

Nazareth, Fisher Colleges Graduate 264



Graduates of St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College received their diplomas in a sun-drenched ceremony in the shadow of the death of Pope John.

Fisher College commencement was held Sunday afternoon while the Pontiff's life ebbed away. Nazareth's rite began within an hour after word reached from the Vatican that the Pope had died Monday afternoon.

Bishop Kearney opened the Nazareth ceremony with a prayer for the dead Shepherd of Christendom.

Both schools gave diplomas to the largest number of graduates in history—107 at St. John Fisher, the ninth graduating class, and 157 at Nazareth, the thirty-ninth graduating class.

The bishops presided at both ceremonies and spoke with the "attitude of a father" to both groups. He confirmed many of them as youngsters, gave them their high school diplomas and followed their college careers closely.

He said he sent the college graduates "back to your homes, out into the world" with confidence because they were "so much richer spiritually and intellectually." Because of their four years at a campus where "Jesus Christ is the great Center of your college chapel to dominate every activity and to assure you of the essentials of true success."

New York State Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson spoke at the Nazareth commencement. John J. Wintermeyer, leader of the Ontario (Canada) Liberal Party and leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature spoke at St. John Fisher College.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Miss Mary A. Sheehan at Fisher College and Miss Veronica Maher at Nazareth College.

Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher, and Sister Helen Daniel, president of Nazareth College, also spoke briefly to the graduates at the respective schools.

The commencement speakers at both colleges stressed rapidly changing conditions of the modern world and the duty of well-educated Catholic young people to play an active role in aiding the world's needy.

At St. John Fisher College, Mr. Wintermeyer said, "Change is a condition of life. It should not be looked upon as a cause for apprehension or fear, but rather as an opportunity for improvement."

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St. John Fisher College commencement participants included John J. Wintermeyer, Miss Mary Sheehan,

college president Father Charles Lavery, Bishop Kearney and Joseph Myler.

First daughters of faculty members to graduate from Nazareth College receive their diplomas just before academic procession. Biology professor Wilfred Andre and daughter Barbara, and mathematics professor Dr. James N. Eastman and daughter Charlotte.



Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson and Miss Veronica Maher talk with Peace Corps volunteers of Nazareth College graduating class Linda Lee Domink.

Equal Aid in Canada

Like being the top Democrat in New York State—that's somewhat of an idea of the role of John J. Wintermeyer, commencement speaker at St. John Fisher College.

As head of the Liberal Party in Ontario, Canada, he is officially titled "Leader of the Opposition" in the Conservative Party controlled Legislature.

In an interview before the Fisher College graduation ceremony, he described Canada's economy, and its educational system—a topic currently under hot debate in the United States.

Canada's federal constitution puts the responsibility for education on the provinces and requires that "minority" rights be respected. Ontario operates a parallel system for Catholics and Protestants at the elementary school level.

High schools are non-denominational but the province's Catholic bishops have asked for extension of the parallel arrangement.

College students get direct grants from the federal government. Denominational colleges are federated, as at

the University of Toronto, and shared facilities receive federal assistance.

HE WAS ASKED about the secessionist movement in Quebec and described it as a "cultural conflict" which poses an actual threat to the unity of Canada. He expects a solution will be worked out, however, to preserve the union. Quebec residents, French-speaking and rooted in a long French-Canadian tradition, claim the rest of

Canada, with its English heritage, is more a foreign country than a homeland to them.

He said improvement was especially needed in the area of human relations—"we have solved the problems of putting a

man in orbit but we have not solved the problem of admitting a Negro to the University of Alabama... We are reaching for the moon and the stars but we are not certain we can preserve the planet under our feet.

"You, as Catholics, have a special obligation at this moment in history to enrich the common good not as members of a separate group but as a part of a total community life."

The graduates were advised by their college president Father Lavery that they need more than "the gift of faith or the desire to promote worthy causes." They are to "take an active part" in civic, cultural, political, scientific organizations.

"But to do this, since it is an age of great scientific development, you must yourselves be scientifically competent, technically capable and skilled in your profession."

AT NAZARETH College, Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson told the graduates they are "surrounded on all sides by doors, any one of which you may choose as the portal through which you will step into the adult world—doors of the religious life, marriage, the law, science, politics, journalism, medicine, the arts."

"No matter what field you choose to make your life's work," he said, "never in any of them are you entering a man's world—this is a world of men and women... each by nature complements the other."

Mr. Wilson cited the traditional role of woman as "homemaker" but cited the dictionary

definition of "a place to rest in and be safe." He said no matter how "sheltered and safe they are in their own home, so many millions of homeless, cold and frightened people are crying out for help."

This he said constitutes the challenge to the Catholic woman college graduate—to strengthen the spiritual and moral life of individuals and groups and thereby "make the world a place to rest in and be safe."

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Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:
Sunday, June 9—St. Lawrence, Rochester; St. Pius X, Van Ettes; St. Joseph, West Bloomfield.

Honors For 24 At Nazareth

Twenty-four Nazareth College seniors graduated with honors Monday, June 3 during commencement exercises at the college. Six of the graduates received magna cum laude citations.

EIGHT OF the honor graduates were selected to Kappa Gamma Pi, National Catholic Women's Honor Society.

Receiving magna cum laude honors in their major subjects were: Mrs. Jean E. Dutcher, 1 Hewlett Parkway, (Business); Kathleen Chapman, 296 Wyndham Rd., and Patricia Tracy, Lockport, (English); Theresa Coleman, Almond, N.Y., (History); Rosemary Burke, Palmyra, N.Y., (Nursing); and Marie Mahoney, Buffalo, (Philosophy).

Miss Mahoney and Miss Coleman also were elected to Kappa Gamma Pi. To be eligible for this honor, students must have an academic grade of 2.0 or better and have demonstrated leadership qualities during their college career. Other students elected by the faculty to Kappa Gamma Pi were:

Marie C. Leccese, 49 Gorline St., Virginia Holderbach, Corning; Patricia Rosey Morin, senior class president, 80 Her-

tage Rd.; Mary Ann Wheeler, 217 Brandon Rd.; Judith Moutatt, East Rochester, and Marguerite Cloke, Elmira.

The Misses Mahoney, Coleman and Leccese each received two department honors. In addition to their magna cum laude citations, Miss Mahoney graduated cum laude in French and Miss Coleman, cum laude in Theology. Miss Leccese won cum laude in Latin and Theology. Bernice Nedzynski also received double cum laude honors in Mathematics and Theology.

Other winners of departmental cum laude honors were Biology: Marianna Ripper, Barbara Martin, English: Ellen Kuhl, Denise Latulipe, Joan Stein, Duane Van Lier, Mary Ann Wheeler, French: Miss Holderbach, History: Sharon Kelly; Mathematics: Mary Kay Carpenter, Mary Cumbo; Nursing: Miss Cloke; Philosophy: Patricia DeMarco; Sociology: Miss Morin, Sharon Flynn, Karen Keels.

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