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Retreat Conclave Draws 60 Rochester Women

The National Laywomen's Retreat Movement meets for its Eleventh Triennial Congress at the Statler Hilton in Buffalo September 11-13, with a delegation of 60 from the Rochester Conclave Retreat League in attendance.

An affiliation of Retreat Houses, Retreat Leagues, and Catholic laywomen throughout the country, N.L.W.M. is interested in the promotion and fostering of Closed Retreats.

The purpose of the Eleventh National Congress is to bring together hierarchy, clergy, sisters, retreatants, and friends who are interested in the promotion of retreats among laywomen in order to spread the movement in America. The first National Congress was sponsored by the Chicago Conclave League in 1938.

BISHOP J. WRIGHT of Pittsburgh, Spiritual Advisor of the National Laywomen's Retreat movement, and well-known orator, will keynote the Congress on Friday evening with an address, "Joy through Holiness."

Included in the three-day program will be an address at the

Saturday evening banquet by Miss Elizabeth Reid, Australian member of the United Nations and Orator correspondent.

Pontifical High Mass at St. John's New Cathedral, followed by brunch and panel discussions covering all facets of the Retreat Movement, with clergy and laity participating, will also be on the Saturday program. The program for Sunday will conclude with Reception, Tea and Benediction at Our Mother of Mercy Retreat Home in Buffalo.

St. Agnes High Takes Top Honors For Yearbook

An A-plus rating, highest special award, has been given the 1959 "Palm" yearbook of St. Agnes High School, by the National School Yearbook Association, Columbia, Missouri. Director N. S. Patterson, who made the announcement, said that only five to ten per cent of entries in a given category of yearbook received this rating. "It's a splendid all-around book," he added.

NSYA is the youngest of the national services and is the only one publishing its own national magazine exclusively for yearbook staffs. This is PHOTO-LITH magazine, so named because NSYA was the first service to recognize the growing significance of the photolithography process. NSYA grades both fall and spring yearbooks.

NSYA has added a "sister" service for collegiate and school newspapers this past spring. Staff adviser is Sister Mary John, S.S.J.; Editor was Judith Weber; Other staff members included Patricia Burke, Business Manager; Mary Ann Kiniski, Copy Editor; Nancy Rita, Photo Editor; Kathleen Shepard, Layout Editor.



REPRESENTING THE DIOCESE of Rochester, Rev. William M. Roche, superintendent of Diocesan Schools, receives a check for three college scholarships from Mrs. Frank J. Donahue, treasurer of the New York State Court, Catholic Daughters of America. Grants will sponsor three Nazareth College students, an incoming freshman, sophomore and senior.

New York State CDA Forms Scholarship Fund

Through the auspices of the New York State Court of the Catholic Daughters of America, a Scholarship Fund has been established to help deserving young women obtain a Catholic college education. The C.D.A. Scholarships will be three per year at Nazareth College, totaling \$600.

The recipient will receive the sum of \$200 during her freshman, sophomore, and junior years of college. To initiate the scholarship, in September 1959 one student will be selected from the junior class, one from the Sophomore class, and one from the Freshman class entering Nazareth College.

The scholarships may not be held at any time by members of the Senior Class. The C.D.A.

School Meet Draws 97 Nun Principals

The first annual meeting of Elementary School Principals was held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Mercy High School, Rochester.

The 97 elementary school principals from throughout the Diocese met to discuss administrative procedures for the coming year, and to hear an address by Joseph E. X. McCarthy, Ph.D., principal of P.S. No. 81, Bronx, N.Y.

Seven new principals were introduced to the group: Sister Mary Bigold, S.S.J., St. Theodore, Gates; Sister Teresa Martin, S.S.J., St. Anthony, Elmira; Sister Raymond Mary, S.S.J., Sacred Heart, Auburn; Sister Walter Anne, S.S.J., St. John X. Child, Sister Mary Sharon, S.S.J., St. Stephen, Geneva; Sister Mary Alms, R.S.M., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester; Sister Clement Marie, S.S.N.D., SS. Peter and Paul, Rochester.

DR. MCCARTHY spoke on the history of Education in New York State, and on the differences between public and Catholic education.

"In the beginning," he said, "the growing public school system was, in effect, a system of Protestant education. The prevailing Protestant theology of the area was taught. This led Archbishop Hughes in New York to protest the compulsory teaching of Protestant religion to Catholic children attending public schools."

Dr. McCarthy saw many opportunities for both public and Catholic school principals to benefit from each other's experience. He called the Sisters' attention to the great need for mutual understanding, cooperation, and good will between the faculty and students of public and Catholic schools.

"There are many areas of mutual interest that could be explored; there are many opportunities for the principals of the public and neighboring public schools to benefit from a joint attack on local problems," he said.

FATHER ROCHE stated, commenting on Dr. McCarthy's talk, "It is our aim that we spread the knowledge of Catholic Education among those about us, and that is why we have asked Dr. McCarthy to talk to you of these things. You are not only Catholic educators, you are the Catholic Church to so many people in your area."

A Principal's Forum was held in the afternoon, and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

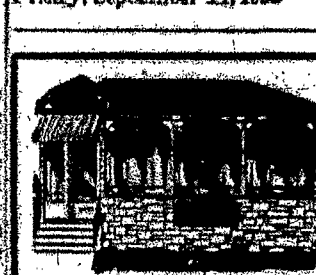
Gypsies Visit Lourdes Shrine

Lourdes — (RNS) — More than 4,000 Roman Catholic gypsies from all countries of Europe except those behind the Iron Curtain attended special services here marking the opening of their annual pilgrimage to this famous Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Fr. Joseph Gefell Taking Course At Ft. Leavenworth

Chaplain (Major) Joseph G. Gefell, of the Rochester Diocese, is studying at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His new address is 540 Kearney Avenue in the Kansas city.

Father Gefell reports that he is the only priest in his course which is being offered to some 400 personnel including 40 from allied countries.

The rigorous course of studies demands 6 hours of class daily, 3 on Saturdays, with a minimum of four hours study to prepare the next day's work.

STUDIES WILL continue until Dec. 19, when Father Gefell will return to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The chaplain reports also that his twin brother, Father Gerald Gefell, Division Chaplain of the 82nd Airborne Division, recently made his 14th parachute jump.

St. Anne Trip Taken By 96

The Annual Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre, Our Lady of the Cape and St. Joseph's Oratory, Canada, took place on August 3 to August 8 and was under the auspices of Mrs. Selma DeBycke, 108 Elm St., Newark, N.Y.

The Spiritual Director was Father Achilles Cassiere, O.F.M., Cap., Director of Vocations at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Geneva, 96 persons attended the Pilgrimage.

At the Shrine, the group participated in the services of the Stations of the Cross, Living Rosaries out of doors and in church, Candle Light Procession, Evening Mass, Benediction and Veneration of the Relic. History of the Shrines were explained to the group by the Shrine Fathers at the three "red" Shrines.

THE RINGING of bells announced the arrival of the Newark group as they gathered in St. Anne's Basilica on Aug. 4. In the evening, the group joined other pilgrims in the candle-light procession reciting the Rosary and singing hymns, this was followed by Evening Mass, Benediction and the Veneration of the Relic.

Father Achilles assisted in administering Communion during Mass and the Veneration of the Relic.

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