

Coming — Mr. and Mrs. Emil O. Schrickel of 227 Dodge Ave. announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Louise, to Dr. James E. Ward.
He is the son of Mrs. Katherine Ward of 108 Pritchard Ave. and the late James Ward.

Rochester Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis to meet at Health Association, 973 East Ave., Monday, May 24 at 8 p.m. Doctors J. Merrel, Parker and John Radebough will report on Philadelphia Clinic, C.F. Club meeting. Dr. Harold Warnock to explain State Aid.

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Nun Scientist Visits Marineland

Palos Verdes Estates, Cal. — (RNS) — Sister M. Stanislaus, head of Marymount College's biology department in Palos Verdes Estates, inspects a recently acquired octopus at the Marineland of the Pacific Oceanarium. With her is John Prescott, curator of fish at the Marineland. Sister Stanislaus has received wide attention for her research work in viruses which cause tumors in humans. Mr. Prescott was a principal speaker at the annual Marymount High School Science Day, discussing his work in sonar waves with Marine-land's whales and porpoises.

Vocations Lag, Converts Gain

By FATHER J. M. ROBINSON, W.F.
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Nearly one century ago, in 1869, Charles Cardinal Lavigerie, founder of the White Fathers, declared that Africa would eventually be converted by the Africans.

That belief has never died. Only a few years ago Archbishop Joseph Malula of Leopoldville stated that Christianity must penetrate to the depths of the African soul.

"It is for the indigenous hierarchy to accomplish this," he said, "for only the clergy native to the country who know the soul of the people better than anyone else and who share that soul with them are able to see Christianity through the eyes of the Bantu (tribesman) and bring about this perfect assimilation."

These two statements show that the need for a native clergy was always particularly evident in Africa. But native vocations in Africa are still very inadequate, and there is nothing to indicate they will soon make a leap forward.

In Africa today, conversions to Catholicism are increasing proportionately faster than native vocations. Last year there were 2,551 native priests in the continent, or one African priest for every 10,192 Catholics. This compares with one priest for every 1,078 Catholics in Germany, one for every 887 in Spain, one for every 702 Catholics in the United States, and one for every 516 Catholics in Canada.

There are presently 1,707 African students in major seminaries. This number is considered a hopeful sign, although vocations slipped temporarily in some nations going through the trials of new independence. Statistics on African Brothers and nuns are difficult to find, although orders of Sisters particularly have been growing rapidly. In 1963 there were 2,199 professed nuns in the 17 congregations founded by the White Fathers. There are doubtless many other nuns in other congregations. Since there are more native nuns than priests, the nuns are being particularly effective in the conversion of African women. Archbishop Bernardin Gantin of Cotonou, Dahomey, said at the second session of the ecumenical council that "if there were no African nuns the solid and final establishment of the Church in our country by missionaries would have been neither real nor complete."

Hopes in Innercity Parish

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through instructions, and a few are slow learners. But they know that we won't settle for anything less than a thorough instruction."

One thing there's no shortage of in the St. Bridget's parish boundaries — people. It's a densely populated area, although most of the residents are not Catholics.

"Right here on Hand Street, we have about 110 families in 35 houses. So there's plenty of work cut out for us," the undaunted pastor says cheerfully.

High on Father Vogt's list of people who have given St. Bridget's new life recently are Mrs. Margaret Muchard and Miss Isabelle Dolan, both of whom run volunteer neighborhood service centers.

Mrs. Muchard's St. Martin de Porres center, in a North Clinton storefront, started as an information and social center for Puerto Ricans, now offers counseling, social, recreational and adult educational services for anyone in the neighborhood.

Loretto House, Miss Dolan's base, on Hand St., works more intensively with some 45 Negro families in that area. Hard to describe, it's "arts, manners and morals" approach offers a variety of programs by which participants help better themselves.

