

Pre-Cana Couples Hear Panel Discussion

Ithaca — The third Pre-Cana talk, "God In Our Married Life," was given Monday. A panel discussion by three married couples gave their viewpoint on the practical aspects of married life.

Pre-Cana talks on marriage are for engaged and newly married couples. Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator, introduced the members of the panel who were parents of children ranging in age from six months to college age. The engaged couples were told that their wedding plans, elaborate or simple, should be determined by their interests and financial means. It was pointed out that strict attention should be paid to the ceremony of marriage and the words of advice given to be followed for a lifetime.

The couples were advised when making gift suggestions to include religious articles for the home. It was suggested that saving for a home be first in the couple's plans. Also mentioned was the fact that the purchase of a house can be made less difficult through a mortgage plan with payments similar to rent. It was discussed and agreed that a wife should not work unless the economic situation of the family makes it necessary. The panel members maintained that this was especially true where children were to be considered.

In talking about children, Father Vogt outlined a thought to be remembered—one should always feel that life is only borrowed from God. A child is a gift from God given to a couple to be taken care of for only as long as God wants.

The mothers stated that children should be taught prayers early and the parents agreed that children should go to parochial school where their religious training will be strengthened and discipline is stressed.

IN MARRIAGE, sacrifice is the key word to happiness, the young couples were told. Partners should do more for each other than expected. They were also told that love grows deeper with the passage of time.

The couples were advised to live within their financial status and to decide together how money is to be spent. A discussion of the cost of the wedding and the family obligations was also a part of the evening's program. The final talk will be given at 7:15 Monday, May 19, in Immaculate Conception School. A doctor will talk on "God's Plan In Marriage," the medical aspects of marriage. All couples planning marriage are invited.

Rummage Sale Planned By Immaculate Conception

Ithaca — Mrs. Ralph DeLong and Mrs. Paul Scott are co-chairmen of a rummage sale sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca.

The sale is being held today and tomorrow, May 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in parish hall, 113 N. Geneva St.

Anyone having articles to contribute for the sale may bring them to parish hall during the sale.

Proceeds of this sale, and a previous one held two weeks ago, are being used to purchase items such as baseball equipment, record player, checkers, chess, ping-pong table and games, for use by lunch-room pupils of Immaculate Conception School.

Are a Catholic Daughters Hear Monsignor Sullivan

Corning — Guests from Waverly, Elmira and Hornell were among the some 60 women attending the annual banquet of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, at the Corning Country Club a week ago.

Mrs. Eugene Kocis was chairman of the affair and Mrs. Di-Cella, co-chairman.

The invocation was by the Rev. Gerald Dunn, chaplain of the Court.

Mrs. William Kneeland, grand regent of the Court, gave the welcome, following which Mrs. Arma Sheahan of Waverly, Corning District deputy, gave a short message.

GUEST SPEAKER was the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, pastor at Holy Cross Church at Ovid. He told of many interesting experiences as Rome correspondent for the National Catholic Women's Council.

Vocal soloist Mrs. Richard BeGell, was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robert Saxton. Mrs. BeGell's selections were: "The Cunnin' Little Thing," by Richard Hageman; "The Girls of Cadiz," by Leo Delibes and "The Japanese Love Song," by Clayton Thomas.

Catholic Nurses Propose Scholarship

Corning — At a meeting of the officers of the Corning Council of Catholic Nurses it was proposed that a scholarship fund be established to encourage nursing as a profession.

To raise funds for this, a bake sale will be held June 6 with Mrs. Marguerite Lagerborg as chairman. Assisting her will be Mrs. Maud Nitsche and Mrs. Harriet Falsley.

Plans were also made for a communion breakfast Sept. 25.

First Saturday Group Hears Filipino

Ithaca — A First Saturday Breakfast honoring Our Lady of Fatima was held Saturday in parish hall of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The breakfast was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of the parochial school. Mrs. George Kohles was in charge and she was assisted by Mrs. Ralph DeLong and Mrs. F. J. Quinlan.

Antonio A. Perpetua of the Province of Cebu, the Philippines, a special student at Cornell University was guest speaker. He told about his country and its religious customs.

Perpetua said the Philippine Islands, discovered by Magellan, were named for King Philip of Spain and are composed of 7,083 islands, of which 4,000 are unnamed. The islands are inhabited by 22 million people speaking 10 local dialects which emphasizes the great need for a common language. The three national languages are Spanish, English and Tagalog. The customs and traditions are also many and different because of the division of the islands by bodies of water, the speaker said.

The Philippine Islands are predominantly (83%) Catholic, Perpetua said. There is a separation of Church and state but holidays are recognized by the state and some such as Good Friday, are national holidays.

