

Faith and Fame

Unitas Scores In Canandaigua

John Unitas, famed quarter-back of the champion Baltimore Colts...

His big smile and humble faith won him lasting friends in a whirlwind visit to St. Mary's parish sports awards program.

The husky hero of professional football fame aided Father Alphonsus P. Crimmins, pastor, present more than a hundred trophies to youngsters of the Canandaigua parish.

Trophies represented achievement in baseball, basketball, football and cheer leading.

Unitas, main speaker for the annual event which drew more than 450 sports fans this year, told the young athletes that only constant practice makes champions on the gridiron or diamond.

Unitas is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, Towson, Maryland, and recognized as a devout layman.

Following his talk, he was fettered with questions from the youngsters. All eighth graders of St. Mary's earlier met him at the Rochester airport.

Father William White, curate at the Canandaigua parish, arranged the Unitas visit and the sports dinner which was held Tuesday, May 24.

St. Andrew's Graduates 40 Seniors

St. Andrew's Seminary yesterday graduated a class of forty senior students who will continue their studies for the priesthood in major seminaries beginning this September.

The graduating class included 22 students for the Rochester Diocese, 13 for Syracuse and 5 for the Pittsburgh diocese.

Bishop Kearney presided at the rite and Rev. Joseph Knorr, of Pittsburgh gave the graduation address.

Graduates were: Rochester Diocese: Philip Bollette, James Boyle, David Callan, William Carro, Robert Collins, Frederick DeVois, Alexander Donadoni, Vincent Emmond, Frank Falletta, Robert Fitzpatrick.

Syracuse Diocese: Robert Bolvin, Robert Brown, Francis Case, John Davis, Paul Drobin, William Guckert, Edward Hanson, Michael Johnson, Richard Kuna, Frederick Pompei, James Queen, Peter Singleton and Daniel Weeks.

Pittsburgh Diocese: Michael Abaray, Michael Coyne, James Graham, Robert Huber and Kenneth Oldenki.

Devotions, Fast Day, Easter Duty

First Friday and First Saturday of the month of June occur today and tomorrow. Both are days of special devotion to honor the Sacred Heart of our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of His Blessed Mother.

Tomorrow is also the Vigil of Pentecost, a day of fast and partial abstinence. All Catholics 7 years of age and over may eat meat but once.

Next Sunday, June 12, is Trinity Sunday, final date to fulfill the Easter Duty.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for times of Confessions and Masses.



John Unitas of the Baltimore Colts gives trophy and a champion's congratulations to Mark Kennedy of St. Mary's parish, Canandaigua. Father Crimmins adds his blessing.

Largest Class In History 108 To Receive Nazareth Degrees

Nazareth College will graduate 108 seniors, largest class in the school's 37 year history, in rites at the Eastman Theatre, Rochester, Monday, June 6, at 4 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the graduation ceremony and Very Rev. James J. Shanahan, S.J., president of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, will give the commencement address.

The Bishop will also offer the Baccalaureate Mass and preach in the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m.

A special honorary degree, Doctor of Letters, will be given Miss Alice Foley, Brighton educator and Nazareth alumna.

Candidates for degrees from Nazareth College are: Bachelor of Arts - English: Maria Beecher, Rochester; Joyce Budinski, Rochester; Emmanuela Cameron, Elmira; Mary Ann Callin, Elmira; Debra J. Decker, Bloomfield; Teresa J. Ferris, Elmira; Andrea Galasso, Hornell; Diana Guerrero, Corning; Anne (Continued on Page 5)

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Twelve Priests Mark Silver Jubilee

Twelve priests of the Rochester Diocese will mark their silver anniversary of ordination this month.

All twelve were ordained by Edward Cardinal Mooney, fourth bishop of Rochester, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday, June 15, 1935.

The jubilarians are: Rt. Rev. Mgr. James D. Cuffney, V.F., administrator of St. Mary's Church, Auburn.

Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Clyde.

Rev. William F. Gaynor, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario.

Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira.

Rev. Francis E. Nestler, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport.

Rev. James C. Lane, pastor of St. Aloysius Church, Auburn.

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Blanshard At Baptist Meeting

U.S. Catholics Said UnAmerican



Paul Blanshard provided "ammunition" for Baptist ministers attending a national meeting of their denomination this week in Rochester. He charged Catholics with "doubletalk," "deception," and with medieval doctrines "irreconcilable" with American democracy.

Paul Blanshard, nationally noted critic of the Catholic Church, told Baptist ministers in Rochester yesterday a true Catholic cannot be a good American.