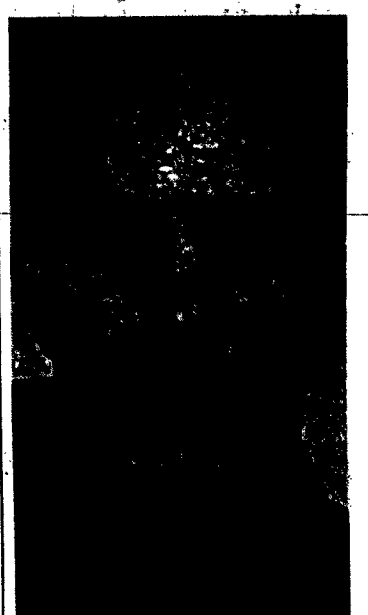
"The big secret of their success is the personal approach," Father Vogt thinks. "Both these women live in our neighborhood, know first-hand the problems faced by people here, and try to extend a helping hand wherever they can. They are, in the best sense, good neighbors, serving others, but stressing self-help as the most important ingredient."

There's the St. Bridget's picture — plenty of problems, plenty of needs, but two priests with zeal and confidence, a dedicated school staff, a goodly number of volunteers (but more needed) and a spirit which seems to say:

"St. Bridget's has a big job to do — but with the help of God, we'll do it!"

—Faber Robert Kaska

Franciscan To Mark 25th Anniversary



Shrine for Tekawitha

Hogansburg, N.Y. — (RNS) — This statue of Kateri Tekawitha, better known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," was unveiled, and a center honoring the Indian maiden was dedicated, at St. Regis Catholic church in Hogansburg, northern New York. Principal speaker at the ceremonies was Father William Schlaerth, S.J., of LeMoyne College, Syracuse. Two Indian girls flank the statue — Brenda King and Wanda Frances. Father Schlaerth is vice postulator in this country for the cause of beatification of Kateri, a devout Catholic known for heroic virtues and great love of the Church. She was born in 1656 of a Christian Algonquin mother and a pagan Iroquois father in an Indian village on the Mohawk River now known as Auriesville, N.Y. Kateri was baptized in 1676 and a year later ran away to the mission of St. Francis Xavier of Sault Ste. Marie in Quebec. She took vows of perpetual virginity, and led a chaste and industrious life. In 1680 she died at the age of 24 after being ill for many months.

Klan Victim Celebrates

Baltimore — (NC) — A priest who was once kidnaped and threatened by Ku Klux Klan members will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen here May 30. Father Vincent Warren, S.S.J., Vicar General of the Josephite Fathers, will be joined in a concelebrated Mass by 10 other Josephite priests observing their 25th anniversaries as priests.

Father Warren was kidnaped by Klansmen in September, 1926, when a Negro boys' band he had organized in Norfolk, Va., was giving a concert at a picnic about 20 miles from Norfolk.

During the concert, he was forced into a car and driven to an isolated spot about 15 miles away in Princess Anne County. While one Klansman questioned him about his activities, the others discussed various means of punishing him. Although he was warned that the Klan would not tolerate "the mixing of the races," he was released unharmed.

FATHER ADAMS

Franciscan Father Charles E. Adams will mark his silver jubilee in the priesthood at a solemn Mass in St. Boniface Church, Rochester, Saturday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will preside at the Mass.

Father Adams is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Adams. Mr. Adams was Deputy Chief of the Rochester Fire Bureau. The jubilarian attended Holy Apostles parochial school, Aquinas Institute and St. Bonaventure University. He was ordained in Washington in 1940.

He has served as a member of the Chemistry Department Faculty at Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y., between 1941 and 1952; and at St. Bonaventure University between 1952 and the present.

Father Adams has been chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Motherhouse of the Allegheny Franciscan Sisters for a number of years. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, and is a chaplain in Civil Air Patrol.

Among his many Rochester relatives are his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Adams, of Flower City Park; and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. May of Crawford Street.

Assisting Father Charles Francis in the solemn Mass will be: preacher, Very Rev. Charles G. Erb, S.V.D., an uncle; deacon, Rev. Francis Erb, a cousin; subdeacon, Rev. Basil F. Lobby, O.F.M., a Franciscan confrere; and master of ceremonies, Rev. Francis J. Taylor, pastor of St. Boniface and an Aquinas classmate.