Reception Ceremony For Church Society

Ithaca — The Rosary and Altar Society will meet Monday, May 12. The ceremony of reception will take place in church at 7:45 p.m. to formally receive all new members into the Society. Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator, will officiate. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the ceremony.

A business meeting will be held in parish hall with Mrs. Charlotte DeWitt, president, in charge. The evening will terminate with a social hour at which converts to Catholicism will be guests and in a panel discussion will tell the society members of circumstances that led to their conversion, and what other aspects of Catholicism means to them.

Sisters Attend Hospital Course

Sister M. Florence, instructor of Nazareth College Nursing Students and Sister Paul Marie, medical head nurse, both of St. Joseph's Hospital attended a two-week course in principles and practice of geriatric rehabilitation.

The course was given by the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation of the New York Medical College, Metropolitan Medical Center, New York City.

Sessions were held at Bird S. Coler Hospital for the care of the Aged and Chronically Ill, and at the college the faculty included members of the medical school staff, prominent speakers from the area and representatives from the various departments at Bird S. Coler Hospital.

Participants included nurses, social and group workers, as well as physical and occupational therapists from all areas of the United States and Hawaii.

Scholarships were available from the Federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the New York State Department of Health.



Priest, 60 Years Honored By KC

FOURTH DEGREE, Knights of Columbus was conferred on a class of 93 Sunday. The ceremony honored Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, who will observe his 60th ordination anniversary, this year. Here at banquet in Sheraton Hotel joining in observance are: (from left) Raymond L. Nary, master, fifth district; Monsignor James D. Cuffney, His Excellency Bishop Kearney and Monsignor Connors. (Hi-Tone Photo).

Bishop's Tea Will Be Held Tomorrow

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, will be honored at the 11th annual Bishop's Tea of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, to be held in the Medaille Hall, Nazareth College, on Saturday, May 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Presidents and officers of approximately 200 Council-affiliated organizations throughout the diocese of Rochester will attend the tea.

MRS. THEODORE STROHMMEYER, president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, is honorary chairman of the Bishop's Tea. Mrs. Joseph E. Schmitt is chairman, and Mrs. Gerald Morris, co-chairman. Members of the committee are: Mesdames Harriet Adams, David Bishop, James Connolly, Michael Callahan, Arthur Ennis, Robert Farrell, William Foley, Maurice Hatner, Charles Halgit, James Krickmire, James Raines, George Vogt and Richard Wolder.

Hostesses will be presidents of the nine diocesan councils of the diocese including Mrs. David Bishop, Monroe County Council; Mrs. F. P. Hommel, Chertown Schuyler; Catherine Burns, Cayuga; Josephine Eitzgerald, Steuben; Mrs. Peter Esposito, Corning District; Mrs. John Churney, Tompkins-Tioga; Mrs. Leo George, Ontario-Seneca-Yates; Mrs. George Ketchum, Wayne; and Mrs. William Ryan, Livingston.

Corning Weddings

Corning — In a spring wedding last Saturday morning, Miss Virginia Mary Chalk of Elmira became the bride of Earl Raymond Woodhouse of this community in a 10 a.m. ceremony in St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Bielmer of 402 Linden Pl., Elmira, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Woodhouse of Corning, RD 1.

The Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor of St. Cecilia's, performed the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather, Joseph Bielmer, and Hilda M. Donohue played traditional wedding music. Miss Rosalee Chalk of Elmira, was maid of honor and Mrs. Herman Cook of Elmira and Miss Shirley Woodhouse of Corning, were bridesmaids.

The groom was attended by Thomas L. Woodhouse of Corning, while Herman Cook of Elmira and Charles Woodhouse of Corning served as ushers.

Society Hears Syracuse Diocesan Schools Head

About 100 members of the Sodality and Altar Society of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira attended the 22nd annual dinner, held Wednesday at the Langwell Hotel.

Guest speaker was Monsignor James E. Callaghan, Diocesan Director of Schools of the Syracuse Diocese.

Choosing as his topic, "The Romance of the Rosary," Monsignor Callaghan discussed the Rosary from a threefold aspect, the doctrinal, the historical, and the psychological or personal aspect.

He indicated that our devotion to Mary, through the Rosary, is a healthy, orthodox one since a whole series of Pontiffs and Papal Encyclicals from Innocent III down through Pius V and Leo XIII, Pius XI and XII have paid tribute to the efficacy of the Rosary.

Requiem Offered For Sister M. Joachim

Solemn Requiem Mass for Sister M. Joachim Beirne of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was offered at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford, Saturday, May 3.

Sister Joachim, for more than 50 years a teacher in schools of this diocese died May 1, 1958, after a long illness.

The Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Wilfred Craugh assisted by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, deacon and the Rev. Joseph W. Dalley, subdeacon. Rev. Eugene H. McFarland was master of ceremonies. Monsignor Louis J. Edelman was in the sanctuary.

