



Extensive educational exhibits.



Father Roche and Doctor Conley.



Nuns, lay teachers at final session.

New Techniques, Renewed Faith Goals for Catholic Teachers

New techniques and renewed faith are the two goals set for Catholic teachers of the Rochester Diocese at their annual conference this week. More than 1500 teachers who staff 119 elementary and high schools in the twelve county Diocese attended the two day sessions at Rochester's Community War Memorial.

BISHOP CASEY, in his last public address prior to his departure for the ecumenical Council in Rome, gave a "direct, heart-to-heart talk . . . about our common aims, about the local Catholic educational situation . . . and a final word about the forthcoming ecumenical Council."

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He said it is "tragic" that most Americans fail to "sense the contribution the Catholic Church is making to each community" through the vast parochial school system which saves taxpayers in the Rochester Diocese area close to \$34,000,000 each year in operational costs alone.

He paid high tribute to the sacrifices made by parishioners and teachers which enable Catholic schools to expand facilities and maintain their high academic rating.

Bishop Casey put special emphasis on the need for teachers to "be concerned about the heavy financial burdens many fathers and mothers carry" and suggested that the teachers "seek ways to save them money."

He also stressed current diocesan efforts to provide better religious instructions for 49,000 Catholic children in public schools.

In his comments on the ecumenical Council, Bishop Casey told the teachers "renewal and purification" of the worldwide Church should begin with each individual member and he urged them, "Please get across to your pupils the essential importance of this Council. . . . You are the Church. It is you who need renewal."

Other highlights of the conference included:

THE KEYNOTE address was given by Dr. William H. Conley, Director of the Carnegie

Study of Catholic Education at Notre Dame University. Dr. Conley spoke of the increasing need for professionalization of teachers, so that they will be better able to cope with the increased enrollments thrust upon Catholic schools by the growing population. Dr. Conley noted that greater success in teaching will be achieved if the teachers themselves take an increased part in inservice training, to keep abreast of the most advanced teaching techniques and the latest developments in the field of education.

Dr. Conley noted that last year there were 4,445,000 children in Catholic elementary schools in the United States — 14% of all U.S. elementary school pupils, and that there were 937,000 in Catholic secondary schools, comprising 91% of all United States secondary school pupils.

"More significant," Dr. Conley said, "is the rate of increase in the Catholic school population. For every 100 pupils in Catholic elementary schools in 1950, there were 171 in 1960, while for every 100 pupils in public elementary schools in 1950, there were 142 in 1960. In Catholic high schools, for every 100 students in 1950, there were 174 in 1960, while for every 100 in public high schools in 1950, there were 148 in 1960.

"This increase has placed almost impossible problems upon us. The increased housing has been the least of our difficulties, although it has been financially serious. The American people should realize that, if we would have cost about \$2,250,000,000 to build enough classrooms for the increase in Catholic children in the elementary schools, and about \$575,000,000 for the increase in Catholic high school students."

In defining professionalization, Dr. Conley noted that the term involves personal qualities. He said: "We expect the professional man or woman to have integrity, above average intelligence, untiring energy

willingness to work, and zeal. In addition a liking of people and friendliness, as well as such virtues as patience, justice, charity, and prudence are necessary."

ANOTHER HIGH point of the conference was the summary of modern concepts of teaching Religion, by William Reedy, Religion Editor for William H. Sadler, Inc.

"Our concern as catechists should be to stress in every lesson the central truth of our faith — not many doctrines — but one dogma: God the Father, has called us to share with Him His own divine life through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the good news," Mr. Reedy told the teachers.

"The one great message of our call to a new life in God, should be approached in a four-fold way: what we teach should be drawn from the Sacred Scripture — God's life-giving word; be re-presented through the liturgy, in which dogma is prayed; be explained in a careful and systematic way reflecting both the language of the

Scripture and the tradition of the Church; and be given in such a way that our children are moved to respond to the gift of God (faith) by a life of Christian witness in the world."

