



Sonyea Chapel Redecorated

Father Dominic Mokevicius celebrates Easter Mass at the redecorated chapel at the Craig Colony, Sonyea. Father Mokevicius, chaplain, said he was "deeply grateful" to "friends, staff members and patients" who contributed to the redecorating expenses. "But we still have some bills to pay and we'd appreciate some more contributions." Redecoration included a new altar to face the congregation.

Corning Parents Question

What's Ahead for Schools

"Parish Education — What's Ahead?" will be the topic at the quarterly meeting of the southern tier region of the Christian Family Movement. The meeting will be held at St. Patrick's parish, Corning, Friday, April 14, at 8 p.m. C.F.M. couples from Corning, Ithaca, Elmira, Horseheads, Owego, and Cornell University are expected at the meeting.

The feature of the evening's program will be a panel discussion of the future of parish education conducted by Monsignor William M. Roche, Sister Marietta of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, and Joseph A. Mercier.

Robert L. Meteyer, a C.F.M. member from the host parish, will serve as moderator. After

an initial presentation by each member of the panel, the floor will be opened to questions from the audience. Following a brief business meeting during which each C.F.M. group will give activity reports, the meeting will conclude with refreshments.

Monsignor Roche, superintendent of schools for the Rochester Diocese, recently returned from the National Catholic Educational Association Convention at Atlantic City where he spoke on the future course of parochial school education. He has also recently published an article on the subject in America magazine. He will outline the role of the parochial school system in the parishes of the future.

Sister Marietta, the supervisor of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Rochester, will describe the future of the Confraternity in her concept of "Total parish education."

Joseph Mercier, the father of eight and a member of Our Lady of Mercy parish in Rochester, is a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the coordinator of adult education in his parish. A past participant in programs for the priests of the Diocese sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, he will present a critique of religious education and offer suggestions for the future from a layman's point of view.

The program will be open to the public.

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153 Receive KC Degree

The third or major degree of the Knights of Columbus was exemplified to 153 candidates on April 2, at Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester under the co-chairmanship of George Schenk, District Deputy of the 93rd District and Victor A. DeSimon, District Deputy of the 94th District.

The Erie County Degree Team under the direction of

James Ruh, State Ceremonial Chairman and Eugene Finucane, District Deputy of the 102nd District, Buffalo, conducted the ceremonies.

Among the dignitaries present were Francis Smith, Master, 5th District, 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus, Sam Baldime, District Deputy, 98th District, Westfield, N.Y., Paul Rombaut, State Oratorical Chairman.

The candidates, who made up one of the largest classes for the major degree to be held in Rochester, represented some 13 Knights of Columbus Councils in this diocese and the Buffalo diocese.

Grand knights present were: Robert Hafner, Webster; Edward Miller, Rochester; Everett Claudius, Canandaigua; Stephen Zohorian, Ithaca; John Morphy, Greece; George Burke, Henrietta; Armand Iala, Auburn; Michael Boehm, East Rochester; Richard Monacelli, Albion; Edward Herzog, Irondequoit; Stanley Dziemian, Batavia; Floyd Berlin, Westfield; R. Mondo, Medina.

After completion of ceremonies, PFC Jack Klein, U.S.

Army and Pvt. Tim Doyle, U.S.M.C., were knighted as the class representatives. A buffet dinner was held at Rochester Council Home, 513 Monroe Ave. for candidates and members.

St. Lucy's Mass Sundays 3:30

A mid-afternoon Mass will be celebrated at St. Lucy's Church, Troup St., Rochester, for those who are blind or suffer from eye afflictions.

Father Ignatius St. George, pastor, said that following the Mass, which will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m., prayers to St. Lucy will be said and then veneration of the relic of St. Lucy and individual blessing with the relic will be given to those with eye ailments.

St. Lucy, third century martyr, is patroness of the blind and those who have eye trouble. Sunday morning Masses at St. Lucy's are scheduled at 8, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Catholic Boycott Hits 'Man For All Seasons'

Cleveland — Catholic boycotting of movie theaters, much in the news 10 and 20 years ago, has become a major topic of debate here — touched off, ironically, when an "art" theater booked "A Man For All Seasons," the prize-winning film on St. Thomas More.

Immediately, the Cleveland diocese's Parent-Teacher League, through its Committee on Motion Pictures, announced that because of the Heights Art Theatre's "policy" of scheduling condemned films, "we are unable to recommend to our members that they go to see it at that theater."

