

# Catholics Urged To 'Mend Ways'

Syracuse, N.Y.—(RNS)—The oldest organization of Catholic laity in the United States called on the American people here to "mend their ways" or suffer defeat at the hands of a militant and godless communism.

Basic weakness of the West in its struggle against communism, said a resolution of the 108th national convention of the Catholic Central Union, is that it has "to a large extent forfeited its Christian heritage."

THE WESTERN nations have lost their "moorings of strength" as imbedded in the Christian way of life, the union charged, and consequently have lost at the conference table with the Communists.

It said that America, no longer was "the conscientious exponent of sound moral principles" but has come to base its decisions upon "pragmatic, opportunistic and in many instances purely selfish considerations."

Miss Norma Tracy of Rochester was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Catholic Central Union, New York State Branch, at the Convention in Syracuse.

A Declaration of Principles said that "the nations of the world are dangerously close to another holocaust" which can only be averted if Christian-oriented, "well instructed, purposeful organizations and groups" keep alive and strong the sense of individual and personal responsibility.

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The organization stated that "men must be reminded not so much of their rights, either as individuals or classes or groups, but rather of their duties, their obligations to toil, to live upright lives to make sacrifices, to restrain their appetites."

This sense of personal responsibility can only flourish in a society in which the government does not make undue intrusions on the liberty of the individual, the union stated.

"While we do not deny the necessity of state intervention in economic affairs, at the same time we are convinced that social justice will not be served by placing too much reliance on powers subject to the changing fancies of a changing electorate," it added.

ONE RESOLUTION called for opposition to the Kennedy administration's public school aid program on the ground that it would lead to undue government control.

The organization also came out against any measures that would tend to the elimination of the small individual farmer. It opposed any legislation that would be conducive to the establishment of a "faceless" working class, with "big government, big labor and big business."

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## New Entrance In Use

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown and son John were first to use the new entrance way at St. Mary's Hospital this week. The \$103,600 project replaces steps with ramps and clears the way for expansion on the hospital's west side.

Sister Mary Vincent and nurse Mrs. George Patridge accompany the Browns. Mrs. Brown is child care technician at the hospital.

## Vatican Raps Speed Racing

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio, commenting on the tragic accident which cost the lives of a driver and 14 spectators in Italy's Grand Prix auto race at Monza, charged that sports competitions which entail great risk "border on madness" and that auto races inspire reckless and careless driving in the general public.

The broadcast transmitted to every nation where auto racing is a leading and recognized sport, said it would be "criminal" to permit such competitions unless promoters were "morally certain" of their safety.

In its commentary, the Vatican Radio said: "No ambition, no technical problem, no publicity or industrial interest, no indulgence for the delirium of the public can justify the evident sacrifice of human life."

## Africa Martyr Jubilee Marked

Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia — (NC) — Some 2,300 Africans whose ancestors martyred the first missionary of what is now Southern Rhodesia have celebrated the 400th anniversary of his death with a three-day jubilee congress here.

THE MARTYR, Venerable Gonçalo da Silveira, made his way up the Zambezi River three centuries before the Protestant missionary - physician, David Livingstone. He was a Portuguese Jesuit, the first priest to say Mass in the country today known as Southern Rhodesia. He was assassinated on the instigation of Moslem traders.

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## New Monroe Council Officers

MONROE COUNTY Council of the D.C.C.W. held its first meeting of the season Sept. 19 with the following new officers presiding from left, seated, Miss Mary Ranelletta, president; Mrs. Joseph Palo, vice president; standing, Rev. Robert Kanka, moderator; Mrs. John Brophy, recording secretary; Miss Lucy Sheehan, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. John Plekan, treasurer.

## New School At Canaveral

Dublin—(RNS)—Five Sisters of Mercy from Ardee, County Louth, left Ireland for Florida to open a new Roman Catholic school only eight miles from the U.S. rocket-launching base at Cape Canaveral.

Their departure marked the first time since the convent was opened at Ardee more than 100 years ago that members of the religious order have left for work in another country.

The school will be located at Eu Gallie in the St. Augustine diocese. It is being opened by the nuns at the invitation of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine.

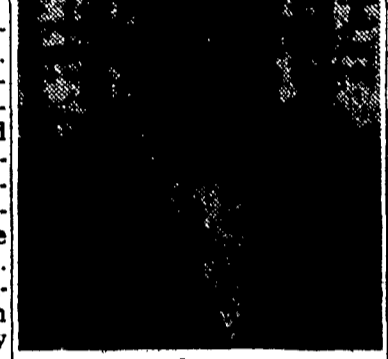
## 4 Future Scientists Receive Research Grants

Four Nazareth Academy future scientists have received grants from the Rochester Academy of Science, an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, according to letters received last week.

