



Bishop Kearney—nearest he ever came to being a bridegroom—cut a birthday cake at diocesan women's council meeting Tuesday. Mrs. John O'Brien (left) was speaker at dinner; Miss Mary Ruth Lewis, a panelist. Annual meet drew over 800 women from 150 parishes of Diocese.

Bishop's Birthday

DCCW Meet Draws 800

Mrs. John W. O'Brien, lunch speaker at the 25th annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Oct. 27, urged Catholic women to identify themselves with Mary, the Mother of God, in the joys and sorrows of their daily lives.

She asked them to meditate on the hands of Mary as she must have used them at the moment of each of her "seven dolors" . . . in tender compassion, in doubt, in grief . . . and assured them that the way to heaven lay in the intercession of her who is the "Mother of Fair Love, of Knowledge, and of Holy Hope."

Bishop Kearney, guest of honor at a "birthday party" following Mrs. O'Brien's speech, delighted everyone when he quipped as he cut his birthday cake, "Well, I guess this is as close as I'll ever get to being a bridegroom!"

The convention sessions preceding the luncheon were highlighted by live exhibits which demonstrated the various committee programs of the Council of Catholic Women. Three Girl Scouts showed how to make cord rosaries for a Spiritual Development project, and there was also a demonstration of pattern cutting and sewing for Foreign Relief.

The Family and Parent Education and Mothers' Circles exhibit invited a visit from Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, who also "sat in" at a meeting of diocesan council presidents and deputy priest moderators, conducted by Miss Stella Zawadzki, outgoing president of the Council, and the Reverend E. Leo McManus, diocesan moderator.

One of the busiest booths was the one which displayed the various publications of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Council of Catholic Women. Miss Mary

Weldon, secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, said that the first time a closed circuit communication link linked a university and a cloistered community.

Just now the Gospels are being studied. At the other end of the leased telephone wire are the professed Sisters, the novices and the postulants. The instrument on Father Yamuchi's desk is so sensitive that he can find at the blackboard and still be heard distinctly by the Sisters.

They also can hear the questions asked and the answers given by students in the classroom.

The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company said this is the first time a closed circuit communication link linked a university and a cloistered community.

Just fall, at a meeting our order in Evansville, Ind.

TV Killings

Reveal Despair

Milwaukee — (RNS) — Father Robert I. Gannon, S.J., superior of the Jesuit Mission House in New York and former president of Fordham University, declared here that the space age has wrought a culture of despair in America.

He told the 45th annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities that "physical things have come to dominate man more and more."

"Man is beginning to look like a cog in the machine he has built — more insignificant every day," he said. "Every paper carries stories about the expansion of the universe by billions of light years while every television show swarms of human beings destroyed like flies every night."

Father Gannon urged social workers to "give youngsters not only the right kind of humility that becomes them as creatures but also the right kind of pride that belongs to the children of God who, in spite of rockets, satellites and platforms, are still the center of the universe."

Lend Lease People

Accra, Ghana — (NC) — "Human lend-lease" is the most immediate need of the young countries of West Africa, according to Father Neil G. McCluskey, S.J., associate editor of America, U.S. Catholic weekly.

"Ghana's Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah has told me how grateful he is to the young American men and women, many of them directly from Catholic colleges and universities, who are now working in Ghana as teachers, nurses and technical advisers," Father McCluskey explained, "and the Prime Minister added Ghana would gladly welcome more of them."

Convert Elected

Halfa — (NC) — Mother Mary of Jesus, Jewish convert to Catholicism who comes from Turkey, has been elected prioress of the cloistered Carmelite convent on Mount Carmel.

By Phone

Cloistered Nuns Attend University

By ELLEN FOLEY

New Orleans — (NC) — "Are you there, Sisters?" Father James Yamuchi, S.J., asks as he reads an unusual technology from a classroom at Loyola University of the South.

"Yes, Father, we are here," comes the reply from Mother Margaret Mary, the abbot on behalf of herself and the 23 other members of the community assembled in the library of the Poor Clare monastery a mile away.

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Boston To Send More To Missions

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He said hundreds of new priests are needed in Latin America where more than one-third of the world's Catholics live in 20 countries.

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