

Monsignor Byrne Funeral Rites Held

Solemn Funeral Mass for Monsignor William Byrne was offered Friday, Jan. 6, at 12 noon by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

Monsignor Byrne died unexpectedly in St. Ann's Home, Rochester, on Jan. 4, 1967. He was 84.

Born in Victor on August 3, 1882, the son of William Byrne and Anna Dunn, Monsignor Byrne was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 8, 1907.

He attended Victor High School and St. Andrew's Seminary and made his theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary.

His first assignment was to the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary on June 19, 1907. He was named assistant pastor of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs

in Immaculate Conception Church. He was appointed Dean of Tompkins and Tioga Counties on April 6, 1954 by Bishop Kearney.

Steady progress marked Monsignor Byrne's long pastorate in the historic century-old Ithaca parish.

In his early years as pastor he undertook and carried out plans for the improvement and expansion of the parish's Calvary Cemetery.

In 1938 he directed the installation of three marble altars as part of a renovation program in the church sanctuary. Complete redecoration of the interior of the church and erection of new Stations of the Cross were completed in 1944.

Following a fire in 1914 which destroyed the original parish school wing, Monsignor Byrne launched a fund drive which raised \$161,150 for the erection of a new 10-room school. The modern school was opened in 1949.

In an unique venture to bring the Faith to the isolated groups living in the far-flung areas of Tompkins County, Monsignor Byrne in 1951 began what he called an "apostolate on wheels." Under the program, missionary Sisters (The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart) brought to the parish by Monsignor Byrne, travelled in a station wagon to the rural sections of Tompkins County.

Monsignor Byrne and the Sisters established mission centers, mostly in private homes, for catechetical instruction in six rural villages of the parish. At the same time Mass was offered for the first time in these villages.

To meet the growing need for expansion of parish facilities, Monsignor Byrne opened a campaign in 1955 for funds to provide a parish school addition, renovation of the church sanctuary and appointments, and the expansion of the Mission Helpers convent. In this campaign the goal of \$200,000 was oversubscribed by \$35,000.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey attended Monsignor Byrne's Golden Jubilee Mass Sunday, June 2, 1957. In his sermon Bishop Casey highly commended the Ithaca pastor and read a letter from Bishop Kearney which said: "These have been years of unselfish consecration to a great ideal and of tireless labors for the welfare of souls."

Besides a spiritual bouquet given by the children of Immaculate Conception School, Monsignor Byrne was also honored by the approximately 350 Catholic public school children in the area. These children received Holy Communion as a special tribute to him and during the Mass recited prayers in unison and sang hymns.

Monsignor Byrne because of failing health was appointed pastor emeritus in January 1960 and took up residence in St. Ann's Home.



MONSIGNOR BYRNE

on Sept. 12, 1908; assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, July 10, 1909 and of Corpus Christi, Rochester in November 1914.

First Pastorate for Monsignor Byrne was that of St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, and Church of the Epiphany, Sedus, appointment effective Sept. 27, 1917.

In 1925 he resigned to become president of Aquinas Institute, Catholic boys' high school of the diocese. He was appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca on Jan. 7, 1928.

Pope Pius XII elevated him to the rank of domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor in June of 1952.

Monsignor Byrne was signally honored by Bishops, priests, parishioners and children on his Golden Jubilee in June, 1957.

More than 28 years of the 50 were in Ithaca as pastor of Im-



Nuns Rehearse for April Concerts

Rehearsals are under way again for the Sisters of St. Joseph annual Community Concert. The choral group consists of over 100 Sisters who teach, nurse, or do other works in and around Rochester. Directed by Sister Claudia, head of the Music Department at St. Agnes High School, the Sisters scored a great success last spring in their first public performances.

Photos show nuns at rehearsals—Sister Vincent who will be trumpet soloist; two nuns who are sisters—Sister Agnes James of St. Joseph's Villa and Sister Terance of the Motherhouse, and, at the piano, Sister Agnes Louise of Nazareth Academy.

The Concert will once again tour the Diocese,

adding Ithaca to its out-of-town stops this year. Performance dates are as follows: April 15, 4 p.m., Ithaca College, Ithaca; 8 p.m., Notre Dame High School, Elmira; April 16, 4 p.m., De Sales High, Geneva; 8 p.m., East High, Auburn; April 22, 2 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., St. Agnes High, Rochester; April 23, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., also at St. Agnes High School.

