

## 29 Missionary Orders To Be Aided By Diocese

Twenty-nine mission groups will make their appeals in the Rochester Diocese during 1961, Father George Wood announced this week.

He said the appeals are part of the diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan in force for twenty five years.

Each parish will hear a spokesman of a mission organization in addition to the annual worldwide appeal in October for the Church's missions.

More than two hundred applications were received in the Propagation of Faith Office this year for participation in the Plan.

In 1960 \$86,665.40 was collected in the Diocese for the missions cooperating in the plan.

**THIS YEAR'S** appeals will aid mission areas in Korea, South Africa, Japan, Philippines, Formosa, India, Utah as well as these mission orders: Marist Fathers, Jesuit Fathers, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Carmelite Fathers, Basilian Fathers, Society of the Divine Word, Josephite Fathers, Blessed Sacrament Fathers, Maryknoll Fathers, Missionaries of Saints Peter and Paul, Redemptorist Fathers, Holy Ghost Fathers, Congregation of the Sacred Hearts and Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

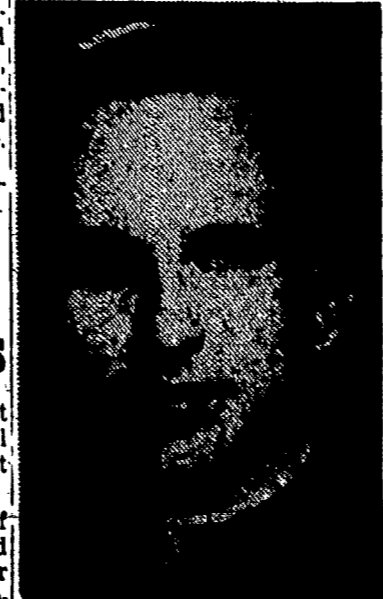
Also, the Sisters of St. Jo-

seph. Helpers of the Holy Souls, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart and Medical Missionaries of Mary and the Lay Missionary Group, International Catholic Auxiliaries.

## Cornell Gives Doctorate To Father Pilecki

Rev. Gerard A. Pilecki, C.S.B., was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the February convocation at Cornell University.

A NATIVE of Rochester, Father Pilecki is assistant professor of English at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.



FATHER PILECKI

Father Pilecki entered the Basilian Fathers in 1943 following graduation from Aquinas Institute. He gained his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Toronto. Ordained in 1952, Father Pilecki was appointed to the staff of St. John Fisher College where he taught in the English department from 1953 to 1956.

While studying at Cornell, Father Pilecki assisted the Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, Newman Center chaplain. His doctoral dissertation dealt with the later writings of Irish dramatist, George Bernard Shaw.



DEBATING TEAM of St. John Fisher College includes, from left (seated): Michael Kasper, David Perry, John Miller, Paul Haney; (standing) Edwin Soeffing, James Ehrstein, Father Arthur Kirn, moderator, Frank Iacovangelo, William Rowe.

## Fisher Debaters Win Honors

February has been a busy and exhilarating month for the debaters of the Fisher Forum from Saint John Fisher College. On four successive weekends, they hurried out from Friday afternoon classes to attend debating tournaments around the state, and returned with new honors.

They won top honors in the second annual Edmund Campion Society Debate Tournament at Canisius College, Buffalo; they placed third in the Western New York State Forensic League Tournament at Fredonia State Teachers College, and again in the University of Buffalo's tournament for 19 colleges. On Saturday, Feb. 25, they finished up the month with a near double sweep.

**FRESHMEN** Michael Kasper and David Perry speaking for the affirmative, and sophomores Paul Haney and John Miller speaking for the negative won the top honors at the Wells College Debate Tournament held at Aurora. The topic was: Resolved that the U.S. Government should adopt a program of compulsory health insurance for all citizens. Haney also was judged best negative speaker among the nine teams participating. These other teams included Colgate, Hobart, LeMoyne, Cornell, the Universities of Rochester and Buffalo.

A second team from Saint John Fisher College took second place in the fourth annual Canada-American debate tournament sponsored by, and held at Rochester Institute of Technology. Seniors Edward Soeffing and William teamed up with juniors James Ehrstein and Frank Iacovangelo to score six wins and two losses on the subject: Resolved that this house affirms the recent United Nations proposal for immediate steps towards complete independence for trust and non-self-governing territories.

