

Catholic Youth Organization:

For 'Youth' Of All Ages

By FRANK KELLY

The "youth" in the title Catholic Youth Organization has a double meaning.

It includes youngsters in the school-age bracket and senior citizens who admit they're not quite as young as they used to be.

AFTER A TALK with Howard Meath, program director of the CYO, this is easily understood.

A "youth" in this organization can mean anyone from the age of five to a person over 60, because of the varied program carried out by the Diocesan CYO.

In addition to sponsoring basketball leagues for grammar and high school youngsters, which is well-known throughout the Diocese, the CYO is also engaged in activities which will attract the businessman, the housewife, retired men and women as well as those in the pre-school age bracket.

FOR EXAMPLE, if a man wants to stop down during the noon hour any day to play some handball, volley ball or just to take a swim, he can do so — just by taking out a membership card for \$18 a year. And, he will have the use of a fully-equipped gym at his disposal.

Women also have the use of the swimming pool and other CYO facilities at various times during the week.

Actually, the CYO is a spiritual, social and healthful organization for all the people of the Diocese," Meath said.

"Age doesn't bar anyone," he added. "The 'youth' in our title means the spirit of the person, rather than the age of the person."

"We have one retired gentleman who is over 60 who comes to the CYO regularly to play handball," he related.

THE CYO IS more than a service organization. It also carries out an extensive agency-type program to help parish groups.

For example, the CYO conducts five day camps during the summer. These operate at Holy Redeemer, St. Augustine's, Holy Apostles and St. Andrew's parishes in Rochester, and at the Columbus Civic Center.

The parish day camps operate for eight weeks with a maximum of 60 youngsters per day. At the center, 125 children are cared for each day for a 10-week period.

THE ORGANIZATION also has dances on Sundays for Catholic children in high school. These are run every Sunday with the exception of the Sundays in Lent and during the summer months.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kolb for the past eight years, these dances attract over 400 teenagers, who dance to a teenage band.

These youngsters either have to attend a Catholic high school or attend religious classes in order to go. Admission is a nominal 75 cents and parents of the teenagers are chaperones.

OF COURSE, ONE of the big



TAKING ADVANTAGE of the CYO during the noontime period, this businessman is one of several who go to the Columbus Civic Center daily for a recreational workout.

great parts of the CYO are the basketball and softball leagues conducted for grammar and high school children.

The basketball league has the largest number of entries, 34, it has ever had this year. The games are played at the Columbus Civic Center and at Immaculate Conception, St. Stanislaus, Holy Cross and St. Monica's parishes and at Aquinas Institute, which have generously given