A Letter to a Lady Says 'Don't Be Bitter'

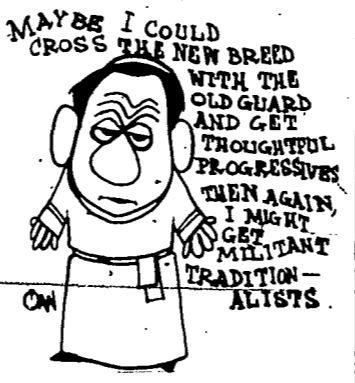
This letter is addressed to the lay catechist from Hilton who has been labeled a "heretic." With that in mind I am writing my feelings and those of other persons who will sign this letter.

My dear Catechist—first of all, thank you for being interested enough in Christ and his message to take the time to instruct the young ones. I do not know you, but I bet you have many children, an excellent neighbor and someone the Church can depend on for cakes, time and good representation. Because I too am a catechist, I realize just how inadequate one does feel to assume the great responsibility of delivering the message of the Church. However, we realize, don't we, that when we enter a classroom, we are not alone—that the Holy Spirit is there to guide us and help us fulfill our Christian vocation.

And it begins before you enter the classroom—as you prepare your lesson—what to teach, how to reach this age group—how to make Christ a living daily Friend—not just a "Sunday fill up-one-hour-God." Today this is more difficult than ever because there are different correct opinions on various subjects. But I wonder, were you given the opportunity to give a quiet total explanation of whatever it is you said. Or like another incident in the 16th century were you condemned for what you said and no one bothered to ask you what you MEANT when you said thus...

Is condemnation what we can expect if we present another point of view (which incidentally I am sure you received from your CCD course, extensive reading by leading theologians in the Catholic Church, Catholic magazines and probably one or two discussion groups). Please note I did not refer to one place where one would logically expect to receive this information because it is factual that it is not being done where it should be done first.

So dear friend, what do you do now? Please don't be bitter don't ever let any one individual destroy what was given to you at baptism—your Christian vocation to be "another Christ" today in your town. We all know you must be crushed and hurt



Wan't life much simpler in the old days?

but we are not the only ones who have thought of you and prayed for you over this past weekend. And from past experience we do know that you are in this predicament because God wants you to be—you are still doing His will—and he didn't say it was going to be easy, did he? We will keep you in our prayers.

And in closing, thank you for your courageous attitude. It must be difficult for you but please know we appreciate your ability to look at this Church as a mother looks at her child, and says "I love you, you are not perfect, I love you."

- Mrs. Alfred Reinhardt Catechist, Spencerport
- Mrs. Thomas McGarry Wife of a Catechist, Spencerport
- Mrs. Walter Shafer Mother of a child taking CCD courses in the parish, Spencerport
- Mrs. Donald Andrews Catechist, Spencerport
- Mrs. Donald Stuart Catechist, Spencerport

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Dr. Lalonde Off to Africa, Trip No. 12

