Novena Of Grace

Set In 3 Churches

The Novena of Grace of nine days of prayer in honor of St. Francis Xavier will be conducted in Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay St. and St. Patrick, Church, Plymouth Ave. North at Brown St.

BISHOP KEARNEY will open the Novena at the Pro-tronal Church on Bay St. on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:45 p.m. The Bishop will celebrate a Low Mass on Thursday, March 12 at 9 a.m. to close the services.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey announced that Father Charles F. X. Dolan, a Jesuit of Buffalo will conduct the Novena in the Cathedral, Flower City Park opening Sunday, March 1.

Services beginning at 7:45 p.m. will consist of Novena Prayers, Sermon and Benediction. The Relic of St. Francis Xavier will be applied after each service. Confessions will be heard each evening.

NOVENA LEAFLETS will be given to all who attend this Novena. An intention box will be available for petitions of those who seek the intercession of this great Saint. All are welcome.

Father Dolan will conduct two retreats for Sacred Heart School children, including grades 8, 7 and 6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and grades 3, 4, 5 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Father Oscar Millar, S.J. of Our Lady of Martyrs Tertianship, Auriesville will conduct the Novena at St. Patrick's, with services at 12 noon and 8 p.m. from March 4 to March 12.

THE NINE DAY devotion originated with an apparition St. Francis Xavier made in 1634, 80 years after his death, promising health to the dying Jesuit Father Mastrilli, and assuring him that "all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days in honor of his canonization would infallibly experience the effects of his great power in heaven and would receive whatever they asked that would contribute to their salvation."

Father Mastrilli recovered promptly and left for the missions in Japan. Three years later, as St. Francis Xavier said in the apparition, Father Mastrilli was martyred, a goal for which he prayed. St. Francis had been canonized March 12, 1622 but news of the miracle cure spread through Italy and inspired increased devotion to him.

Special indulgences were granted for the novena held at Lisbon, Portugal by Pope Alexander VII in the 17th century. The success of the devotion caused it to be popularly called the "novena of grace." Favors have been reported granted in this area.

Bishop Casey Set To Spur Gets Drive

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will be principal speaker at the General Committee Kick-off Dinner in the $175,000 fund-raising drive for the new St. Helen's Church, Gates, it was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan.

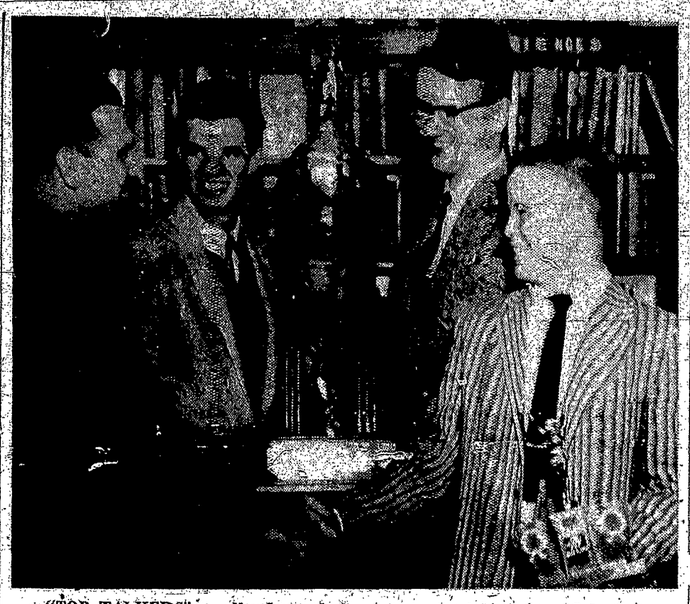
More than 300 committeemen are expected to be on hand for the dinner meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m., this Saturday, Feb. 28, in the School Auditorium.

MEMBERS OF the Advanced Gifts Committee heard an address by Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, Rochester, at their kick-off dinner on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Wishing Well. Solicitation of a limited number of parishioners followed on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, with results which the pastor termed "excellent," although tabulations are as yet incomplete.

Last night a large turnout of committeemen heard the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, of the St. Andrew's Seminary faculty, at their pep rally in the School Hall.

