



AN INTIMATE knowledge of a girl's home parish is one of the requirements for a youngster to be given the Marian Award, to be presented for the first time at Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 13. Donna Marie Shtatzel, 12, a seventh grade student at Sacred Heart School, one of the girls who qualified for the award.

Girls To Receive Marian Awards

By PAUL CONTESTABLE and FRANK KELLY

What is the Marian Award?

This is a question that has entered the minds of many parents of Catholic Girl Scouts of Monroe County, to whom the award will be given for the first time on May 13 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Similar to the Boy Scout's "Ad Altare Dei" award, the Marian Award was developed by the youth department of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

THE AWARD was created specifically for presentation to members of the Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls and was extended to include members of the Junior Catholic Daughters and Junior Daughters of Isabella, to help girls in all four programs to become better members of their faith and to recognize in all they do the opportunities for living the teachings of the Church and the principles of the organization to which they belong.

To get the award, the girls have to go through an extensive program, after first passing the requirements that have been set up.

These requirements include, in addition to being a member of one of the four groups, leading an exemplary Catholic life; be 12 years of age or be in the seventh grade; attend a Catholic School or attend religious instruction classes, and have a knowledge of the fundamentals of her religion.

A Catholic Girl Scout must have been a scout for one year and must be at least a second class scout.

These are just the basic requirements. The program they must follow after that is very difficult — which is appropriate because of the award's nature.

Included in the program is the study of the girl's parish church; be able to tell about its architecture, painting, sculpture or symbols; be able to demonstrate the use of the Sunday Mass; know and explain the customs of Christmas as celebrated in three foreign countries, and learn the significance of the nature of symbols used in Christian art.

PRACTICAL things are also stated in the requirements. They include preparing the home when the priest comes to give the Sacraments, building an "outdoor shrine" or tell the story of the girl's patron saint; know how to give spiritual first aid in case of an accident, and be able to promote, discuss and practice Christian ideals in dress at church and in leisure time activities.



DONNA DUSTS off the vestment case at the Cathedral as part of her duty to qualify for the Marian Award.

The third step in preparation for the award is to make a pilgrimage, preferably in uniform with the girl's troop or group to a Catholic convent, monastery, shrine, grotto or cathedral, and present a log of the place visited, which includes the place's history and its religious significance.

The second part of the third step requires the girl to do one of the following: provide supplies for a home foreign mission; participate in or help plan a period of adoration for recreation in the parish or group for one-half hour each week on a day other than the regular meeting for one month period; assist in the work in the sanctuary or sacristy once a week for six months; assist in the care of the aged or sick for one-half day a week for six months; assist in the work of a religious institution for one-half

day each week for six months, or help sit during Mass or a parents' parish meeting at least 12 times.

The girls must also write a composition telling the spiritual advantages in obtaining the award. A priest examiner has to approve the girl's work and application before the award can be given.

Post Office Speeds Action On Fraud, Smut Operators

Washington — (NC) — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the establishment of a new Post Office executive position designed to give postal officials "more effective means of dealing with" persons who use the mails for obscenity or fraud.

The position of judicial officer has been created in the Post Office department to speed up obscenity and mail fraud cases, he said.

APPOINTED to the post was Charles Abland, 27, of Enid, Okla., former special assistant to the Post Office department's general counsel.

All stages in proceedings against persons charged with using the mails for obscenity or fraud were conducted formerly by the general counsel.

Under the new setup, the handling of these complaints will be started by the general counsel. However, the hearings will be conducted by the judicial officer or his staff of hearing examiners.

THE JUDICIAL officer's decisions as to what constitutes obscenity and fraud will be appealable to the Post Office department's general counsel.

Herbert B. Warburton, acting general counsel of the department, said the organizational move was also aimed to provide legal safeguards for the rights of persons charged with obscenity or fraud by establishing an office which will deal solely with such cases, and to speed decisions in such cases.

MR. SUMMERFIELD said the Post Office department plans "more vigorous" use of a 1955 law which permits it to place an interim 20-day ban on mail deliveries to persons sending allegedly obscene material through the mails, while postal proceedings are being carried out.

Three such bans have been imposed in recent months by postal officials and upheld by Federal District Courts.

New Church Work Totals \$61 Millions

Washington, DC. (RNS) — Church construction, continuing under moderate pressure from the economic recession, totaled \$61,000,000 during April, the same level as for March, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported here.

Usually, there is a seasonal upswing in construction during April, but this did not occur in church building activity. Construction during the month was \$3,000,000 less than in April, 1957.

Construction put in place has amounted to \$254,000,000 during the first four months of 1958, according to the government estimate, a decline of two per cent from the same period in 1957.

Construction activity by the non-public schools and colleges held steady at \$40,000,000 for the third consecutive month. The four-month total in this field is estimated at \$162,000,000, only \$1,000,000 less than for the same period of 1957.

\$250,000 Given Nuns' Hospital

Dallas, Tex. (NC) — Karl Holzella, a non-Catholic, has given \$250,000 to the building fund of St. Paul's Hospital here. The philanthropist's gift brings the total contributed to the fund so far to more than \$1,350,000, or more than one-fourth of a \$1 million goal.

The hospital is operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. It was founded in 1856.

— Congressional Probers Told — Red 'Brainwash' Confuses U. S.

A Day For Mothers



Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will mark Mother's Day this Sunday by offering Mass, Holy Communion, and prayers for their mothers. Typical of many mothers who will face usual every-day tasks even on Mother's Day is Mrs. Jeanette Gelfell of St. Anne's parish, Rochester. Mother of four pre-school children she is shown here with oldest, Mary Clare, 4, and Thomas, 2 months. Her husband Edward was tending William, 2, and Edward, 1. (Courier-Journal Photo by Paul Contestable).

