



Dr. John McDermott of Queens College, lectures to his Aesthetics class in the Manhattanville summer program for nuns.



Notes from their summer's program at Manhattanville are discussed by Rochester St. Joseph nuns, Sisters Maura, Joseph Michelle and Mary John.



Sister Francis Xavier, C.S.J., of Boston, confers with Dominican Father Augustin Leonard, one of the faculty of the MRE program, and Mother Cora Brady, R.S.C.J., director of the Manhattanville course for Sisters.

Friday Club Ecumenism Series Lists Layman

J. Raymond Hensler will be guest speaker for the First Friday Luncheon Club session, Oct. 7 in Hotel Sheraton, Chairman Eugene R. Cusker of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee announced today.

Dr. Hensler will be the first layman to speak to the First Friday group since it was started in 1942. He will be the third in a series on Ecumenism.

He will be presented by Father William Donnelly, club moderator.

THE LUNCHEON begins at 12:10 p.m. and is open to men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday according to Urban G. Kress, co-chairman.

Hensler is a Catholic layman who has been engaged for some time in the Living Room Dialogue Ecumenical program sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men.

He is director of Materials Research and Development at Bausch and Lomb Optical Company. Born in Homestead, Pa., he was graduated from Penn State University and earned his doctorate at that institution.

He is widely known for his work in Catholic circles here. In 1957 he served as president of the Legion of Mary Council. He is active in a newly formed Inter-Faith Human Relations program and has been



RAYMOND HENSLER

in Citizens for Educational Freedom organization.

His wife, Mrs. Joan Hensler is active in the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women. They have three children.

Judge Conway, KC Columbus Day Speaker

County Court Judge John J. Conway Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Columbus Day dinner of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, Oct. 12, Grand Knight Edward L. Miller announced for the committee today.

Observance of Columbus Day will begin with celebration of Mass by Bishop Kearney in Blessed Sacrament Church at 6:30 p.m. Knights, their ladies and friends of the K. of C. will attend.

The dinner will begin at 8 p.m. in the K. of C. Home, 513 Monroe Ave. Judge Conway will be presented by Eugene R. Cusker, toastmaster.

A native of Albany, Judge Conway and his wife have become widely known since coming here in 1946. He attended Cornell University Law School. He met his wife, Mary, also a practicing attorney and native of Rochester, when they both attended Albany Law School.

Active in Catholic circles, Judge Conway has served as faithful navigator of the Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He has also distinguished himself as state assemblyman and district attorney.

Knights of Equity National Convention

The Knights of Equity will hold their 71st national convention in Rochester Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 13 to 15.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the convention Mass at St. Mary's Church Friday, Oct. 14, at 9 a.m. and be the speaker at the convention banquet Saturday evening at the Manger Hotel, headquarters for the three day meeting.

Public Safety Commissioner Mark H. Tuohy, Jr., will speak at the Friday noon luncheon.

Dennis O'Reilly and members of Court 10, the Rochester unit of the organization, are making arrangements.

Following the Bishop's Mass Friday morning, a wreath will be placed on the grave of Father Roy B. Morphy at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, former national chaplain of the Knights of Equity.

Nuns Study 'Humanism'

"An enterprise in institutional change . . ." in these terms, Mother Cora Brady, R.S.C.J., attempted to express the essence of the unusual course being offered to religious women at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart during its summer session.

This course, which leads to a Master's Degree in Religious Education is difficult to explain, according to the three Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph who are taking it: Sister Mary John, Director of Public Relations for the Community; Sister Joseph Michelle, Principal and Superior at St. Francis de Sales in Geneva; and Sister Maura, Assistant Director of Postulants at the St. Joseph Motherhouse.

