

# Professor Praises Legion Of Mary, Religion Schools

By FRANK KELLY

Father Leo Ward, C.S.C., a well-known author and professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, was in this Diocese this week to observe the set-up of the Schools of Religion that were recently started here, to teach Catholicism to public school pupils.

Father Ward, who is also a widely known sociologist, also studied the Legion of Mary here and intends to incorporate his new-found knowledge in future books that he may write and also in his subject matter in his philosophy courses at Notre Dame.

Father Ward was the guest of Father Benedict Ehrmann in Watkins Glen, Monsignor William Naughton at St. Anne's, Brighton Park, Father Leo Mannus of St. Bernard's Seminary and Father Leonard Kelly, Fairport.

COMMENTING on his trip here, Father Ward said that he "was greatly impressed with this new method of teaching as practiced by Father Kelly and Father Ehrmann in the Schools of Religion."

"Because of the increase in the number of children in the past several years, pastors face the problem of not having enough room in parochial schools."

"The Schools of Religion are an excellent remedy in solving the problem of religious education of the children," Father Ward said.

In commenting on the Legion of Mary, Father Ward stated that "the Legion of Mary belongs everywhere. The members take the rules of St. Ignatius and use them in a practical way in their contacts."

FATHER WARD also said that "Catholic parishes across the country tend to get stronger when parish priests and leaders get more active in civic life. They become the forefront of civic development, which influences the morale of the community and brings good government to that community."

He further commented on education in Russia compared to that in the United States.

"Under the communist system, the Russians have made headway in the development of their scientists. In fact, they seem to be able to do this faster than we are. However," he stated, "whether this will be permanent, thing is questionable. I don't think they will be able to keep up this very rapid pace, for the



DISTINGUISHED visitor from Notre Dame University is shown Legion of Mary publication by Monsignor William J. Naughton at St. Anne's. He is the Rev. Leo Ward, C.S.C., philosophy professor and noted author.

simple reason that scientists want to be free in doing their work. Under the communist government, this is not possible.

"I think that in a very short time we will surpass them because of the academic freedom we enjoy in this country."

Father Ward said that a book he has written on the Catholic education will appear in the Fall. It is to be published by Herter Publications in St. Louis.

HE STATES in the book that some Catholic schools substitute piety for intellectual effort. The idea of Catholic action as Catholic learning has not been conceived in this country. The parochial schools must realize that as a person lives in society, he learns. Our pupils need a vision of greatness and the only way

they can get it is from their teachers, who must sharpen their own intellects.

Father Ward spends part of his vacation each year in making these survey trips so that he can keep up with the latest progress in social development, which he incorporates in his teaching at the university.

He has written several books on his travels including "Ourself, Inc.," about a mid-western cooperative community, and "God In An Irish Kitchen," based on the people he met while traveling in Ireland.

Father Ward intends to use the information he received on his visit to this diocese in a pastoral theology course he will be teaching this summer at Notre Dame to young priests.

## Father Burns To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Mass

The Rev. William A. Burns, pastor of St. Anthony Church, Elmira, will be the celebrant of a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in observance of his 25th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Assisting at the Mass will be: Rev. Francis J. Pegnam of Rochester, Deacon and Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto, subdeacon. Rev. Joseph P. Hogan, Chaplain at Notre Dame high school will deliver the sermon.

A RECEPTION in honor of Father Burns will be held from three until five in the afternoon at the Mark Twain Hotel. Parishioners and friends are invited.

Father Alletto, Adolph A. Cirulli and John L. Cavaluzzi are in charge of arrangements.

## Officers Elected By Fourth Degree

Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus named Richard J. Fernan faithful navigator for the coming term to succeed Francis T. Woods.

Additional officers are: M. Joseph Danaher, faithful captain; Henry D. Kane, faithful comptroller; Charles N. Karl, faithful scribe; John T. Rohde and Henry D. Kadlec, sentinels; Woods, faithful admiral.

## Third Order To Meet

St. John the Baptist Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis will meet at St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, Tuesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Officers will be elected by all eligible professed members. Elections will be to three year terms, expiring in 1961, and will constitute the third group of officers chosen to govern the Fraternity, which was canonically established in 1952.

The Rev. Joseph O. Gorman, Director, and pastor of St. John's, will preside at the meeting.

## Wanda Circle Slates Party

Wanda Circle Ladies of St. Casimir Church, Elmira will honor all members having birthdays in June and July at the next party scheduled Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m. in the school hall.

Mrs. Veronica Sadonich, chairman is assisted by Mesdames Bertha Miller, Stella Klugo, Gertrude Morrell, Bernice Raniewicz, Mary Kubinski, Dorothy Rankiewicz, Nel Schultz, Wanda Koniski, Theresa Baker, Mary Jankowski, Helen and Rose Oswoski.

## Annual Fashion Show Scheduled

Annual fashion show and garden party sponsored by the women's auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira will be held in the Dunn Memorial Gardens Sunday, June 29 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Mrs. James Steiner, general chairman is being assisted by the officers and a large committee. Mrs. Eugene F. Hamilton is chairman of fashion displays.

# Courier Journal

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## Father Schwab New Chemung-Schuyler Dean

The appointment of Father Leo G. Schwab as dean of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery is the high point of this priest who just recently celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination.

With the exception of six months as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, and six years as assistant at St. Thomas Church, Leicester, Father Schwab has spent his entire priestly career in Elmira.

