

118 Lay People to Receive Teacher Of Religion Awards at Cathedral



At St. Michael's Saturday School of Religion, Rochester, Mrs. Eloise Wilkin has been an assistant teacher for second grade during the past year. As a CCD

Helper working closely with the children, correcting their activity books and hearing their prayers, she has readied herself for CCD assignment in September.



Sister Joseph Marie, M.H.S.H., instructor in the Confraternity course, reviews with Mrs. Eloise Wilkin, member of the catechist class to graduate this Sunday, "Religion Lessons for Catholic Living," a religion course especially adapted for Catholic children in public school.

Summer Course At Nazareth

One of the most rapidly expanding activities in the Rochester Diocese — and throughout the nation — will reach a dramatic climax this Sunday evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The rite will also point up the need for still greater development of the program.

At the 7:45 p.m. ceremony, 118 laymen and women from 27 parishes will receive certificates as teachers of religion.

The group will also be enrolled as members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

CCD pins will be awarded to an added 86 who add the religious instruction program as "fishers," "helpers" and "parent educators."

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will preside and preach at the Cathedral rite.

Sunday evening's ceremonies include the training program begun last October at Assumption School of Religion, Fairport, and Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, with national headquarters in Washington D.C., standardizes requirements by a thirty-hour course in doctrine and thirty hours in methods and techniques.

Instructors for the Doctrine course this year included Rev. Leonard Kelly, pastor of Assumption parish in Fairport; Rev. Benedict Ehmars, pastor of St. Michael's, Rochester; Rev. Richard Hart, DeSales High School, Geneva; Rev. John Maloney, administrator at Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Rev. Victor Valente, O.F.M., Cap., administrator at St. Pius X in Van Etten.

Instructors for Methods of Religious Education were the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart whose special apostolate is the teaching of religion and training the laity in this field of the apostolate.

At Sunday evening's ceremony, each member of the catechist group will hear the echo of that mandate given by the world's Saviour, "Go and Teach," and receive the blessing of the bishop.

Peter B. Riley, M.D., St. John's the Evangelist parish, Rochester, remarks: "I have been awakened to the part the laity have in cooperation with the clergy to help in the apostolate and have learned of important tools to use when the hoped for time of teaching arrives."

Mrs. Eloise Wilkin, well known illustrator of children's books, vouches her impressions of the past months in training has this to say: "What a privilege to be born in this latter day! We learned the catechism by rote, not understanding a word of it. I am particularly impressed with the way doctrine is drawn from scripture, the familiarity with the liturgical seasons, the Mass as a corporate act of worship, and the teaching of mental prayer from the first grade up."

And from others of the class who will receive their certificate to teach religion this Sunday one hears: "This preparation has aroused my slumbering intellect and made me much more concerned about studying and discussing my faith with others. It is a must for every Catholic, whether he plans to teach or not, there is so much to learn."

"The course has been a real awakening process for me to use at home and in school. It has given me a deeper knowledge of my faith, greater appreciation of all the sacraments, and a love for Scripture. I'm now doing something for God and for our community. I never realized possible before."

REGISTRATION is still open for the CCD Leadership Course offered this summer at Nazareth College July 1 to August 4. Three courses are offered for those interested in joining the Confraternity program as well as those interested in a credited college course. Fundamentals of Doctrine, Methods and Materials in the Teaching of Religion in the Elementary School, Methods and Materials in the Teaching of Religion in the Secondary School.

Morning sessions will meet daily, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Evening classes are scheduled to meet Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. It is hoped that many of the laity will avail themselves of the summer workshop at Nazareth College to qualify as certified teachers of religion in the Confraternity program beginning in the fall.

For registration or information call: Rev. Albert Schrack, RA 6-2979 or Nazareth College of Rochester, LU 6-2555.

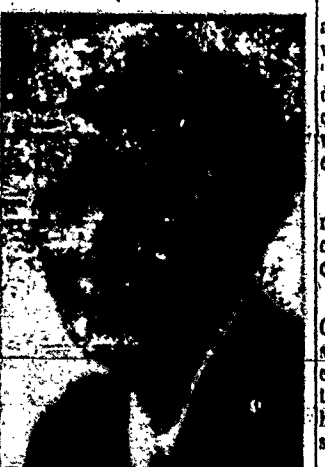
College Honors For Two

St. John Fisher College will confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Miss Mary A. Sheehan and Nazareth College will confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters upon Miss Veronica Maher.

Both women are widely known for their long and distinguished services to the Rochester community.



MISS SHEEHAN



MISS MAHER

Miss Sheehan, a member of the St. John Fisher College faculty and consultant to the College's president, completes fifty years of teaching this June.

Miss Maher, executive director of the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has been active in Red Cross programs since 1919.

St. John Fisher's commencement ceremony is scheduled at the school's auditorium Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m.

The Nazareth commencement ceremony is scheduled at that college Monday, June 3, at 4 p.m.

Both colleges will graduate the largest classes in their history — 107 at St. John Fisher, 157 at Nazareth.

Names of graduates are listed on page two of this issue.

MISS MAHER is the first layperson to win an honorary degree from St. John Fisher College. Previous honors went to Cardinal Spellman and Bishop Kearney.

Miss Maher is a native of Ovid, N.Y., where six sisters and two brothers and their families still reside.

She came to Rochester in 1918 to attend Nazareth Academy, then on Jay St., and after graduation in 1919 began her career in Red Cross work. She became executive secretary in 1923 and in 1941 her title was changed to executive director.

