



Browsing In Church Vestibule

To make Catholic books more available, St. Alphonus parish in Auburn keeps part of its supply in the front vestibule of the church. Two high school students, sisters, Judy and Peggy Walters, look over the selection while making a visit to church. Move has boosted circulation by 400%, according to Father John Merklinger, pastor.

Project to Aid Drug Addicts

New York—(RNS)—A priest, minister and rabbi issued an "open letter" here for broad understanding and recognition of the "hubonic plague" of narcotics addiction that threatens to continue its devastating growth in the metropolitan community.

The clergymen—all seasoned fighters of the drug menace in their own areas and now top officers of a city-supported rehabilitation project—spoke out as a vocal segment of Staten Island residents objected to the proposed establishment of a center for addicts in the island's south shore Prince's Bay community.

To be called Daytop Village, the center is envisioned as an extension of the experimental Daytop Lodge—a "halfway-house" effort that proved successful in the Tottenville section of Staten Island after local protests quieted.

Though the Prince's Bay site (a former millville for Marist religious) has not been confirmed, citizens in the area have held protest meetings and voiced strong objections to the establishment of "dope centers" where New York City jail inmates could "room at large."

In their open letter, the clergymen heading the Daytop Village board of directors recognized the "sinners and undisciplined" nature of some addicts, but also stressed the "innumerable messages of encouragement" from other Staten Island citizens.

The letter was issued by Father William B. O'Brien, a member of the staff of Bishop John M. Fearey and pastor of St. Francis De Sales church on Manhattan's upper east side.

Father O'Brien, president of the Daytop Village board, was joined in the letter by the Rev. Norman W. Taylor, assistant minister of the First Unitarian



Noire Dame

Victor E. Dellard, 109 King's Gate North, Rochester, was elected president of the Noire Dame Club of Rochester when alumni celebrated Universal Noire Dame Night recently at the Rochester Club. Dellard's regional sales manager for the Genevieve Brevin Co. Other new officers of the club are William D. O'Toole, John W. Glavin and E. Royal Haman.

VFW Post Honors Joseph R. Vay

On May 8 at the Island Cottage Hotel the Keith Miller "Dutchtown" Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars held its 19th anniversary banquet.

Guest of honor was one of the members of the Post Joseph R. Vay of Holy Family parish who was presented a life membership in the V.F.W. by County Comdr. Henry Hines as a token of appreciation from the post for outstanding interest and efforts in help veterans, widows and families with assistance and

The Honorable Joseph Fritch, Judge of Family Court, was the guest speaker.

'Vertical' Drop In Vocations

Kingston, Jamaica—(NC)—The Catholic Church in Cuba, stripped of its clergy by the expulsion of missionaries and the emigration of wealthy families, is seeking more religious vocations among the poor.

These conclusions are evident in a report made by the vocations office of the Cuban Bishops' Secretariat several months ago. Prepared in Havana, the report has reached here.

While the Cuban bishops say nothing about emigration or the expulsion of missionaries, the figures in their report tell a bleak story.

A century ago there was one priest for every 1,750 Catholics. As recently as 1959 there was one priest for every 9,000 Catholics. Today the ratio is one priest for every 33,000 Catholics.

The primary reason for the "vertical drop" of the Church in Cuba, says the report, is the Church's failure to evangelize the country. It states: "The growth and decline of authentic vocations in the Church in a given country are phenomena intimately connected with the vitality of the Church there, a vitality which depends chiefly on the level of the evangelization of her members."

In the light of current statistics, continues the report, one would speak of a "religious Cuba," but not of a Christian Cuba, and even less of a Catholic Cuba. In past years the Cuban Church "failed in her mission of evangelizing the masses," and as a result "the

Elmer J. Haag Requiem Offered

Requiem Mass was celebrated for Elmer J. Haag, (who died Thurs., May 13, 1965) Monday morning, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street. The Mass was offered by the nephew, Rev. William Brien. Present in the sanctuary were the Right Reverend Monsignors Leo G. Schwab, Charles V. Boyle and the Reverend John J. Hempel.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Brien Haag; a sister, Mrs. Edward C. (Lavinia) Rowland; a niece, Mrs. John L. (Geraldine) Coon and a nephew, John E. Rowland. Deceased was a member of the Pioneer Club of Todd's and a veteran of World War I.

Interment in the family plot at Holy Eupulchre Cemetery. Final Blessing at the grave by Father Brien. Arrangements by Mattie, Culver Road.

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Pastor's Duties To Tourists

Monte Carlo—(NC)—Pastors must exploit the opportunities offered by tourism, because it permits new human contacts between the Catholics of different nations and also between Catholics and Non-Catholics. This was the conclusion of the first international conference of the Commission for Pastoral Work for Tourists, here at the invitation of Bishop Jean Rupp of Monaco.

The conference expressed satisfaction that large groups of tourists from communist-ruled eastern European countries this summer. These tourists are looking for opportunities to converse with people, as well as to see monuments, it was noted, and this readiness must be put to good use by representatives of the Church.

Forty Hours

On June 5 Father Russell will give his last talk (series of 5) on liturgy to the women of the Deaneary at the First Saturday Luncheon to be held at 12:30 p.m. at Fredericks Hotel in Alton, Mass. will be in Wolcott at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are to be in by June 1 to Mrs. Fredent De Boerdere, Wolcott Phone LX 4-3105. At this luncheon the new officers of the Deaneary will be introduced.

As an example, the report notes that 30% of the island's population is Negro, and 67% of these are registered as Catholics. Yet there are practically no Negroes among the Cuban clergy.