He labeled Catholic doctrines "medieval" and charged the U.S. Catholic hierarchy is using Church power to shape American politics.

He listed a litany of Catholic teachings that are "absolutely irreconcilable" with American democracy.

CHIEF TARGETS for Blanshard's criticism are Catholic schools — "a divisive feature in a broadly tolerant society" — and Catholic hospitals — "which exclude such remedies as birth control and therapeutic abortion."

He also listed as alien to American life, Catholic attitudes on divorce, mixed marriage, censorship and how to interpret the U.S. Constitution.

He stated "European Catholicism controls American Catholicism completely" and painted a Spain-flavored picture of what America will be like if Catholics become a majority here.

IN AN INTERVIEW before his talk to the ministers he accused the American Catholic bishops with "doubletalk" for affirming their respect for the nation's Constitution and laws.

He said Catholic leaders in this country "distort the meaning of the Constitution while still claiming to accept it."

He cited a recent issue of the magazine "Catholic Lawyer" as proof that Catholic leaders disagree with Supreme Court interpretations of the First Amendment. When told Protestant leaders, including the Rev. Dr. Justin Wise, Bishop of Rochester, took an equally strong stand against the Court's interpretation, Blanshard said such statements were not official in those denominations.

He admitted citizens have a right to disagree with Court decisions and may seek legal means to change them and then charged Catholics who do so with "deception" in their patriotism.

He also charged nuns in parochial schools are not as competent as are public school teachers and accused Catholics with a "boycott" of public schools.

His talk was part of a national Baptist meeting held in Rochester under the theme, "The Things That Make For Peace."

Blanshard, 66 year old author of books and articles against Catholicism, is the son of a clergyman and was himself ordained a Congregational minister in 1917. He left the ministry and became active in Socialist groups in the 1930's.

In an article he wrote in 1937 he said Catholics would either amend or abolish the Constitution altogether "if they gained control of the country."

He now charges the nation's choice for public office — the Catholic bishop with a "betrayal" to the Constitution and a lack of personal integrity, he said.

Blanshard is not the first spokesman to attack the Catholic Church. He undoubtedly will not be the last one to do so. But his type is certainly not common in this area and for that we are grateful.

For those who want a documented answer to his charges, we suggest reading the book "Catholicism and American Freedom" by James M. O'Shea, available at most public libraries.

Myth Causes Fright

Washington — (NC) — Non-Catholics' fears about electing a Catholic as President are based on a groundless myth.

"I think that both Catholics and Protestants have very nearly the same kind of political ideal for our republic," says Francis J. Lally declared in an interview published in U.S. News and World Report.

Mgr. Lally is editor of the St. Joe newspaper of the Eastern archdiocese.

Asked whether "the Church's leadership in Rome" wants to "distort the meaning of the Constitution while still claiming to accept it,"

"Spain has never been presented by Catholics as the ideal of the arrangement. Many times the Pope has spoken of the church-state arrangement in the United States, and described with a good deal of favor the arrangement as it exists here," he said.

Mgr. Lally pointed out that the leaders of three principal U.S. allies — France, West Germany and Italy — are Catholics.

He added: "I think that those who are anxious about a Catholic President are the United States ought to take a look at the people with whom we stand shoulder to shoulder at the present time, and analyze their actions and see if in some way the Church is directing their course. They'll discover that their fears concerning a Catholic chief executive are based on a groundless myth."

Mgr. Lally denied that a Catholic President would be under Vatican pressure in regard to such issues as birth control, aid to parochial schools and an ambassador to the Vatican.

On the question of a Catholic chief executive, he commented: "It is a dreadful fable to perpetrate on the American people the suggestion that Catholics would only for Catholics, and I think it encourages an anxiety neurosis that is already present in some portions of the population."

"The Catholic is directed to his own charge. He naturally chooses for public office the man who has the highest ability, who is at the same time a man of personal integrity," he said.

Why We Are Puzzled About Blanshard

The anti-Catholic comments made in Rochester by Paul Blanshard this week came as no surprise.

He has a long standing record on that score.

What does puzzle us, however, is that a man with such a record was invited to this city — and especially at a religious meeting with the theme, "The Things That Make For Peace."

His opening statement to the ministers was, "I did not come to your convention for oratory. I came to give you ammunition."

We suspect that many of our Non-Catholic neighbors are also puzzled and are rightly indignant of the Blanshard statements which question the loyalty of American Catholics.

The Catholic record of loyalty is no secret. It was written in blood during the years of war and it is sealed in firm bonds of friendship with people who are Protestant, Orthodox and Jewish in these years of peace.

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