ITS TITLE of "Religious Education" would seem to suggest enough theology and scripture

courses to enable one to catechize, say the Sisters, and yet its reality is so much broader and deeper than that. The program, called the MRE, was inaugurated three summers ago, in response to a request of the Sister-Formation Conference, by Mother Brady, who is chairman of the Religion Department at Manhattanville, assisted by Dr. Robert Pollack of Fordham University, and Dr. John McDermott of Queens College, both of whom are members of the MRE faculty each summer.

It was planned as a means of equipping Sisters to answer the call of Vatican II and, specifically, the summons in the "Constitution of the Church in the Modern World," to "work with all men in the building of a more human world."

Through lectures, reading and discussion, the Sisters explore the humanities and today's social conditions as well as the new lights thrown on the Church's teachings by recent theological and scriptural studies.

This past summer, for example, included a course in "Christian Humanism" by Dr. Pollack; one in "The Contemporary Imagination in Dramatic Literature" by William Alfred, Professor at Harvard University and author of the current off-Broadway play "Hogan's Goat"; "The Word of God, the Church, and the World" by the Rev. Augustin Leonard, O.P., of La Sartre, Belgium; "Christianity and Social Change" by Neil Middleton, head of Sheed and Ward, London; and "Modern Aesthetics" by Dr. McDermott.

Obviously no one can master all of the fields of human knowledge today, but it is becoming ever more apparent that some cross-disciplinary study

and thinking are necessary if one is to approach an understanding of modern man which is at all comprehensive. That such an understanding is vitally important for nuns in their role as Christian witnesses is the contention of the MRE program.

Least it become so wide as to be superficial, the informing purpose of the program is stressed in each of the six major areas—religion, the humanities, history, psychology, sociology, and philosophy—i.e., that the vocation of the Christian, and of the nun, whose vows have committed her to be "intensely Christian," is to work toward building a "more human world."

According to our three diocesan nuns in this course, the "proof of the pudding is in the eating." One hundred eleven nuns, from sixty-four different communities, differing in age, background, work, nationalities, race—and even religion, for there is one Anglican Sister—are united, through the spirit and teachings of the MRE program, into as nearly perfect a Christian community as one could imagine.

"We have watched a real change in attitudes," the Sisters said, "both in ourselves and others; an increase in warmth, openness, trust, zeal, concern for others. It is both humbling and exhilarating!"

—S. M. J.

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Greece Series on Church Trends

A five-lecture series organized by lay people of the seven parishes in the town of Greece will get under way at Cardinal Mooney High School auditorium Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m.

Keynote talk of the series will be by Father Henry Atwell of the Courier Journal. His topic will be "The Parish in the Year 2000."

Other speakers will be Father David Murphy of St. Bernard's

Seminary, "Protestant-Catholic Relations"; Basilian Father Frederick Wojda of Aquinas Institute, "Movies—An Art Form?"; Dr. Robert McLaghlin of St. John Fisher College, "Freedom and Authority, Conflict or Partnership?"; and Monsignor William Shannon of Nazareth College, "The 'New' Scriptures."

Talks will be given every other Wednesday, Oct. 5 and 19, Nov. 2, 16 and 30, at the Mooney auditorium.

Series fee is \$5 for a family

ticket, \$3 individual ticket and \$1 for a single lecture.

The series was conceived during discussions by lay people last spring and developed into a cooperative program of the Greece parishes: St. Charles Borromeo, Our Lady of Mercy, St. John the Evangelist, St. Lawrence, Mother of Sorrows, St. Mark's and Holy Name of Jesus.

The program is titled the Greece Catholic Information Series.

CCD Seminars for Adults At Three Area Centers

A 12-week seminar on the Vatican Council's decree on the Church will be held three nights a week at three different centers under auspices of the diocesan office of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The CCD discussion series will be held Monday evenings at Cardinal Mooney High School, Tuesday evenings at the CCD center at 50 Chestnut St., and Wednesday evenings at the Assumption School of Religion in Fairport.

