

### Mother-Daughter Breakfast Held At St. Cecilia's

The Annual Mothers and Daughters' Communion Breakfast was held Sunday, April 4 in St. Cecilia's Hall after the 8 a.m. Mass. Members of the Altar and Rosary Society received Communion in a body. The breakfast was prepared and served by the men and young boys of the parish.

**NEW OFFICERS** were introduced by the Retiring President, Mrs. Robert Hovencamp, and now are: Pres., Mrs. Eugene Corbo; Vice Pres., Mrs. Wayne Monaco; Treas., Mrs. Joseph Wajyna; Sec., Mrs. Michael Caparulo; Spiritual Director, Rev. L. Emmett Davis.

The Guest Speaker was Father Dismas, S.J. from St. John's Atoneinent, Montour Falls, N.Y. His subject was New Liturgy of the Catholic Church. Toastmistress was Mrs. Grosvenor.

Retiring Officers are: President, Mrs. Robert Hovencamp; Vice Pres., Mrs. John P. Nelson; Treas., Mrs. Bernard Roslock; Sec., Mrs. John Lucas.



### Groundbreaking Rite for New Parish Hall

FATHER JOHN S. MALONEY, administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, is shown turning the earth at the recent groundbreaking ceremony launching construction of a new parish hall. Looking on are Sister Marguerite, superior of the Mission Help-

ers of the Sacred Heart; Robert Colbert, Sister Clare Francis, principal; Arthur Sprague, William Burns, James Clynnes, Michael Leary, Victor Bagnardi, architect; James Conley, Vincent Giordano, contractor; and Carl Yengo.

### Parish Dance At St. Patrick's

A parish dance, cabaret style and featuring round and square dancing will be held in St. Patrick's church parish hall, Elmira, on Saturday evening, April 24 from 9 until 1.

Music will be furnished by Bob Kettell Trio. Refreshments will be served.

The affair is being sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, Christian Mothers Club and the Holy Name Society.

Mrs. Donald Nurnberg and Thomas Eagen are general chairmen and are being assisted by Henry Sandore and Henry Call, kitchen; Alfred Morse, publicity; Mrs. Call and Fred Battersby, tickets.

### Knights Plan Spring Dance

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold a Spring Dance, Saturday night, May 1 at Columbus Center.

The Jack Dell Orchestra will play for dancing from 9 to 1.

Albert L. Lucia is general chairman.

Food will be served.

The dance is open only to Knights of Columbus members and their guests.

Admission is \$1 per person for members, and as part of the K of C membership program, guests who are identified as prospective members will be admitted for half price.

### Honors Banquet Slated By Elmira Council KC

Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, will hold its semi-annual Honorary-Night Banquet, Wednesday night, April 21 at Columbus Center. The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 with a social hour starting at 5:30.

Speaker for the occasion will be John B. Lawless, Elmira City Judge.

The toastmaster will be Daniel J. Donahoe, Chemung County Family Judge.

The meal will be prepared and served by the Ladies of Columbus.

The price of the banquet is \$2.50.

Particular tribute will be paid 13 knights who have attained either Honorary or Honorary Life members—one who at age 75 has been a knight 25 years—are: William J. Gorman Sr.,

### Elmira KC First Degree

Elmira Council will hold a first degree for new candidates and an Open House for prospective members during the month of May.

The tentative date of Wednesday, May 5 has been outlined for both functions.

The degree will take place at 7 p.m. with candidates reporting at 6:30.

Open House for prospective members will begin at 8:30.

Both affairs will be held at Columbus Center.

### 'Youth in Trouble' Talk Listed At CDA Banquet

Coming—The 54th annual banquet of Court St. Joseph 139, Catholic Daughters of America, will be held Sunday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at the Corning Country Club.

Mrs. Helen Schaller, chairman, announces. Guest speaker will be Father Patrick Hunt, an English instructor at St. John's Seminary, Montour Falls. He will speak on the timely subject, "Youth in Trouble." The speaker was ordained in 1962 at Graymoor, and for a short while served at the Elmira Reformatory before being named to his present assignment.

Toastmistress will be Mrs. Helen Gay and special entertainment is being planned. The altar will be arranged by Mrs. Katharine Ward.

Reservations close April 20 with Mrs. Schaller or Mrs. Lillian Ruocco, the co-chairman with Mrs. Florence Buffomante.

Others serving on the general committee include Miss Carmela Bavisotto, Miss Lucy Bavisotto, Mrs. Rosa Fratarangelo, Mrs. Margaret Grieco, Mrs. Lucille Gorman, Miss Marion Holmes, Mrs. Margaret Lagerboom, Mrs. Frances Market, Mrs. Josephine Recotta, Mrs. Rosemary Kelly, Mrs. Josephine Ruocco, Mrs. Philomena Ruocco, Miss Catherine Shane and Miss Mary Shane.

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### John L. Kohl Requiem Offered By Brother

A Solemn Requiem Mass for Mr. John L. Kohl was celebrated in the chapel of St. Anne's Home on Friday, Apr. 2, 1965, by Rev. Walter J. Kohl, brother of the deceased, assisted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy, deacon, and by Rev. Raymond Wuest of Dansville, sub-deacon. Mr. Kohl died on Tuesday, Mar. 31 after a short illness.

