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FATHER HAROLD C. Gardiner, S.J., and Rev. Richard Torrey, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, prepare to give the weekly talk over Station WHAM which is sponsored by the Catholic Courier Journal. Father Torrey is the weekly commentator.

'Smut Cleanup' People's Job

By FRANK KELLY

Cleanup through public opinion — this is how the Catholic Church wants to bring decent movies into neighborhood theaters and remove dirty magazines from newsstands, a Jesuit priest said in Rochester Saturday.

Speaking before the Rochester City Club in the Chamber of Commerce, Rev. Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., literary editor of America national Catholic weekly, said that the Church does not want to bring the matter of indecent books and indecent motion pictures before the courts.

"THE CATHOLIC Church does not want to go to court on such matters," he said. "We want the public to decide this problem by getting them to ask newspaper proprietors to remove indecent literature from their stands and getting the neighborhood movie house from showing films that are not good for the entire family."

The audience, both non-Catholic and Catholic, were impressed with the Jesuit priest's talk as was indicated by a spot-check afterwards.

Father Gardiner said that the Church does not really have censorship.

"Censorship implies that the censoring body has the physical power to prevent people from doing something," he said. "We cannot prevent people, even Catholics, from attending a condemned movie, even though they shouldn't go."

"All we try to do is to ask them not to attend—because it is not good for their general welfare."

"IN FACT, the reason that the Legion of Decency was set up by the Catholic Bishops in the

1930's was to prevent Federal censorship."

"At that time there was a bill before Congress calling for a censorship of the Hollywood movie industry. The Bishops fought this as being a grave danger toward democracy. This is why the Legion of Decency was set up."

FATHER GARDINER said that in the beginning, the Legion of Decency had the overwhelming approval of a great many Protestant churches in this country.

"The Protestant magazine, the 'Christian Century' came out several months after the campaign had started and praised other Protestant sects for backing what they called the 'Catholic Crusade.'

But, in recent years, this magazine as well as other Protestant groups have labeled the Legion of Decency as un-American, undemocratic and unconstitutional. I, for one, do not understand why, since the Legion's concept has not changed since its beginning."

THE JESUIT PRIEST told his audience that the Church's viewpoint on these matters is found in canon law—the law affecting all Catholics—but only Catholics.

"Part of this canon law is the famous—or infamous—index," he

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Plan Fund Drive For Infirmary

First steps in organization of a committee among friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph, to aid the Sisters in construction of a proposed infirmary building, will be inaugurated next week.

Reverend Mother M. Helene, S.S.J., superior general of the Sisters' community, announced plans last week for erection of a \$1,500,000 infirmary adjoining the community Motherhouse on East Ave., Pittsford.

GROUNDWORK for the building, tentatively slated next Spring, will depend on the outcome of an appeal for assistance to be made among friends, relatives and alumnae of the Sisters. The campaign for funds, to be termed the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary and Novitiate Appeal, is scheduled in February.

Mother Helene pointed out that the new infirmary will fulfill a two-fold need — to provide adequate comfort and care for ill and aged Sisters, and to allow additional space in the Motherhouse for proper housing and training of postulants and novices.

She noted that present infirmary quarters on the top floor of the Motherhouse accommodate only 27 Sisters and that 65 others who are retired because of illness

vention of the printing press in the 15th century, only about 4,000 are of the Index," he declared.

"And this will surprise you! 51 percent of these books on the Index have been written by priests or laymen. I can place there because of doctrinal errors," he said.

"There are only about 100 books on the Index that the average individual would want to read."

FATHER GARDINER said that it is the Church's viewpoint to try to impose its position on other people purely from the moral standpoint and through public opinion against indecent literature and movies.

"We do not want to go to the courts to get these books and movies banned. We would do so only as the last resort."

"Many groups like the American Civil Liberties Union argue with us," he said. "They don't want these books to get in the hands of their children—and they don't want their children to see these filthy shows."

"THE TROUBLE is, the ACLU and the other groups who condemn the Legion of Decency and the National Office of Decent Literature, don't bother to investigate the purposes of these Catholic organizations. They condemn them as being un-American."

THE JESUIT EDITOR stated that this position is changing, however. He said that as the result of one of the ACLU members reading his latest book, "Catholic Viewpoint on Censorship," a group of Catholic leaders and members of the ACLU have been meeting for the past several months to outline their views on censorship.

Father Gardiner concluded by saying that the problem will never be solved to everyone's satisfaction, but that he hopes that this movement will be better understood by everyone and that eventually, most of the aims of the Legion of Decency and the Decent Literature Office will be fulfilled.

American Education Week Diocesan Nuns Take Pupils Role



PERSONALITY development of the teacher was stressed by Anne Culklin, above, on Monday at the conference held for St. Joseph Sisters at Nazareth Academy, Rochester. With Miss Culklin are Sister Mary Agnes, standing, of St. Mary's School, Auburn, and Sister James-ella, dean of elementary teacher education at Nazareth College.

