

# Youth

## Priest Makes Grotto In Spot For Teens

Williamsport, Pa. — (CPF) — If "Club Grotto" is an unusual name for a teen-age nightspot, it has an equally unusual manager—a Catholic priest who has made it one of the most successful teen-age nightclubs in the country.

Attracting up to 2,000 teenagers every Friday and Saturday nights, "Club Grotto" was rated last year by National Teen Clubs of America as the best teen club in Pennsylvania and the third best in its Northeast U.S. Region "for outstanding service to youth, for discipline and top entertainment."

Founded by the Rev. Girard F. Angelo and 13 seniors from his Confraternity of Christian Doctrine class at Mater Dolorosa Church several years ago, "Club Grotto" was once an old bar room owned by a millionaire.

"We've made it very elaborate, with carpeting, drapes on the windows and a gold-leaf ceiling," said Father Angelo, a 40-year-old priest who has specialized in youth work since his ordination 13 years ago. "It's an elegant place, so that the teenagers can feel they're really going someplace when they come here.



Father Girard F. Angelo at "Club Grotto," with the "house" band, "Prince Charles and the Royal Tones."

one of the big up-and-coming teen groups.

Only one of the boys in the band is from Mater Dolorosa parish, and in fact, three of them are Protestant and one is Jewish—an ecumenical mixture that characterizes the club's clientele as well.

Father Angelo chose the name "Club Grotto" for both its literal meaning and for its religious connotations. "A grotto is a place or a cave or somewhere that people can go and hide in," he explained. "It can be a place of seclusion. It can be a place to meditate. It can be a place to relax.

"Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Benedict and St. Scholastica and many others used a grotto to seclude themselves from the world. Since I deal with teenagers who have no place to bring out their emotions in a proper manner, I give them the Grotto. Since I counsel some troubled teenagers there, I felt the name 'Club Grotto' would serve the purpose."

"I've worked with teenagers all my life as a priest," said Father Angelo, "and I have a feel for their problems, which need special attention at this age. And they do keep me tied down for counseling in my office during the two nights."

"The elegance, the fun, the entertainment, and the counseling—this is the combination that accounts for the success of 'Club Grotto.'"

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Abe Raff, right, and Carmen Basilio.

## Mission Bouts At Aquinas

By Whit Johnson  
In the past 31 years Aquinas has given more than a half-million dollars to missions throughout the world—and a good deal of it has been earned by the Mission boxing bouts.

Tonight, 26 finalists remaining from more than 100 entrants will battle it out at the Aquinas Institute gymnasium for the title of Mission Bout Boxer. Carmen Basilio, one of the nation's best known boxers, will be a ring official.

For the finalists the bouts mean considerable fame. The odds against winning from the beginning of the season are long, yet there has never been a dearth of entries. The sheer difficulty of achieving a Mission Bout title imparts to it a special quality akin to baseball's no-hitter, golf's hole-in-one or bowling's 300 game.

Boxing has been a popular sport at Aquinas since the school began. The association with the

Missions began in 1937 and has been an annual feature ever since. On the Dewey Avenue campus they credit a quietly vigorous and purposeful, fatherly man, Frank "Hunk" Vadas, with having established the ideal atmosphere of sportsmanship, safety and freshness for these bouts.

But the Mission Bouts are more than an arena to display physical prowess. In the heart of every boy who enters the ring is the realization that he is doing something tangible—literally giving of himself for the Missions.

Assisting Vadas in producing the bouts are men of all faiths. Referees include Abe Raff, Sam Cappa and Judge John Masrella. Judges are Ray Stalker, Bob Kleisley and Jack Lyng. Announcer and long-time friend of the Aquinas Mission Bouts is Red Smith. Father Cyril F. Carter, C.S.B. is Aquinas athletic director.

The curtain raiser is set for 8 p.m.