The lack of vocations among the colored people, states the report, is due to the fact that "Cuban Negroes as a social group have not been evangelized." Even today there is "no serious effort on the part of the Church to penetrate the psychology of the Cuban Negro and to understand his religious attitude, and to present to him, in a comprehensible and acceptable manner, the message of the Gospel."

25 Years Ago

(From files of Catholic Courier, May 21, 1940)
Ground breaking by Bishop Kearney for Our Lady of Mercy High School addition was announced for Sunday, May 20, 1940. The new four-story addition was to include the auditorium seating 1,100.

Forty-five agencies carrying on charitable and character building work in Rochester were to benefit from the Community Chest campaign's raising of \$1,173,666.26 or \$14,000 over the quota.

Rev. John E. Maney of Geneva, ordained in Rome, Dec. 8, 1939 and Joseph Egan who finished his second year of theology were expected home from Rome with other students in compliance with the U.S. government's urging that Americans in war-torn Europe return.

\$500,000 For Aid
Melbourne—(RNS)—Australia's Catholics contributed \$500,000 for charitable work abroad during special Lenten collections authorized by the hierarchy.

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Monroe County District Units

(The D.C.C.W. structure is composed of deanery councils and their equivalents, district councils. Besides the eight deanery councils and one district council—Corning—there are now four district councils in Monroe County.)

Northeast District, D.C.C.W.: Rev. Robert J. Kanka, associate editor, Courier Journal; former moderator of Monroe County Council, D.C.C.W. Meeting, St. James, Monday, May 24, 8 p.m.

Southeast District, D.C.C.W.: Rev. John D. Dillon, assistant pastor, St. Boniface Church. Meeting, St. Thomas More, Tuesday, May 25, 8 p.m.

Southwest District, D.C.C.W.: Rev. Emmett Halloran, professor, St. Andrew's Seminary; moderator, First Saturday Breakfast Club; former moderator of Wayne Deanery Council, D.C.C.W. Meeting, St. Helen, Tuesday, May 25, 8:15 p.m.

Northwest District, D.C.C.W.: Rev. William H. Hickey, assistant pastor, Holy Rosary Church; former moderator of Steuben Deanery Council, D.C.C.W. Meeting, St. Charles Borromeo, was held Tuesday, May 18.

Wayne Deanery Events Listed

The annual meeting of the Wayne Deanery NCCW will be held May 21 at 8 p.m. in St. Michael's Parish Hall, Newark. Election of officers and annual reports will be main business for the evening. Presiding will be Mrs. Peter Zacharilla, Pres., and Father James S. Russell, moderator.

All parish presidents are asked to attend and to submit their report for Parish Activity for the year. Also scheduled for May will be the Holy Hour for Men and Women of the Deanery to be held at St. John's Church in Clyde, Sunday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Hour will be conducted by Father Russell of Newark. Host Pastor Rev. Paul J. Cuddy extends a cordial invitation to all men and women of the county to attend.

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Nun's Expedition To Ancient City

Trujillo, Peru—(NC)—An expedition led by a Catholic nun has reported finding the ruins of an ancient Andean city said to predate the Inca civilization. According to reports published here, Mother Imelda de Corazon de Jesus, leader of the expedition, said the city is located near the summit of a 10,500 foot mountain in Otuzco province, 275 miles north of Lima. Mother Imelda said she believes there are at least nine other ruined cities in the same area.

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Father Charles Lavery welcomed Victor Janton, vice-mayor of Rennes, France, to St. John Fisher College Sunday For Mass. Father Leo Kiem, at far right, was interpreter and the Roger Dauvergne family of Rochester accompanied the visitor from France.

Our 'Twin' is Considerably Older

Here's a conundrum. How can you have a twin sister who's 15 centuries older than you are?

You can if you are the City of Rochester and your "twin" is the city of Rennes in Brittany in northern France.

Vice-mayor Victor Janton of Rennes visited Rochester this week to strengthen the bond forged in 1956 which linked the two cities in a pact of friendship.

The sprightly, 59-year old professor-politician said his stay in Rochester was "eat, drink and meet people" . . . but he had a few hours at a relaxed pace Sunday morning.

He attended Mass at St. John Fisher College chapel and nodded in agreement as Father Joseph Dorsey, in his sermon stressed the importance of personal contacts and cultural exchange to build a stable structure of peace and the need to obtain the inspiration and perseverance for this work in personal prayer and community worship.

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was a native of Rennes, a seaport city which sent many voyagers to the new world.

Rochester's French Week will close tonight with a film at the Eastman Theatre, "The Spell of Brittany."

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New Holy Name Parish Finds Women's Society

Another milestone in the history of the new Holy Name of Jesus parish has been reached with the formation of a women's society. This will be known as Our Lady's Guild.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. John A. Timmens, a committee of women from Holy Name's three "parent" churches—Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Charles and St. John the Evangelist—have been handling organization details.

The first official meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Charles hall on Tuesday, May 25. Preceding the meeting, there will be Rosary, Benediction and Communion in the church at 8:00.

Officers will be elected and plans for a June banquet will be discussed. Mrs. Theodore Strohmeier, a former president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will speak on aims and programs for church societies. Refreshments will be served by the organization committee.

Deanery Sets Final Meet

The Chemung-Schwartz Deanery will hold their final meeting of the season at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Hall, Watkins Glen on Monday, May 24 at 8 p.m.

Affiliate Members are urged to attend to help with plans for the coming year.

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