



Mrs. Thomas McWhinney, right, shows a Colombian Rouana to members of the DCCW from left, Mrs. Norman Ladd, Mrs. Gerald Barrett and Mrs. Robert Taylor. The group will meet Sunday, Jan. 31 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva.

DCCW Workshop Features Inter-American Relations

Mrs. Thomas McWhinney's Colombian "Rouana" is expected to stimulate discussion in her workshop on Inter-American relations in Geneva, on Sunday, Jan. 31. The rouana is a heavy woolen shawl worn by the people of Colombia for protection against the cold. Mrs. McWhinney acquired the wrap during her recent visit to South America.

MRS. McWHINNEY will join other committee chairmen of the Council of Catholic Women, in presenting seven workshops for women of the diocese. The workshops will follow the third quarterly meeting of the Council, scheduled for 2 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva, on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Inter-American Relations is one facet of the World Responsibility Committee chaired by Mrs. Michael Culhane. Mrs. Culhane's workshop will feature the local mission field. She believes "charity begins at home," and will urge her participants to seek information through their pastors regarding needy areas in the community. "The Church tells us we will attain salvation by doing good—not by avoiding evil," she commented.

"There are fertile fields for the lay apostolate in every community," Mrs. Culhane will outline a plan for community action by parish organizations. Its structure will be based on the varied needs of diocesan localities.

Her assistant chairman, Mrs. McWhinney, will present a brief educational session on conditions in South America. She plans to parallel these conditions with immigrant groups in communities as an example. Also available in her workshop will be names of South American charitable organizations through which direct aid can be channelled.

Dr. Elinor Barnes, president of the Council of Catholic Women, programmed the working sessions in Geneva to stress the Catholic woman's dual role, outlining and emphasizing civic responsibility. The general theme is "Your Vocation in the Community." Dr. Barnes urged workshop leaders to make material practical rather than theoretical.

Mrs. Raymond Hensler, president of the Monroe County Council of Catholic Women, is organizing a discussion period for deaconry presidents and officers. She will view duties and necessary commitments of officers by illustrating personal experiences. "A president in a metropolitan district faces problems which differ greatly from those of presidents in smaller communities," she stated, "but recruiting workers is a common challenge." Mrs. Hensler will

record opinions, and hopes suggestions will be forthcoming from the officers attending her program.

The Personal Formation Committee, chaired by Mrs. Jack Williams and Mrs. Robert Taylor, will directly follow the general theme of the day. Mrs. Williams paraphrased Cardinal Cushing when she said, "The liturgy should lead a woman to social action. Social action without the liturgy is pure humanitarianism, and the liturgy without social action is sentimentalism." She feels we must be "formed by the liturgy" and reach maturity by making a personal commitment and keeping it.

Her assistant chairman, Mrs. Taylor, will address the group on the topic, "... Called by special choice..." (Eph. 1:11). She believes personal sanctification must include an involvement in extending and spreading the faith. This commitment should be relayed to one's children, forming them and aiding them in choosing their vocations. "We are created for a special purpose," Mrs. Taylor said, "in addition to our primary vocation as wives, mothers and business women." Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Taylor hope their presentation will motivate women to social action in the lay apostolate.

WOMAN RELATIONS, centered upon civil rights issues, has been the special endeavor this year of the Community Action Committee. On Sunday, Mrs. Norman Ladd, chairman, will feature specific areas of need. With her cochairman, Mrs. Barrett, she plans to encourage deaconry chairmen to formulate an up-to-date directory of volunteer agencies for every diocesan community.

Needs in personnel and materials would be specified, allowing affiliates to supply urgently-needed help from within their members. "We plan to broaden our work to encompass all community charitable institutions," Mrs. Ladd stated. "Human relations is just one part of this committee's work—but the most important at this time."

She will seek help from her nine county chairmen, supplying the pilot program from which they will work.

Mrs. Robert Waterman, past president of the Council of Catholic Women, has made plans to discuss the difficulties of securing women willing to take an active role in the social lay apostolate. Mrs. Waterman is organizing the workshop for the Committee on Organization and Development. "If more diocesan women accepted their re-

sponsibility to participate in Catholic Action, there would be fewer problems in parish, county and diocesan projects," she said. Her observation is a result of her own experiences in "recruiting" workers.

