



Girard Gavin, second from the left, was installed president of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's, Owego. Shown with President Gavin are: seated, (from left), Ralph Butcher, 2nd vice-president; Robert Wolcott, first vice-president, the Rev. Michael L. Reagan, installing officer. Second row, Mathew Williams, marshal; Thomas Ward and Francis Munroe, delegates and J. Edmund Morton, secretary-treasurer. (Tabbs Photo)

Graduation Rites Held At St. Patrick's, Owego

Owego—Michael Connelly with an average of 94% and Joanne Bebel with 93%, of the 1938 graduating class of St. Patrick's parochial school, received the cash prizes given by the Holy Name Society for top honor students at the graduation exercises held in St. Patrick's Church, on Thursday, June 19.

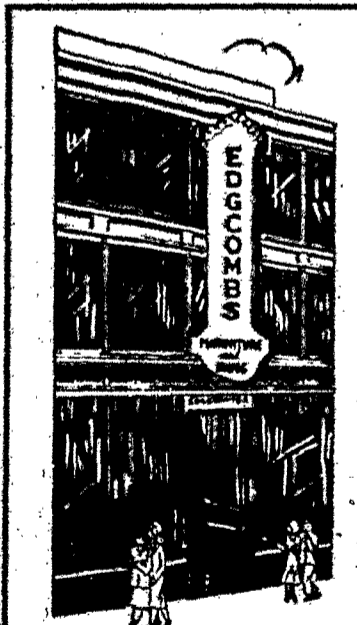
Joseph Haner received the prize highest mark received in Christian Doctrine and Spanish. Miss Judy Kinnle equally merited the prize for the same subject offered to the girl in the class. These latter prizes are given by Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America.

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Cardinal To Lead Lourdes Pilgrimage

New York—(RNS)—Cardinal Spellman will lead a pilgrimage of about 200 persons from 28 states, District of Columbia, Hawaii and Canada, to the world famous shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France, on Sept. 8.

The pilgrimage is the largest from this country in connection with the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions witnessed by St. Bernadette at the grotto of Massabieille at Lourdes in 1858. A highlight of the Lourdes visit will be the celebration of a Mass by Cardinal Spellman at the grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to the 14-year-old French peasant girl.

Before returning here on Oct. 13, the pilgrims also will visit Fatima, Portugal, Rome, Naples, Athens, Lisbon, Gibraltar and other principal European cities. While in Rome, the group hopes to be received in audience by Pope Pius XII.

Graphic Description of Faith

Priest's Booklet Published

By FRANK KELLY

Father F. Charles Bauer, assistant pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, has announced the publication of a catechetical instruction booklet, "A Graphic Description of Christian Doctrine," by The Queen's Work of St. Louis, Mo.

Father Bauer said that the booklet, which is based on the Baltimore Catechism, "is intended as a graphic representation of the fundamental truths of the Catholic Religion."

BASED ON manuscripts that he has used for the instruction of converts over the past eight years, the booklet simplifies the teaching of doctrines as expressed in the Baltimore catechism.

"This booklet can also be used for instruction by the nuns in their religion classes and for release-time instruction," Father Bauer said. "In release-time instruction it will be especially valuable," he related.

"Where in the Baltimore or other catechisms that are in use today, the pupils are generally taught by rote, in my booklet, the students get a graphic description that will enable them to grasp the truths of Catholicism much more easily," he said.

"I compiled this booklet after several of my priest-friends advised me to do so," Father Bauer related. "Actually, I have found it very helpful in my convert work during the past eight years, and I hope it helps others in this work as it has helped me."

TO SHOW the effect of this new booklet, Father Bauer said that he had started one of his present potential converts on the Baltimore catechism. Mid-way through the instruction, he switched to the new booklet.

"The effect on my student was remarkable," Father Bauer re-



REV. F. CHARLES BAUER, assistant pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, points out one of the lessons in his new catechetical instruction book, "A Graphic Description of Christian Doctrine," to James, left, and Charles Zicari, members of parish.

lated. "He told me that this booklet made all these teachings so much clearer and so much easier to understand." The booklet purposely has no text. It gives each teacher the opportunity to express in his own way the teachings of Catholicism and with spaces for notes, it gives the student the opportunity to write down these teachings in the best way he can remember them.

"The booklet is also meant to give every Catholic a review and refresher course on his beliefs, and enable him to recall the truths that have been taught him in the past," Father Bauer added. Published at a cost of 50 cents, the booklet is available at Trant's. It contains the imprimatur of His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Corning Weddings

Corning—Miss Pauline Ann Esgraw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel V. Esgraw of 150 Putney Street, was married May 31 to William James Cirilli of the Airport Road, Horseheads.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Gulliford in St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

Miss Clara Giardina was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Walker and Miss Helen Merola. Wendy Swarty, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Best man was Adolph Long Jr., while seating guest at the church were Joseph Christusi and Edward Rogan. James Esgraw, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Corning—Miss Jeannine Irene Shafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shafer of 157 Fuller Avenue, became the bride of Donald H. Fletcher of LeJune, N.C., son of Mrs. Mary Fletcher, of 110 Baker Street, in a double ring service at St. Vincent de Paul's Church Saturday, June 14, at 9 a.m.

The Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor, celebrated the nuptial Mass.

