

McLuhan to Be Speaker At Fisher Graduation

Marshall McLuhan, this century's "high priest of communications," will be commencement speaker at St. John Fisher College at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, and will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the college.

The college, which currently enrolls 1,200 students, will confer 263 degrees this year at its 15th commencement exercises.

Dr. McLuhan spent the 1967-68 academic year at Fordham University, where he held the Albert Schweitzer Chair in Humanities. He is director of the Center for Culture and Technology at the University of Toronto, which deals with the psychic and social consequences of technologies and media.

Dr. McLuhan, a Canadian, has taught at several Canadian and U.S. universities. He was chairman of the Ford Foundation Seminar on Culture and Communication from 1953 to 1955, is a former editor of "Explorations" magazine, and was director of the media project for the National Association of Educational Broadcasters and the U.S. Office of Education in 1959-60.

He has made numerous television appearances, has contributed to many

literary journals and has had several books published.

He is a personal friend of the Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, CSB, president of St. John Fisher College, and of Father Joseph B. Dorsey, CSB, dean. They were colleagues for many years at the University of Toronto.



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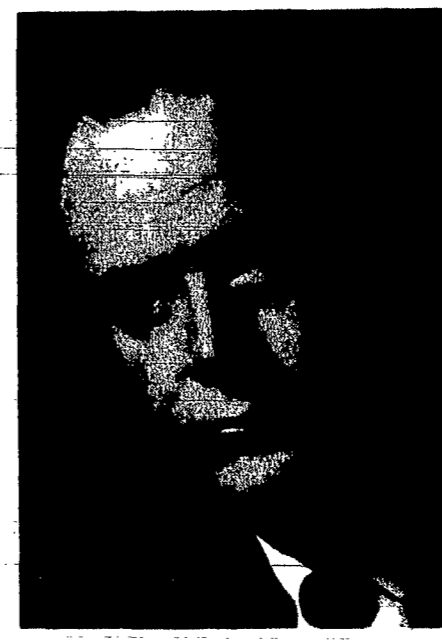
Seminarian's Ordination Set in Ohio

The Rev. Richard J. Masciangelo, CPPS, whose studies for the priesthood have been completed at St. Bernard's Seminary, will be ordained at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, in his home parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Niles, Ohio, by Bishop James W. Malone, Bishop of Youngstown.

The ordinand entered the novitiate of the Precious Blood Fathers in 1962, and completed his college studies at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, and at St. John Fisher College, majoring in philosophy.

He began theological studies in 1965 at Gregorian University, in Rome, Italy. His second year was taken at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Geneva, N.Y., and in 1967 he entered St. Bernard's Seminary. He has been residing at the Most Precious Blood House of Studies, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester.

Among concelebrants of his first Mass in Niles on April 27 will be the Very Rev. Joseph P. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; the Very Rev. Albert DePascale, CPPS, rector of the Most Precious Blood House of Studies in Rochester; and the Very Rev. Nicholas Arioli, CPPS, of Niles, a Rochester native who is vicar provincial of the Precious Blood Fathers' Atlantic Vicariate.



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1,000 Teachers to Attend Annual Lay Institute

An estimated 1,000 teachers in the Rochester Diocese have registered for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine's Lay Institute, April 26 at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Featured on the program for the day are two eminent authors and lecturers in the field of religious education: Mrs. Mary Reed Newland and Father James DiGiacomo.

Mrs. Newland's books, both for

children and for parents, have been translated into four languages.

Father DiGiacomo is currently on the faculties of both Fordham and Loyola universities.

Also on the program are workshops and discussions on the present and future role of the CCD in religious education, and contemporary methods of educating.



AMONG "PRINCIPALS" AT MPB SCHOOL — Recent activities at Most Precious Blood School have involved Sister Anne Maura, SSJ., principal, and (from left): Joseph Vetromile, president of the recently-elected Student Council; Jean Cimino, student organizer; Debra Casacelli, student coordinator, and Robert Dardano, winner of a four-year scholarship to Cardinal Mooney High School.

Most Precious Blood Refuses To Throw in School Towel

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Faced one year ago with an indication from the diocesan school office that their small school should be closed, parents, faculty and children of Most Precious Blood School have come up with a resounding "no!"

And they've done many things to back up their determination — proving that "where there's a will there's a way."

During the last 12 months the school has become one of the most "progressive" in the area, according to the pastor, Father Sebastian Congiaco, CPPS, the parents, the parish school board, the principal, Sister Anne Maura, SSJ., and the pupils.

Despite limited space, compared with most schools, MPB School has "come alive in the new generation," and is using its facilities to greater advantage.

With only 165 pupils in eight grades — and only four classrooms, two grades to a room — they have evolved a system of an augmented faculty (volunteer parents) and use of the building's auditorium-gymnasium as a "learning center."

Sister Anne pointed out that the use of the gymnasium — where at times there can be three and four classes conducted simultaneously — has added a measure of "movement" for the pupils. Their several two-minute trips to and from classroom to gymnasium, to reassemble for a renewed or new subject study, has helped relieve the erstwhile boredom of "five hours in the same classroom with the same teacher."

