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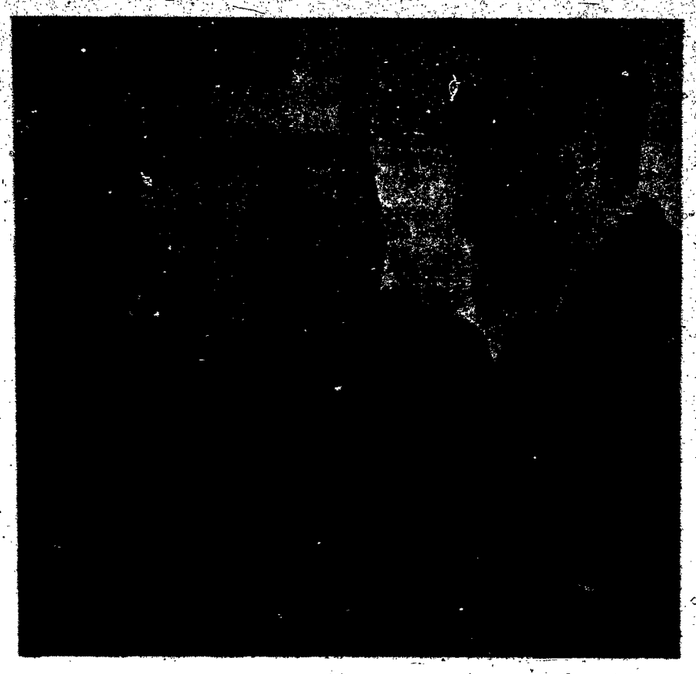


MONSIGNOR GRADY presents citation of merit to Thomas A. Healy, Aquinas junior, as the principal, Father Magee looks on.

Msgr. Grady Returns To Aquinas

'Know Your Religion' Former Principal Urges

It is absolutely necessary for the Catholic gentleman of today to know precisely, accurately and thoroughly the field of religious knowledge, according to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, professor of theology at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Monsignor Grady, a former principal of Aquinas Institute, told 1400 students at the Catholic boys' school, "You are the ones who will come in contact with the American un-Christian world, with those who have an open mind seeking knowledge, with those who will want to know about you, your education, your Catholicism, what it thinks and what it does. This is your chance to extend Christ's work in the world."

"You are to carry the banner of the Catholic lay man honestly, sincerely and intelligently."

SPEAKING AT Aquinas Institute's annual scholastic awards assembly, Monsignor Grady agreed that study is hard work, and, he added, "Study places a personal, individual responsibility upon the student and he can not let down for even a moment. You can not show disloyalty to the Church by not knowing or knowing only partially about your faith and your Church because the Church is Christ, and you are the Church and you can not let Christ down."

Very Rev. Ernest P. Magee, C.S.B., principal, in introducing the guest speaker, pointed out that it was during Monsignor Grady's term of office as Thomas Club, the school's highest scholastic ability, was founded and also at this time the school established the policy of requiring all its graduates to matriculate with a New York State Regents diploma. Succeeding principals, Father Magee assured Monsignor Grady, have tried to maintain such high academic excellence.

Rev. L. G. Hart, C.S.B., vice-principal, presented Monsignor Grady the students who earned an average of 80% or over in each of their subjects during the previous year.

For outstanding performance in the National Merit Scholarship the following received commendations: Patrick Coffey, Thomas Hannan, Charles McCollester and Michael Shea.

New Record Predicted In Clothing Campaign

The 12th annual Catholic Bishops Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, conducted in 156 parishes of the Rochester Diocese last month, promises to establish a new record total according to the Rev. F. Leo McManus, diocesan director of the clothing campaign.

"Already 71 parishes have completed shipments of 263,145 pounds of usable clothing for the needy overseas," said Father McManus yesterday. "This represents an increase of 20,000 pounds in their contributions over last year, and reflects the generosity of our people throughout the diocese."

SACRED HEART Cathedral set a new record for individual parish contributions with a total of 42,800 lbs.

Other large contributions from individual parishes include St. Charles Borromeo (10,773 lbs.) and St. John Evangelist (10,228 lbs.), both in Greece; St. Andrew (8,003 lbs.), St. Boniface (7,712 lbs.), St. Anne (7,500 lbs.) in Rochester; St. Rita (6,647 lbs.) in West Webster; St. Ambrose (6,625 lbs.), Holy Rosary (6,508 lbs.) in Rochester; St. Francis De Sales (6,426 lbs.) in Geneva; St. James (6,086 lbs.) and St. Thomas the Apostle (6,085 lbs.) in Irondequoit.

The Church of the Most Precious Blood (1,000 lbs.) had the largest proportionate increase. Parishes which tripled their totals were the Church of the Annunciation (3,941 lbs.) in Rochester and St. Gregory (1,143 lbs.) in Marion. St. Anthony Church (3,200 lbs.) in Elmira and the Church of the Assumption (1,220 lbs.) in Mount Morris both doubled their previous contributions.

The previous diocesan record total of 262,824 lbs. was established last year. The final report of the 1960 Thanksgiving Clothing Collection will be published in the Courier Journal following the filing of parish reports with Father McManus. The expense of the shipment of the clothing to the Bronx warehouse of the Catholic Relief Services is borne by the individual parishes.

Sister Mary de Sales

Hospital Nun Marks 60 Years Of Service

Hornell — Sixty years of service to God, to the Sisters of Mercy and to St. James Mercy Hospital were completed by Sister Mary de Sales on December third of this year.

