

New Horizons Sighted for Seminary

Bishop Sheen has pointed 73-year-old St. Bernard's Seminary toward new horizons. A Chanery statement revealed this week.

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THE BISHOP'S statement is as follows:

Major changes are being planned for St. Bernard's Seminary next scholastic year. Four

areas which until now have generally been in isolation one from another, will be linked together: the laity, the religious orders, the inner city and diversified spiritual training.

In order to impress students with the importance of Theology for the laity, a layman, Dr. Eulalio R. Baltazar, author of, "Teilhard and the Supernatural," will teach a course on the Philosophical Background of Dogma, with particular reference to nature and grace.

(Dr. Baltazar is a member of the faculty of the University of Dayton, Ohio.)

Religious orders, each of which have had its own seminaries for training priests with whom diocesan seminarians have had no commerce, will now, in keeping with the Decree of the Vatican Council, begin to work together. Some religious orders will send students to the seminary, and some of their professors, who have distinguished themselves for learning, will be

added to the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Nuns who have the proper academic training in philosophy will be admitted as auditors to the courses.

The seminary-centered type of training will now have added to it the world-encounter training. This will be done by deacons working with the problems of poverty, delinquency, ignorance and education in the inner city, in addition to fulfilling their required course of

studies. A trained professional corps, skilled in urban ministry, will supervise all the phases of this internship among the socially disinherited.

Finally, in order that there may be a holiness which goes beyond congeniality and liturgical protocol, and be a sign that one is sharing in the sufferings of Christ in humanity, the staff of spiritual directors will be increased to three. In addition to the director who is responsible for teaching the Biblical

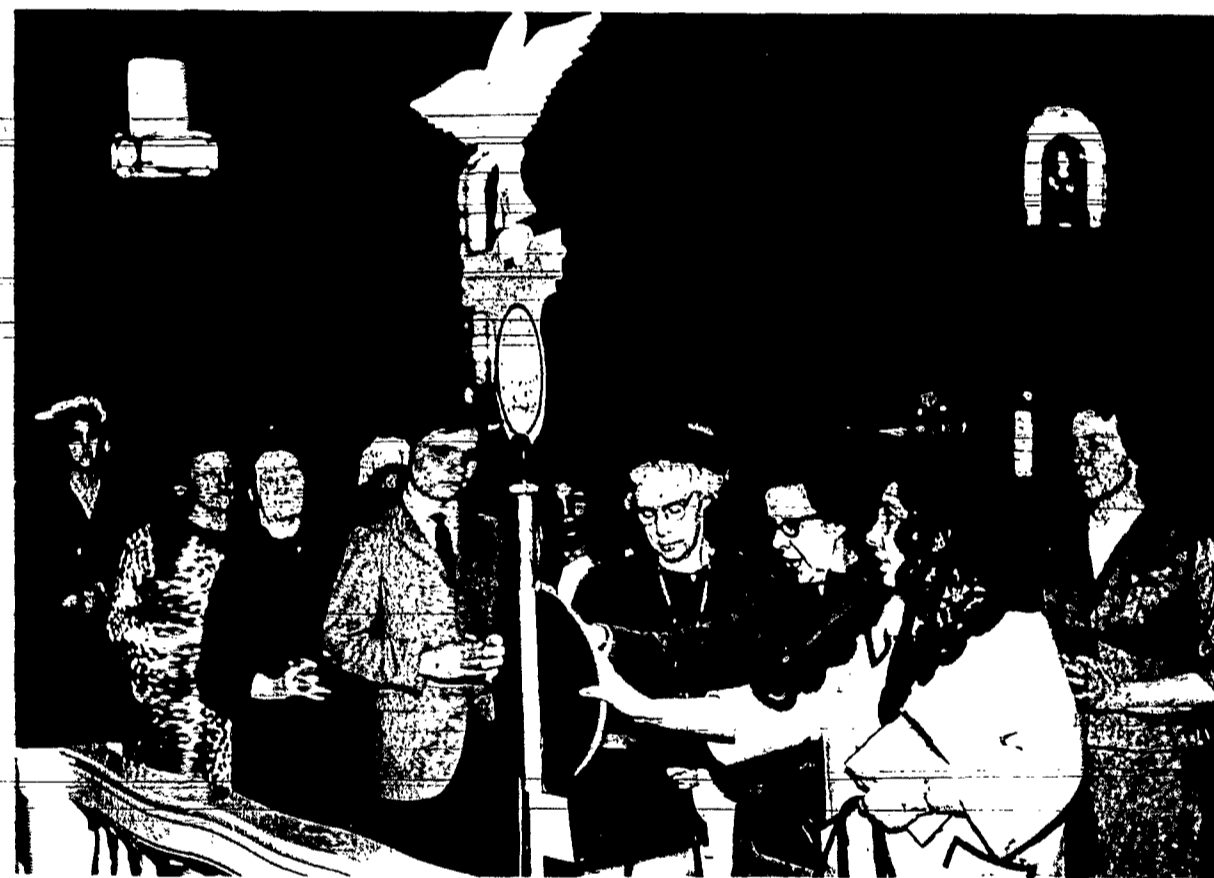
and ascetical doctrine which has always formed the substance of priestly spirituality, two other directors will be named.

