

## Spiritual Formation For Christian Leadership Stressed At OSY Meet

Stanley — Installation of newly elected officers of Ontario Seneca Yates Deane Council, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women took place in St. Theresa's Church, Stanley after the first Saturday Mass, June 1.

Almost 100 women from the three county deanery attended the Mass and Corporate Communion which was celebrated by the deanery moderator, Rev. James F. O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo.

FATHER O'CONNELL conducted the NCCW installation ceremony and talked to the officers and members outlining the duties and responsibilities of each.

Father O'Connell emphasized the need of spiritual formation for Christian leadership by attendance at daily Mass and the reception of the Sacraments. He also asked the members to pray constantly to the Holy Spirit to guide the officers in the burdens of their office.

"Without your prayerful and practical cooperation the officers will find their tasks heavy but with your daily remembrance they will do their best," he concluded. "We know from

Christ's own words that He expects from His followers the best talents of mind, body and soul. Talents differ with each one of us, but whether the number be few or many we can neither hesitate on the one hand nor give mere token service on the other. No one in this organization has a greater duty to demonstrate this lesson than the officers."

ST. THERESA'S ROSARY-AID Society was host organization for the Communion Luncheon which followed at the Town Pump in Orleans. The luncheon speaker was Rev. Louis J. Holman of St. Andrew's Seminary in Rochester.

Father Holman spoke on the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Citing the examples of the American Astronauts and their tremendous popularity, Father said: "Everybody loves them because they are so lovable in the Christian sense. They are completely generous with all that they hold dear — their lives, their families, their faith in God and their love of their country. They are willing to offer all this in order to help others, to better the future of mankind."

igion and concern for neighbor are mutually exclusive terms.

The speaker continued: "The Divine Heart is the supreme example of the full outpouring of love. It was drained to the last drop. Our love will increase as we drain ourselves of self and fill the emptiness of the world with Christian works of mercy, sharing our energy, our blessings and our selves with others, firm in the knowledge that all that we have to give was given us by a loving God."

MRS. FRANK LYKE of Manchester, newly installed president of the OSY Council, opened the program and introduced the chairman of the luncheon, Mrs. Julian C. Humiston, past president of the NCCW. Mrs. Humiston acted as toastmaster and introduced the new officers of the council. Mrs. Edmond Linahan, St. Francis de Sales parish, Geneva, vice-president; Mrs. Ignatius Scott, St. Michael's, Port Jervis, recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Toller, St. Mary's, Waterloo, corresponding secretary and Miss Theresa McGrath, St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, treasurer.

Guests of honor were Mrs. Victor Fischer, new diocesan treasurer from Victor; Miss Margaret Buckley, diocesan representative of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae from Geneva and Mrs. Dennis McNamara, Stanley, representative of the committee on Library and Literature.

Speaking to the presidents of all organizations within the council Mrs. Humiston said: "You presidents are the official representatives of the National Council of Catholic Women in your community. You are the chosen leaders who must make known the council in general. Your leadership (on the practical level) will be rooted in knowledge. You must study carefully all information which comes to you from the NCCW office in Washington."

"You must read everything of value to you in your elected office in order to plan and organize the work of NCCW among your own members. It is your duty to pray and study, that you may act in the role of a leader in the Lay Apostolate, the committee program of our organization."

The luncheon program was closed by Father O'Connell who read the closing prayer for Pope John and gave the final blessing. The OSY Deanery Council will recess until the fall meeting.

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## Our Share In Life Of World

New York — (RNS) — An American Jesuit editor reporting here on an interview with Achille Cardinal Lefebvre of France, one of the presidents of the Second Vatican Council, quoted him as urging Catholics to "proceed with confidence" in "our dealings with Protestants and Jews and all others in the modern pluralistic society."

Writing in America, national Catholic weekly, feature editor Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., said the prelate "willingly endorsed the good aims of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the United States," noting that it had a counterpart in France in a group known as Amille Judeo-Christienne.

