



Sodality Summer School Students

Diocesan Sodality members numbering 130, accompanied by 25 Priests and Nuns attended the Summer School of Catholic Action in New York City last week. Their delegation was the largest diocesan group outside of the New York Archdiocese.

Congress Votes Federal Funds To Aid Schools

Washington (NC) — Congress has passed and sent to the President a bill to give Federal aid to both public and private schools.

THE MEASURE provides about \$900 million for aid to education during the next four years, although a Senate House conference eliminated student scholarships from the program.

Private schools will share in money allocated to the program. The largest group of the program is student loans and funds for equipment.

The bill provides \$295 million for loans to college students. The loans will be administered through the schools, with the government putting up 90 percent of the money and the colleges 10 percent.

Individual students will be eligible for loans up to \$1000 a year, with the total available to any one student limited to \$5,000.

The bill states that recipients of such loans are to be students of superior academic background who express a desire to teach in elementary or secondary schools, public or private, and who demonstrate ability in science, mathematics, engineering or a modern foreign language.

THE LOANS are to be repaid at three per cent interest, beginning one year after the student leaves school. The bill provides that a student may pay off up to 50 per cent of a loan by teaching in a public school.

The measure provides that non-profit elementary and high schools may receive low interest government loans to buy equipment.

It allocates about nine million dollars for such loans.

Notre Dame Nun Laid To Rest

Sister Mary Albertine of the School Sisters of Notre Dame who taught at St. Michael's School, Rochester, from 1890 to 1937 died August 4, 1938.

Ill health necessitated her transfer to Notch Cliff, Maryland, the Sisters' home for the ill and aged, where funeral services were held.

For more than 50 years Sister Albertine successfully taught the first grade and endeared herself to all the little boys and girls. During that time she had charge of the sacristy and the altar boys and was said to take great pride in keeping the altars decorated.

A teacher of several generations in St. Michael's parish, her memory will be cherished by members of St. Michael's.

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Diocesan Sodalists Attend Catholic Action School In New York

One hundred thirty Sodality members from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., was de- of the Rochester Diocese, accom- panied by Sisters and priests and information on Sodality from their parishes and schools, ideals and Catholic Action for attended sessions of the Sum- young people. The largest of mer School of Catholic Action at eight such schools conducted Fordham University last week. around the nation each Summer by the Sodality of Our Lady, the The six-day program, running New York gathering attracted

nearly 2,500 teen agers and their adult leaders for the full weeks' schedule.

THE ROCHESTER delegation, representing 15 parishes and five high schools of the Diocese, was

the largest single diocesan group outside of the New York Archdiocese.

Parishes sending student delegates were Holy Cross, St. Thomas, Christ the King, St. Monica's

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Francis Xavier, St. Michael's, St. Boniface, Blessed Sacrament, St. Stanislaus, St. Andrew's of Rochester, Also St. Joseph's, Wayland, Assumption, Fairport, St. Mary's, Canandaigua, SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

High school delegations came from Nazareth Academy, Notre Dame, Elmira, McQuaid Jesuit High, Mt. Carmel, Auburn, and Our Lady of Mercy.

Twenty-five priests and Sisters of the diocese accompanied the Sodality.

know of no available courses so far for these grades.

Knowledge alone is no cure-all for our many marriage problems, but it is an important aid.

Besides teachers we also need more trained counselors in schools to work with disturbed children and their parents. The ordinary teacher has not the time or training to handle these problems.

Add to this marriage preparation a strong motivation, the kind often given in pre-Cana conferences and couples' retreats — and the future for families is much, much brighter than it has been in years.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

Spiritual exercises will be conducted at the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Avenue, Rochester, during the month of September as follows:

- RETREATS:
- Sept. 5-7—Coudere Guild & Young Business Girls—Rev. John Hayes, S.J.
 - Sept. 12-14—Preparation for Marriage—Rev. Edwin C. Haynes, S.J.
 - Sept. 19-21—St. Jerome's Sodality & Young Business Girls—Rev. John Hayes, S.J.
 - Sept. 26-28—Geneva Deacons' NOCW—Rev. John L. Bonn, S.J.

Making Marriage Click High Schoolers Need Marriage Instruction

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC
(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

A truly happy marriage, it is said, is one in which a woman gives the best years of her life to the man who has made them the best.

Happiness in marriage, of course, does not just happen. The Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has recently awarded prizes to three of the outstanding Catholic high schools of the country who have developed the best family education courses. This is the first time this award was given. The reason it is given now is because the need for better family life courses in our Catholic high schools is so urgent.

IN A RECENT study conducted by the Family Life Bureau, only five per cent of those responding had a well structured course. There is an element of crisis now not only because of a continued ratio of one divorce for every four marriages that take place, but because approximately 50 per cent of those who marry, especially girls, are not going to college. Nine out of ten Americans do marry.

Today half of the American girls are already married before they reach their 21st birthday and half of the men before they are 23. Whether we approve it or not, many young people start dating when they are 12 to 15 years old.

Their dating is by pairs rather than by groups and there is little adult supervision. Complete free choice in marrying is one of the results and it is growing.

Parents are now rarely ask-

ed for the hand of a daughter by a suitor. It is simply presupposed.

Young people are marrying at earlier ages than at any time during the past 70 years. An added concern is that all research on age at marriage has found a higher divorce rate and a lower happiness rate in teenage marriages than at any other age level.

Only 30 years ago, youth themselves were asking for particular help: the men students of one of our leading universities went to the president of the university and asked if it would be possible for them to have a course on preparation for marriage. The president listened to their report, asked them to outline what they would like to have taught and later secured a professor for the course.

High school students these days need a course which takes in more than the fact that God instituted and protects marriage. Much information is needed on courtship, on adjustment in marriage, on economics, on parenthood, on sex, on the legal aspects of marriage, on psychology, on mixed marriages, on culture, and so on. And the principles involved are especially important.

One of the winning Catholic high schools mentioned above offers the course for one period every day during a whole semester in the senior year. This plan is practical and effective but we hope that courses will be developed to begin much earlier in the school curriculum.

THERE SHOULD be a gradual unfolding process of family education beginning with the elementary grades. We

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

SWORDS ARE of two kinds: those which swing outward to others in violence, as did Peter's when he cut off the ear of the servant of the High Priest; and those which swing inward to self to do violence to egoism and sin.

AFTER THE FALL God placed an angel with a flaming sword in the Garden of Eden. This sword was the embryo of the Cross. It foretold that man would recover Eden only through sacrifice and that death to self is the gateway to happiness.

EVEN THE BEST things are curses to us so long as we hold them in hands which have given up the sword. A child is spoiled when he is made an idol. Instead of being turned into a child of God by discipline.

MONEY CANNOT hurt you if you do not love it for its own sake. It is not the slave of a fortune that spoils the owners, but the extent to which it fills the heart.

ALMOST EVERY SOUL has a little secret spot in its garden, a preservation, a hiding place from God; an area where lives the favorite sin—selfishness, luxury, pride or lust. The ego, not the angel as in Eden, keeps the sword from cutting away that evil and thus giving peace.

WE WHO ARE ASSOCIATED with the Holy Father's own Society for the Propagation of the Faith are not only bent on inducing you to use the sword of sacrifice for the Mission; we are concerned just as much with your sanctification. We want to do you a favor, we want to inspire you so that every week or month you inflict a death-wound on your ego and submit to the Spirit of God. For your share of the favor send your sacrifice to the Holy Father through the Propagation of the Faith.

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