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Aid Needy Children

CHILDREN OF THE members of the St. Louise de Marillac committee of the Ladies of Charity are shown presenting clothing for needy children to Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive director of Elmira's Catholic Family Service. The children from left are, Mary Rose DiStefano, Gerianne DiStefano and Jean Anne Sills.

Mercy To Host Inter-High Council

Our Lady of Mercy High School will play hostess to the first Catholic Inter-High meeting this year, Monday, Dec. 19, from 4-7 p.m.

Student Council officers from McQuaid, Aquinas, Nazareth, St. Agnes, Sacred Heart, Notre Dame of Elmira, De Sales of Geneva, and Mercy will attend the discussion and dinner.

The Inter-High meetings were inaugurated two years ago to foster exchange of ideas among the Student Councils of the schools participating.

STUDENT EXCHANGE Day is one of the major topics to be discussed at this first meeting. On this day held for the first time last year, the schools exchanged several students for a day to promote good will and understanding.

Other discussion topics will center on the responsibilities of the Student Council officers and representatives, successful and worthwhile activities, and effective ways to run school campaigns.

The junior and senior representatives on Mercy's Student Council will be the hostesses at the dinner.

MUSICIANS MEET — Father Peter Sheehan, C.S.B., (left) of St. John Fisher College and editor of "The New Saint Basil Hymnal" chats with Australian liturgist and musician Father Percy Jones.

Ecumenical Council

Expert Views Rome Conclave

• Mass In English

• Married Deacons

Father Percy Jones, famed musician and liturgist, stopped off at Rochester this week for a short visit at St. John Fisher College enroute to his native Australia.

The charming and witty priest from "down under" is one of twenty clergy appointed to the Commission for liturgy preparing the agenda for the Ecumenical Council by appointment of Pope John.

THE COMMISSION studies and culls the reports and desires of the Bishops. It "feels the pulse" of the Church and then draws up proposals and recommendations to be presented at the Council.

Some personal opinions of Father Jones regarding decisions of the forthcoming Rome meet —

• A definite distinction must be made by the Council between the purely parochial as contrasted with the cathedral and monastic liturgies and rites.

• There is an almost universal necessity for simpler chants and revision of the music for the proper of the Mass.

• It is inevitable and necessary that a certain amount of English will and should be introduced into the liturgy.

• Removing the barrier in consistencies, needless repetitions, the Council will definitely go far towards making the Mass more intelligible to the laity.

• If the people are not singing the Mass within ten years, the liturgical movement might well "die a quick and quiet death."

• Liturgists and musicians must learn to work together for greater participation by the faithful in the liturgy.

Summing up, Father Jones felt that the most crucial problem facing the Ecumenical Council's Liturgical Commission is that of the use of English in the Mass.

Problems most important to the whole Council, he thought, were: (a) to eliminate the need to consult Rome on minor matters, placing more authority in the hands of the individual bishop; and (b) participation of Laymen in the priestly functions of the liturgy. Because of the shortage of priests, it has been proposed that laymen be allowed to be ordained to the deacon's rank to give Holy Communion and to baptize.

FATHER JONES came to Rochester to visit the Eastman School of Music and was guest of the Basilian Fathers at St. John Fisher College.

His father was one of Australia's leading musicians and his brother is director of the State Conservatory of Music in Queensland.

Beginning his music studies in his native land, Father Jones continued his education at the Propaganda College and the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome.

At present, he is vice director of the Faculty of Music at Melbourne University, director of Melbourne's St. Patrick Cathedral Choir, chairman of the Catholic Radio and TV Board, head of Australia's Liturgy Commission, a director of Burns, Oates and Washbourne's publishing firm, and a government appointed member of a committee to investigate revision of Australia's copyright laws.

Father Jones has published two hymnals, a number of original songs and is a pioneer collector of Australian folk songs. A friend of Burl Ives, he selected a group of Australian songs that the world-famous American folk-singer made into a popular recording.

Help Needed

Catholic Family Service of Elmira would welcome donations to help provide for the many needy families in the Elmira area.

Donations may be sent to, Catholic Family Service, 374 W. Church St., Elmira.

Panel Discussion Set By Student Leaders

Dating, smoking, drinking, dress, and modes of behavior will be evaluated when the Student Council heads of several Rochester Catholic schools participate in a panel discussion assembly at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Monday, Dec. 19.

The assembly is being sponsored by the Student Government Association at Mercy, according to JoAnn Madigan, president.

PARTICIPANTS include Richard Ide, McQuaid; Paul Reiter, Aquinas; Kip Brockmeyer, John Fisher; Ellie Finegan, Sacred Heart; and JoAnn Madigan and Kathy Doran, Mercy.

Rev. P. David Finks, Mercy chaplain, will be the moderator of the panel discussion. There will be an opportunity for the Mercy student body to ask questions.

It is expected that the assembly will be able to promote ideas related to the social life of a teen-ager during the vacation and afterwards, states Sister Mary Augustine, S.G.A. moderator.

Father Roche Named To Youth Board

Rev. William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools, has been appointed to the newly-formed joint City-County Youth Board by Rochester's mayor Peter Barry, and Norman H. Seike, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

The Youth Board has recently been established under the auspices of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors and the City of Rochester, following recommendations by various officials of both City and County, following a study of juvenile problems in the area made by the Bureau of Municipal Research in Rochester.

