

Court St. Michael Lists 26th Annual Banquet

Penn Yan — Court St. Michael, Catholic Daughters of America, is preparing for its 26th annual banquet to be held at the Wagner Hotel, Monday, April 21.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Raymond Moore of Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Rochester.

Turkey dinner will precede the program which will be under direction of Mrs. Eloise Soper, toastmistress.

General chairman for the banquet is Mrs. Lorraine Stevens, assisted by the committee of Betty Murphy, Margaret Murphy, Mrs. Virginia Corcoran, Mrs. Doris Garvey, Mrs. Joyce Savino.

Sixteen of the local court plan to attend the annual Spring banquet of Court Lourdes, Watkins Glen, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Hotel, Watkins Glen, Tuesday, April 23.

Mrs. Mary Scott, grand regent of the local court, will represent the court at the 26th biennial convention of New York State Catholic Daughters of America at Towers Hotel, Brooklyn, May 12-16.

Plans are under way for organization of a Junior CDA court under sponsorship of Court St. Michael, Mrs. Margaret O. Giotz is chairman.

At the Apr. 9 meeting an announcement was made of awarding of the \$50 money tree to Mrs. Katherine Marshall.

At the court meeting May 14, bare supper will precede the meeting at which annual election of officers will be held. Nominating committee to present a slate was elected at the Wednesday night meeting. The committee is Angelina Toust, Mrs. Fanny McClure, Mrs. Florence Furell, Mrs. Augusta Tunney.

Committee for the meeting and supper is Mrs. Helen McCarthy, Mrs. Lucy Condella, Mrs. Rosanne Stanley, Mrs. Betty Devine.

Church Marks Gains In Dixie Diocese

Charleston, S.C. — (NC) — The Catholic population of the Diocese of Charleston, which includes all of South Carolina has increased more than 100 per cent in the past decade, a survey has disclosed.

The Catholic population in 1948 was 14,696 and today it is 30,870. The number of parishes with resident pastors increased from 37 to 56 and the number of diocesan priests went from 39 in 1948 to 71 today. The total number of priests in the diocese is 121, compared with 78 in 1948. The number of seminarians increased from 17 in 1948 to 40 today.

Nine communities in the diocese exactly doubled in the last 10 years—from 12 to 24, while the number of Sisters in the diocese has nearly doubled—177 in ten years ago and 345 today.

Rosarians Hear Talk On Speech

Geneva — Speech defects are not hereditary . . . and parents should not discuss a child's defects in his presence . . . this advice was given to members of the Rosary Society of St. Francis de Sales parish Monday.

Maile Ball, speech and hearing therapist, was guest speaker in the school library. Miss Ball was introduced by the Rev. Robert G. Smith.

DISCUSSING a child's defects in his presence is a mistake made by a number of parents, the speaker pointed out. She also discussed the importance of reading, talking, and a well-balanced diet in speech work. She advised against the use of "baby talk" in talking with children.

A brief business meeting was held when plans were discussed for the annual Communion breakfast in May. This will be the final meeting and program of the organization until next Fall.

Mrs. James D. Bradley, Jr., vice-president of the society, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. George O'Connor.

Mrs. Leo Keilen was program chairman.

Graduations Dropped In Parish Schools

St. Louis, Mo. — (RNS) — Eighth grade graduations will be eliminated in all St. Louis archdiocesan elementary schools, effective this June.

The Parish School Board of the archdiocese made the announcement, declaring that the eighth grade graduation has no meaning since passage of a law in Missouri making school attendance compulsory until the student is 16 years old.

Certificates will be given to those finishing the eighth grade during an assembly at the close of school, but no visitors will attend. Caps and gowns, class rings, pins and diplomas will be eliminated.

Uruguay Relays Vatican Broadcasts

Montevideo, Uruguay — (RNS) — Radio Sarandí, a privately-owned broadcasting station here, inaugurated daily relays of Vatican Radio broadcasts. The station's programs are heard throughout Uruguay and in a large area of Argentina.



Guests at annual breakfast of the Holy Name Society held Sunday in the parish hall, Owego were, front row: from left, Mayor of Owego John Days, the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor and chaplain, Congressman Howard W. Robison, speaker, J. Edwin Mountford, toastmaster; back row, Walter T. Shelton, president, Superintendent of Schools, Sheldon H. Gulle, Louis Pistolesse, chairman, Chief of Police Howard W. Branning and J. Edmund Morton, secretary-treasurer. (Tabbs Photo)

Holy Name Men Hear Congressman Robison

By HELEN A. BROSNAN

Owego — Experiences of a "Freshman" congressman were described to approximately 150 members and guests of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society at their annual Communion breakfast, Sunday, April 13.

Congressman Howard W. Robison was elected as a member to the House of Representatives at a special election held last January.

ROBISON was introduced by J. Edwin Mountford, toastmaster. After telling of his experiences during the few months he has been in Washington, he warned his listeners of the dangers being made by the Communists, not only in government but in all walks of life. He cited the vast amount of good work that had been carried on by the Catholic Church in the fight against this growing evil.

