

Teachers' Math Course Offered At Nazareth

A State-sponsored program in Mathematics for elementary school teachers will be offered at Nazareth College of Rochester during the 1959-1960 academic year. The course will be offered on Saturday mornings, 10 to 11:50, beginning Sept. 26.

A limited number of scholarships will be available to qualified applicants. Stipends will cover tuition and fees, \$40 each semester, plus allowance for transportation, \$25 each semester.

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NURSING STUDENT Kathleen Weber, a graduate of St. Agnes High School, chats with Sister Frances, director of nursing, at St. Mary's Hospital. New students reported at the nursing school this week.

48 Students To Begin Life In Nursing

Forty-eight freshmen were introduced to student nurse life in three days of festivities at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing this week.

The new students, arriving from homes as distant as Florida and Illinois, met on campus for Wednesday afternoon registration and a picnic supper welcome from the entire school. Wednesday evening the Junior Class of "big sisters" entertained the Freshmen at a party in the school auditorium and sponsored orientation discussions of campus living under the chairmanship of Anne Engler and Sandra Sahlkecker.

JANE FACKELMAN of the Junior Class was general chairman of the day's events. "Breakfast with the faculty," served by the Nursing School's instructors in the Hospital cafeteria opened the Thursday schedule, and at 4 p.m. Bishop James E. Kearney offered the opening Mass of the academic year in the school auditorium. A party was given by the senior class to welcome the freshmen Thursday evening.

Friday's program included a meeting of the class with their faculty adviser and the formal organization of the Class of 1962 at a first student meeting.

Cathedral Rosary Guild Launches Annual Drive

Sacred Heart Cathedral Rosary Guild will open its Fall Season on Monday evening, September 14, with a Rosary and Benediction in the Cathedral at 7:45 p.m. Bishop Casey will bestow the Church's blessing upon expectant mothers present.

Following church services a meeting will be held in Parish Hall. Rt. Rev. Magr. Richard K. Burns will be guest speaker. He has chosen "Pope John XXIII" as his topic.

The Seventh Annual Membership Drive will be officially opened at this meeting and will continue through Monday, Sept. 28. One hundred seventy-three workers, under the leadership of Mrs. Ronald J. McDonald,

Eucharistic Congress

Munich Girds For Thousands

Munich — (NC) — Preparations are being made to provide facilities for more than 30,000 Masses to be offered at the 37th World Eucharistic Congress, which will be in session in Munich from July 31 to August 7, 1960.

Thousands of faithful are expected to receive Communion daily at the Masses, which will be offered on the Theresienwiese, the huge square near the heart of the city.

TO PROVIDE altar breads for the congress, Catholic youth organizations of the state of Baden have already started to gather wheat from various parts of the state. The proceeds from the sale of farm products will be used to purchase altar wines.

Meanwhile this city is making more elaborate preparations than it has made for any other event in its long Catholic history. Last year it observed the 800th anniversary of its foundation.

The theme of the 1960 Eucharistic Congress will be "For the Life of the World." It will open on July 31, with solemn donations and services in all of the city's Catholic churches. Gatherings of numerous international Catholic or-

Arctic Jesuit Heart Victim

Point Barrow — (NC) — The parish priest of the Arctic, Father Thomas P. Cunningham, S.J., died (September 3) in his cabin here of a heart attack. He was 53.

Father Cunningham, who had served as an Alaskan missionary for 25 adventure-filled years, was pastor of the largest parish in the United States — 150,000 square miles above the Arctic Circle.

During his quarter-century in the Arctic, the missionary became a recognized expert on pack-ice. During the World War II, as an Army Air Force chaplain, he instructed pilots in Arctic survival.

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Lourdes Of Rome

A Jew Became A Catholic

Rome — (NC) — Pope Benedict XV called it "the Lourdes of Rome." But there's little outward resemblance to Lourdes in the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte, except the faithful praying rank on rank before a tiny side altar.

Over the altar is a painting of the Blessed Virgin, a reminder of her sudden appearance to a fellow Jew named Alphonse Ratisbonne. And that is why this heretic church is likened to Lourdes.

Ratisbonne was in Rome in January, 1824, on his way to the Middle East for a holiday. He was 27-year-old, newly engaged, rich, a militant freethinker.

During a sightseeing tour with a friend he found himself

in the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte. Ratisbonne carried a Miraculous Medal which he had very reluctantly accepted from Catholic friends "just to show you that the Jews are not so obstinate."