One will be chosen who has served the foreign missions for many years and will relate spirituality to the mission of the Church, the other is one who has his special competence in counseling and the healing of broken human and Divine relationships.

Many young men training for the priesthood today are con-

fused by four divorces which the above proposals hope to heal. The divorce of the clerical and the lay; the religious and the diocesan clergy; the academic and the dust of human lives; and finally, holiness and the apostolate.

By healing these breaches, it is hoped that the missionary task of the Church will create the new theological context, and theological research will give the know-how for the missionary work.



Bishop Sheen led priests and laity at Legion of Mary acies rededication rite Sunday at St. Andrew's Church. Auburn Curia members will hear Bishop Kearney at similar rite this Sunday at St. Patrick's, Victor.

Bishop Tells Legion of Mary

'God is Clearing House'

"Are our vocations decreasing simply because the Holy Spirit is directing us in some way, to make more use of consecrated laity like yourselves? One thing is certain, these are not bad times; these are good times. God is clearing house. Yes, He's sweeping away debris. But the Spirit is moving, and is intensified here today, and intensified in you.

"And just as Gideon led a little army because God was with them, so Father Marvin has led you . . . and how zealously, too."

These words were spoken by Bishop Sheen to the nine hundred and fifty members of the Legion of Mary who gathered for their annual acies last Sunday, April 2, in St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

Six Monsignors, and over twenty priests, attended. Father John Hayes, Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, and Father Charles McCarthy, pastor of St. Andrew's were among those assisting at the ceremonies.

Bishop Sheen told those present, "Before the Vatican Council of the Church began, I was appointed as a member of one of the commissions. It was the commission on the laity. And the one society that was always held up as an example during the one or two years of the meeting of that pre-conciliar commission was the Legion of Mary."

He then recounted specific examples of the courage and faith demonstrated by Legionaries in Africa and in China, examples that he had seen, and other bishops had seen, examples that could account for the praise of the bishops of the commission.

Then, looking out at his audience the way a strong general might look at new troops under his command—just before a great battle, Bishop Sheen said, "You will come up and make your pledge, and commit yourselves to Our Lady. I beg to remind you as you do this that we are very apt to transfer the glory, the beauty of Our Lady

in heaven to this earth, and to think of her during her earthly life as the peaceful, benign creature that we see in our statues. The more you study the Scriptures, the more you become convinced that Our Blessed Lady had to merit that title which she wore . . . Queen of Martyrs. In other words, she had to suffer more than all martyrs."

The Bishop, citing examples from Scripture, showed the sufferings of Mary, and then said, "Therefore, my good people, those of you who are committing yourselves to a Legion, to an army, that is under Mary, are under the leadership of someone from whom the Lord expected great tasks, so the Church expects great fruit from you."

After the ceremony, two men were discussing the Bishop's talk.

"It certainly gives us a lot to live up to."

"Do you think we will?"

"We have to."

Thongs Hear Bishop Sheen

A three day congress "Christ, Women and the World" will conclude today with Bishop Sheen celebrating Mass at Corpus Christi Church at 7:30 p.m.

