



## 4th Degree Rite Honors Ray Nary

Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus of the Fifth New York District will be exemplified upon a large Class of Candidates on Sunday, Oct. 15 in Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, Rhinecliff Drive.

Master Francis J. Smith of the Fifth New York District has announced that this year's class will honor Sir Knight Raymond L. Nary, the former Master of this District.

CANDIDATES are to report to the Credentials Committee in the School Hall by 1:30 p.m.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church following the Degree and is open to all who may wish to attend.

The Ladies of Rochester Assembly will entertain the candidates ladies and the visiting ladies of the Sir Knights at a tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the home of Rochester Council No. 178, Knights of Columbus at 513 Monroe Avenue.

The Exemplification Banquet will be held following the Degree at 7 p.m. in the Manger Hotel, Rochester. James E. Foley, State Deputy of New State will be the principal speaker. Bishop James E. Kearney will also address Knights and Ladies. Monroe County Court Judge John J. Conway will serve as toastmaster.

Sir Knight James O. Stein of Webster is banquet chairman and all reservations for the banquet must be in his hands by Sunday, Oct. 9.

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## CCD Teacher Training Courses Draw

Welcoming enrollees to CCD Teacher Training Course are Father George Wiant and Sister Mary Marcella, RSM. The men, from left, are Gene Gladziszewski (St. Thomas parish) and Gerard Cargas (Christ the King parish). This scene was at Bishop Kearney High School, where 270 people are enrolled. The 14 centers throughout the diocese are training a total of 1,069 people for CCD work.

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## Schools in Ferment

By Mary Tinley Daly



Time was, and not too long ago, when Catholic parents "sent the kids to the Sisters," entrusted their religious and secular education to the Catholic schools, and that problem was solved. They went along, largely, with the Church's adage, "Every Catholic child in a Catholic school," carrying it from kindergarten through college.

This is no longer possible, in many areas, although the huge Catholic school system enrolls approximately 6 million of the 54 million school population of the United States.

The complacent parental attitude of the past has had a rather violent overthrow, perhaps justifiably so. Sparked not only by public criticism of Catholic education — from within and without the Church — but by close personal observation of their own local Catholic educational institutions, parents are questioning and demanding answers about the quality of education their children are receiving. In almost any group of thoughtful parents the subject comes along with the weather: politics, sports, and the weather.

This is all to the good, according to Father Neil G. McCluskey, S.J., visiting professor of education at Notre Dame University. In a paper on "Catholic Schools after Vatican II," Father McCluskey says recent criticisms, even when "irresponsible" and "foolish," have had the good result of making Catholic schools "stronger and healthier for not seeking refuge behind a clerical curtain."

### N.C.E.A. Study

Father McCluskey's paper is part of a 211-page study recently published by the National Catholic Educational Association and entitled "What is Happening to Catholic Education?" In study, 16 nationally known educators probe deeply into the state of Catholic education in the United States today and find answers and recommendations, some of them radical and far-reaching, for improvement of the schools.

Msgr. O'Neil C. D'Amour, superintendent of Catholic schools in the diocese of Marquette, Mich., in a paper on "Restructuring Patterns of Catholic Education," makes a strong plea for government economic aid to nonpublic schools, noting that in practice the government is imposing "severe economic strictures" on parents who choose to exercise their parental rights in choosing nonpublic schools for their children.

At the same time, he charges, Catholic schools have also been guilty of a "practical denial"

of parental rights by failing to give parents an effective voice. "The modern Catholic is willing to accept the Catholic school," he says, "but he demands that it be restructured so as to become more responsive to the meeting of his needs and to the realities of life in this second half of the 20th century." He urges that the Catholic school be regarded as a "community school," with a structure for policy formation representing the interests of the family, the Church and the state.

### High School Years

Perhaps of deepest concern to Catholic parents is the matter of high school, those four vitally important years, and this is the subject of a paper by Father McCluskey. He decries an "elitist" tendency in Catholic secondary education, pointing out that some 68% of Catholic high schools require admission tests and more than 80% charge tuition with the result that "there is not room for everyone in the Catholic high school. We take the better prepared youngsters whose parents can afford to pay the tuition and fees."