Many new techniques have been introduced, Sister noted (a "3-M reading program" for first graders, a "pupil-team learning," with two pupils joining together to correct and evaluate their own work, etc.), so that the children now are "enjoying the learning process."

As for the faculty, there now are three Sisters, three fulltime and three parttime lay teachers, plus parent volunteers who come twice weekly in afternoons to teach gym exercises and other topics. All this for only 165 pupils.

Last Christmas, Sister Maura said, the children engaged in a Christmas play which enlisted the participation of every pupil in the school in either cast, production, tickets, ushers, etc.

Recently, at their own request, pupils undertook formation of a Stu-

dent Council. They launched an election campaign for representatives from each class — replete with signs, speeches and lobbyists — and the Council now has officers and a set of guidelines for playground activities, rule violations, etc.

Among other claims to pupil excellence, Sister Anne pointed out that of 24 eighth graders, the 23 who took entrance examinations for Catholic high schools all were accepted.

It had been an earlier decision by the Sisters of St. Joseph, however, that because of commitments and demands throughout the diocese, they would be unable to continue to staff MPB School beyond next June.

Will this inevitably necessitate the school's closing?

Again came a definite "no!" from parishioners and parents.

Father Sebastian announced that three Sisters Adorant of the Precious Blood (from Pennsylvania, whose motherhouse is in Niles, O.) will staff the school beginning next September. It will be the first time this community will have served in the diocese.

Thus the response to data to last year's threat that Most Precious Blood School should be closed.

Newark Church Century Old

Newark — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27, to mark the 100th anniversary of St. Michael's Church.

Father Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor, said parishioners are planning two other centennial events — a parish dance May 10 and a picnic in June.

Former pastors and assistants at St. Michael's will attend the April 27 Mass.

Parish records indicate that in 1852 Mass was offered in a building at 308 E. Miller St. by priests from Lyons who came to Newark by horse and buggy. In 1869 St. Michael's in Newark officially became a mission of St. Michael's in Lyons. It was established as a parish in 1903.

The present church building was dedicated in that year by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, who named Father James J. Gibbons first resident pastor.

Father Gibbons served until his death in 1927, being succeeded by Father John J. Ganey. On the lat-



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ter's transfer to Clifton Springs in 1945, Father Henry J. Doerbecker became pastor, serving until his retirement in 1957. He is now residing in St. Ann's Home. He was succeeded by Father McDonnell.

St. Michael's School, staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, was opened in 1954. Increased enrollment necessitated enlargement, and in 1960 parishioners undertook a campaign for funds.

Pledges totaling \$262,000 — \$87,000 over the minimum goal — were reported at the close of the campaign. The building addition included a combination auditorium-gymnasium.

Bishop Sheen To Discuss Tenets of Faith

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will discuss "Basic Tenets of Faith" in the first of three bi-weekly lectures at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Nazareth Academy.

Bishop Sheen's series of talks, scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m., are part of the Adult Theology Program now under way at the Lake Avenue school and also in Geneva, Canandaigua, Hammondsport, Bath, and Wayland.

The bishop's second and third lectures are scheduled at Nazareth at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 13 and 27.

Adult Theology courses are now in progress on Monday nights in Geneva and in Hammondsport-Bath; on Tuesday nights in Rochester and Canandaigua, and on Thursday nights in Wayland.

Restored Churches

Plan 1st Masses

First Masses in two new churches in Rochester and Tronduquoit — each replacing building destroyed by fire — will be offered on Sunday, May 4.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will lay the cornerstone of the St. Salome's Church building at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27. Father Walter E. Fleming, pastor, said first Masses will begin on the following Sunday.

Father Charles B. Connell, pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, said first Masses there will begin May 4. Bishop Hickey laid the cornerstone of the new structure on Palm Sunday.

Formal dedication of the new buildings will be scheduled within a few months.

Canada Ordination Set For Native of Rochester

The Rev. Richard L. Starks, a Rochester native, will be ordained to the priesthood at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, in the Canadian Martyrs Church, Combermere, Ont., Canada.

Father Starks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Starks, 80 Croyden Road, will return to Rochester to celebrate Mass at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25, in his home parish at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Humboldt Street.

Freshening at the Mass will be Father Robert J. Kanka, assistant pastor of St. Michael's Church. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Father Starks will be ordained by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph R. Windle of the Pembroke Diocese, and will celebrate his first Mass the next day at Madonna House in Combermere.

After studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, he joined the Madonna House Apostolate in 1964, and continued study of theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton. He expects to be assigned to one of the Madonna House missions.

Assisting at his first Mass in Rochester will be three uncles who are priests, Father Mansfield Starks, Glenville, N.Y.; Father Donald L. Starks, West Albany and Father Griffin, St. Asselin's, Toronto.



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Father Starks is the eldest of three brothers and four sisters. They include David, married and living in Buffalo; Martha, a therapist at Fordham University Hospital, Virginia, at Our Lady of Mercy High School; Dolores and Bernadette, at St. John the Evangelist's School, and Gregory, a pre-schooler.

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