"If we really trust in the faith we have," the editor reported the cardinal — Bishop of Lille and dean of the French cardinals — as saying, "we can penetrate the society around us without fear, taking our full share in the life of the world. This should be true not only of priests and religious, but also, especially, of the graduates of our Catholic schools."

In his interview with Father Abbott, Cardinal Lefebvre, who is also a member of the Coordinating Commission of the Second Vatican Council, stressed that the Council was "meeting at a time of crisis," and "if we do not take steps to do more about achieving rapprochement between the Church and the modern world, we are in danger of finding ourselves considered unrealistic and irrelevant."

"Outside the Church," he said, "a world has been born that is so fascinated by the progress of science it forgets that science only discovers the marvels of nature created by God. The world wants to build a universe without God, a material universe where it thinks it can find happiness. This is the world the Church must reach with its message that the destiny God intends for the world is infinitely higher and more beautiful."

Father Abbott's interview with Cardinal Lefebvre was one of several he has had recently with European prelates who played leading roles at the Vatican Council's first session.

He said the cardinal felt it was important from an ecumenical point of view that the Council should define something about the collegiality of bishops, because the role and power of bishops meant so much to the Orthodox.

Cardinal Lefebvre noted that over the past ten years he had received Orthodox priests and archimandrites at his seminary for special studies in theology, and they have sometimes attended liturgical functions in the seminary chapel.

"I have never had occasion," he told Father Abbott, "to regret these associations with the Orthodox. Their presence among us has enabled us to share in the experiences of suffering that is proper to the condition of being separated."



## Couple Receives Money Tree

MARKING THEIR GOLDEN wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Riccardo in Horrell Knights of Columbus Home, Mass in St. Ann's Church, Horrell preceded the gathering. Here the jubilant, Felix and Mary Riccardo, are shown with their two children in religion, Sister Mary Antoinette of the Sisters of Mercy, Rochester and Rev. Bernard F. Riccardo of Beth Page, Long Island.

## Golden Wedding Mass Offered By Priest-Son

Horrell — St. Ann's Church, Flushing and Bethpage-Long Island (New York State), day, June 3, for Mr. and Mrs. Felix Riccardo of 210 East Ave. to share with family and friends a High Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. The Mass was celebrated by their own son, Rev. Benedict T. Riccardo.

Renewing their marriage vows exactly 50 years later to the day, Mr. and Mrs. Riccardo received a Papal Blessing after the Mass, and greeted well-wishers at a reception and buffet lunch held at the Knights of Columbus Home, 141 River St.

THE RICCARDOS were married in St. Plus V Church on June 3, 1913, in Jamaica, Long Island, where Mr. Riccardo was employed by the B.R.T. Railroad and later by the Erie Railroad as car inspector and repairer. Five years later, the family moved to Horrell where Mr. Riccardo, in addition to his railroad work, operated a grocery store on River Street and his retirement from the railroad, the Riccardo Highway vegetable market on the Danville-Airport Road.

Among the honored guests attending the Riccardo festivities were their five children: Father Riccardo of St. Martin of Tours Church, Bethpage, Long Island; Peter J. Riccardo of Ithaca; Mrs. John Alphin (Glen) of Horrell; Mrs. Margaret (Shirley) (Mary Theresa) of Lodi; Mrs. Joseph (Marilyn) of the Convent, Rochester; the three grandchildren: Teresa Ann, Jean Marie and John Francis Alphin; the best man and the matron of honor: Mr. Pietro Riccardo, brother of Mr. Riccardo and Mrs. Caroline L. Viscusi.

The choir, under the direction of Sister Mary Sarto sang a procession: "Praise to the Lord" (Bells); the Mass: "Missa Brevis" (Marilyn); the Offertory: "An Regis Stella"; the Communion: "O Sacrum Convivium" (Remond); and the recessional: "To Christ the King" (Sister Mary Rafael).

Many out-of-town relatives and friends came. They represented the following cities: Buffalo, Lockport, Ithaca, Bath, Elmira, Corning, Brooklyn, Rochester, Albany, Mt. Morris, Avon.