He is survived by one daughter, Sister Walter Marie, S.S.J., stationed at St. Mary's School, Dansville, N.Y.; one son, John E. Kohl; one sister, Sister Mary Walter, S.S.J., of Nazareth Academy; two brothers, Father Walter Kohl, and Mr. Lewis E. Kohl; two grandchildren, John M. and Kathleen A. Kohl.

### First Degree in Corning

Corning—Three candidates received the first degree of Knighthood at last week's Meeting of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, in the KC Home.

Receiving the degree were Angelo Sementilli, Peter Bavisotto and Joseph Sharp.

Grand Knight Robert O'Dell headed the degree team and was assisted by Frank Cross, Robert Young and Richard Aker.

On Saturday, May 8, a mortgage burning dinner and dance will be held for members only.

Reservations must be made by May 1 with committee chairman George Vergamini. Other committee members are William Roberts, Dudley McLaughlin, Alfred Connaughton, Richard Aker and Frank Cross.

### In Mortal Sin

This week's column is addressed to a restricted group of readers. It is addressed to those who are living habitually in the state of mortal sin.

However few in number they may be, I should like to remind these persons of our Lord's inextinguishable love for them. They are the very ones for whom, most of all, He came upon the earth; the ones for whom most of all, He died. He is filled with an anxious concern for them. He keeps trying, doggedly, to find entrance into their hearts with His grace.

Remember the beautiful parable of the prodigal son, in which Jesus impresses upon us His eagerness to welcome back to His arms His wandering child. Remember the parable of the Good Shepherd, in which Jesus represents Himself as searching tirelessly through the brambles for the sheep which has strayed. Remember our Lord's rebuke to the Pharisees when they criticized Him for eating with sinners: "It is not the healthy who need a physician, but they who are sick. For I have come to call sinners, not the just."

IF YOU ARE in sin, let your ears catch the urgent ceaseless plea of Jesus: Come back to Me, My child, come back! I love you, and yet my love is defeated because you keep your face turned away from Me. Tell Me, what more can I do to win you than I have done?

If it is a long time since you have made a good confession, in all likelihood the reason is one of three. It may be that you are afraid to go to confession, embarrassed at the thought of the tawdry tale which you must tell the priest and shrinking from the scorn which you are sure the priest will have for you.

Know then that such shame is a false shame. It is the devil's own weapon by which he hopes to keep you in bondage to himself and hopes to counteract Christ's searching love. No confessor worthy of the name will scorn you. On the contrary, he will rejoice, as Jesus does, that you have returned. The more shabby your story, the more the priest will admire your humility as you tell it. It will not be with disdain but with great compassion and a sense of his own unworthiness that the priest will welcome you.

Perhaps it is not so much shame, but rather discouragement which keeps you from confession. You did try. You did go to confession. Full of good resolutions! You went again and yet again—and each time you failed. You fell back into the same old sin. Finally you quit trying.

But did you not know that it is your good will which

continue with frequent confession.

It may be that you are neither ashamed nor discouraged. Your difficulty is that you are afraid of the cost of returning to Jesus. You shrink from the effort of practicing your faith or you are reluctant to give up a harmful companionship or some other sinful attachment. It will hurt too much.

But surely you must know that Jesus will heal the hurt and will open to you vistas of far greater happiness, once you have screwed up your courage to make a clean and definite break? You will find yourself with a greatly strengthened character, too, as you sever the chain—which has enslaved you.

Whatever it is that has been holding you back—shame, discouragement or fear of the effort involved—do listen to our Lord as He invites, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. . . . For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Jesus does love you so; that is the point. Give Him a chance to prove it. Now. This very Saturday. In confession.

### Catholic Press To Hear That

New York—(RNS)—Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations will address delegates to the Seventh World Congress of the Catholic Press at a special convocation, May 20, at U.N. headquarters here.

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### Y Dedicated At Nazareth

Nazareth, Israel—(RNS)—Solemn ceremonies with strong eucumenical overtones marked the opening of the first unit of a YMCA building under construction in this ancient Biblical city.

Inauguration of the unit included a chapel, library, club, classrooms, an auditorium, a dining room and a snack bar—was attended by representatives of all the religious communities in Israel: Protestant, Anglican, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Eastern Rite Catholic, Jewish and Moslem.

Highlight of the inauguration rites were a Scripture reading by the Rev. James W. Smith, a Baptist pastor; a prayer of dedication given by Melkite Rite Archbishop George Hakim of Akko; and a benediction pronounced by Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Isidoros of Nazareth. The climax came when the key to the new unit was presented to Mr. Dagher by Dan Ben Dor and George Laham, architect and builder.

### Better Than A Miter

St. Paul—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shinnon, who went to Selma, Ala. two weeks before his March 31 consecration to join in civil rights demonstrations, has received a construction worker's steel hat from a Minnesota friend with the following message:

"In the fight for the rights of the blacks and the whites you will find this hat better than your new bishop's miter. Or even, we add, than your old biretta."

### Living in God's World

counts with Jesus; your good will and honest effort, not your immediate success? Your sinful habits may have been a long time forming and it may take an equally long time to conquer them. But Jesus is infinitely patient. He is willing to wait and wait for your eventual victory, as long as He sees you trying.

You must believe in the power of Christ's grace. You must believe that there will come a day when grace will win out over your weakness. You must

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### 'Progressives' Said Imprudent

Oviedo, Spain—(NC)—Arch. (b) Church renewal does not bishop Vicent Enrique Tarazon come from those who wish to go of Oviedo has warned in a past slowly but from the "imprudent" letter that the real danger of the progressives.



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