

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1959



Mothers Club Speaker

SISTER M. JAMESSETTA, dean of elementary teaching at Nazareth College, Rochester, was guest speaker recently at a Mothers Club meeting of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn. Principals at the meeting were, from left: Rev. Robert G. Kreckel, moderator; Mrs. Vincent G. Agosta, president; Rev. Francis C. Watersirait, pastor; Sister Jamesetta; and Sister Helen Francis, principal at St. Alphonsus school.

Federal Aid Hit By School Official

The impact of federal aid on private schools led to an animated question period on Monday evening, April 13, when Rev. William Roche, Associate Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, addressed the Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament Church.

"The real genius of American Democracy," Father Roche stated, "lies in the fact that out of great differences in religious, economic, and cultural backgrounds has arisen the finest example of governmental unity the world has ever seen. The greatness of our country is in the all-embracing quality of our political and religious freedoms."

FATHER ROCHE briefly traced the history of Catholic education in the United States. "From its official beginning at the Third Council of Baltimore, Catholic supported elementary and secondary schools have expanded to enroll over 4,800,000 students this year. One out of every nine children of elementary and high school age in the country attends a Catholic school," he added.

He pointed out that even with this tremendous growth, we are still able to accept only about one-half of the Catholic children of the United States. He pictured the great need for expansion to future enrollments.

"Some form of relief must eventually be given from the double burden borne by Catholic parents. However, we heartily agree with our partners in public education, that any form of governmental support that implies federal control is not acceptable."

HE STRESSED the benefits of adequate health and transportation services which our children now enjoy as an example of acceptable aid to the child and his parents.

"We do not want the government to build our schools and operate them, but we must always insist that Catholic children be given the same educational advantages offered to students in public schools," Father Roche concluded.

Elmira Parish Campaign To Honor Former Pastor

A Financial Need Campaign will be conducted by the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist Church with a goal of 25,000. It was announced by the pastor, Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, that plans are being made to redecorate the interior of the church and to clean the exterior of the building.

Father Heisel has appointed Mr. Joseph C. Utzinger to act as General Chairman of the campaign with trustees, John E. Eaton and Joseph C. Schiefel, as co-chairmen. Father William L. Reed, assistant pastor, will be honorary chairman.

3rd Degree For Area KC Set April 19

Major degree of the Knights of Columbus will be exemplified Sunday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m. in Columbus Civic Center ballroom upon 120 candidates.

They will be from Rochester, Palmyra, St. John Fisher (East Rochester), Trinity (Webster), Our Lady of the Genesee (Genesee) and Pope Pius XII (Tonawanda). Councils and under direction of District Deputy William C. Joslin of the 70th New York District.

John J. Kinney, past Grand Knight of Rochester Council is in charge of arrangements assisted by Raymond L. Nary, past grand knight and master of the Fourth Degree and Grand Knights Frank J. Thomas, Leslie Hye, Gerard Beauchamp, James O. Stein, Bernard Pilot and William Young.

Also assisting are Vincent Hannan, Carl Holley, Nicholas Sipple, William Rich, Richard A. Seaton and Rocco F. Nattalo, past state warden.

Candidates are asked to report to their financial secretaries, not later than 1:30 p.m. Buffet lunch will be served in Rochester Council's club-rooms after the degree.

Jubilee Rites Planned At St. Anthony's

Plans are being formulated for the Golden Jubilee observance of St. Anthony's parish, Elmira, according to Rev. William A. Burns, pastor.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will preside at a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, May 24.

THE PARISH was founded in 1908 and Mass was celebrated until 1910 in the building now used for a Corveta. The first church was erected in 1910.

Prior to 1908 members of St. Anthony's parish attended Mass in St. James Hall in St. Patrick's school building.

Other details and a history of the parish are being prepared for publication in a later issue of the COURIER JOURNAL.

New Religious Instruction Experiment Proves Success At Settlement House

Fourteen mentally retarded youngsters are now receiving released time religious instruction at Genesee Settlement House, Duke St.

The project was inaugurated at the beginning of the current school year. Begun as an experiment, the classes have met with parents' enthusiastic approval.

A class room adjacent to the Settlement House is provided by St. Francis Xavier Church and the project is sponsored by the Nazareth College Alumnae who provide funds for purchasing class materials.



COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS aid religion teacher Mrs. Ruth Rogers as she instructs released time pupils at Genesee Settlement House about the Sacraments.

PRIOR TO the inception of the instruction project, Miss Mary Hannick, director of the Genesee Settlement House, and Mrs. Carl Chamberlain, director of the Program for the Retarded, were concerned over the lack of religious training on the everyday agenda.

