Retreat for Boys at Divine Word Seminary

GATHERED TOGETHER in front of St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary, Conesus, is this group of 45 boys, ages 10-14, at the close of a retreat. Director and captains are (left) Frater E. Delaney, Father Arthur Cogan, Retreat Director, Frater Orville Haas, Brother Innocent, Frater Daniel Kilkarey, and Brother Boniface.

A group of 45 boys of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of the Rochester area took "Time out for God" last weekend and attended a retreat conducted by Father Arthur Cogan, S.S.D., at St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary.

The retreat opened Friday evening at 7 p.m. and closed at 1 p.m. Sunday.

According to Father Cogan, the main purpose of the retreats is the spiritual good of every boy making the retreat which is geared toward his particular age level. "It is not supposed to be a vacation gimmick, picnic, novelty or camp-out."

The retreats give a boy a chance to talk things over with God, to think a little and to corner a priest with some of the things on his mind.

The program has a good balance of prayer, talks, discussion and recreation.

Father Cogan has been in vocational and youth work for the past three years in New Jersey. According to him retreats for boys are very popular at other Divine Word Seminaries. He hopes to schedule week-end retreats on a yearly basis and for high school boys as well. Any boy interested may contact Father Cogan at St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary, Conesus, N.Y.

Retreatants enjoying dinner at St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary. Boys facing at front table are Michael Rogers of Tonawanda, John Callan of Webster, and Stephen and Guy VanDerwerken of Ontario. Forty-five boys attended retreat which was directed by Redemptorist Father Arthur Cogan.

Meals are being prepared for the young boys making retreat by the Sisters of St. Mary de Leuca who cook most of the meals at St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary. The retreat began on Friday evening and ended at 1 p.m. Sunday. Boys were treated to full course meals as well as snacks.

Youths attending the Boy Retreat kneel with their counselors before Benediction in St. Michael's Seminary Chapel. Father Cogan kneels at the altar.

Settling in the dormitory of St. Michael's Divine Word Seminary are a few of the boys who attended a Boy Retreat last weekend at the seminary. Left, Bernard Tydings of Rochester, Frank and Bob Thyrring of Waterford, N.Y. Brother Boniface, counselor, and Gregory Straight, of Honeoye Falls, in the background.

Go To Mass On The Beach

Oropesa Del Mar, Spain—(NC)—As an experiment, outdoor Masses are being celebrated on Sundays and holy days on the beaches of Oropesa, which are filled with visitors at this time of the year.

This permits vacationers to fulfill their religious obligations without having to go to nearby cities.

'Over-Protection' Balks Vocations

Denver—(NC)—At a time when the Church and society need nuns more than ever, a "happiness syndrome" is hampering religious vocations, a bishop commented here.

In the keynote address before the third National Sisterhood Vocation Conference of the Theresians at Loretto Heights College here, Auxiliary Bishop Francis A. Marrocco of Toronto, told some 1,400 women and girls that from early years "over protected" children today are led to do only those things which appear to insure material happiness.

Msgr. William E. McManus, superintendent of Chicago archdiocesan schools, another principal speaker at the two-day meeting, asserted: "The best promoter of vocations is the Sister whose love of God overflows into love of neighbor, for that torrent of love with all its beauty, power and sound, surely will attract the prayerful attention of young ladies who are thinking about sisterhoods."

Bishop Marocco said "over protection" of children makes it difficult in meeting challenges and "facing the impossible," but he recalled that religious communities of women were founded at various periods of history to meet the needs of particular eras.

The bishop said not only the Church, but the secular world is aware of the good work nuns have done. He called it work that no one else could have done in service to humanity.

Unfortunately neither members of the Church nor leaders in the world are shouldering their responsibility today to encourage young women to aspire to a religious vocation, Bishop Marrocco asserted.

Rightwing Hindus Want Ban on Catholic Congress

New Delhi—(RNS)—A right-wing Hindu newspaper has called on the Indian government to bar a "Roman Catholic invasion" of Bombay for the 38th International Eucharistic Congress in November.

The Organizer, a well-known ultraconservative weekly, said the government "would be well advised to ban this invasion of India before feelings get any worse." It claimed widespread opposition to the Catholic program.

Its views were in contrast to those of India's administration which, according to Catholic authorities, has been generous and cooperative in the complicated planning involving 30,000 foreign visitors as many thousands of Indian pilgrims from far-off areas.

The late Prime Minister Nehru, before his death, had conferred with Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, to pledge his government's aid and that of Bombay authorities. He had also written Pope Paul VI, inviting him to visit India.

The Hindu paper, however, saw the Roman Catholic congress as one promoting the idea that Asia's religions were "false."

According to The Organizer, "Some 30,000 Catholics from all over the world plan to descend on Bombay this year in a crash program to win more and more Indians for what Gandhi described 'Beef and Beer Bottle Christianity.'"

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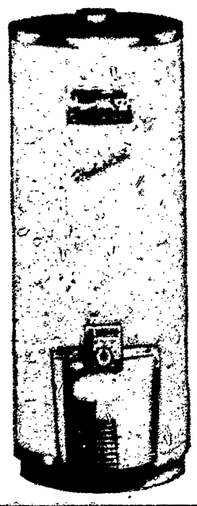

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