

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 schoolage 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 preschool age bracket.

FOR EXAMPLE, if a man wants to stop down during the noon hour any day to play some handball, volleyball 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 Trinity, St. Augustine's, Holy Cross and St. Andrew's parishes in Rochester, and at the St. Francis Center.

Irish day camps operate weekly with a maximum of 25 children are cared for by 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



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.

over 400 teenagers, who dance to a teenage band.

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

OF COURSE, ONE of the biggest 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 their courts to accommodate the leagues.

A surprising feature of the CYO program is the physical education course given by Helen Smith, director of girls' and women's gymnasium program at the CYO, for the freshman class at Highland Hospital School of Nursing.

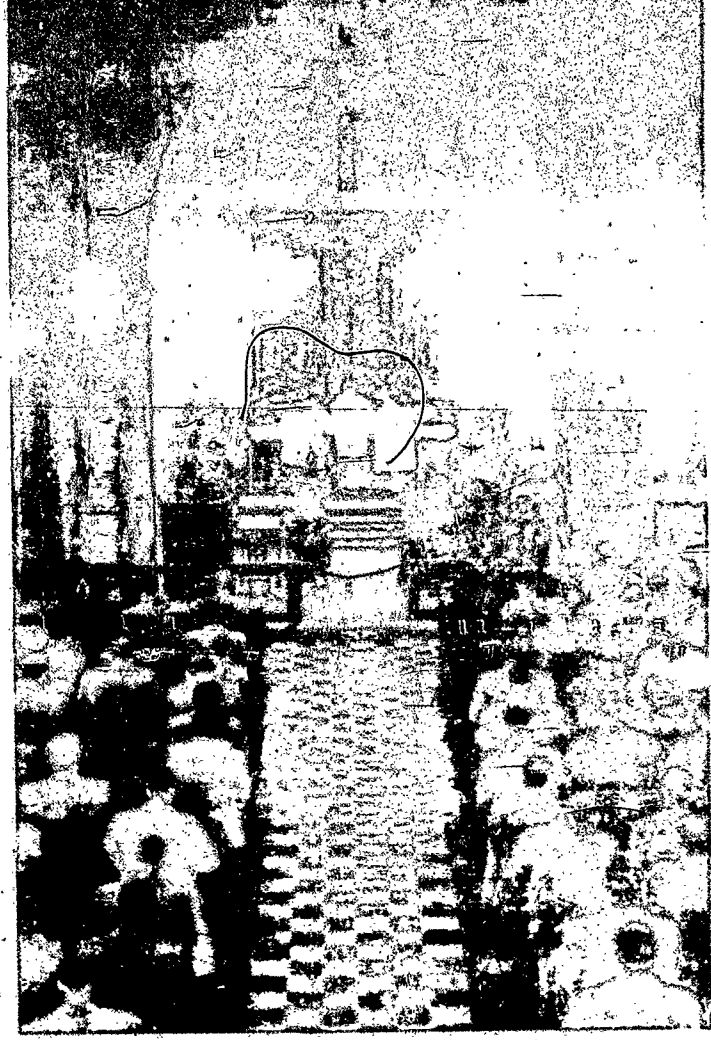
THIS TREMENDOUS program is carried out under the direction (Continued on Page 9)



PART OF THE gymnastic training given to all age groups is practice on the trampoline as shown by this young girl as others wait to take their turn.



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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'SOS' Appeal Made By Lay Group

Coming — A local Catholic lay group has issued its second annual "SOS" appeal for needy persons helped through foreign church missions.

"SOS" in this case stands for "Save Old Stamps." The stamps and other items are collected by the Third Order of St. Francis, who work with the Catholic Student Mission Crusade of St. John's Atone ment Seminary, Montour Falls.

Canceled postage stamps are then delivered to the Mission Crusade at Montour Falls by Rev. DeSales Standerwick, a Seminary instructor, who conducts the monthly Order of St. Francis meetings.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP of Father Owen Murphy, the students sort the stamps and send them to a private stamp dealer in Pennsylvania who pays about \$25 for several pounds of canceled, common denomination stamps. A company extracts the dye from the stamps for reuse.

The students also receive donations of medicinal samples from hospitals and doctors, clothing and toys, which are shipped to the foreign missions through money raised in selling the stamps. The funds are also used to purchase other needed items at the missions.

ANN MILLER, project chairman for the Third Order, said that missions throughout the world have been aided through the drive.

Medicines have been sent to missions in India, Africa and British Columbia, for example. Shipments of bulkier items, such as clothing, are sent mostly to destinations in the United States and Canada.

Stamps and other items may be mailed or delivered to the residence of Miss Miller, 363 Sunset Dr., or persons may contact her by phone in the evening, and she will arrange for donations to be picked up.

"Needy people throughout the world may be helped vastly through the giving of things we usually discard without a second thought," Miss Miller stated.

Thanking all those who have given their assistance in the past, Miss Miller pointed out that all donations, however small, are always welcome.

"It takes the cooperation of many people to make this sort of project successful, and each donation counts a great deal," she added.

Ithacan Takes Final Vows

Sister DeLourdes, daughter of Mark R. LaFrance of 308 Elmwood Ave., Ithaca, was one of eight Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica of Atchison, Kansas, who said their final vows in the convent chapel in Kansas on Jan. 1.

A member of Immaculate Conception parish, Ithaca, before her entrance in the order in 1954, Sister DeLourdes is a graduate of Marywood Seminary, Scranton, Pa. and also attended Mount St. Scholastica College, Kansas for one year.

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 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 200 men.

Rev. Raymond Ringwood was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass. Assisting him were Rev. John F. Duffy, deacon, and Rev. Paul E. Schuncky, subdeacon.

Rev. John J. Waterman, CSSR, Damas Retreat House during 1959 from the Notre Dame Retreat House gave the sermon.

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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. Conner, CSSR, from the Notre Dame Retreat House gave the sermon.

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