

## Congress Slated On Leadership

One hundred forty-four eighth grade girls from the grammar schools under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester will attend a Congress of Leadership to be held at Nazareth Academy on Dec. 13 and 14.

All of these girls were selected by their own classmates from each eighth grade—potential leaders in order to become delegates to this Congress which is under the direction of Nazareth Academy's Student Council.

THE CONGRESS will open at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon with registration and tours of the school, followed by a welcome from Sister Jamesetta, principal of Nazareth. Sister Mary John, Director of Public Relations for the Sisters of St. Joseph, on "Following the Leader."

A general session will then be held on the topic "What Potential Leaders Should Look For in High School." This will include a talk by Mary Ellen Schermerhorn, Corresponding Secretary of Nazareth Academy's Student Council, and a panel of leaders from the four area high schools conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph: Rose Ann Buechel from the Nazareth; Shirley Brewer from St. Agnes High School; Patricia Bree from De Sales High, Geneva; and Patrice Mahon from Mt. Carmel High in Auburn.

## Bittner To Head K. St. J Regiment

Colonel John G. Bittner was elected Commander of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John at the quarterly meeting of the District Commandery on Friday, Dec. 4.

Re-elected with him were Lt. Colonel John T. Schneider and Major of the First Battalion Edward A. Golbach. Joseph L. Cimino was elected Major of the Second Battalion succeeding Major Joseph Volpe. Major Cimino is president of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Commandery No. 308 and served as Captain of his commandery for 4 years, prior to that he acted as Sergeant, Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant in that order. Major Volpe did not seek reelection.

Colonel Bittner is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Commandery No. 40. Lt. Colonel Schneider is a member of St. George's Commandery No. 43 of St. Michael's Church and Major Golbach is a member of St. Boniface Commandery No. 25.

## Knights Hold Annual Event

Mt. Carmel Knights of St. John, Commandery 308, held their annual Corporate Communion at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Dec. 6th. Rev. Genaro Ventura, spiritual advisor of the commandery, celebrated the Mass. Frank Mitchell and Sgt. Anthony Wilcox were the servers.

Rev. John Lynch, assistant pastor, delivered the sermon. He spoke of St. John the Baptist, patron of the order.

Joseph Cooper led the procession of Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary into the church. Francis Pilato, president of the auxiliary, and Francis Black, social chairman, arranged a breakfast for the members after the Mass.

## Ladies Hold Christmas Meet

Ithaca — Rosary and Altar Committee of Our Lady's Guild of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, had its regular meeting and Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The ladies this year provided a Christmas gift for a needy child of the parish.

Father Schneider, S.J., was the guest speaker of the evening.

At the meeting on Nov. 11, Miss Eve Firra, President of the Tompkins-Tioga Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, gave a talk on Our Lady of Fatima.

## Pope Names Two Puerto Rico Bishops

San Juan (NC) — Pope Paul VI has given the Church in Puerto Rico a new look with decided native overtones. The Pontiff appointed:

Bishop Luis Aponte Martiner of Ponce, first native to be elevated to the island's hierarchy in modern history, to be new Archbishop of San Juan, top position of spiritual leadership in Puerto Rico and Father Premier Torres, one of the island's best known educators, to be Bishop of Ponce.

Pope Paul also established the new diocese of Caguas from territory taken from the archdiocese of San Juan and the diocese of Ponce, but did not name a bishop for the new diocese.



## Memorial Mass For Knights

AUBURN COUNCIL, Knights of Columbus joined in the celebration of a Memorial Mass in Sacred Heart Church in memory of the deceased members of the council and the late President John F. Kennedy. Members of the 4th degree color guard are shown at the communion rail. Third from left is George Shaw, navigator of the 4th degree.

## Priest-Son Offers Mass for Michael Volpe

The Solemn Funeral Mass for Michael Volpe was offered by his son, the Rev. Michael Volpe, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church in St. Ambrose Church, Saturday, Dec. 5. Mr. Volpe, 84, who founded and managed the shoe repair shop at Sibley, Lindsey and Carr Co. died at his home, 22 Brambury Drive, Dec. 2, 1964.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey gave the Absolution.