Father Adams will also celebrate a solemn Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 30, in Holy Rosary Church, where he has assisted at Christmas and Easter for over 20 years.

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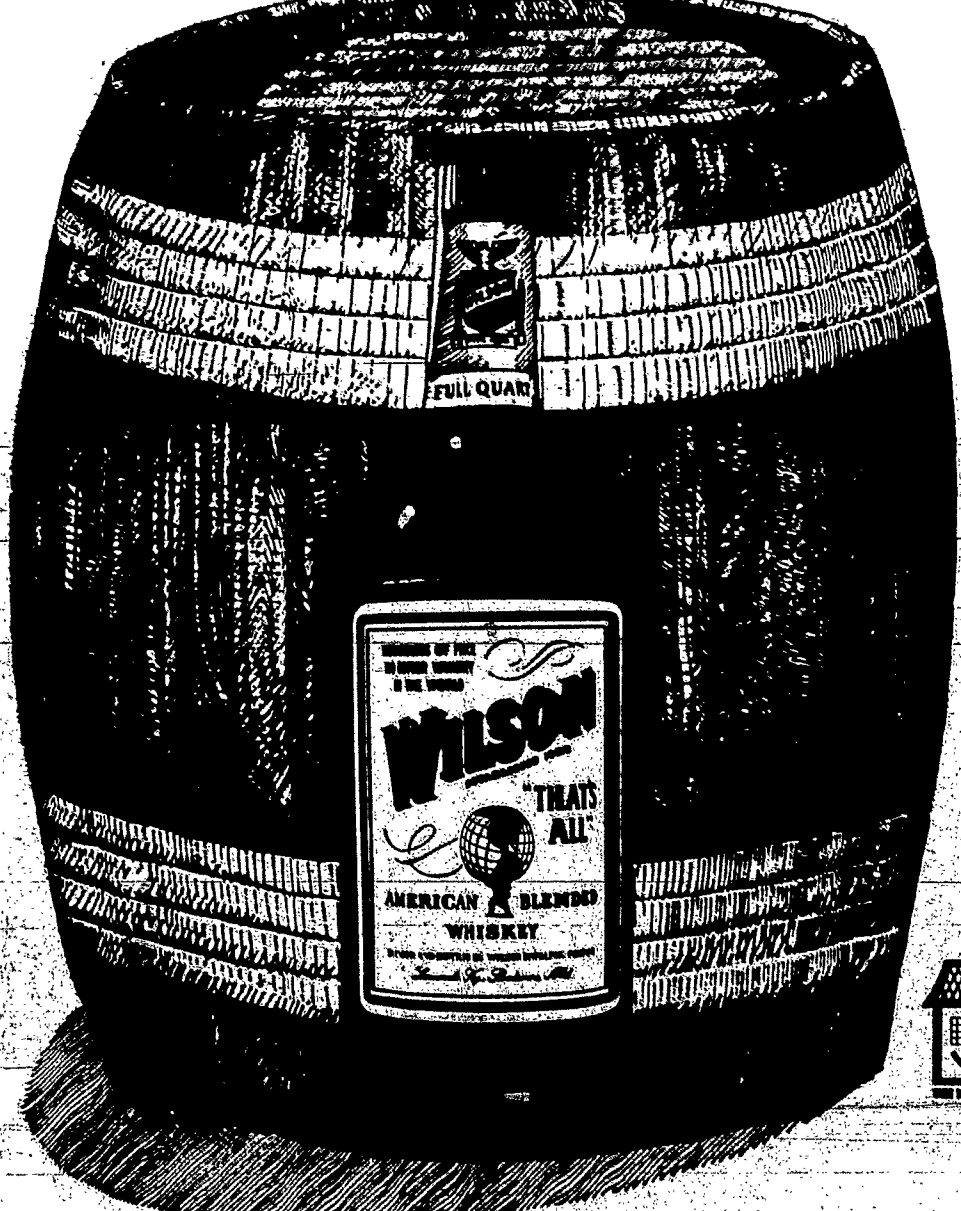
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