**IN THE NUMBER** of wins and losses the Fisher team tied with the tournament winner, Ithaca College, but bowed to the Ithaca debaters in total number of speakers points, 302-389.

The string of successes has inspired the debaters to accept greater challenges at each new tournament. But the Rev. Arthur Kirn, C.S.B., moderator of the Fisher Forum, in commenting on the collegians' enthusiasm for the college debates pointed to other factors. Six members of the Fisher team are Aquinas Institute grads, and learned to debate in the perennially successful debating club which the Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, C.S.B., conducts on the high school level.

## St. Agnes Grad Heads Swim Team

Nancy C. Mahoney, a 1957 graduate of St. Agnes High School, has been named to compete as a swimmer for the U.S. team in the Ninth International Games for the Deaf at Helsinki, Finland.

Nancy, daughter of Mrs. Sarah J. Mahoney, 233 Roslyn St., is a junior at Gallaudet College of Washington, D.C. She has been captain of the Gallaudet swimming team for the past three years and has won swimming medals in the free-style, backstroke and butterfly events. In the International Games—also known as the Deaf Olympics—Nancy will participate in the 100-meter free-style, 100-meter backstroke and 200-meter relay.

She is the portage of Fred Hushla, former Olympic swimming champion from Williamson, N.Y., whose coaching led to her success at Gallaudet and subsequent selection to the U.S. team. The Games will be held at Helsinki Aug. 6-10.

Another factor has been the coaching of Mr. Donald Pandina, a graduate of both Aquinas and Saint John Fisher, whose name can be found engraved on debating trophies from more than a dozen colleges and universities.

**DEBATING IS** hard work, and here the enthusiasm and industry of the Fisher debaters account most of all for their success. This year's president of the Forum, James Ehrstein, is the organizer and hardest worker of all, planning trips and practices regularly. Earlier in the school year, he organized the college's first two-day tournament in which seventeen colleges took part.

The next project which members of the Fisher Forum hope to undertake is the preparation for entering the National Forensic League finals at West Point, the top level of competition for inter-collegiate in the United States. "We are setting our mark for this next year," says Father Kirn, "but that's many more hours of practice and talk away."

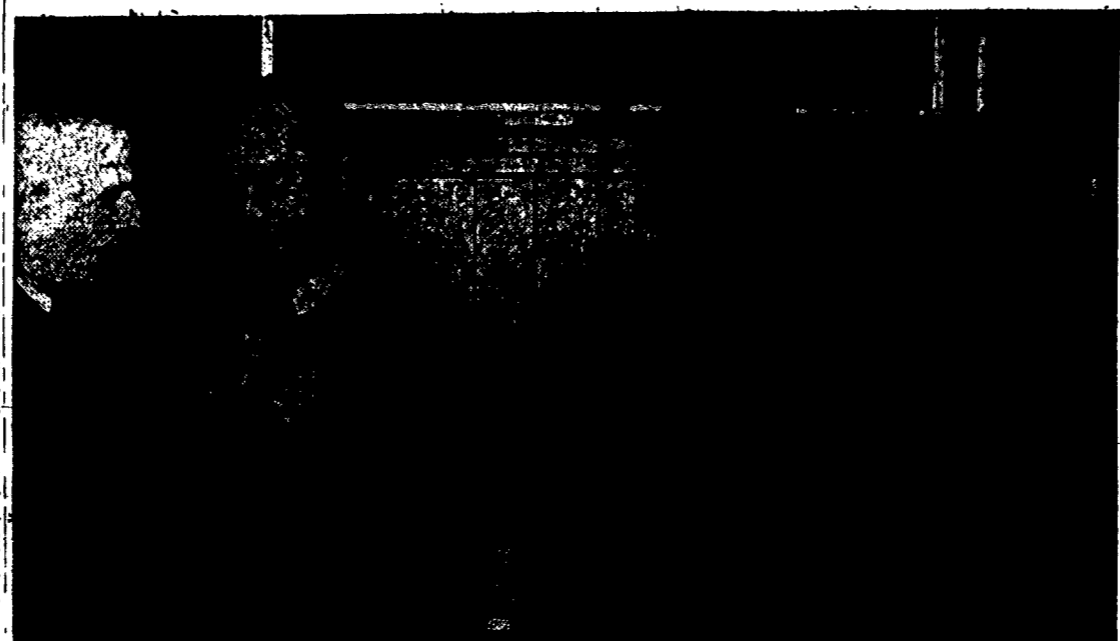
## St. Mary's Pre-Natal Talks

Seventeen couples have just completed a series of pre-natal classes for expectant parents at St. Mary's Hospital.