Father Volpe was assisted in the Solemn Requiem Mass by Rev. Michael Daly, deacon and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Raigan, subdeacon.

Also in the Sanctuary were the Right Reverend Monsignors John M. Ball, Richard K. Burns, John E. Dafferty, Albert I. Salvatore of California, five Simonetti, Charles V. Boyle, and George J. Schmitt.

Approximately 75 other priests attended and delegations of St. Joseph and other parishes were present.

Mr. Volpe began the shop at Sibley's in 1919. He retired in 1957. His son, Joseph who joined him in the business in 1938 now runs it.

Born in Sicily, he came to Rochester in 1909 and returned to Sicily in 1913. He was married there and returned to Rochester. He and his wife, Josephine celebrated their 50th anniversary, March 23, 1963.

He owned shoe stores on Dewey Ave. and Webster Ave. before going to Sibley's.

Besides his priest-son he is survived by a daughter, Sister Joseph Michelle, principal of St. Francis DeSales School, Geneva. Another daughter is Mrs. Margaret Jorizzo, a brother, John E. Dafferty, Albert I. Salvatore of California, five grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Father's Funeral Home, 1365 North Goodman St.

## DeSales Class '54 Holds Tenth Reunion

Geneva—The class of 1954 of De Sales High School had its 10th reunion recently in the Knights of Columbus Home. Fifty-eight class members with husbands, wives, and guests attended.

Officers present were: Bernard DiDuro, president, Mrs. Francis D'Amico, vice president, Mrs. Ronald Anania, secretary, and Kenneth Smith, treasurer.

Kevin Powers was toastmaster for the event. Sister Norine, a member of the class of 1954, and Sister Aquilano, a member of the class of 1956, attended. Both sisters are presently teaching in St. Patrick's School in Seneca Falls.

Prizes were awarded to several members of the class. Among them was the cherished door prize won by Louise Shalala of Buffalo. Mrs. Thomas Carter and Kevin Powers were nominated chairman and co-chairman respectively for the next reunion in 1969.

## Father DiGiovanni, C.S.B. Toronto Ordination Set

George DiGiovanni, C.S.B., son of Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe DiGiovanni of 1341 Clifford Avenue, Rochester, will be ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Philip F. Pocock, Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto, on Sunday, Dec. 13. The ceremony will take place in historic St. Basil's Church, mother church of the Basilian Fathers, at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Mr. DiGiovanni is a member of the Congregation of St. Basil, and is presently assigned to St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto.

A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School in 1932, he entered the Basilian Fathers' Novitiate after completing one year at St. John Fisher College. Following five years of studies at the University of Toronto he obtained a Master of Arts degree in Honor Philosophy in 1936. He began his studies of Theology in 1936, spent one year teaching at Aquinas Institute, from 1936 to 1937, and then returned to Toronto to complete his seminary training.

Father DiGiovanni will sing his first Solemn Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, in St. Francis Xavier Church. Rev. Joseph Travata, C.S.B., superior of St. John Fisher College, will preach the sermon and Rev. Joseph Beatini, pastor of St. Francis, will be the Assistant Priest.

A reception for the newly-ordained priest will be held in



FATHER DIGIOVANNI  
the church hall, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, from four to six o'clock.

## St. Stephen's Rosarians Host Yuletide Program

Geneva—St. Stephen's Rosary-Altar Society staged a three-part program recently in the school hall, featuring a chicken dinner for members, a holiday program, and a Christmas Boutique which was open to the public.

About 150 guests were present for the Yuletide program in the school hall.

CHICKEN DINNER for members was catered by Jack Toole. Rosary Society bands headed by Mrs. George DeBell and Mrs. Stephen Hastings were in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, moderator of the society, presided. Bernard Carges of St. Stephen's; the Sisters of St. Stephen's School and of De Sales High School were present for the occasion. Mrs. Eugene Murphy was toastmistress.