A PANEL of a priest and laywoman, moderated by Mrs. Waterman, will be the format. Workshop participants will play an active role.

In Geneva, arrangements for the day are in the hands of Miss Frances Merriman and Mrs. Eleanor Bryant. Mrs. Thomas Jennings, 17 Richards Ave., Geneva, is receiving reservations. The Rosary Society of St. Francis Church will host the meeting. Msgr. Edward Ball, pastor of St. Francis and Rosary moderator, will welcome the Council. Mrs. Robert B. Linehan, president, said the \$1.50 buffet dinner will be preceded by Benediction at 5:15 p.m.—M.A.O'B.

Parish Reduces Debt \$260,000

Geneva — Reduction of the church debt of St. Stephen's parish from the staggering sum of \$275,000, eight years ago to \$15,000 today is the "amazing revelation" given to the congregation this week.

An outstanding financial statement was issued to parishioners.

The statement for 1964 was published in the weekly church bulletin Jan. 10. It disclosed that during the past year the mortgage on the church was reduced \$45,000. There remains \$15,000 to be paid.

"This is a statement of which we can all be proud," the pastor, the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, told parishioners, "because eight years ago the church debt was \$275,000."

FATHER NOLAN expressed his gratitude to each and every one of the parishioners who took part in this splendid effort for their loyalty, cooperation, and generosity to the church. The pastor urged the parishioners to maintain their high standard of church contribution. Father Nolan announced further plans for the church in 1965. During the coming year

the electrical wiring in the church will be entirely renewed.

New electrical fixtures will be installed which will enhance the beauty of this church which is already very well known for its architecture and beauty.

Continuing, the pastor said: "This is a major expense and can be carried in one year if our people maintain their spirit of generosity."

The annual financial statement shows receipts for the Sunday collection as \$172,228.64. Total parish receipts were \$189,910.46. Parish expenses were listed at \$186,827.80. Grand total listed was \$229,480.22.

Total debt as of Dec. 31, 1963 was \$60,000 and total debt Dec. 31, 1964 was \$15,000.

Auditors of the parish are Daniel F. Driscoll Sr. and T. Raymond Rice. Robert D. Brennan and John Carroll Sr. are trustees.



GENERAL ECKERT

Emil Eckert To Be Feted By K. St. J.

First District Commandery of Rochester, nights of St. John will honor Major General Emil G. Eckert at a testimonial dinner, Saturday, Feb. 13 in Powers Hotel ballroom, starting at 7 p.m.

General Eckert is the newly appointed Supreme Second Vice President of the International Order of the Knights of St. John.

Bishop Kearney will head a number of distinguished guests at the dinner.

Reservations are being made with Joseph Cimino, UN 5-1260 or Mrs. Lauretta Kassman, HU 2-9300 or with the following committee members: R. Stitt, Commandery 9; Ben Smith, 39; James Duggan, 40; Frank DiGregorio, 308; Italo DiAgostino, 381; and these Auxiliary members: Shirley Requa 47, Magdalen Schneider 45, Frances Plato 205, Cecilia McFee 102, Irene Melsenah 123, Edith Lamontink 232, Margaret Hull 22, Camella Strappe 277, and Ed Schaffer 162.



Celebrates Unity Mass

REV. JOHN HAYES, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, celebrated Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 19 during the Chair of Unity Octave devotions. The preacher at the Mass was Bishop T. Austin Murphy, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore. Other speakers in the series included Bishop John J. Wright, Fr. Avery Dulles, S.J., Bishop Ernest Primeau, Msgr. John Oesterreicher, Bishop Stephen Leven, and Archbishop Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore. The Unity Octave (eight days of prayer for Christian Unity) is sponsored by the Graymoor Friars. In the Diocese of Rochester they staff St. John's Seminary at Montour Falls. Father Hayes is shown in the photo with Brother Berard, C.A.



Retreat Mass Celebrated

Bishop James E. Kearney confers with Thomas Hughes, President of Rochester Retreat League, before the annual Retreat Mass celebrated last Monday evening at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

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