In the time he has spent in Elmira, first as assistant priest at St. Patrick's Church from Dec. 12, 1918 to July 3, 1931 and since July 1, 1940 as founder-pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Father Schwab has distinguished himself in both his priestly duties and as an unselfish civic leader.

Among his accomplishments were the construction of a gothic styled church, seating 600 people, and more recently, an eight-classroom, one story school. He also constructed a convent for the Sisters of Mercy who staff the school (see appointment story on page one.)

## Awards Presented Hospital Graduates

Hornell — Annual senior banquet for the graduating class of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing was held at the hospital on Tuesday, June 10. The banquet theme was "Sayonara" with appropriate Japanese decorations. The Freshman students arranged the entertainment and William Lene of the hospital staff provided the organ melody of traditional music.

Sister Mary Valerie, Director of the School of Nursing, presented the annual awards of merit to the following students: Joyce Preston of Canisteo, the "Sister Mary Aid Award for Nursing Excellence"; the "Women's Board Highest Scholastic Award" to Gayel Van Fleet of Jasper; the Medical Staff "Surgical Award" to Patricia Gargan of Rochester; and the "St. Gerard Obstetrical Award" to Mary Lou Serebro of Hornell.

## Scholarship Won By Hornell Girl

DR. JOHN S. McROBERTS, Pediatrician and a member of the School of Nursing Faculty was guest speaker. Doctor McRoberts said: "There are hundreds of elements which may make or mar your lives—which may contribute to your success, or help you in the days of failure. I shall consider very briefly just two of these. The first is Imperturbability, and in the nurse no quality ranks with it... in full development, as we see it in some of our Sisters and Nurses, it has the nature of a Divine Gift, a blessing to the profession, a comfort to all who come in contact with her. In true and perfect form, Imperturbability is bound up necessarily with wide experience, knowledge and calm nerves."

Doctor continued: "Next there is the mental equivalent to this bodily endowment—that of Equanimity. Natural temperament has much to do with its development, but a clear knowledge of our relations to our fellow creatures and to the work of life is also indispensable. The essentials then—Natural Temperament, An Understanding of Human Nature and A Philosophy of Love."

"Strive for that equanimity which will help you put all things in the arts, in human relations and in relations with God," Dr. Roberts concluded.

In addition to the faculty and student nurses, other guests present were: Dr. J. Raymond Kelly, President of the Board of Directors; Dr. Kenneth T. Rowe, President of the Medical Staff; Mrs. Aniela O'Connor, Representative of the Women's Board, and Rev. Paul Wohlrab of Rochester.

## Ithaca Knights Name Leaders

The committees for the banquet arrangements included: General Chairman, Ann Finn; Mistress of Ceremonies, Betty Jean Birmingham; Decorations, Patricia Terhaar; Program, Ruthmary Moore; Entertainment, Margaret Brown; Gifts, Amella Fucci.

The following members of the nursing staff served: Mrs. Ivan Biddle, Mary Agnes Argenti, Mary Theresa Moretti, Jean Quartz, Mary M. Gibbs, Mrs. Julia Fisci, Mrs. Noreen Mahoney, Mary Kathleen O'Brien, Jean Philbrick.

Rev. Edward Zimmer was re-appointed chaplain and Bruno Mazza Jr. was re-elected associate.

# Father's Day Celebration Dads Serve Mass With Sons

Ithaca—Father's Day was special for the fathers of the 92 altar boys of the Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca. First, because some had the unique privilege of serving Mass with their sons, and second, because their altar boys sons were paid a tribute in a leaflet insert in the parish bulletin.

Rev. Otto J. Vogt, director of the altar boys, in "A Word of Gratitude" to them said, "The altar boys of this parish are deserving of credit and praise, and also a word of gratitude."

"Monsignor Byrne, our pastor, and all of us assistant priests appreciate their efforts and sacrifices. So many of our Catholic families are represented as each boy kneels to serve Mass, giving praise and adoration to God at God's altar. To the parents, we also say, 'Thank you.' Today, Father's Day, I hope this little leaflet will be a small tribute of the priests and people to our altar boys. May God shower on each of them His abundant graces and blessings."

THE FATHERS served Mass with their sons at each of the six Sunday Masses. Since the number of Masses was limited, and there are over 100 altar boys from sixth grade through high

school, Father Vogt chose the fathers who had two or more altar boys sons. The father assisted at Mass with the older son while the younger son was in the sanctuary and took the Communion plate. The fathers and sons were Richard Taber with George and Richard Jr.; William Melzinger with Ronald and James; Eddie Moore with Robert, James and David; John Bangs with John Jr. and Daniel; Walter O'Brien with Edward and Thomas; and Edward Rooney with Thomas.

## Mrs. Robert Reep Heads CDA Court

Contra—in ceremonies conducted at the Catholic Daughters of America rooms a week ago by Mrs. Anna Sheehan of Waverly, district deputy, Mrs. Robert Reep of Corning took office as regent of the local Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America.

Others installed were: Mrs. William Genon, vice grand regent; Mrs. Mary Hyder, sentinel; Mrs. Phyllomena Ruocco, treasurer; Mrs. Kathleen Frick, organist; Mrs. Joseph Ruocco and Mrs. Leo McKinney, trustees. All other officers were re-elected.

## Corning Student Honored At N.U.

Niagara University, N. Y. — Richard J. Zuzero of 189 W. Second St., Corning, was elected to membership in Niagara University's Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Catholic Honor Society.

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