Dinner music and music for Christmas caroling was provided by Miss Cynthia Petrusky. The program included piano solos by Richard Coluzzi and songs by Miss Maria Venuti accompanied by Miss Mary Causey.

## Mt. Carmel Third Order Lists Breakfast, Council

Members of Our Lady of Victory Chapter, Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, will participate in a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, December 13th, 1964. This will take the place of the Monthly Conference, which will not be held.

Mass at which members will receive Communion, will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church. Immediately following, breakfast will be served in the school hall. The chapter's spiritual director, Rev. Daniel McLaughlin, S.S.C.C., will be a guest.

Newly elected Prior Joseph LaTour and Priorress Miss Emma Witz announce the following appointments who will comprise the chapter's council for the next three years: William Grillo, Noviciemaster; Mrs. Catharine Clark, Noviciemistress;

William Higgins, treasurer; Mrs. Eleanor LaTour, secretary; Mary Macaluso, hospital distribution of scapulars; Miss Teresa Wimmer, scapular supplies; Roy Scheuler and Nora Finucane, visitation of sick; and Mrs. Sophia O'Halloran, publicity. Just completing a third year term are Mr. Louis Kretschmer, prior and Miss Mary Holland, prioress.

Members are reminded of their monthly participation in the Family Rosary for Peace to be broadcast on Friday, Dec. 18th from St. Francis of Assisi Church. Mr. William Gravelon will be the leader. Those attending are asked to be seated by 6:45 p.m.

## Seek Members Of 1914 Class

Fiftieth anniversary reunion of the class of 1914, Immaculate Conception School, Rochester is being planned for Jan. 20 at Hotel Sheraton. Any member of the class who has not yet signified intention of attending is being asked to call Mrs. Charles E. Delehanty, CL 4-0718, 1080 Lake Ave.



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## Mrs. Leicht Last Rites, Mother of Priest, Nun

Funeral services for Mrs. Eleanor G. Meisenzahl Leicht, 82, formerly of 30 Heather Lane, who died Tuesday, Nov. 24, were held on Friday, with a Solemn Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Rev. Joachim Shultz, S.S.C.C. was celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Rev. Daniel McLaughlin, S.S.C.C. deacon, and Rev. Owen Goodwin, S.S.C.C., subdeacon. The following priests were also in attendance: Fathers James Callan, Robert Meng, Jerome Schifferl and Daniel Torrey.

Mrs. Leicht had been an active member of Holy Redeemer Church for over fifty years. About twelve years ago she moved into St. Charles Borromeo parish, where she was a member of the Rosary Society.

Her son, Rev. Gerard Leicht, S.S.C.C., is stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. A daughter, Sister M. Domitella S.S.J., is at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece.

In addition to Father Leicht and Sister Domitella, Mrs. Leicht is survived by two other sons, Richard M. and Joseph W. of Rochester, and another daughter, Mrs. Austin (Antoinette) DeBerger, five brothers.

## Marie I. Gagne Funeral Held

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Marie I. Gagne was offered in Corpus Christi Church Dec. 5. Mrs. Gagne, widow of Joseph Gagne, 462 Webster Ave. died Dec. 2, 1964.

The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney assisted by Rev. Richard Brückler, deacon and Rev. Robert A. Meng, subdeacon.

Mrs. Gagne is survived by one son, Ernest Marier, Rochester, three stepsons, Joseph R. Gagne, Syracuse; Marcel Gagne, Rochester; Jean Paul Gagne, Montreal, one stepdaughter, Mrs. Marie Hayden, Washington, D.C.; her mother, Mrs. Pierre Leclerc, Quebec, three brothers, Roaistre, Pierre and Donald Leclerc, Montreal, two sisters, Mrs. Alire Dusau, Montreal and Mrs. Bernadette Turcotte, Quebec, seven grandchildren.

Monsignor Maney gave the blessing in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Delehanty, CL 4-0718, 1080 Lake Ave.

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