Expectant Mothers Invited To Cathedral Blessing Rite

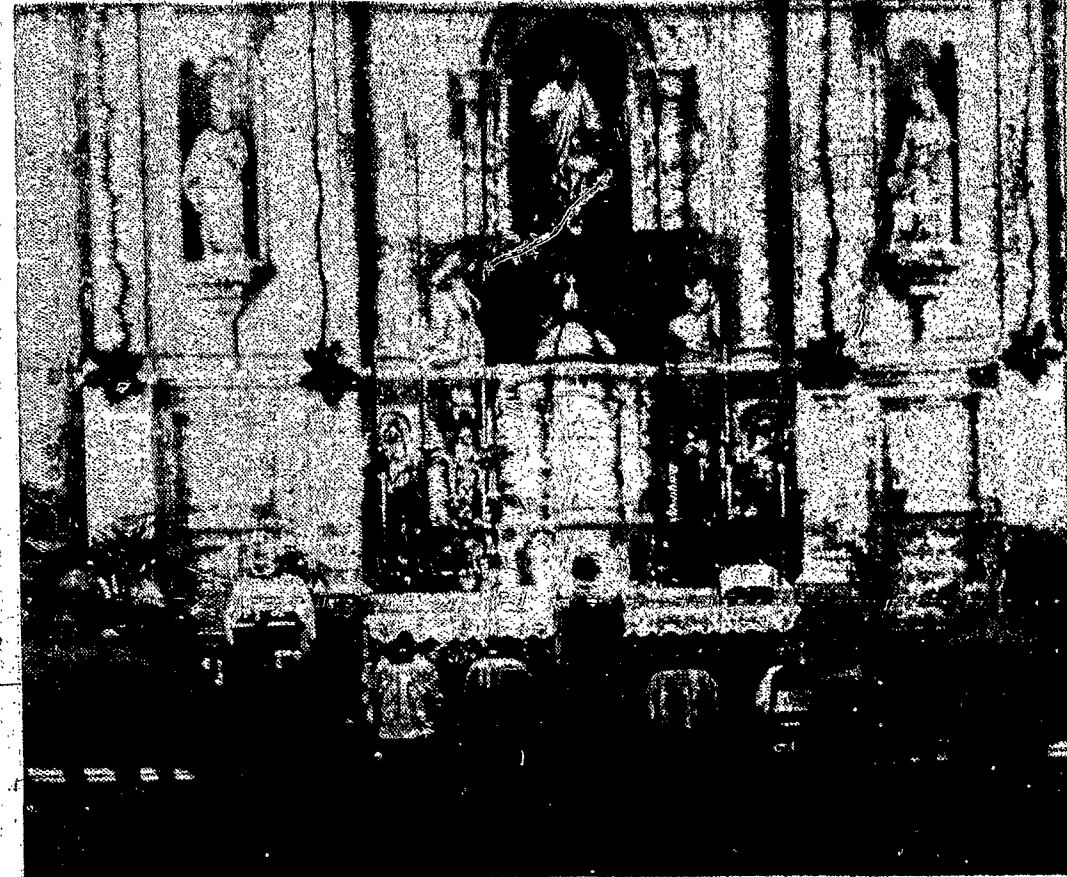
A special Church blessing will be given expectant mothers in Sacred Heart Cathedral following Rosary Guild recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction, Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:45 p.m.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will impart the blessing.

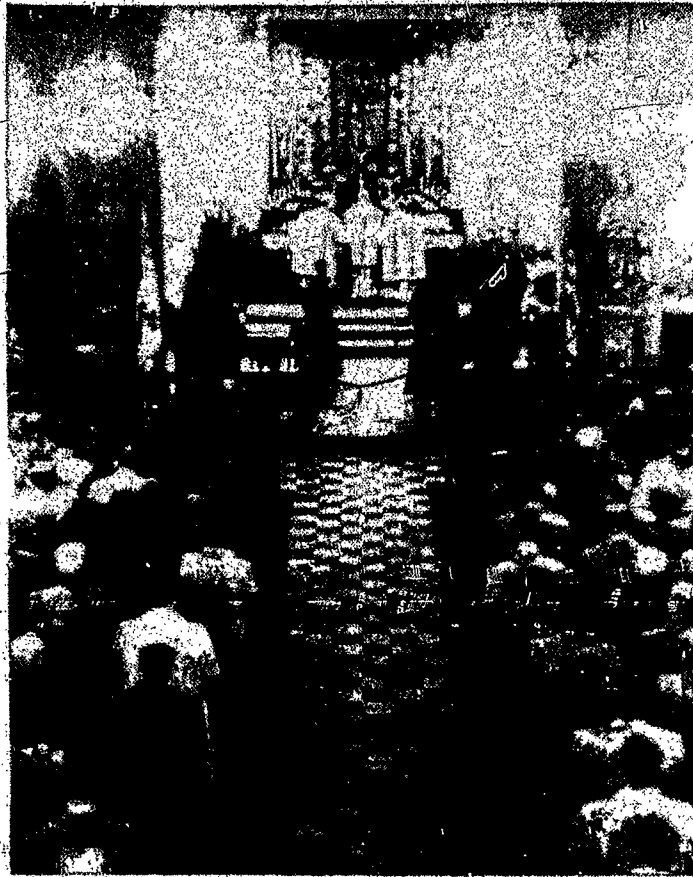
Expectant mothers from the Cathedral and other parishes of the city are invited to receive this blessing and a medal of St. Gerard, popularly called "the Mother's Saint."

Part of the blessing prayer goes as follows: "Receive the sacrifice of the contrite heart and the ardent desire of Thy servant who humbly asks Thee for the welfare of the child which Thou didst grant her to conceive. Guard the work which is Thine and defend it from all the deceit and harm of our bitter Enemy, so that the hand of Thy mercy may assist her delivery and her child may come to the light of day without harm, be kept safe for the holy birth of Baptism, serve Thee always in all things, and attain everlasting life."