His friend went into the sacristy to arrange a memorandum Mass. When he stepped back into the church he found Ratisbonne kneeling before a little side altar, his head bowed, his body shaken with sobs.

All that Ratisbonne could say at first was, "It was she, it was really she."

WITHIN TWO weeks Alphonse Ratisbonne was baptized, taking the name Mary Alphonse. Within two years he and his brother Mary Theodore, who had been converted before him and was then a priest, founded a religious congregation of women dedicated to the conversion of Israel. (This Congregation of Notre Dame de Sion flourishes in both hemispheres.) Within five years he was a priest.

Despite the undoubted fact that this church's major attraction today is its association with Ratisbonne's vision, it has (like most Roman churches) many other things to offer.

Outstanding among these are two sculptured angels by Bernini. Originally they were destined for the bridge leading to Castel St. Angelo but were placed in the church because Pope Clement XI thought them too beautiful to be exposed to the elements. And there was a

highly imaginative, campanile by Borromini.

More interesting still are the religious who have staffed the church since the seventeenth century. They are the Minim Friars (the "Beast of the Brothers"), a once-numerous order now reduced to less than one-twentieth of its greatest membership. It now numbers fewer than 300 priests.

But the Minims played no slight role in history. The first missionary bishop in America, Vicar Apostolic Bernard Baillet-Latour, was a Minim Friar. He was appointed in 1833. Other Minims have left their mark in theology, philosophy and mathematics.

The order was founded by St. Francis of Paula in 1435. Its growth was checked by repression of anti-clerical governments and especially by the French Revolution. But since 1940 it has grown steadily, with the introduction of junior seminaries.

Its extremely austere rule — every friar vows to eat no meat, eggs or dairy products — appears to be no hindrance to its growth.

Korea Daily Loses Plea To Publish

Seoul — (NC) — A request for an injunction to restrain the Korean government from suspending the publication of a Catholic-owned daily newspaper here has been rejected by the Seoul Appellate Court.

The newspaper, Kyonghyang Shinmun, originally was closed by the government in April after successful legal action brought by the paper's publisher, Han Changju, resulted in a new order allowing the publication to reopen.

The government then indefinitely suspended the paper's publishing license.

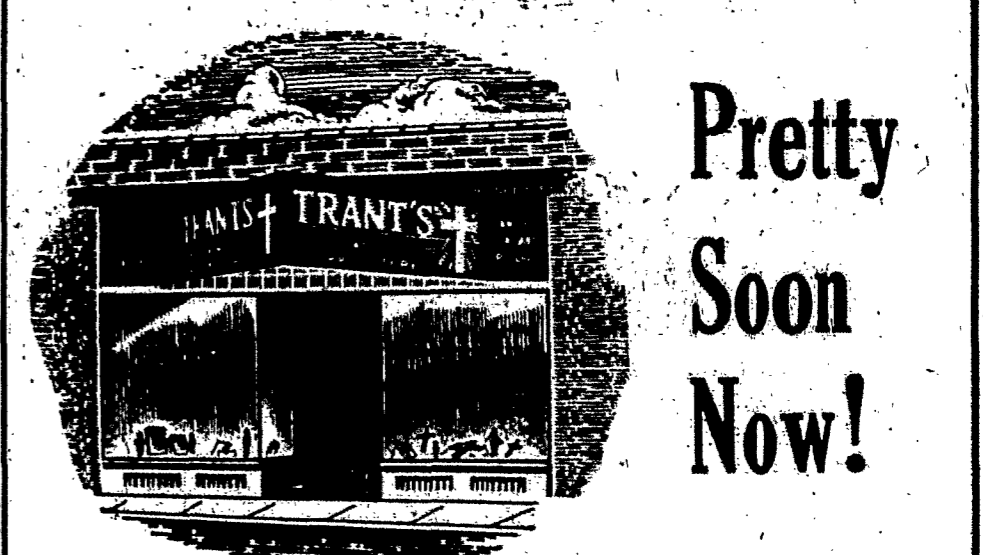
In upholding the closing, the Appellate Court decision stated that the suspension was a legal administrative action of the government's Office of Public Information. The Court further held that three of five charges brought against Kyonghyang Shinmun are violations of law.

The original closing order charged that the newspaper defamed the character of the Speaker of the House, incited to revolt by publication of an article on majority government, falsely reported the sale of government material by a Korean general, prematurely disclosed the arrest of a spy, and misquoted an interview with President Syngman Rhee.

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