Mountford also introduced Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's and chaplain of the Society; John Day, mayor of the village of Owego; Sheldon H. Gulle, superintendent of schools, and Howard W. Branning, chief of police in Owego, who were guests at the breakfast. Louis Pistolesse was general chairman of the breakfast. It was served by members of the Catholic Daughters of America and the Rosary Society.

Following the recital refreshments were served by the members of Mrs. Mary Wickes and Mrs. Katherine Crannell Rosary hands. The business session was conducted by Mrs. Mary Ruthford, president.

The choir was directed by John Kapraly, Rev. Alexander Maczkow is pastor of the church.

Recital Acclaimed

Owego — A 45 member choir of the Holy Spirit Church of Binghamton gave a recital for the members of the Rosary and Altar Society Wednesday evening following the regular business meeting. Holy Spirit Church is an Eastern Rite church.

The choir was directed by John Kapraly, Rev. Alexander Maczkow is pastor of the church.

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Bishop Kearney Honored by Nurses At Annual Diocesan Council Dinner

Three hundred forty persons attended the annual dinner of Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses honoring His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the council's founder, on April 13 in the Powers Hotel.

Bishop Kearney and the Rev. Thomas O'Donnell, S.J., regent of Georgetown University School of Medicine, and author of *Morals in Medicine*, nationally known text book, spoke.

Gratitude of the Bishop was expressed to the nurses for their prayers during his illness and to his "quartette" as he termed them, the four nurses who cared for him. The Bishop noted that the four were present.

Bishop Kearney expressed his thanks to the Catholic nurses for their spiritual bouquet and gift, at the time of his anniversary celebration.

CALLING ATTENTION to the centenary year of the Lourdes Apparitions, the Bishop urged his listeners to serve Christ by imitating His Blessed Mother.

Father O'Donnell prefaced his address by relating the praiseworthy qualities of Bishop Kearney of which he heard on coming to this city.

Discussing "Vocation of a Nurse," his topic, the noted Jesuit educator told how Christ needs the nurse to fulfill His work among men. Many people, he said, who do not learn of Christ from the nurse will never learn of Him.

"Goodness need not be publicized nor need it be hidden," Father O'Donnell said. "The nurse must act as the hand of Christ to dispense the goodness of His Sacred Heart. The speaker referring to the statue of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral said that there is a reminder.

AT A MEETING of the executive board prior to the dinner, Loretta Lihelan of Geneva was reelected president and Barbara Hogan of Cananigua, secretary; other officers are Bessie Burns of Auburn, vice president; Nancy Mangan of Rochester, treasurer.

Anne Falvey of Auburn was toastmistress. Others at the

speakers' table included Monsignor Edward Ball, V.F., Geneva, Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey, Monsignor Gregory Dugan, Rev. Paul G. Wohrab, chaplain, and Rev. Charles E. Connell, Corbetta Astrauillo was heard in vocal solos.

Eight chapters were represented including Rochester, Auburn, Cananigua, Corning, Elmira, Geneva, Hornell and Solvaya.

Father Wohrab announced that aim of the council is for every Catholic nurse in the diocese to become a member. Office of the council is at 89 Genesee St., Rochester 11.

Aquinas Librarian Addresses Convention

A good librarian, like a good host, will see that his "guests meet the right people," Rev. John R. Whitley, C.S.B., librarian at Aquinas Institute.

He spoke at the annual convention of the Catholic Library Association at the Statler Hotel attended by over 650 librarians from the United States and Canada.

"The librarian who puts the student in touch with great thinkers and develops his appetite for good reading has done well," Father Whitley said. He described a good library as "basically an academy frequented by the best minds of all ages."

HE URGED the group not to forget that the library was the key institution in developing respect for learning. The librarian must guard against the temptation to push popular reading material to increase circulation, he said.

"If a library has to compete with the corner drugstore, there isn't much excuse for its existence," he added.

Father Whitley advocated keeping the emphasis on books, rather than on extra services. Reading, unlike viewing television or the movies, requires some thinking, he said.

"Where you read, you carry on a dialogue with the author; whereas, when you watch television or a movie, you are passive. It's the difference between the third lay person to meet the requirements for the degree during the last five centuries.

Room For Two For Europe Trip

The official Lourdes Centennial pilgrimage from the Rochester Diocese will leave New York City Tuesday, April 25.

Led by Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor of the Diocese, the group will visit Lourdes, Rome and other famous shrines of Europe.

"We have room for two more to join us," Monsignor Maney said.

Kallfisch Travel Agency, in charge of the tour's arrangements, reported it is not too late to register for the two month trip, or for portions of the trip.

Inquiries may be directed to Monsignor Maney or the Kallfisch office.

German Woman Wins Theology Degree

Freiburg, Germany — (NC) — For the first time in the 500-year history of the University of Freiburg here a woman has been given a Catholic Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

Johanna Kemp, a teacher of religion in a Freiburg School, is the third lay person to meet the requirements for the degree during the last five centuries.

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