**THIS SERIES** consisted of four classes which included "Psychological Preparation for Parenthood," "Human Reproduction and Prenatal Care," "Labor and Delivery," and "Infant Care and Feeding." A tour of the Maternity Dept. at St. Mary's was also made by the group.

Films and demonstrations completed the lectures which were given by the Hospital Chaplain and various physicians. Members of the nursing staff of the Maternity Dept. also participated in the program.

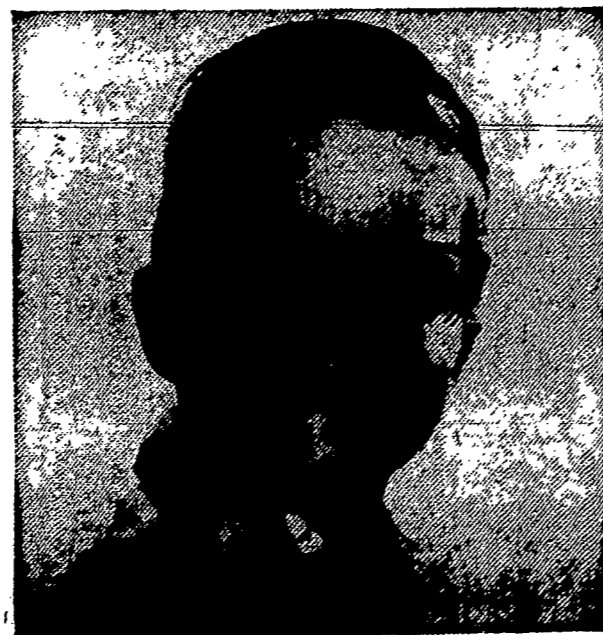
A second series of classes will begin on April 19. Those interested in attending may do so by writing to the Nursing Service Office, St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Geneva St., Rochester 13, or by calling the hospital, Ext. 141 or 142. Application forms will be mailed promptly to those desiring additional information.



## Paratroop Twins Win Wings

Twin Catholic chaplains, of the Rochester Diocese Maj. Joseph G. Gefell, XVIII Airborne Corps (second from left), and his brother, Maj. Gerard J. Gefell, 82d Airborne Division, are awarded senior parachutist wings at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Doing the honors are Col. John O. Woods, corps chaplain (left), and Maj. James A. Skelton, 82d Div. chaplain. The brothers completed their 35 jumps last month. Father Joseph became a paratrooping priest in 1951, but was off jump status with other assignments for a while. Father Gerard didn't become airborne until November 1958, but jumped at every opportunity to catch up. (U.S. Army Photo).

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**SCHOLARSHIP** program plans are discussed here by Sister Gertrude Marie, principal of Blessed Sacrament School; Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, pastor; and Mrs. Eric P. Smith, president of the Rosary Society. The Rosary Society will give a \$100 a year grant for four years to a graduate of the school.

## Scholarship Grant Formed To Honor Msgr. Connors

Establishment of a scholarship to honor Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, pastor, is announced by the Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament Church.

The scholarship will provide \$100 a year for four years toward tuition at a Catholic high school. Recipient will be selected by a committee composed of the pastor, the Rosary Society moderator and the principal of Blessed Sacrament School.

**EACH YEAR**, eighth grade teachers at Blessed Sacrament School will recommend two prospective candidates for consideration by the committee. Candidates shall be students with a high degree of Christian character with the potential of performing creditably in high school. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student taking into consideration his financial need.

The student will not neces-

## Auburn Talks Draw Crowds

Auburn — Parishioners of St. Aloysius, Auburn, have shown a quickening interest in the series of Lenten lectures being presented weekly in the Grand Hall on Wall St. The one presented last Friday evening showed a fifty percent increase over the first, and the one being given at 8 p.m. Friday evening of this week is expected to top all records.

This last in the series will consist of colored movies recently filmed in Latin America by the Rev. Richard M. McKeon, S.J., of the LeMoyne College Faculty of Syracuse. Father McKeon will provide a running commentary on "The Crisis in Latin America," describing the plight of our under-privileged neighbors in this part of the world.

The school children will have a separate showing at 2 p.m., and any parent who cannot attend the evening session is invited to attend with the children.

## Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, March 5 — Assumption, Fairport; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.



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