THIS FINANCIAL aid will enable them to continue their individual research projects. Students receiving the grants are: Christine Henneke, junior; Joyce Stolberg, senior; Norma Tracy, junior; and Mary Ann Turner, senior.

Studying inheritance in rabbits, Christine has raised and housed 75 rabbits. She is endeavoring to unravel the genetic secrets of their fur type and coloring. Mary Ann's project involves the study of muscle contraction by extracting the proteins of which muscle tissue is composed.

Norma and Joyce are slicing tissues for a histo-chemistry study. They make all their own slides.



MR. ECKERT

## Requiem Mass Offered For William Eckert

William J. Eckert, 54, died suddenly, Monday September 11, 1961 following a heart attack in his home, 43 Pershing Dr. Funeral services were held Friday in the August M. Maier Funeral Home, followed by solemn funeral Mass in St. Ambrose Church.

Rev. Joseph Dailey was celebrant, assisted by Rev. J. Norman Margaret, deacon, and Rev. Raymond Ringwood, subdeacon. Absolution was given by Auxiliary Bishop Casey. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frank W. Mason was in the sanctuary. Members of the Knights of Columbus Choral Society sang the Mass.

MR. ECKERT was president of Riverside Book Bindery, Inc.; secretary-treasurer of the William DeRidder Die-Cutting Corp., and vice-president of Sineck Corp.

He was a promoter and 20-year member of the Laymen's Retreat League; a member of Knights of Columbus, Council No. 178; its Choral Group, the Fourth Degree, and Order of Alhambra; also the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

In addition, he belonged to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce; Ad Club; Liederkranz Club, Inc.; Rochester Club of Printing House Craftsmen; International Brotherhood of Book Binders, Local No. 80; and Printing Industries of America.

Surviving Mr. Eckert are his mother, Mrs. Margaret Eckert; his wife, C. Jeanne Bleile Eckert; three sons, William J., Jr., Richard and Robert Eckert; one daughter, Cheryl Ann Eckert; two sisters, Mrs. Lorraine Speranza and Mrs. William Stehle; also several nieces and nephews.

Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where a final blessing at the grave was given by Father Ringwood.

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## Ithaca CDA Court Meets, Plans Events

Ithaca—The Catholic Daughters of America, Court Santa Maria No. 240 met for their first meeting of the fall. Pennies for Peace were collected. These are sent to the Catholic Daughters Headquarters and then overseas for helping refugees. Pennies are collected during each meeting.

Following the meeting white elephants were exchanged.

Miss Mary Bovier will be delegate to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meetings as representative from Catholic Daughters. Members were urged to try to attend the D.C.C.W. Convention to be held in Rochester, Oct. 20-21. For further information call Mrs. George Senecal or Mrs. Paul Gillis.

Mrs. Cosmo Salimino is in charge of the sale of tickets for the Harvest Ham Supper to be held Oct. 17, servings at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., open to the public.

Dr. Frank Janas will show movies on cancer at the Oct. 3 meeting. The meeting time will be 7:30 p.m. and the films shown at 8:30 p.m. so that anyone or any organization may plan on attending. Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. John McCarthy, Mrs. Cosmo Salimino and Mrs. Arthur Sprague.

Orders for Christmas Candles may still be given to Mrs. George Senecal. Mrs. Joseph Leone will be in charge of the Dec. 1 Christmas sale of handmade articles or baked goods to be donated by the members and their friends.

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Women to volunteer for training as Braille transcribers are being sought by an organization known as The Rochester Volunteer Brailleists.

This band of women is engaged in the complex chore of changing the printed word into Braille letters and words. As students advance they may switch to the use of the more rapid Braille machine which is operated as in a typewriter, producing raised dots rather than inked letters.

Besides the book time, patience and perseverance are needed. Mornny helps, and does a good command of the language.

Classes are being formed. Any desiring to join in the work may call Mrs. Ted H. Mason, 30 Latic St., GR. 8-0005, for complete information.

## Curfew Law Panel Slated

Corning — Mayor Joseph J. Nasser will head a panel to discuss the newly passed curfew ordinance at a meeting of St. Mary's Rosary Society Thursday, Sept. 28, at 8:30 p.m.

THE REV. JOHN LYNCH, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, will act as moderator for the discussion, which will center on the effect of the new curfew on the social life of citizens in the area.

Mrs. Frank Picarazi, Society president, today invited all parents and teenagers in the parish to attend the meeting.

The panelist, other than Mayor Nasser, will be Police Chief William Rowe, Robert S. Grogan, general administrative assistant of the City School District, Attorney Robert Burrell, a police commissioner, and George Montopoli, Fifth Ward alderman.

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