This decision, published by the committee chairman in the letters-to-the-editor column of the diocesan "Catholic Universe Bulletin," drew a strong, lengthy rebuke from the executive board of the Diocesan English Teachers Association, and other letter-writers have both attacked and applauded the boycott.

At issue is not only the meaning and interpretation of the sentence in the annual film office "pledge" which reads, "I promise not to cooperate by my patronage with theaters which regularly show objectionable films," but also a difference of opinion as to the most effective way to discourage harmful films.

Several letter-writers, although admitting that "A Man For All Seasons" could be viewed at other theaters in the Cleveland area, argued that it was "short-sighted and spiteful" to boycott the Heights Art Theatre while "Seasons" was playing there.

"Wouldn't the charitable and apostolic attitude be to pack the theater to the doors during the showing of 'A Man For All Seasons' in order to show the management that thought-provoking and wholesome entertainment can be great financial successes?" asked an Akron woman. "Why try to put the man out of business? Why try to punish him? Why not try to encourage him to change his policy permanently?"

"And who knows," reasoned another, "perhaps by our patronage we can keep this film playing at the Heights Art Theatre, week after week after week, thus keeping some objectionable movie off the screen for the same length of time."

The chairman of the PTL's motion picture committee, Mrs. Henry Lewandowski, responded by citing the pledge sentence about patronage of theaters and added, "Until such time as our bishops revise this wording, we will abide by it."

Another writer, defending the boycott, insisted that to believe "callous theater operators" would be swayed by support of good films "is not only naive, it is downright ludicrous; but not, however, surprising in view of the 'good old Judas' philosophy now just as prevalent among Christians as among non-believers."

The longest letter printed by the "Universe Bulletin" during the controversy — running 18 inches — was a criticism of the boycott from the Diocesan English Teachers Association's executive board, composed of three laymen, three nuns and three Brothers.

"The boycott," they declared, "is indicative of the pious provincialism that has characterized Catholic thinking in many large U.S. suburban populations." They called attention to the fact that the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures has itself recently stated that it does not intend that all Catholics should avoid all "C" films.

Besides, they asked, "how is it that a theater in which 11 out of the 68 films screened annually are unacceptable can be said to have 'policy' of showing condemned films?"

It was revised in 1959, with a change of emphasis from "I condemn" to "I promise to promote by word and deed what is morally and artistically good in motion pictures entertainment." The promise to stay away from theaters that showed objectionable films "as a matter of policy" was changed to read, "theaters which regularly show objectionable films."

But since 1959, NCOMP has given more recognition to the diversity of audiences and has all but excluded "art house" audiences from those for whom NCOMP classifications are intended.

Parent-Teacher League may soon find itself in the ironic position of recommending a boycott of educational TV, since "C" films have been shown on the ETV circuit.

The executive secretary of NCOMP recently observed that the annual pledge is "one of the severe handicaps under which the office works" because of the confusion and controversy surrounding it, and it is not unlikely that it will be jettisoned in the near future.

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His first assignment was as assistant pastor, St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later in 1915 he was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Rochester. He was at St. Mary's Jan. 2, 1916 when the nearby Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy was hit by a disastrous fire that injured the Reverend Mother Irene and several other Sisters. His generosity to the homeless Sisters is recorded in the order's official history.

Before this assignment ended he was commended by many parishioners for tireless effort during the 1918 flu epidemic.

As pastor in Corning, Father Guilfoil supervised the building of a new church and rectory and the renovation of the school at a cost of \$350,000. This debt was liquidated in 1962. In 1962 he directed the enlargement and refurnishing of the convent chapel.

Bishop Sheen, in the eulogy at the Mass, told how Father Guilfoil was always anxious to be with his people. He was a well-known figure in Corning as he walked on his errands of mercy. Many parishioners remember him for his generosity providing the necessities of life for them in times of dire need.

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Father Guilfoil Last Rites Held

Bishop Sheen celebrated the Funeral Mass for Father Joseph E. Guilfoil, pastor-emeritus of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning, in that church, Tuesday, April 4.

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Spring Tea for Seton Units

Spring Tea in honor of Seton members of St. Mary's Hospital will be held on Sunday, April 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Bishop Kearney Educational Building. Chaplain Father John Rosse is shown with chairmen Mrs. Joseph Bayer and Mrs. Robert Howe.

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