Monsignor Albert Schnacky, diocesan CCD director, said the 7:30 to 9 p.m. sessions will give adults "an opportunity to discuss the truths of faith from the vantage point of their present position in life" and "to develop the personal experience of their relationship to others in Christ."

Information or reservations may be made by phoning the Confraternity office or simply by registering at the center most convenient.

The Legion of Mary: ?

A Priest Views the Legion

By REV. ROBERT KANKA

(This is the concluding article in a series on the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Rochester.)

The best salesmen for the Legion of Mary are the priests who have worked with the Legion as spiritual directors.

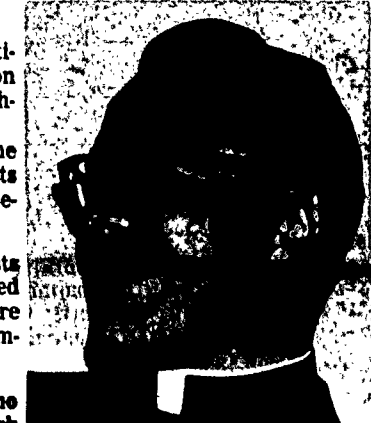
Almost to a man, the priests who have had any extended contact with the Legion are convinced of its value in forming lay apostles.

Typical of the priests who are "veterans" in Legion work is Father James J. Marvin, spiritual director of the Rochester Confraternity which is the top echelon of Legion activity in the Diocese.

"The Legion really works—the results prove it," he says crisply, basing his views on 10 years experience with the apostolic group.

Father Marvin admits that he is a "convert" to the Legion of Mary inasmuch as he was rather dubious of its value when he was first assigned to be spiritual director of a parish unit. It was 10 years ago when he was an assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, and was asked by his pastor, Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, to start a new praesidium there.

It wasn't long before the Legion methods convinced him, however, and he's been a solid Legion backer ever since. He was appointed to succeed Father John M. Merklinger as curia



FATHER MARVIN

—"convert" to the Legion—

spiritual director in 1959, has filled the post since then. He's now assistant pastor at St. Andrew's parish, where he also has a senior Legion group to guide.

"With 6,000 Catholics in this parish, it's impossible for us priests to reach them all personally," he points out. "With our Legionaries out in the parish every week, I feel reassured that much of that necessary contact is being made for us."

He feels that there is a special impact of dedicated lay Catholics on other lay Catholics. Its the apostolate of "like working with like" that the Vatican II decree on the lay apostolate stressed, he feels.

The Legionaries keep the parish priest aware of the needs of their parishioners,

often prepare the ground for the priest's pastoral work, Father Marvin notes.

A great bonus of an active Legion unit is its own members live, he points out.

Legionaries work "with definite purpose and find great personal satisfaction in bringing others closer to God," he finds.

He adds that the Legion also exercises a healthy effect on the spiritual life of the priest directors:

"When I see the faithfulness of legionaries to the weekly

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25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, Oct. 2, 1941)

First priest of the Diocese of Rochester to be assigned as chaplain in the United States Navy, Father John K. Wheaton, assistant pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, was commissioned Lieutenant J.G. and left for Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida.

St. Alphonsus Parish Societies donated a modern Resuscitator Inhalator and Respirator to Mercy Hospital in Auburn.

Unearthing of an elaborately decorated wooden cup at an Indian burial site near Holcomb by Herman G. Hetler, Rochester Industrial School, and Indian Lore historian presented a mystery for him and others versed in archaeology and history.



Boys Town Choir Due In Auburn

The board of directors sponsoring a concert to be given by the Boys Town Choir of Omaha, Neb. Thursday, Nov. 10 at Emerson Auditorium, East High School, Auburn, make plans. (from left) Henry Clifford; Father John E. Merklinger, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church; Harold J. Weaver, chairman, holding a copy of the Boys Town Times, official newspaper of the school; John D. Besolick. In back: Reynold W. Shaw, Rocco D. Malvaso, Robert P. Schneider, Lee A. Flackney.

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