"What makes the club special is the behavior of the kids. What we're trying to do is make them feel like ladies and gentlemen, so we insist that they dress nicely (boys in jackets and ties at all times) and act in an orderly fashion. The result is that they feel dignified here, and we get from 1500 to 2000 kids of age 15 to 21 coming here every Friday and Saturday night from all over the state."

"Club Grotto" has a large dance floor, tables for eating snacks and a "bar," where soft drinks are served by the "Grotettes," five teenage waitresses.

"We even have a balcony set aside for parents, where they can stay and watch what's going on," Father Angelo said. "But," he emphasized "they can't come down on the dance floor."

There is rarely much room there anyway, for Father Angelo lures big crowds to the club by booking live bands and top teen-age entertainers like

Neil Diamond and "Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels."

To cut down on the work involved in booking so many different bands, Father Angelo—himself a six-instrument musician—decided to form a "house" band, and that's a story all by itself.

Named "Prince Charles and the Royal Tones," the nine-piece combo of guitars, organ, drums, sax, trombone and trumpets has within a year become

## Lay Role To Grow In Baltimore Parish

Baltimore — (NC) — Lawrence Cardinal Shehan has recommended reorganization of all parishes in the Baltimore archdiocese to include a board of corporators, advisory board and parish council.

The recommendations were drafted by a special committee which the cardinal set up 18 months ago to seek methods revitalizing parish life.

Entitled "Guidelines for Parish Councils and Advisory Boards," it provides instructions for forming an organizational structure "designed to harness the various talents, skills and manpower in the parish."

"This board of corporators," the guidelines state, "with the machinery of the parish council and advisory board, is in an excellent position to cause meaningful things to happen in the parish. This board has the final say on all parish activities."

The parish council recommended in the guidelines would be composed of a representative from each recognized lay organization, the parish representative to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, and five members elected from the parish at large.

The purpose of the council, according to the guidelines, would be to coordinate parish activities, avoid duplication and be a forum to which the parish A.C.C.M. representative would report on programs proposed A.C.C.M.

## Leadership Honors For Geneva Teens

Geneva — Two De Sales High School teen-agers have earned Outstanding Teen-ager Awards for leadership in the school and are now eligible for possible state and national honors.

They are Joan Rickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rickey of 72 Brook St., and Charles Chester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chester of 60 Larchmont St., both in Geneva.

Their biographies, along with those of representatives from other high schools, are being evaluated on the state level. State winners will receive trophies from their governors and will then compete on the national level. Ten outstanding teen-ager leaders will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

## Cheerleaders' Tournament

In the C.Y.O. annual Diocesan Cheerleaders' Tournament held March 23, the teams from Holy Rosary, St. Thomas the Apostle (High School Divisions) and Sacred Heart and St. Salome (Elementary Divisions) took home top honors.

Also placing were high school teams from Sacred Heart, Holy Cross, St. Margaret Mary, St. Michael, Holy Name, and St. John the Evangelist, Greece. In the elementary division St. Michael's, Newark; St. Margaret Mary's, St. Francis DeSales, Geneva; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; Holy Name, St. Monica, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Michael's, took honors.

## Bowling

St. Helen's Ladies (March 18)  
Betty Bally 459, Betty Agostinelli 459, Maureen McConville 477, Anne Stryker 474, Gerry Stanski 469, Doris Kerr 457.

St. Margaret Mary Ladies (March 21)  
Jerry Carpenter 170, 186, 498; Marie Hanna 171, 478; Lorraine Hannon 193, 474; Jo Dosty 169; Loretta Kellyman 174, 457; Erna Fuller 165, 451; Evelyn Kalotaka 169, 442; Anne Kilpatrick 431; Jean Schuis 178, 428; Pauline Rooney 164, 421; Joyce Stankowski 415; Ed DeBucke 418; Lee Zogby 418; Viola Webster 410; Jan Pero 407; Bernice Zlotnik 402; Veronica Sullivan 402; Celi Schleuter 400.

St. Theodore's Ladies (March 21)  
Ariene Conrad 191, 515; Marge Lecher 141, 141, 141; Mary Cicis 191.