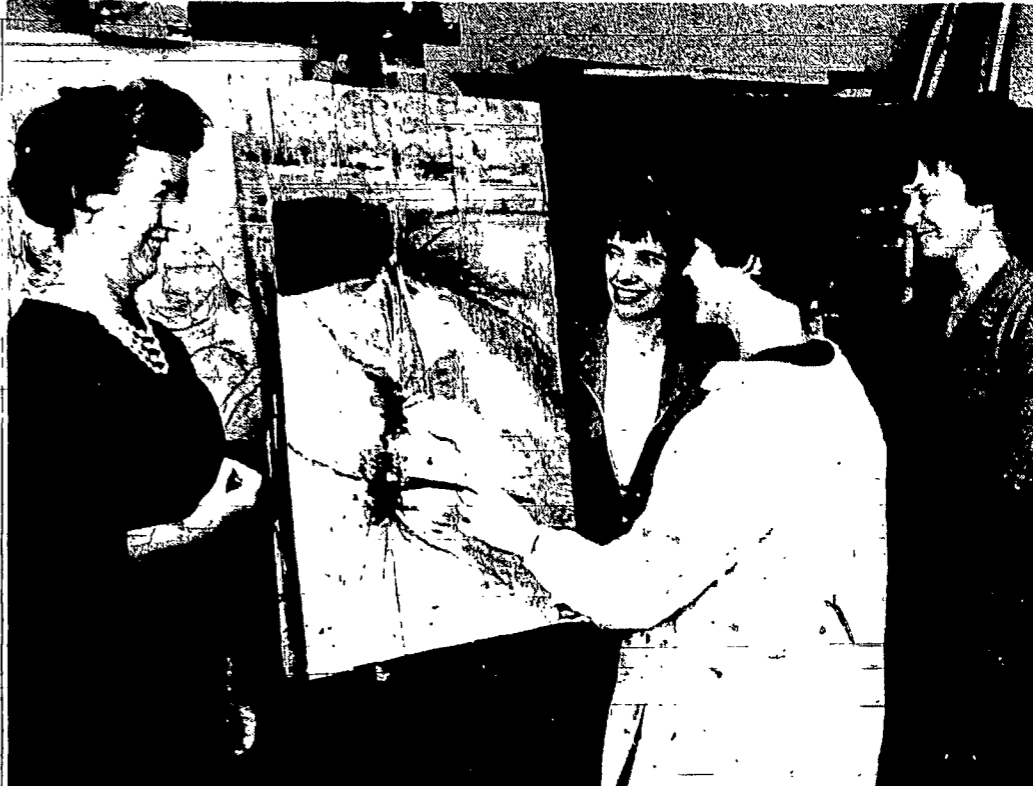
Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, Rochester dentist, left Tuesday, Jan. 10, for his twelfth annual crusade against toothaches in Africa.

Holding to the twelve theme that "it's cheaper by the dozen" he preceded his departure by shipping twelve x-ray units and twelve sterilizers plus close to 9 tons of medical and dental supplies to mission clinics in central Africa.

He plans to aid nuns of the Medical Missionaries of Mary in their works of mercy in Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

He said at the Courier that "the scope and size" of the development of the nuns' healing apostolate is "simply unbelievable."

"Thank God, we haven't any major problems—except money," he said, but contributions to the nuns have steadily increased over the past several years. Donations may still be made, he explained, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



Beaux Arts Ball

A dinner dance sponsored by the Nazareth College Alumnae Association will be held at Oak Hill Country Club Saturday, Jan. 21, to benefit the College's new Arts Center. A "strolling gallery" will be on display during the ball featuring artistry of the College's Fine Arts Department. Getting a preview are Mrs. J. Mallory Loos, Colleen Kurtz, Mrs. Robert E. Parker and Mrs. Warren G. Urlaub. Tickets are available from Mrs. John J. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Donald E. Burke.



A Slice for Everyone

"Will the desire of religious communities to readjust their goals in the light of modern urban problems hurt the future of the Catholic schools?"

Many religious women today see a change in their vocation as teachers. Many feel that they are being too circumscribed by spending their professional lives in a classroom. Those who have moved out of the classroom into the inner cities, into the social agencies or onto the college campuses, feel a thrilling new sense of Christian mission.

It is not essential to the philosophy of Catholic education to have a nun in each classroom. It is not essential that all

This is the third and final portion of highlights of a talk given by Monsignor William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools, this past August. The entire talk is scheduled to be published in America magazine. This present summary has been prepared for the Courier by members of the Catholic Educational Congress.

principals of schools, all persons in authority, be religious. Catholic education will come of age when ample opportunities are provided for competent laymen to move to the very top positions.

The great competition between dioceses for the services of religious teachers has served to weaken Catholic education. Some nuns are assigned to

classrooms before they have had a chance to mature in the religious life. The Mother General should meet regularly with the Ordinaries of the dioceses in which the community works. Out of these discussions should come general agreement which will reduce the senseless competition that presently exists in many areas.

The Diocesan Superintendent of Education (not to be confused

with Director of Religious Education) must have the responsibility, as well as the authority, to see to the quality of Catholic education across the diocese. He must appoint principals, assign teachers, and control curriculum. His prime consideration in the assignment of personnel must be merit, and have nothing to do with whether

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