He will also give the talks of the congress for young women at the Auditorium Theater at 12:30 noon, 3 and 5:30 p.m.

The congress, first of its kind, has drawn hundreds of college students and young wives and workers. Pictures of the congress will be in next week's Courier.

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Parish Council for Laity at Holy Family

"Every layman should openly reveal to his pastor his needs and desires with that freedom and confidence which befits a son of God and a brother in Christ . . . Let this be done through the agencies set up by the Church for this purpose . . . that is a directive of the Vatican Council.

Members of Holy Family Church, Rochester, will have a two-day opportunity to take advantage of that directive.

A parish convention to air parishioners' opinions on education, parish organizations, financial affairs and spiritual life will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16.

More than 50 parishioners have been at work as members of eight preparatory commissions to ready an agenda for discussion on the convention floor.

In a letter inviting parishioners to attend the convention, Monsignor George Cocuzzi, pastor, told them, "This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our parish."

All parishioners 18 years of age or older are eligible to attend. High school students of the parish will be admitted to the session on youth activities.



Edward Winterkorn, chairman of next week's Holy Family parish convention, ponders a point on the agenda.

Edward F. Winterkorn, convention chairman, and Mrs.

Robert M. Engel, secretary, said they sense "a tremendous

enthusiasm" developing for the convention.

They said when it was first proposed by Monsignor Cocuzzi many lay people thought "the priests should run things, it's none of the laity's business."

The preliminary work of the commissions has developed "a sense of responsibility in all of us," Winterkorn said. "The preparation work has been a liberal education for all of us," he said.

Chairmen of the commissions are George Ringholz, education; Anthony DeCarlo and Miss Alice Ferguson, youth; George Stockmeister, parish activities; Michael Turkolek, spiritual life; Joseph Hoffman, financial affairs; Miss Selma Will, publicity; Miss Loretta Appel, registration, and Al Colavecchia, ways and means.

Convention schedule begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with Monsignor Cocuzzi giving the keynote talk at 9:30. Education commission report and discussion, 10:10 a.m.; youth commission at 1 p.m. and parish activities report at 3 p.m. The spiritual commission report and discussion will take place Sunday at 1:45 p.m. and the financial commission at 3:40 p.m.

Unity Events for Women in 5 Parishes

Women of five parishes in Brighton, Chill, Rochester and Webster will take part in ecumenical activities this month.

Exchange open-house programs are scheduled at three parishes this Sunday, April 9—Holy Apostles Church and

Grace Presbyterian Church from 2 to 4 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Church and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, starting at

2:30 p.m., and at St. Andrew's Church from 2 to 5 p.m.

An ecumenical program is also planned by the women of St. Helen's Church, Chill, and Parkminster. United Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, April 12, at 8 p.m.

Women of both churches will attend a Bible Vigil service at St. Helen's to be conducted by Monsignor Patrick J. Flynn and Rev. Herman King.

Following the church service, an entertainment program will be held in the parish hall and include a skit "To Tell the Truth" presented by members of the two churches. There will also be a "Unity Tableau" dramatizing the Vatican Council's decree on ecumenism—Mrs. H. William Gell and Mrs. Herman King are chairmen of the event.

St. Monica's Christian Mothers Society of Holy Trinity Church, Webster, have invited members of other Webster churches to "an ecumenical tea and church tour" Sunday, April 16, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Chairmen are Mrs. Edward Abel and Mrs. John O'Brien.

Couple-chairmen for the April 9 programs which have been arranged as part of programs are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camilla and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tuohy Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Belain.

This Sunday's program has been arranged as part of a continuing diocesan-wide project of the Ecumenical Open House Committee of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Bishop Butler To Visit U.S.

London — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Benedictine monk Christopher Butler of Westminster, one of Britain's best known Catholic scholars, will leave London for a two-week lecture tour of the United States.

Bishop Butler, a leading theologian, is known for his liberal views. He was an outstanding speaker at the Second Vatican Council.

The Pope's Encyclical and The Bishop's Pastoral — a special 8 page tabloid —

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Mrs. Joseph Bonjorno, Mrs. Herman King and Mrs. H. William Gell met in an early-spring snowstorm to plan April 12 get-together for women of St. Helen's and Parkminster churches in Chill.

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