The teachers were in the pupils seats as the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy in the Rochester Diocese marked American Education Week on Monday by holding their annual Community Teachers Conferences.

AT NAZARETH Academy, Lake Ave., Rochester, the Sisters of St. Joseph were taught, among other things, the importance of their own personality in teaching school children.

Speaking on personality development, Anne Culklin, originator of the Culklin Course in Personality Development, told the Nuns that their personalities must be Christ like in their roles of developing the students to become a well-rounded person.

She urged teachers to have confidence of the child by kindness and understanding, by appreciating the little things, by recognizing the child's effort and by giving praise where it is due.

SISTERS OF Mercy in their conference held at the Motherhouse, Blossom Rd., Rochester, were shown in a talk given by Mrs. Jacques Gugel, a teacher in the Brighton School District, the old approach to modern language study she uses with her elementary French class in her school.

In the demonstration, Mrs. Gugel, a Nancy High graduate, conversed in French with her fourth and fifth graders to show the ease with which youngsters learn another language.

AMERICAN Education Week was also marked in other places in the Diocese.

At St. Salome's Parish, Rochester, Rev. Edward Eschlich, church pastor, presented several hundred books to the newly decorated school library.

The books included a set of Catholic Encyclopedia. The parish's mothers club also gave a donation which enabled the school to join the Catholic Children's Book Club.

There will be an open house celebration at the library on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE WEEK also was given special significance at Aquinas Institute, where Very Rev. E. P. Magee, C.S.B., school principal, told his staff the need to stress the fundamentals in a modern-day curriculum.

Praising the school's science program, Father Magee added that "we are convinced that teaching these subjects can be most effectively promoted by encouraging and supporting improved

instruction and learning in all subjects."

IN OTHER TALKS given to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools, emphasized, Miss Culklin's point. He said "loyalty and courtesy are the basis of good public relations. The personality of the teacher establishes relations favorable or unfavorable with the pupils as well as her subject-matter."

DR. FRANCIS Kelly, Rochester psychiatrist, told the Sisters that pressures on the child that are not properly controlled might cause a regression of the child to early stages of development. He said this kind of neuroses can be helped by the teacher.

The Nuns were also told that public relations methods used by industry might be adopted to meet school situations. They were given this advice by Thomas Robertson, public relations director at Eastman Kodak Company. About 650 Sisters of St. Joseph attended the one-day conference.

Msgr. Boyle, the keynote speaker for the Mercy Sisters conference, told the Nuns that his role as the superintendent is that of a servant to the teachers, who are the servants of the pupil.

OTHER SPEAKERS on the program included Dr. Oliver V. Anderhalter of St. Louis University, Mildred F. McClesney of the State Education Department, and Mrs. Gugel.

Dr. Anderhalter urged the teachers not to place sole reliance on I.Q. ratings, since environment, motivation and stimulation have a great deal to do with how much a child is able to achieve.

Miss McClesney told the Nuns that "we are convinced that teaching these subjects can be most effectively promoted by encouraging and supporting improved



MRS. ROSE FOX, second from the left, was the featured speaker at the congress held by the Legion of Mary Sunday at St. Agnes High School. With her are, from the left, J. Raymond Hensler, congress chairman, Margaret Snider, president of the Rochester Comitium, Isabelle Dolan, and Rev. John Merklinger, spiritual advisor of the Comitium.

Mary's Legion Told: Help The Puerto Ricans

Members of the Legion of Mary were told Sunday that they have the opportunity to improve the social standing of the Puerto Ricans and other minority groups in their communities.

Mrs. Rose Fox, field representative for the State Adult Education Department, told the group at its second congress held at St. Agnes High School, Rochester, that through their visitation work that these minority groups can be helped.

"PART OF reason that the Puerto Ricans are not accepted by American society is that their culture is not understood by the American people," she said.

"The Puerto Ricans have a Spanish heritage that is far different than our own. Most Americans are ignorant of this point and classify them as a group of illiterate, ignorant people and treat them as such."

"Actually, they are far from that and with a little understanding and education in American schools they could adjust their way into our society," she added.

"THEREFORE, in your visitation work, you can bring the Puerto Ricans out of the shell

Society Slates Fall Breakfast

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church, Aurora, will hold their annual Communion breakfast on Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Aurora Inn.

All the members will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 11 a.m. Mass. Mrs. Mary Snyder, Catholic Courier Journal, Auburn, correspondent, will be the principal speaker.

PERPETUAL HELP SOCIETY

Meeting of Perpetual Help Society is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital auditorium. Mrs. George Huggins is chairman assisted by Mesdames Marie Hulbert, Anne Kelly and Edward Harrel.

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