CONCLUDING EVENT of the campaign will be the general solicitation of three-year pledges from all parishioners by committee members under the leadership of Arthur E. Lang, General Chairman, on Sunday afternoon, March 1, between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

While no starting date has as yet been announced, plans call for construction of a new church building, 80 by 120, with a seating capacity of over 700, to meet present and future requirements of the rapidly growing parish serving the Gates-Chili area.



"TOP TALKERS" — Members of the very successful Aquinas Debating Team are shown as they returned from the International Speech Festival in Toronto last Sunday, laden with trophies. Shown congratulating members of the group is Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, C.S.B., team moderator, with (from left) Graydon Vadas, Paul Haney and Gary Wenglowski.

Sodalities Prepare Annual Study Day

The Rochester Diocesan Federation of Sodalities under the direction of Rev. Edward Steinkirchner and Rev. Richard Tormey is planning the annual study day to be held at St. Agnes High School on March 15.

Program this year will be worked around the theme of the World Congress of Sodalists to be held in Newark, N.J. in August, 1959—"The Vocation of Sodalists in the Crisis of the World Today."

THE DAY WILL begin with a general session at 10 a.m., followed by a series of special sessions for seniors. There will also be several elective courses for those in the other years of high schmool.

Mass will be offered just before lunch. The program will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING committees were announced: St. Agnes High School and McQuaid Jesuit High School, general arrangements; Nazareth Academy, registration; Diocesan Parish Sodality Union and Aquinas Institute, publicity; Our Lady of Mercy High School, program.

Education Talk Slated At Geneseo

Geneseo'— Dr. Thomas Molnar, a professor at Brooklyn College, will present an address at State University Teachers College, Geneseo, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the Speech Auditorium.

DR. MOLNAR'S topic will be "Education—What Can Be Expected." Presented under the sponsorship of the college Newman Club, the lecture will consist of an examination of three factors: adjustment, citizenship, and intellect.

Born in Budapest, Dr. Molnar received his early education in Europe, but studied for his doctor of philosophy degree at Columbia University. He has contributed a number of articles to current periodicals on a wide range of topics which include literature, politics, and education. His book, "The Future of Education," is scheduled for publication by Regnery later this year.

Articulation Session Planned At College

A conference on College-High School Articulation is scheduled tomorrow afternoon, Saturday at Nazareth College. This type of program was inaugurated last spring and proved so valuable that another session is being held at this time.

Representatives of all Catholic Girls' high schools in this area will attend the conference, which will open at 1:30 in the Administration Building. Sectional Meetings on Admissions and Guidance, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages and Science will convene from 1:45 to 3:30, followed by summary reports to the entire assembly.

SISTER ROSE Angela, dean of Nazareth, will welcome the high school teachers. Chairmen of the sections are: Admissions, Sister Josephine Louise; Mathematics, Sister Dorothea; Modern Foreign Languages, Mrs. George J. Otto; Science, Sister Marie Augustine.

Recorders will be Sister Rose Alma, St. Agnes High School, Admissions and Guidance; Sister Ann Xavier, De Sales High School, Mathematics; Sister Edwards, Mount Carmel High School, Modern Foreign Languages; Sister Stanislaus, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Science.

Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal of Nazareth Academy will be the chairman of the summary report meeting.

A PREVIEW of the new film College Award will be shown to these Sisters especially interested in pre-college counseling. Among the subjects to be discussed are the modern trends in the teaching of high school mathematics, the function of the foreign language laboratory in high schools and colleges, the desirable curricula for science majors to follow in high school.

Nazareth PTA Meet Slated

The Parent Teacher Association of Nazareth Academy will meet for conferences on student progress Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings, March 2 and 3, from 3:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 9. On Monday those whose names begin with the letters from A to K will come; on Tuesday L to Z.

THIS PLAN will be introduced for the first time this March. Formerly parents conferred with teachers after the business session of the regular evening PTA meeting.

"This plan should give teachers and parents more time to discuss individual problems, especially in cases where the student is not working to capacity," Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal stated.

SCORES ON the Iowa Test of Educational Development will be used to determine scholastic ability. These tests results present an objective, unbiased description of the pupil's educational development. When used with the scores on periodic classroom tests they should offer a good guidance medium, according to the principal.

Weights, Measures Week Observed

"National Weights and Measures Week," is being observed in Rochester and vicinity this week. Heading the city's observance is A. C. Samenfink, city sealer.