St. Charles Ladies (March 29)  
Virginia Smith 177, 490; Dorothy Young 178, 490; Kay Villa 178, 453; Millie Pilo 171, 449; Lois Crane 446; Kay Hamill 442; Marge Gesser 171, 440; Dolores B. Widow 205, 217; Bob Miller 421; Grace Rossi 414; Ann De Wolf 418; Pat Vandewalker 408; Arline Volkmar 178, 405.

Sacred Heart Ladies (March 23)  
M. Harmes 228, 183, 166, 572; J. Paduano 210; E. Symms 191, 189, 617; J. Calleney 190; A. Shaw 189; A. McCarthy (s) 187, 169; 164, 522; M. Maslyn 184; A. Ferrara 183; L. Long 183; K. Schrader 180; P. Martone 179; G. Modzelewski 178, 170; J. Baker 177; C. Gordnier 177; T. Stalischer 177; G. Cousins (s) 171; L. Houck 167; D. McKoon 167; D. Stavalone 164; P. Clemens 161; P. Kraft 160; B. Schulze 160.

Sacred Heart Men (March 23)  
W. Harmes 174 Triplicate; S. Charbonneau 242, 228, 207, 672; M. Lewandowski 228, 213, 206, 658; D. Lechner 220, 213, 205, 608; B. LaCrosse 221, 608; M. Holford 209, 200; R. Rivers 242; J. Tuite 241; M. Metcalfe 218; A. Dokey 215; E. Clarke 211; T. Halpin 210; R. Paduano 208; B. Dady 205; B. Widow 205; J. Roberts 204; F. Strouwer 204; W. Graumens 208; S. Lane 200; J. Jabone 200.

Catholic Men's — North Park (March 21)  
Joseph Kaputa 208, 224, 642; Joseph Fronczak 208, 226, 625; Nick Schwab 210, 228, 628; Donald Valle 228, 224, 622; Robert Gail 215, 219, 616; John Michalowski 222, 614; Paul Cress 220, 205, 613; Dennis DeGeorge 244, 612; Frank Lipna 208, 221, 609; Serge Charbonneau 201, 218, 608; Chris Casale 218, 600; Jim Pizzi 224, 600.

Henry Adamski 231, 210; Jim Enright 210, 225; John Bloom, Sr. 216, 211; Harry Delabovick 204, 214; Robert Quist 202, 218.

Frank Kruppenhauer 247; Ray Lill 246; Bruce Miller 244; Frank Kiel 235; Pat Regna 233; Bob Goodwin 229; Ralph Miller 215; Bob Wylche 215; John Bloom, Jr. 224; Vince Patis 223; Tom Chichino 221; Ron Thomson 221; Ben Kinney 219; Mike Colletti 218; Mike Lanek 218.

Jack Miller 215; Len Bossert 218; Sam Ferris 218; Walt Harris 218; Jim Dimino 211; Peter Ford 210; George Paul 210.

## Aquinas Color Guard Triumphs

Aquinas Institute's crack Color Guard first place recently in competition at Toronto, Ont. The contest, sponsored by the Optimists International, is an annual event in the Canadian city.

Last year Aquinas took first place in the competition and this year successfully defended its championship. Second place was won by the Michael Power Knights, a group from Bishop Power High school which is operated by the Basilian Fathers who conduct Aquinas.

James Allen is color guard commander and David Rigby drummer for the 17-man precision team. Father John R. Whitley is instructor.

## Bishop For Tanzania

Vatican City — (RNS) — Father Bruno Zwissler, a Benedictine priest, was named by Pope Paul VI as the first Bishop of the Njombe in Tanzania.

## Tops Public Pay

Parma, Ohio — (NC) — Byzantine Catholic High School has contracted to provide starting salaries of \$6,000 for first-year teachers with a bachelor's degree. Starting salary now for a first-year teacher in the Parma Public School System is \$5,885 — \$315 a year less than the new rate at Byzantine High.

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