## God's World

### 'Technical' Faith

By LEO J. TRESE

There is a type of Catholic whom we might term a "technical" Catholic. You probably have met him (or her). His number may not be great, but he is encountered often enough to merit examination.

The technical Catholic fulfills the prescribed religious duties with reasonable fidelity. He attends Mass every Sunday and receives the sacraments regularly. He keeps the commandments, at least to the point of disdaining the grosser sins.

He views his membership in Christ's Church very much as he might view membership in a lodge or a golf club: keep the rules and remain a member in good standing.

Unless you knew his religious affiliation, you could follow this man (or woman) about for days on end without suspecting that he is a Catholic.

As far as you could observe, in his business and social activities he could be easily mistaken for a Protestant, a Mohammedan or a pagan. He seems to be totally unaware of the fact that to be a member of Christ's Church means, or ought to mean, to be a witness to Christ. Our Lord expects each of us who profess to be His followers to testify by our daily lives to the truth of His teachings.

This does not necessarily mean that we should stand on street corners delivering sermons. It does not mean that we should buttonhole every acquaintance with a lecture on religion. However, if our religion is something more than the formalized ritual of a fraternal order, then our faith should have a visible effect on our daily activities.

Surely a Catholic who has really learned the meaning of Love for God and neighbor should be noticeable for his scrupulous honesty, for his charity and purity and truthfulness of speech, for his consideration for others, for his generosity in aims and for his firm adherence, always, to principle. He should be divorced from religious and racial prejudice and from every type of snobbery.

He should be free of the "upmanship" of the social climber and indifferent to the status symbols of bigger car and bigger patio.

IF EVERY Catholic lived his religion to the limit, the world soon would be converted to Christ. That has been said so often that it almost is a cliché. Yet it still remains unalterably true. There is no witness that we can bear to Christ which is so powerful as the witness of our daily lives, lived in Him and for Him, according to the spirit of His Gospel.

Another often repeated truth is the fact that there is no person with whom we come in contact who is not a little better

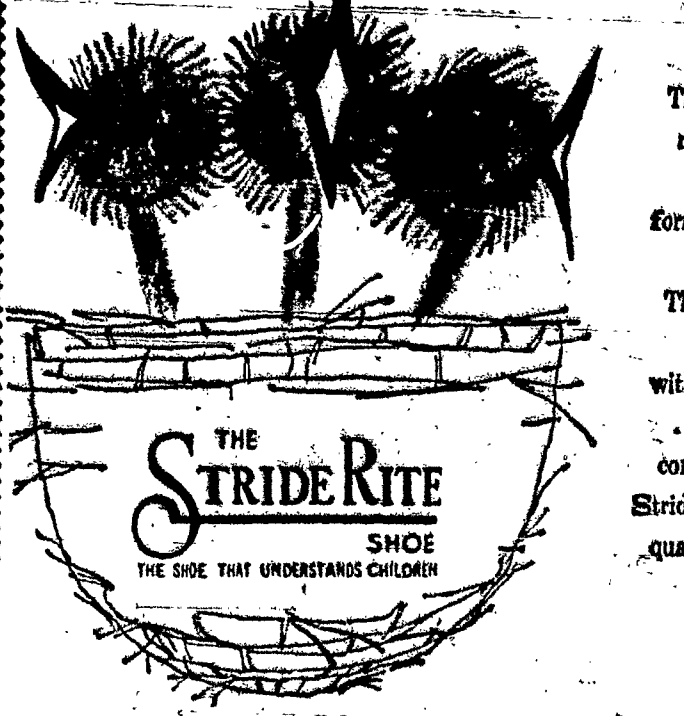
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It is the remembrance of this truth which causes many uncomfortable moments to those of us who have a Christian sense of accountability for our neighbor. Certainly an intention that always will be prominent in our prayers will be, "For all those, dear Lord, whom I have ever in any way influenced. Make up by Your grace for my deficiencies. Grant that no soul may be lost or may suffer through any fault of mine."

If you do have this conviction of responsibility for your fellow man, then it is unlikely that you could be classed as a "technical" Catholic. Formalism in re-



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