

Recently Studied

Indianapolis (NC)—Two major seminarians here have received permission from Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis to continue their studies for the Huarez diocese in Peru, where they will serve upon their ordination in 1967.

Priest-Critic Commends "Thy Tears Might Cease"

"This may not be the great Irish novel, but it is a very fine Irish novel and worthy of attention," said Father Ciaran Ryan of Michael Farrell's "Thy Tears Might Cease." His critique was given last Tuesday at the Noonday Book Review held in the Catholic Evidence Library.

The novel is "a story of searching, of seeking—of a man's quest for his identity, of a nation's quest for its freedom," said Father Ryan, himself an Irishman, currently doing graduate studies at the U. of R.

"A brooding, meditative work," it will be compared with James Joyce's "Portrait of a Young Man," the reviewer felt, "and not unfavorably at that."

Set in Ireland of the 1910-20 decade, the story follows the growth from boyhood to manhood of a sensitive young man. The events of his life blend with the historical transformation being undergone by his native land in that painful period.



FATHER RYAN

"The novel has great humanity, and a universal quality. It's honest—doesn't reduce its characters to types. And as a portrayal of Irish life of that day, it seems absolutely accurate," Father Ryan went on.

He mentioned Sean O'Faolain's criticism that the novel, for the most part, "had no shape, but neither did the author's life." (O'Faolain was a long-time friend of Farrell.)

Father Ryan wasn't bothered by this aspect—he thought it reflected the dominant theme—a man's groping to find himself, especially to find a set of values to live by when he'd wandered from his childhood faith.

"Worth the reading," was the young priest's conclusion.



Lectures Begin at McAuley

Father James Callan inaugurated the McAuley College Spring Lecture Series with a review of Jean Mouroux's book "The Meaning of Man." He is shown in photo with Miss Donna Turchetti and Kenneth Hancock after his talk. He will review Gabriel Marcel's book "Homo Viator, a Metaphysics of Hope" at the Sunday evening, Feb. 21, lecture at the college on Blossom Road Brighton.

Woman's Idea Develops Into Parish Library

By PATRICIA COPELAND

"The true University of today is a collection of books," Thomas Carlyle said it first a hundred years ago but the words are receiving new importance in this age of change and renewal as evidenced by the successful parish libraries being formed throughout the Rochester Diocese.

Typical of these is the one in the vestibule of Holy Trinity Church in Webster. Celebrating its first anniversary this month, the library began as an idea expressed by Mrs. Arthur Florack at a St. Monica's Mothers Club meeting. Keenly aware that the layman cannot hope to function as an intelligent Christian if he remains on the level where formal religious training left him, the pastor at Holy Trinity, Father Raymond Heisel, encouraged parishioners to demonstrate their interest in the proposed project by donating books that had become dust-catchers at home making them eye-catchers in the new library.

Prompt response piled stacks of books in the rectory corners until a team of rescue workers from a parish CFM group designed and built book shelves in the back of the church. The proposed library was now open for business. The supply, however, did not meet the demand, as more and more parishioners enjoyed the convenience of their own library. To increase and improve the supply of books, especially those expressing modern thought and dealing with today's problems, both the Mother's Club and the Men's Club contributed sums of money.

Now boasting a collection of over two hundred books, the library offers titles ranging from "Six Saints for Parents," Association, 401 West Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, Pennsylvania, to "Revolution in the City," to "The Layman in the Church."

Designed to focus attention on good books, not only good Catholic books, but all good books, the parish library has become an integral and popular part of parish life. Sponsored by the Catholic Library Association, and promoted by the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in our diocese, the incentive for forming a parish library is found in the eagerness of parishioners to read good literature if it is readily available. Anyone who would like further information about this apostolic work may write to the Catholic Library Association, 401 West Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

The Chairman of the Library Committee in charge of evaluating and selecting the books best suited for the library, Mrs. Nell Mahoney, feels that the library is "filling an important need in spiritual growth in the era of the layman when we must all learn more about our church as well as understand our duties as members of two societies."

Mrs. Florack emphasized the need for mature thinking which must be formed through exposure to the great minds of today.



BOOK BROWSING in the vestibule of Holy Trinity Church are on left Mrs. Arthur Florack, librarian, and Mrs. Nell Mahoney, chairman of the Library Committee for the Parish Library.

Point Well Made

Charity Begins At Home, Should Not End There

Charity may begin at home, but it should not be limited to that locale, said Mrs. Ronald Gledhill in her First Saturday talk to the Monroe County Council of Catholic Women. She spoke at a breakfast held in the Sibley Tower Restaurant after a 9 a.m. Mass in St. Joseph's Church.

"For a married woman, the first test of her love is right in her own home. How can she love her neighbor in the community or the world, if she doesn't love her own husband or children?" Mrs. Gledhill asked.

"You can't step out of your kitchen and bring Christ's love to the inner city, if that same love isn't found in your own home," she went on.