She is active in numerous civic groups and serves on many

committees. She is a member of the Zonta Club and the Women's Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Maher has been the recipient of many honors. At the close of World War II, she received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Gold Medal Award for outstanding work in the war effort. She also has a special citation from the Business and Professional Women's Club. In December of 1953 she was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce, the first time in the Chamber of Commerce's history that a woman has been elected to its Board of Trustees.

In 1954 she was made a Fellow of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences in recognition of outstanding community service. In October of 1952 she was awarded the "Rochesterian" scroll.

General Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American National Red Cross, has often referred to the Rochester-Monroe County Red Cross Chapter as one of the outstanding chapters in the United States.

The Chapter has had many "firsts" to its credit, most of them during the period of Miss Maher's direction. For example, the Rochester Regional Red Cross Blood Program, established January 12, 1948 with Rochester as its Center, was the first civilian blood program set up by the American National Red Cross. Now, there are 56 Red Cross regional blood centers across the United States and in Puerto Rico.

The Gray Lady-Gray Man service at the Rochester State Hospital, founded in 1948, was the

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Space Travel's New Horizons

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican Radio hailed the achievement of U.S. astronaut Major L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., as opening "new horizons" for mankind.

"The horizons of the future are always vaster than the one we visibly aimed at," it said. "Columbus sailed for India and discovered America. It is conceivable that something similar will result from the latest space explorations."

The station said that "for this reason, the whole world follows every space trip with the keenest interest."

It noted that while Major Cooper was whirling through space, Pope John XXIII "affirmed for the second time his interest in this field, as well as his blessing and prayers for its success."

'Not Prepared' For Liberty

Madrid — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Pedro Cantero Cuadrado of Huelva declared here that Spain was not prepared, socially or psychologically, for the introduction of religious liberty "on a scale common in other countries."

He said the special privileges enjoyed by the Catholic Church in this country have resulted in Spain's historic traditions and served as "a guarantee against internal strife."

At the same time, however, he stated that although the Catholic Church enjoys a preferred position, "this is not in any way offensive to other religions."

Cardinal Mindszenty Case

No Quick Solution

Rome — (RNS) — Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, arrived here with a word of caution against expecting an early solution of the case of Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Primate.

"I do not think," he told newsmen, "that there will be a quick solution of this problem. It calls for more talks."

In Rome to attend a meeting of the Coordinating Commission



FATHER VOIT, FR. VALURKVICIUS, FATHER KRESS, FR. JANKOWIAK, MSGR. WHALEN

Eight Priests Mark Silver Jubilee

Eight priests of the Rochester diocese mark their silver jubilee in the priesthood at 12:15 noon, Sunday, June 9.

Rev. Alexander Stec will be their anniversary, one will do deacon and Rev. L. V. Prozny, so in September. Five will mark subdeacon. Rt. Rev. Alger Ed. the observance of their jubilee ward K. Ball will preach.

A reception will be held in the parish hall the same afternoon, 2 to 4 p.m.

The jubiliarians are: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, Rev. Valentine A. Jankowiak, Rev. Robert L. Kress, Rev. Edward J. Lintz, Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, Rev. Frank H. Valurkvičius, Rev. Francis H. St. John Kanty school, Erie; St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan; St. Bernard's Seminary and the diocesan seminary at Poznan, Poland.

He served as curate at St. Casimir's Church, Elmira; St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva; St. Cecilia's Church, Ithaca; St. Cecilia's Church, Ithaca, prior to his appointment as pastor in 1952.

FATHER KRESS, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Reville, and St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo, will celebrate a jubilee Mass in the Reville church, Sunday, June 2, at 11 a.m.

Rev. Edward Lintz will be deacon and Rev. C. Richard Nangle, subdeacon. Rev. Paul J. Cuddy will preach.

A jubilee dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Home, Hornell, the same afternoon at 2 p.m.

A reception will be held for relatives and friends in Rochester at St. Peter and Paul's parish hall, Rochester, Sunday, June 9, 3 to 6 p.m.

Father Kress, born July 25, 1912, in Rochester, the child of the late George and Mary Kress, attended St. Andrew's school, Aquinas Institute, Niagara University and St. Bernard's Seminary.

He was ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral by Bishop Kearney June 11, 1938.

He served as curate at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca; St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester; St. Mary's Church, Auburn; St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, prior to his appointment as pastor in 1959.

FATHER VALURKVICIUS, pastor of St. George's Church, Rochester, will celebrate a jubilee Mass in the parish church, Sunday, June 9 at 11 a.m.

Very Rev. John Janous, provincial of the Marian Fathers, will be deacon and Rev. Raymond Wuest will be subdeacon.

Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Stiggus of Chicago will preach. Chaplains to the bishop will be Rev. Thomas Ziarnits of

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Exceptional Youngsters Confirmation Classes

Thirty-two Rochester area youngsters mentally or physically handicapped will be confirmed by Bishop Casey at St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, Saturday, July 6, at 5 p.m.

Classes in preparation will be held there each Saturday afternoon in June at 3 p.m.

Applications for the class may still be made by writing Special Confirmation Class, 35 Scio St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

Polish Cardinal May Visit US Next Year

New York — (NC) — Richard Cardinal Cushing said here that he wants to invite Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, to visit the United States next year.

Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, made the disclosure in an address (May 12) to more than 10,000 persons at a rally welcoming a replica of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

He expressed hope that the Polish government would permit Cardinal Wyszyński to come to the U.S.

(The Polish Cardinal has been able on several occasions to leave Poland to attend the first session of the ecumenical

The Czestochowa picture, which has been blessed by Pope John, is being taken on a tour of American cities as part of nine-year novena marking the 100th anniversary of Poland's conversion to Christianity, which will be celebrated in 1966. The picture has already toured the New England states.

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