will take their test at the seminary, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Saturday, March 29, at 10 a.m.
Residents of other sections of the Diocese may take the March 29th test at the seminary or at these cities on Saturday, May 10:
- Elmira, at Notre Dame high school.
- Geneva, at DeSales high school.
- Auburn, at Mt. Carmel high school.
- Howell, at St. Ann's school.
Applicants do not have to be pupils of the schools listed. Applicants are to bring a letter of recommendation from their pastor when they come for the entrance test.

Josephite Father Slated For Guild
Rev. Harry J. Maloney, S.S.J., with 16 years experience as a missionary in the South, will be principal speaker at the Holy Angels Guild meeting, March 31 at 8 p.m. in Hotel Manger.
Arrangements for the Josephite Father's talk were made by Mrs. William Wagner, co-chairman of the Program committee. Father Maloney is now assigned to Immaculate Conception, Church, Rochester. He will speak on the missions.
The guild's membership campaign will end the same night when Mrs. Betty Bieber, chairman, will make her report.

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