Congress passed the first Federal Weights and measures law in the United States, 160 years ago on March 3, 1799, Samenfink pointed out.

Few activities are more basic to our business system and our civilization than accurate weights and measures, Samenfink said. He also said "our civilization would quickly grind to a halt without them. It is almost impossible to name anything we wear, use or eat that has not been weighed or measured once or many times in its production and distribution."

"Weights and Measures," the City Sealer said, "is one of the more important activities of local government. Every citizen has a direct financial stake — and so does every businessman — in seeing that all such transactions are fair both to buyer and seller."

Engagement Told

Geneva—Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Plunkett, 121 High St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Marie, to Ronald J. Anania, son of Mr. and Mrs. Achilles M. Anania Sr., 50 Exchange St.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Dinner Slated

Lima—The February meeting of Court FitzSimons, C.D.A., Lima, was held on Monday, Feb. 23 in the Lima Town Hall with a Lenten Supper served under the chairmanship of Mrs. Marion Maloy.

Mrs. Wadsworth Stechin, Grand Regent, conducted the business meeting. Arrangements are being made for a St. Patrick's Dinner Party for the members and their guests on March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Avon Inn. Mrs. Claire Tubbs is general chairman.

International Honors Won By Aquinas Group

"To the victor belong the spoils." Members of the Aquinas Institute debating society realized this last week-end when they returned home with a car-load of trophies after vanquishing worthy opponents of the United States and Canada.

Aquinas won top honors in the International Speech and Debate Tournament held in Toronto, Canada. Second place winner was Canisius High School of Buffalo, followed by Cardinal Hayes High School of New York and St. Patrick's High School, Ottawa, Canada.

THE HON. PAUL MARTIN presented a three foot trophy he donated for the occasion to Rev. William Marceau, C.S.B., who accompanied the Aquinas students to Toronto. This trophy may be retained by the school winning the highest number of points.

Aquinas also broke a record. Until this year no individual school had won more than two trophies since the founding of the tournament. Besides the Martin trophy and accompanying plaque, Aquinas also received the first place debating trophy for winning all six of its debates, the best interpretive speech trophy won by Graydon Vadas and the best humorous speech trophy won by Richard Corritore.

PAUL HANEY and Gary Wenglowski were the other members of the Aquinas team. Rev. Joseph A. O'Reilly, C.S.B. is the school's director of speech and debate.

Other area schools represented in the tournament were McQuaid Jesuit High School and Webster Central School.

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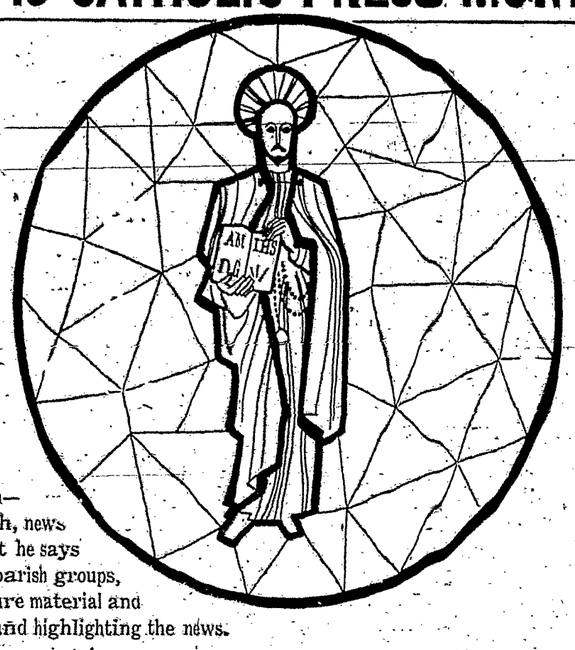

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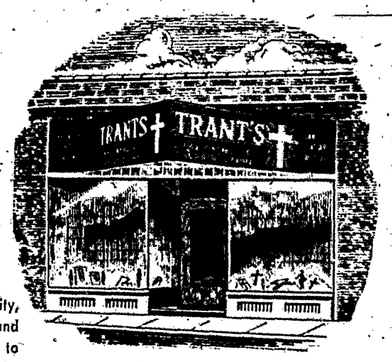

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