To counteract this, he urges more emphasis by Catholic educators on secondary schools, even at the expense of other levels of education.

"The need for more good Catholic high schools is so great that we should divert manpower and money from the college level to achieve this aim," he says. "I am referring to the many second-rate institutions whose future as solid four-year colleges is extremely doubtful. Dozens of them should revert to junior college status. Many others should be changed over and allowed to become first-rate secondary schools."

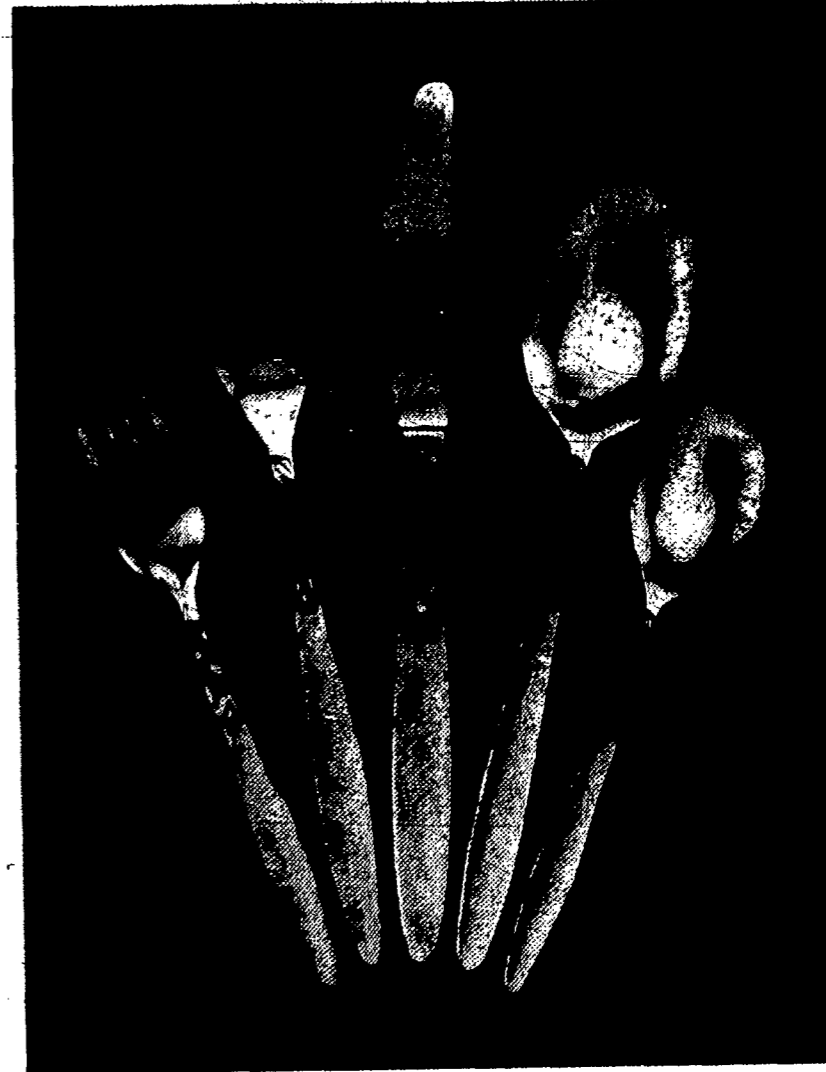
It is heartening to learn that educators of this caliber are turning their expertise to the Catholic school, also to the comment by Father McCluskey that there is "no question at all" but that such schools will stay in business, and that "America has been a better place because of the Catholic school."

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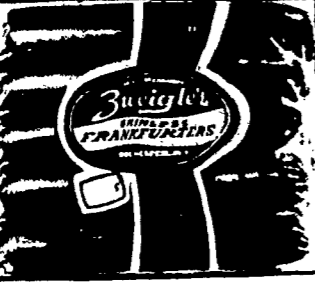
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