After the church service, the Rosary Guild will meet in Sacred Heart hall with Mrs. Elmer M. Lortz as guest speaker. All attending the Blessing rite are invited to the Guild meeting also.



BISHOP KEARNEY OPENED the 1959 Laymen's Retreat Year by celebrating a Dialogue Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, Tuesday, in photo on the left. Photo on the right shows the Solemn High Mass celebrated by Rev. Peter T. Jankowski for retreatants in the Genesee area the same night at St. Mary's Church, Genesee. A third Mass was celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, for retreatants in that area.



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1959

Nazareth Adds New Professor

Rita C. Chisholm has been added to the Nazareth College nursing faculty as assistant professor in public health nursing. Miss Chisholm comes to Rochester from Troy, where she has been supervising public health nurse in the Rochester County Department of Health since 1954.

Her nursing training was received in the Cornell University-New York Hospital program. She received her B.S. in nursing from Columbia University.

Miss Chisholm holds membership in the American Nurses' Association, the American Public Health Association, New York State Public Health Association and is second vice-president, Public Health Section, New York State Nurse Association.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Jan. 9—Thomas Lenhard, St. Ambrose.
Saturday, Jan. 10—Vernon Hart, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accompanied by Commander 106, Knights of St. John of Holy Rosary parish.

Sunday, Jan. 11—Mark Zicari, St. Ambrose.
Monday, Jan. 12—John Englett, St. Joseph accompanied by Holy Name Society members.

Tuesday, Jan. 13—Anthony Jannidimardo, St. Philip Neri, accompanied by Holy Name Society members.

Wednesday, Jan. 14—Alfred Goffel, St. Andrew accompanied by Holy Name Society members.
Thursday, Jan. 15—Phillip Fischette, St. Ambrose accompanied by Laymen's Retreat League members of St. Ambrose.

Retreat Year Opens

Retreatants, Today's Magi

Almost 1,000 members of the Laymen's Retreat League attended Masses in three churches Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany marking the opening of the 1959 retreat year in the Diocese.

Bishop Kearney celebrated a Dialogue Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, which was attended by some 300 men. The Bishop also gave the sermon.

Speaking on the Feast of the Epiphany, Bishop Kearney compared the retreatants to the three kings who came to visit the infant Jesus in Bethlehem.

"JUST AS THE three Wise Men gave gifts to the Child, you men have suffered hardships and demonstrated your faith and humility, as did the three kings,

in working for the retreat movement," the Bishop said.

"The first gift you gave to the Christ-child is the wonderful year enjoyed at the Notre Dame Retreat House because of the increase in attendance. "Secondly, the gift you gave to Him by giving yourselves in the carrying out of His work and thirdly by dedicating yourselves to the Eucharistic Year through your unselfish devotion to Christ and the Blessed Sacrament."

THE BISHOP ALSO told the retreatants that by their work they have become a spiritual dynamo in the Rochester Diocese.

A second retreat Mass celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, was attended by about 250 men.

Rev. Raymond Ringwood was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass. Assisting him were Rev.

John F. Duffy, deacon, and Rev. Paul R. Schnacky, subdeacon. Rev. John R. Waterman, C.S.S.R. from the Notre Dame Retreat House, Rochester, was the speaker.

ALMOST 400 MEN attended the Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's Church, Genesee on Tuesday. Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Peter T. Jankowski, assisted by Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, deacon, and Rev. Dominic J. Grasso, subdeacon.

Assistant priests were Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell and Rev. John F. Woloch. Rev. Edward G. Conant, C.S.S.R. from the Notre Dame Retreat House gave the sermon.

A complete list of the various parishes which had parishioners attending retreats at the Notre Dame Retreat House during 1958 is given on page 8.

Clothing Drive Report Next Week

Clothing collected in the 1958 Thriftsgiving Clothing Drive in the Diocese of Rochester will exceed the total reported last year, Rev. E. Leo McManus, diocesan director said today.

Tabulation by parishes will appear in next week's Courier Journal. The final report is being held to give all parishes collecting clothing, an opportunity to be included.

Future Tycoon
Billy announced that he was going to feed his sheep ironized yeast. His father asked him why.
"So I'll be able to get steel wool," said Billy.

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