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Graduates of St. John Fisher College at Sunday afternoon ceremony.



First daughters of faculty members to graduate from Nazareth College receive their dads' congratulations just before academic procession. Biology professor Wilfred Andres and daughter Barbara, and mathematics professor Dr. James N. Eastham and daughter Charlotte.

Graduates of St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College received their diplomas in sun-drenched rites but 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 flashed 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-sixth graduating class.

The Bishop 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 Guest 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, "Charity is a condition of life. It should not be looked upon as a duty for apprehension or fear but rather as an opportunity for improvement."

He said improvement was especially needed in the area of human relations. "We have solved the problem 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 choose as the portal through which you will step into the adult world—doors of the religious, i.e., 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 tradi-



St. John Fisher College commencement participants college president Father Charles Lavery, Bishop Kearney and Joseph Myler.



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

**Pupils Aided Equally 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 extensive aid to education program—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 fund 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.

What about the nuclear weapons controversy? He said Canadians in general haven't yet settled their consciences whether nuclear weapons are realistic and morally acceptable but the present at Kelly, Mathematics, Mary Kay Carpenter, Mary Cumbo, Nursing, Miss Cloke, Philosophy Patricia DeMario, Sociology, Miss Morin, Sharon Flynn, Karen Keefe.

**Honors For 24 At Nazareth**

Twenty-four Nazareth College seniors graduated with honors Monday, June 3 during commencement exercises at the college. Six 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 2.8 or better and have demonstrated leadership qualities during their college career. Other students elected by the faculty to Kappa Gamma Pi were:

Mario C. Lecese, 49 Gorstline St., Virginia Holdersbach, Corning; Patricia Roney Morin, sen-

Members of Committee working on the drive for the Building Fund for St. James Mercy Hospital are nearly completed with their drive. They expect a generous response from all contacted. Members of committee are: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mehan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harkender, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harkender, Mrs. John Murphy and Mrs. William O'Hagan.

First Friday was to be observed at 8:15 a.m. Mass, today. Confessions from 7 to 8:15 a.m.

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 Etten; St. Joseph, West Bloomfield.

**Deanery Slate Installed At Saturday Luncheon**

Hornell — The Steuben Deanery of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women sponsored a First Saturday luncheon in The New Sherwood Hotel attended by approximately 50 women from Hornell, Bath, Wayland and Cohocton.

The Rev. Charles Langworthy, assistant pastor of St. Ignace Loyola Church, was speaker.

A NOON MASS in honor of Our Lady of Fatima was celebrated in St. Ann's Church by the Rev. William H. Hickey, spiritual director of the Steuben Deanery, preceding the luncheon.

Mrs. Humbert Solo, outgoing president, conducted a candle-lighting installation ceremony for the following newly elected officers:

Mrs. Andrew Hopiak, Bath, president; Mrs. Jerome Wells, North Hornell, vice president; Mrs. John Melnyk, Bath, recording secretary, and Mrs. Charles Maliski and Mrs. John Chap-Kiefer, Cohocton, treasurer.

Two mothers were honored for their influence in making the First Saturday luncheons a success. They were presented corsages by the Deanery following commendation by Mrs. Jerome Wells, luncheon reservations chairman.

Mrs. Joseph Hickey of Auburn, the mother of Father Hickey, and Mrs. J.H. Maloney of Hornell received the honors.

Past presidents of the Steuben Deanery also were given special recognition. They are Miss Josephine Fitzgerald, Miss Virginia Hussong, Mrs. Raymond Morelli, Mrs. Frank Hornbeck and Mrs. J. Gerald Griffin.

Decorations for Saturday's luncheon were in charge of the Misses Armella and Elizabeth Brill.

**Ithaca Sisters To Be Feted**

Ithaca — The Ladies Guild of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, will hold a tea for the Sisters of St. Joseph on Sunday, June 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the convent, 320 West Buffalo St.

ALL WOMEN of the parish are urged to attend. Co-chairmen for this event are Mrs. Leo Maliski and Mrs. John Chapman.

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