By J. J. GILBERT

Washington — (NC) — A jarring picture of communist actions in this country is painted by testimony released by the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities.

A journalist of international experience, Edward Hunter, told the lawmakers that he sees emerging in this country the same developments he witnessed in other countries which the Reds came to dominate.

The testimony of the journalist, Mr. Hunter, was released some time after he had sat in consultation with the committee staff.

Mr. Hunter's newspaper experience extending back over more than 20 years, includes work as a reporter and editor in Europe, Africa, Japan, China, Manchuria, and two years service with the U.S. Office of Strategic Services.

HE SAID HE has spent 20 years in countries under various forms of "communist pressure and attack."

"I have been watching developments under communism in other parts of the world," he told the committee staff, "and now I see exactly the same developments here in America."

These developments, he explained, "include, first of all, the penetration of our leadership circles by a softening up, and creating a defeatist state of mind."

"This includes penetration of our educational circles by a similar state of mind, in addition to one other thing—the long-range perspective of the professor who is above anything that is happening here and now, and considers himself an objective spectator in a long, long vista of history."

Main feature of the Red "softening up process in America," the journalist said, is "the liquidation of our attitudes on what we used to recognize as right and wrong, what we used to accept as absolute moral standards."

"We now confuse moral standards with the sophistication of dialectical materialism, with a communist crackpot theology which teaches that everything changes, and that what is right or wrong, good or bad, changes as well. So nothing, they say, is really good or bad."

GOAL OF COMMUNIST propaganda among Americans, Hunter told the Congressional probers, is to convince us that "there is no such thing as truth or a lie, and my belief we actually held was simply our being un-sophisticated."

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Catholic Employers Start Own Group

New York — (NC) — Undersecretary of Labor James T. O'Connell will address a meeting of the newly formed Catholic Employers' Study Group, to be held on May 13 in the Hotel New Yorker.

The meeting will be one of the first gatherings of the new Catholic employers' organization, set up to promote the study and practice of Catholic social principles among businessmen.

THE STUDY GROUP was organized by a steering committee of prominent businessmen, headed by John Q. Adams, president of the Manhattan Refrigeration Company. The steering committee has been making plans for the organization for the past eight months, according to a spokesman.

The spokesman said the committee received advice and suggestions from many foreign businessmen and employers visiting

New York, who are leaders in Catholic employers' associations in their own countries.

One of the first projects of the study group, it was announced, will be the drawing up of a code of ethics for employers.

PRESIDENT of the study group is James Moore, assistant vice-president of the Beech-Nut Life Saver Corporation. Mr. Adams is chairman of the organization.

The businessmen's Association has also received the approval of Cardinal Spellman, who has appointed Msgr. Charles L. Gilhin, pastor of St. Ann's parish in Nyack, N.Y., as its moderator.

Preparing the presentation of the awards are Father Eugene McFarland, diocesan scout chaplain; Mary Elinchey, chairman, and Mrs. Howard Attridge, co-chairman. They are being assisted by the Mesdames Theodore Strohmeyer, John D. Conway, James Chatterton, John D. Fleming and Richard J. Spellman.

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Offered For Dr. Pfaff

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for Dr. Norman J. Pfaff was celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in Blessed Sacrament Church, Tuesday, May 6.

Dr. Pfaff, 62, of 344 Bavington St., a member of the surgical staff of St. Mary's Hospital for 40 years, died Saturday, May 3, 1958 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Bishop Kearney in eulogizing Dr. Pfaff likened him to the Good Samaritan in that he went out of his way to serve others. The Bishop said that Dr. Pfaff's death of a heart condition was understandable in that the noted surgeon spent his life giving of himself with "all his heart."

THE BISHOP was assisted by Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, assistant priest; Rev. Francis M. Feeney, deacon and Rev. Charles E. Connell, subdeacon. Monsignor Thomas F. Connors and Monsignor Arthur F. Florack were deacons of honor.

Also in the Sanctuary were His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey and the Right Reverend Monsignors Charles F. Shay, John M. Duffy, Frank J. Hoefen, Maynard A. Connell and Richard K. Burns.

Beards were Doctors George G. Grodin, Alban Gagnor, Paul Lofie, Walter Coon, Richard Craus and F. Torresap.

DR. PFAFF who had offices in Medical Arts Building, 277 Alexander St. was born in Rochester and attended old Cathedral High School and the University of Rochester. He received his medical degree from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine in 1917.

He interned at St. Mary's Hospital and in 1918, during World

War I served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

He had a distinguished career as a surgeon in Rochester and headed the surgical staff at St. Mary's up to his last year.

He belonged to the Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament Church and the Nocturnal Adoration Society as well as the city, county and national medical associations. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Wells Pfaff; four sons, Robert J. of Yorkstown Heights, N.Y.; Donald W. and John F. of Rochester and Dr. William W. of Chicago; two daughters, Margaret Pfaff of New York City and Carol Pfaff of Rochester; his father, John J. Pfaff, Rochester, and one granddaughter.

Services also attending the Funeral Mass were the Reverend Fathers John Connon, Paul G. Woldrab, Albert J. Geiger, Victor J. Huley, Joseph B. Hantz, S.J., John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., James R. Barnett, S.J., Vincent C. Eckert, C.S.B., Robert Egan, Francis J. Taylor, George J. Weinmann, Robert A. Keleher, Gerard C. Krieg, Francis A. Klehammer, James C. Lane and Francis E. Hester.

Services at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery were conducted by Monsignors Florack, Joseph E. Grady, Joseph E. Geary and Fathers Feeney and Connors.

Funeral arrangements were made by Matthes' Funeral Home, 853 Culver Road.

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