Mrs. Thomas Ward played traditional music and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Beverly Shafer of Corning was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Marvel Monks, Mrs. Ronald McGhie and Mrs. Edward McHale, all of Corning. Linda Fletcher was flower girl.

Frederick Button of Coopers Plains attended the groom and Arthur Shafer, Harry Blodgett and George Gould showed guests to their seats.

Soviet Zone Network Promotes Atheism

Berlin—(RNS)—Radio DDR, largest of the three Soviet Zone radio networks, has inaugurated a regular Sunday morning program devoted to combatting "religious ideas and superstition."

It is on the air immediately following a Protestant Sunday service and a newscast on religious developments.

Beamed over all waves of the network, the new program is called "Universe, Earth and Men." The title is the same as that of a standard East German atheistic book which is distributed to participants in Communist youth dedication ceremonies.

The two other networks, the Berliner Rundfunk and the Deutschlandsender, have long since discontinued the practice of including Christian services in their programs.

First Masses Slated For 3 Basilians

Three Aquinas Institute graduates will be raised to the priesthood in the Basilian Fathers' Congregation, Sunday, June 29 by His Eminence, James Cardinal McGulgan. The ordinations will take place at 4 p.m. at St. Basil Church, Toronto, Canada.

All three will celebrate their first solemn Masses in Rochester churches, Sunday, July 6.

Details of the scheduled first Masses and biographical data of the newly ordained Basilian priests follows:

Rev. James Patrick Burns, C.S.B., son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Burns, 224 Edgerton St., Rochester will celebrate his first solemn Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, July 6 at 11 a.m.

Assisting him will be Rev. Edmund E. Burns, C.S.B., deacon; (subdeacon to be named). Rev. Robert Crooker, C.S.B. will preach the sermon.

Born in Watertown, N.Y., May 25, 1930, Father Burns was graduated from Aquinas Institute, in 1948. He entered the Rochester Novitiate, Aug. 5, 1948 and took first vows, Aug. 15, 1949.

After graduating from upper school in 1951, he took his arts course at St. Michael College and obtained a B.A. from University of Toronto in 1953. He taught two years at Catholic Central High School, Detroit. He also took courses in pedagogy at University of Detroit and Wayne University and obtained a temporary Michigan State Teacher's certificate.

A reception will be held at Blessed Sacrament School Hall.

Rev. John Matthew Farrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Farrell, 189 Palmerston Rd., Rochester will offer his first solemn Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rochester, July 6 at 10 a.m.

Assisting will be: Monsignor Leslie G. Whelan, assistant priest; Rev. William E. Farrell, O.S.A. (newly ordained's brother), deacon; Rev. John Ware, C.S.B., subdeacon. Rev. Alphonsus Malone, C.S.B. will be preacher. Born in Rochester, April 16, 1930, Father Farrell attended Blessed Sacrament School and

Acquinas Institute. He entered the Rochester Novitiate in 1948 and took his first vows, Aug. 15, 1949.

First appointment was to Assumption College. After earning a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1953, he taught two years at Catholic Central High School, Detroit.

A reception will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, July 6 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Rev. Donald Eugene McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cyril McCarthy, 54 Resolute St., Rochester will celebrate his first solemn Mass, Sunday, July 6 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 9:30 a.m.

He will be assisted by Monsignor Frank J. Hoeft, assistant

St. Casimir's Rosarians Hear Talk On Shroud

Rev. Edward A. Shamon, assistant pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen was heard in a slide-lecture on the Holy Shroud of Turin at the June meeting of the Rosary Society of St. Casimir's Church, June 16.

The meeting as attended by about 100 persons in the school hall.

Father Shamon pointed out that the evidence presented by this sacred relic of Christendom proves incontrovertibly that this Shroud preserved in the Cathedral of Turin, Italy, and guarded for centuries by the Royal House of Savoy, is the authentic wrapping sheet which held the body of Christ in the tomb.

THE LECTURER said that the impression on this cloth has been thoroughly investigated by the world of science and authenticity of the Shroud was defended on the floor of the French Academy of Science by an illustrious scientist of the famed Sorbonne Institute in Paris, Dr. Yves Delage, a professional agnostic.

An election of officers was held at this meeting of the society. Newly appointed officers for the year 1958-59 are: Mrs. Olga Baronski, president; Mary Jairowski, vice president; Mary Kosrictski, secretary; Mary Karvas, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Kovetz, marshal.

Rev. Lenoard P. Kulavski, spiritual moderator, praised the work of the members and officers and thanked them "for their were made."

New School Can't Open, Not Enough Nuns

Little Rock—(NC)—One of the fastest-growing parishes in Little Rock has struck head-on against the stone wall of vocation shortage.

ST. THERESA'S parish in the outlying Geyer Springs section has completed a \$60,000 project to house the first four primary grades of a new school if planned to open in September.

Bishop Albert L. Fletcher of Little Rock dedicated the combination parish hall and school.

But the pastor, Father William J. Burke, says there will be no parochial school at St. Theresa's next September.

"We need just two Sisters," he says, "in order to inaugurate the first four grades. But there just aren't two available."

Federal Grant—Steubenville, Ohio—(NC)—Announcement of a grant of \$375,000 from the U. S. Government has brought to nearly \$2,000,000 the funds on hand to begin the new St. John Hospital here.

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