A spokesman for the hospital summed up Sister's career:

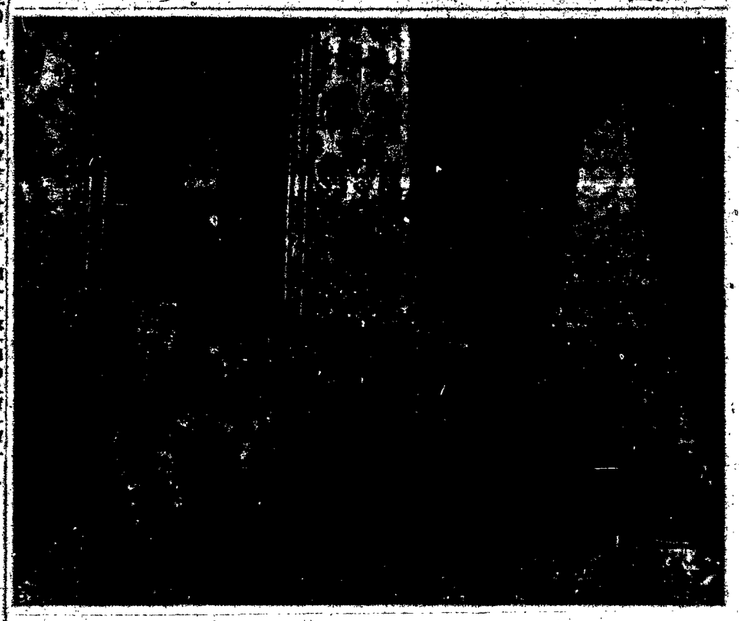
"Sister de Sales has spent the greater part of this time in operating room supervision giving doctors and nurses alike a wonderful example of efficiency and devotion to duty.

"SHE HAS BEEN in charge of the nursing school, educating young women in the exacting duties of a nurse and giving them the true picture of what is expected of a Florence Nightingale follower.

"Doctors have come from their colleges to start their careers and found a true friend and a helping hand in this jubilarian.

"Everyone who has ever been at St. James recognizes the happy laughter of this Irish sister. Her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity is felt and remembered by young and old, rich and poor, professional and non-professional. She is still found daily in the operating room, the place most everyone has connected with sister for as long as they can remember."

SISTER MARY DE SALES



At the head table during the December First Friday Luncheon Club meeting are Andrew E. Knauf, chairman; Bishop James E. Kearney, and the Rev. Vincent E. LeFrois.

Precious Blood Year Outlined

Bishop Kearney, guest of honor at the 18th anniversary luncheon of the First Friday Club, comprised of laymen whose purpose is increasing devotion to the Sacred Heart, outlined "the Most Precious Blood Year of 1961," proclaimed for his Diocese of Rochester.

The luncheon was held at Hotel Sheraton where the club has met since started in the December session of 1942.

The Bishop emphasized "the many times and the generosity of Christ when He shed his blood during his short time on earth." Bishop Kearney also praised the Catholics in Monroe County for aiding him in the successful Catholic High School Fund campaign.

THE HONORED GUEST was presented by the Rev. Vincent E. LeFrois, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus sponsor of the First Friday Club since its beginning.

Andrew E. Knauf, chairman of the K. of C. Sponsoring Committee announced the speaker for Jan. 6 as the Rev. Francis Kleehammer, pastor of St. Rita's Church, West Webster. A Christmas gift in the name of the club was presented Bishop Kearney by Chairman Knauf.

The First Friday Luncheon Club is open to any Catholic layman who receives Holy Communion on that day. Luncheons begin at 12:15 p.m. and conclude at 1:15 p.m. Cost is $1.25 including club dues and gratuities. The program is directed by the Rochester Council's Catholic Activities Committee headed by Eugene R. Cunkel.

Fourth Degree Lists Rosary

Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus and their ladies will gather at the Family Rosary for Peace Center, 410 Orange St. at 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The rosary will be recited over Station WSAY from the center at 7 p.m.

Faithful Navigator James O. Stein will lead the group in the recitation.

Waverly Parishioners See Redecorated Church

Waverly — The public inspected the newly decorated St. James Church, corner of Chemung and Clark Sts., Waverly, Sunday, Nov. 27. A conducted tour of the church started at 4 p.m. The new decorations of the church were open for inspection, as well as vestments, sacred vessels, reliquaries, symbols, and other church appointments were exhibited and explained.

THE RENOVATION of the church was completed in late November at a cost of $21,000. Six church decorators submitted designs — three from New York, one each from Utica, Buffalo and Elmira. The art work was done by Matthew Martirano of Montreal and Rochester, reps-Elmira, who were awarded the renovating Fred Bottcher & Son, contract of redecoration. New lighting fixtures were installed by Kelly, Inc., Elmira.

Interesting sidelights on the work of redecoration were revealed by the pastor, the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan. He said that the reds and blues found in the symbols IHS and M over the church windows, were inspired by a plaque in one of the rooms in the rectory, and the colors in the flowery design of the sanctuary dome were taken from an Italian vase which stands on the mantle piece in the visitors' room of the rectory.

Before starting the redecoration, certain objectives were suggested and agreed upon by the pastor, artist and contractor. First, that all horizontal lines in the sanctuary and church should be eliminated so as to produce the suggestion of height.

The renovation of the church also included major repairs on the roof and towers.

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