A conference was held with representatives of the major faiths to discuss the problem. Decision was made to attempt the experiment and Rev. Albert H. Schracky, Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, contacted two lay catechists, Miss Clara Neal and Mrs. Ruth Rogers to instruct the Catholic children.

RANGING IN age from 12 to 19, a few of the 14 Catholic youngsters have received their First Holy Communion and the others are in preparation for the Sacraments.

According to Miss Hannick almost all the children are now able to recite the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, a short Morning Offering and a prayer to the Guardian Angel. A simplified form of the Rosary is now being taught.

They also have received instructions in the Seven Sacraments by correlating pictures with the explanations. Future lessons will include instruction on the Ten Commandments.

Holy Angels Nuns Mark Jubilee, Profession In Ceremony At Home

Two nuns were principals in a dual ceremony at Holy Angels Home, 1328 Winton Rd. N., on Saturday, April 11 — one marking her silver jubilee, the second making her profession of perpetual vows.

Sister M. of St. Kevin, daughter of Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of Ireland, marked her 25th year in the order. Sister M. of St. Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Damiani, 153 Portage St., Rochester, in St. Andrew's parish professed four perpetual vows — poverty, chastity, obedience, and zeal for the salvation of souls.

REV. CYRIL CARTER, C.S.B., of the Aquinas Institute faculty, delegated by Bishop Kearney to receive the vows, sang the Mass and preached. He was assisted by the Rev. Walter Fleming, assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church. Also present were the Rev. James Collins, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Rochester, who is confessor for the Sisters, and the Rev. Richard Murphy, assistant pastor of St. James Church, who is religious instructor for the girls at Holy Angels Home. The Sisters' choir sang.

Referring to the solemn ceremony of profession, Father Carter described it as "a death and a wedding" — in which the Sister "dies to the world" and becomes a spouse of Christ.

Forming sin "the fuel which feeds the fires of Hell," he praised "the noble work of these dedicated Sisters, who devote their lives to a crusade against sin both in themselves and in those placed under their care."

Eastern Rite Mass Scheduled For Alhambra

Plans for the annual Corporate Communion and breakfast of Musa Casanov, Order of the Alhambra are completed according to Grand Commander James F. Butler.

Members will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Josephat Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Byzantine Rite, 305 Hudson Ave. with Rev. Nicholas Wolensky, celebrant on Sunday, April 26.

BREAKFAST WILL follow in school cafeteria. Father Wolensky, pastor of the Eastern Rite church will speak on Rites of the Catholic Church at the breakfast.

Reservations must be made by Friday, April 24 with Master of the Oasis Bill Bandezzo, Glenwood 3-941. Guests will be welcomed. Tickets may also be had from Divan members or at the Knights of Columbus office, second floor, 50 Chestnut St.

Frank Biondi To Be Honored

Frank J. Biondi, an employee of the Rochester Postal Bureau for 35 years, will be honored by the National Association of Post Office and Postal Transportation Service Mail Handlers at their convention here from Sept. 14 to 18.

A parishioner of Most Precious Blood Church, Biondi has been editor of the Mail Handlers Journal for the past 12 years.

He is the father of Rev. Michael Biondi, C.S.B., chairman of the Italian department at Aquinas Institute.

Committee heads for the convention are: Louis B. Cartwright, Blonchi, Chester Humphrey, William Cipriano, John Sparaco, Max M. Illino, Charles Poles, Michael Lise, Joseph Buda, Dominio Dilella, Jesse Feinstein and Frank Grego.

Holy Hour For Youth

Catholic Youth Adoration Holy Hour will be conducted in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Sunday, April 19, for all youth of the area.

At the services from 7 to 8 p.m. Rev. Robert Miller, assistant pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta will speak.

The Holy Hour is sponsored by the Diocesan Social Unity Union directed by the Rev. Edward E. Steinkremer who issued the invitation to our high school age boys and girls to participate.

Parma Judge Listed By Hilton Youth

A youth Communion and breakfast for teenagers of St. Luke Church, including senior and junior high students, will take place on next Sunday, April 19.

Young people will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 9 a.m. Mass and proceed to the parish hall immediately thereafter.

Judge Edwin Foster of Parma, a member of the parish, will be the guest speaker of the occasion.

A committee of mothers will serve the breakfast.

Guided House Reservations

St. Elizabeth's Guild House is accepting applications for immediate or future reservations.

The Guild House, a home for students or working girls age 18 to 30, is located at 1475 East Ave., Rochester.

Information may be obtained from Mrs. John Hefferman, director, phone BRowning 1-6725.



FATHER HEISEL, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker at the Guild House breakfast.

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