"The purpose of religious education is not knowledge for its own sake. It is Christian living, based upon knowledge. Ultimately our aim is formulated for us by St. Paul who says, 'my little children . . . even now I . . . labor, that Christ may be formed in you,' he said.

Father William Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools, stated at the conclusion of the conference, "We were most gratified with the response of our teachers to all of the speakers on the program. We hope that the conference will provide them with ample food for thought, as well as practical suggestions which they can profitably use in the classrooms of our schools."

There were 131 booths at the War Memorial, at which suppliers of educational aids and equipment exhibited their merchandise to the teachers.

Fr. Robert F. McNamara Listed By Friday Club

Rev. Robert F. McNamara, professor of church history and lecturer on Christian art at St. Bernard's Seminary will be speaker at the First Friday Luncheon Club meeting, Oct. 5, according to Family Court Judge Emmett J. Schnepf, chairman.

"Diocesan Catholics in the Civil War" will be Father McNamara's topic. He will be presented by the Rev. William H. Holberton, assistant pastor, St. Anne's Church, who is the newly named club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

LUNCHEON will start at 12.10 p.m. All Catholic men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday are eligible to attend, Donald E. Woerner, vice chairman announced.

Father McNamara, a graduate of the North American College in Rome was ordained there Dec. 8, 1936, and marked his 25th anniversary on Dec. 8, 1961.

A native of Corning, Father McNamara attended St. Mary's School, Corning Free Academy, Georgetown University, Harvard University graduate school as well as the North American College.

ON THE SEMINARY faculty since 1938 he served prior to

that as assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier and Annunciation churches and as associate editor of the Courier Journal and chaplain of St. Ann's Home.

He is the author of "A Century of Grace," the history of St. Mary's Church, Corning, and "The North American College in Rome" an 838 page volume. He has written many historical articles for the Catholic Historical Review and the Courier Journal — latest of which have dealt with Civil War personalities of this area.

Rev. John Murphy, pastor, St. Lawrence Church, Greece, related experiences as chaplain at Craig Colony, Sonyea, at the September meeting.

Forty Hours

Sunday, Sept. 30 — Good Counsel, Holy Cross, Perpetual Help, Rochester; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Mary, Honeyey; St. Mary, Horseheads; St. Patrick, Mt. Morris; St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario; St. Joseph, Rush; St. Rita, West Webster.

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DCCW Holds Training Institute

More than 100 women, most of whom are officers of parish or diocesan organizations, attended a Training Institute sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at Nazareth College Saturday morning, Sept. 22.

Workshop sessions stressed the committee system of organizing programs for widest general interest.

Arranging the program was Mrs. Joseph Palo, president of the Monroe area DCCW. Other deanery presidents present were Mrs. C. Fay Lunkenheimer, Wayne Deanery; Mrs. Peter Papero, Livingston Deanery, and Mrs. Humbert Solo, Steuben Deanery.

A SIMILAR institute was held earlier in the month for southern tier groups.

Mrs. Julian G. Humiston, DCCW president, spoke briefly at each workshop and conducted a special panel for officers of the affiliated units.

Rev. Leo McMannus, diocesan moderator, celebrated Mass for the success of the Vatican Council, to conclude the program. Rev. William Hickey, Steuben Deanery moderator, Rev. John Coonan, Livingston moderator, and Rev. Robert Kanka, Monroe moderator, also participated in the program.

Rev. Gerald Dunn and Rev. Henry Atwell spoke at the workshop sessions.

Shutins Mass At Coldwater

An outdoor Mass for the sick and shutins of the Rochester area will be celebrated at the Lourdes shrine at Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater, Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m.

Priests will be available to hear Confessions of the sick in cars and Holy Communion will be given.

In the event of rain, the Mass will be held in the church and volunteer aides will assist in providing wheelchairs or stretchers to bring the ailing inside.

Following the Mass, graves will be blessed at the Holy Ghost cemetery across from the church.

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Father McNamara celebrates Mass in Alma Mater Chapel at Nazareth College for DCCW Training Institute.



Mrs. Robert Waterman shows cards designed by members of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to invite new members to meetings and to stimulate interest in DCCW activities.

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