Mrs. Gledhill was not discouraging her hearers from worthwhile outside activities. As an active CCD teacher at Christ the King parish, an enthusiast for the "Each One, Teach One" adult reading program, and a member of the Women's Human Relations Council, she could hardly do that.

Rather the thrust of her talk was that Christ-like love must motivate every neighborly gesture, and that a mother can't overlook her own family's need for love in her eagerness to serve her community.

Her presentation was the first of five to be given at the current First Saturday breakfasts sponsored by the MCC.

Foster-Mother For Many Dies

Requiem High Mass was offered for Mrs. Vera Spoonhower of 874 Saranac St., on Feb. 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. Father Ronald Gaesser celebrated the Mass for Mrs. Spoonhower, who died on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1965.

Mrs. Spoonhower, in addition to raising her own family, acted as foster-mother for many other children over a 32 year period, in conjunction with the Catholic Family Center.

Surviving as her husband, Philip, two children, Mrs. Carl Mathis and John Spoonhower, 9 grand children, and 10 great grandchildren. Six of her grandchildren acted as pallbearers at the funeral.

Aquinas Lists Mrs. Sibley

Mrs. Harper Sibley 400 East Ave., will be the main speaker at the annual Aquinas Awards on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Mrs. Sibley, well-known civic leader, church woman and educator, is currently honorary chairman of the American Cancer Society's Crusade. She was a Protestant observer at the Vatican Council last fall.

The Aquinas awards will be given to outstanding students at Aquinas Institute who have maintained high scholastic averages.

Rev. Leon G. Hart, C.S.B., Aquinas principal, will announce the finalists in the National Merit Scholarship, the largest number in the history of the school.

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"There is a great opportunity of doing useful work, and there are a great many people against me." (1 Cor. 16:9). St. Paul here puts in contrast "open door" and "adversaries," the richness of the harvest and the hindering hindrances. The two often go together. History of missionaries and opportunities for witnessing to Christ go together in the history of the Church. Witness today the Congo, Vietnam, northern Sudan, Ceylon.

Thus, the Church relives the life of her Master: opposed by the world yet never defeated; rejected by unbelievers and yet not refuted, given over to death by men yet always rising from ashes. It is quite wrong to judge the success of the Missions by American standards of increase. Our Lord called us to be witnesses, not always to be successes. When we are engaged in any great work of God, we must expect difficulties, not only outside the Church but also from within. It could very well be that the most bitter persecutions come from inside the Church or from what Paul called "false brethren."

This work to which the Holy Father has called us, namely to help supply him with material means for all missionaries, is, indeed, an "open door." We see how quickly we could bring souls to Christ in great numbers especially in such places as Formosa, Africa, Vietnam and Korea; but there are many "adversaries" enemies to be unvelled and fought. Chief among these is the mentality which favors those who "have" and gives so little consideration to those who "have not."

May I here say a word to those of you who are rich. Why is it that an institution which already has millions receives your millions, while the lepers, the unevangelized, the slum dwellers of Latin America receive so little, maybe even nothing? Do we realize that in adding barn and wealth to wealth in the United States we are preparing for the softening of the Church? The "open door" to relieving the poverty, misery and ignorance of the world is as wide as the continents of Africa, Asia and South America. But the "adversaries" are many: our tendencies to enrich the rich, to soften the comfortable and multiply stocks.

In God's name, think of the poor. They have no agents running through the United States to have dinner with you and beg for your dollar. They have only the Holy Spirit working through your unconscious mind, bidding you to realize that Christ is in you not because you are rich, but only because—and when you are holy. But Christ is in the poor, simply because they are poor. Telephone your lawyer—change your will. A Jewish lawyer came into our office the other day and said: "I told my client not to give any money to — (they already had millions)—Give it to those who have no stock or bond investments but spend it all each year on the poor."

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EDMUND F. WINTERKORN

Edmund F. Winterkorn, 45-years at GM Retires

One of the oldest General Motors employes in Rochester in length of service, Edmund F. Winterkorn, 280 Avenue D, retired from Rochester Products Division February 1.

Winterkorn had more than 45 years of service with General Motors, having started with the former North East Electric Company in June 1919. North East subsequently became Delco Appliance Division.

Winterkorn's first job was as an assembler. He became a group leader in 1924 and was one of the first foremen at Rochester Products Division when that plant was built in 1938. In 1940 he was promoted to general foreman and served in that capacity in a number of departments throughout the division.

A lifelong resident of Rochester, Winterkorn attended city schools as well as Rochester Institute of Technology, where he majored in industrial management.

He has been active in a number of community activities throughout his career at Rochester Products. He has been a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Laymen's Retreat League for 35 years and has been active in other church organizations for more than a quarter of a century.

He and his wife, the former Marion Staub, are the parents of five children. They also have 10 grandchildren. One of his sons is Father Robert J. Winterkorn, assistant pastor of St. John's church in Greece.

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