Sister Joachim, a native of Ireland, entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1899. Early teaching assignments included St. Mary School, Elmira; St. Stephen's, Geneva and St. Michael's, Penn Yan. She taught for 12 years in Immaculate Conception School, 13 years in Holy Apostles School and also in Sacred Heart, St. Augustine's, Holy Rosary and St. Ambrose Schools in Rochester.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Jacob Lawlor of Toronto, Mrs. Michael Smyth of Chicago and Arne Beirne of Belfast, Ireland and a brother, Vincent Beirne of Australia.

Services at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery were conducted by Monsignor Wilfred Craugh assisted by Monsignor Joseph H. Gefell and Fathers Charles J. McCarthy and Michael Tydings.

The Cross

By MARGENE BETTS
Each one is given a cross to bear
Through life, in order that everyone may share
God's suffering upon this earth,
His crucifixion and stabled birth.
Most crosses are light we must agree,
Considering our sins, our perfidy.
Others are heavy, the nails pushing through;
These are for the favored few
Whom God has chosen to lead the way,
For Little Souls too weak to stay.

Court St. Ann Holds Communion Breakfast

Hornell — One hundred and sixty-two members of Court St. Ann No. 194, Catholic Daughters of America attended Mass and received Communion last Sunday; National Communion Sunday.

Following Mass a breakfast was served to members at the Hornell Moose Club. Rev. William J. Spellee, assistant pastor at St. Boniface Parish, Rochester and son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spellee of McDougall Ave. was guest speaker.

Mrs. Phyllis Weber, grand regent presided. Mrs. Genevieve Tulan was chairman of the breakfast. Mrs. Margaret Gray was ticket chairman.

Mrs. Weber extended her thanks to all the members and officers for their cooperation with her during her year as grand regent. Elections of new officers will take place May 12th.

Father Spellee spoke on our "purpose in life" and Mary's part in assisting us to achieve that purpose. "Your purpose in life is to maintain the ideals pointed out to you at Baptism. To achieve this God gives the gift of Sanctifying Grace and the gift of Faith. Even Adam and Eve were given these gifts but they were not enough to prevent them from falling into sin. So, God gave us the 'Sacramental System' Father said.

"The Ten Commandments are sign posts to guide our feet along the road. Christ had pledged His support to man. Thy support He gave us on Calvary when He gave us His Mother. Christ saw sinful children who needed a mother to guide them along the way and teach them the truth. Mary is this guide and our teacher," Father concluded.

Immaculate Heart Society Names New Officers

At a meeting following the annual picnic supper of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's Church, on May 5th, the following officers were appointed: president, Mrs. Alice Steiner; vice-president, Mrs. Frances Kurtz; secretary, Mrs. Marian Brantow; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Koval.

RETIRING PRESIDENT, Mrs. Paul Reilly and treasurer, Mrs. Robert Ryan, were paid tribute by Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, moderator of the society. Each was presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for their fine work during their two-year term in office.

Pius XI and Pius XII have repeatedly warned that the Rosary and Mary were the cure for Communism," Msgr. Callaghan said.

In conclusion the educator said "the church, in placing in our hands the Rosary, provides vast knowledge and understanding of psychology and psychiatry. The Rosary appeals to all types of personality. It satisfies complex human nature. It provides material for the exercise of every faculty, the sense, imagination, memory, will and intellect."

Catholic Women Hold Meeting

Ithaca — The quarterly meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women was held last Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Home, Geneva.

Mrs. Theodore Strahmeyer of Rochester, diocesan president, conducted the meeting. Reports of the deacony presidents and diocesan chairmen of committees were given.

PLANS WERE announced for the tea in honor of Bishop Kearney to be held on Saturday, May 10 at Nazareth College, Rochester.

Two convention dates were announced. National convention of the NCCW will be held in St. Louis, Sept. 29 through 24th. Diocesan convention of the Rochester council will be held in Rochester on Oct. 21st.

Attending the quarterly meeting from Ithaca were the Mrs. Paul Scott, diocesan chairman of library and literature committee; Angelina Torcella, chairman of library and literature committee for the Tompkins-Tioga Deacony; Mrs. Richard Taber, chairman of shrines and delegate of Immaculate Conception Parent-Teacher Association, and Mrs. Mary Fineran; chairman of the organization and development committee of the Ithaca Council and former diocesan parliamentarian.

Initiated Into TV-Radio Fraternity

Corning — Robert E. Hallahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Hallahan, of 331 Woodview Ave. recently initiated into the Delta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Rho. This is the national television and radio honorary fraternity. Hallahan, a junior at Michigan State University, is majoring in television production with a minor in the social sciences.



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