The Board is composed of 28 members from various fields. In addition to membership representing local schools, both public and private, the roster includes representatives of law-enforcement agencies, social service agencies, industry, and the legal profession. The organization will be given wide discretionary powers to develop programs provide activities, and to seek solutions to pressing juvenile problems in the area.

SVD Seminary Plays Host To Educators

Conesus—Seminarians of the Divine Word Seminary, Conesus, were host to 20 Latin American Educators and two staff members from Geneso State University Teachers College, Dec. 8.

The visit was arranged by the International Student Committee of the Seminary's CSMC unit as part of a program to help make students from other countries feel at home in the United States, to discuss with them their impressions of this country, and to learn about their own countries.

AFTER A Solemn High Mass in which the Seminary polyphonic choir sang, the visitors made a tour of the buildings. Dinner was served in the seminarians' dining room, and after the meal there followed a 2½ hour informal discussion session on various subjects, religious and secular, of both national and worldwide interest.

The Latin American Educators, from seven countries in Central and South America, are in the United States as part of the Latin American Education Project set up at Genesco State Teachers College. For a year these educators will observe, study, and discuss the educational system of the United States under the direction of Dr. Anthony Baratta, D.Ed., Coordinator of the Latin American Project.

Need For Spirituality Explained By Nun

Ithaca — Sister M. Cyrilla of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart was the speaker at the December meeting of the Parent-Educator and Child Study Club groups which was held in Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Her topic was "Spiritual Development in the Home."

"IN THE PLAN of God," Sister explained, "parents are to be parents of saints. The development of a child through education must be complete — that is, not only physically, socially, and intellectually, but morally as well. A child must be taught about God, and learn that he can find security in God; he must be taught to accept the will of God. The virtues of faith, hope and charity must be nourished so that a right sense of values will be achieved."

"Fathers and mothers should promote for their families greater participation in the liturgy of the Church, particularly in Lent and Advent, the observance of feast days, the recitation of the rosary, attendance at Mass and reception of the Sacraments."

"It is the right, as well as the duty and responsibility of parents to educate their children by example and teaching, and ever strive to increase spirituality in the home."

The Rev. John S. Maloney, moderator, spoke to the group about Mothers' Circles which he hopes to see take hold in Immaculate Conception parish. Mothers Circles are groups of neighborhood mothers who gather together to discuss ways and means of puting new spiritual life in the home, and how to cope with problems of character training in the raising of a family.

Two films in color were shown — "Christmas in Germany" and "Christmas in Mexico."

New Year's Eve Holy Hour Set At Cenacle

A Holy Hour will be conducted from 8 to 9 on New Year's Eve at the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Ave., Rochester, by Dom Aelred Wall, O.S.B., member of the Benedictine Community at Mt. Savior in Elmira.

FRIENDS AND retreatants of the Cenacle will also take part in Nocturnal Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Reservations may be made for supper and overnight by telephoning BRowning 1-8755. Mass for overnight guests is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

The chapel will be open until 10 p.m. for those not remaining overnight.

Lists Triduum

Annual Triduum in preparation for the Feast of Christmas will open in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. with Solemn closing on Friday. They will include special prayers, instruction and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Rev. Gerald McArdle will conduct the services. Morning Masses will be offered at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

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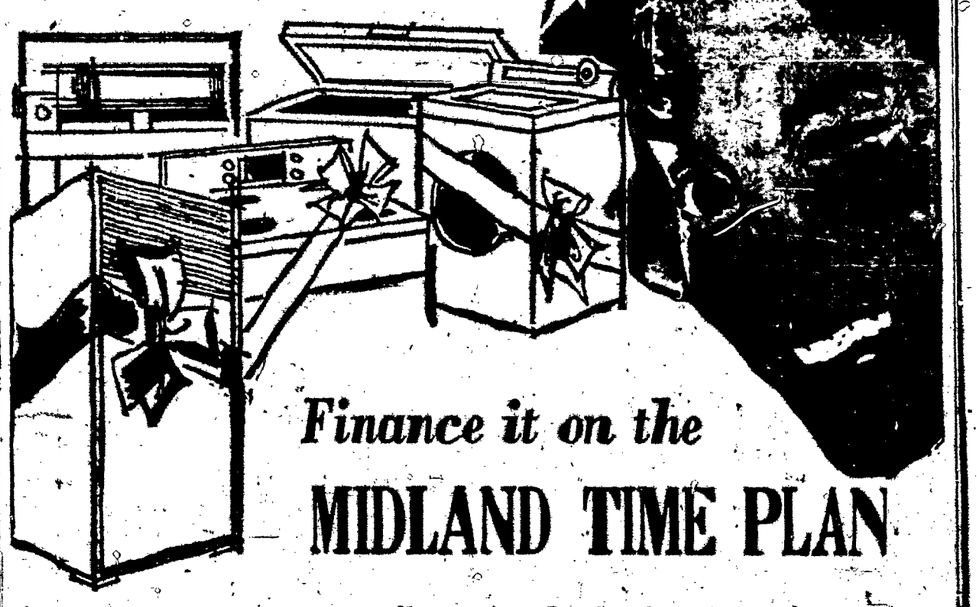

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