



Outstanding students graduated June 8 from the training schools of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, are shown with Auxiliary Bishop James E. McCafferty, who presided, and their chaplain, Father Cyril Guise, O.C.D. Nursing school award winners are, from the left, Timothy Houlihan of Susquehanna, Pa., cited for leadership in student activities; Mrs. Mary Jean Manion MacKenzie of Rochester, excellence in nursing practice, and Christine Korsch, Rochester, highest scholastic achievement. The young men at the right are John Haley of Syracuse, who took the award for highest scholastic achievement in the School of X-Ray Technology, and Richard Salsberry of Waverly, judged to be the "most deserving student" at that school.

Msgr. Ellis Finds 'Heroes' in Baltimore

Baltimore — (NC) — Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, Church historian, said he discovered in the Baltimore archdiocese several exceptions to the "virtually universal presence of a high degree of paranoia in the American Catholic community."

The "main streams" which have helped to form the "paranoid" character of American Catholicism, with its resulting "crisis," he said, include the Irish influence and the "siege mentality."

The Baltimore archdiocese has somehow managed to overcome such handicaps, Msgr. Ellis indicated. He praised the archdiocese's Senate of Priests, its Commission for Christian Unity, A. E. P. Wall, editor of the archdiocesan newspaper, and Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, the archbishop, as examples of the willingness "to take a risk."

He cited first the strong Irish influence. Men of Irish birth and descent have played important roles in the Church, he said, and they have brought it, along with their talents, "a peculiar sensitiveness by reason of the deep wounds inflicted on them by centuries of persecution and discrimination."

A second cause, Msgr. Ellis said, is the fact that "in many ways Americans are a paranoid people."

He traced this from the Salem witch trials through the activities of the "John Birch Society, the Black Panthers and the Slidens for a Democratic Society," all of whom, he said, have helped make the 1960s "perhaps the most scare-ridden decade in American history."

A third cause of the Catholic "paranoia," he said, is the "siege mentality" of the Church itself following the Reformation. Subsequent historical and cultural developments reinforced this mentality.

This defensiveness, the historian said, has guided the training of priests and has "left them ill prepared to cope with adversities" in a changing Church.

"Were I . . . to be asked what I would regard as the most damaging single weakness or defect in the Church of this country, as well as in the Roman Catholic Church of the world," the historian said, "I would unhesitatingly reply it is the failure of far too many of her spokesmen to be open and honest."

Expanded Health Insurance

Minneapolis — (RNS) — The Catholic Hospital Association was told here that there is a "high probability of nationwide extension of social insurance for general hospital and physician's care within the near future."

Dr. Milton I. Roemer, professor of health service organization at the School of Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles, said: "Some have proposed as a next step, health insurance coverage of another age group—children—so that the dependent persons at both ends of the life span are governmentally protected, leaving the middle years of economic self-efficiency for voluntary insurance (perhaps with public coverage also of the disabled of any age)."

"By any of these routes there could be a variety of administrative mechanisms for coverage ranging from direct national enrollment (like the old-age pension system), to mandatory enrollment in existing health insurance plans (like the old German system) and variants in between."



Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty celebrated Mass, gave the homily and presented diplomas last Sunday at graduation exercises for the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Hornell. Shown with him are prize winners in the class of 16, Donna Brown, left, whom the faculty designated the "ideal nursing student"; Carol Ann Hays, who won the Women's Board award for second highest average, and Cheryl Marie Linehan, medical staff award for highest average. Susan E. Rogers of Painted Post earlier had received the Hornell Zonta Club's award as the "outstanding" student.

'Chaplain of Year' Twice-Given Gift in Bishop's Fund

Minneapolis — (NC) — The deeply spiritual sense of the best public relations man in the York would like to establish an annual award which would be given to "the outstanding Catholic hospital chaplain of the year."

He made the suggestion June 11 in a speech at the National Association of Catholic Chaplains dinner here. The Chaplains held their annual meeting concurrently with the Catholic Hospital Association convention.

(Representing the Rochester Diocese at the national convention were the following area chaplains: Fathers John Rosse from St. Mary's Hospital; Daniel Torney, General Hospital; William Holberton, Strong Memorial, and Bruce Ammering of Monroe Community Hospital.

The cardinal praised and encouraged chaplains as "unsung heroes" who see the sufferings of those they serve as the sufferings of Christ. He reminded the chaplains of the influence they have on all people around them.

"It seems to me the members of the NACC are — in a

Bishop Sheen's Housing Foundation was enriched by \$15 when Marion C. Leaty transferred the County Social Services Department.

That was the "going away" present her colleagues gave her at a dinner Tuesday night. Miss Leaty transferred the check to the fund the bishop raises to help poor people buy homes.

St. Mary's Women Schedule Dinner

St. Mary's Women's Club will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the Wishing Well, Chili Ave. Reservations may be made through Carol Ferris, 288-4156, or Jean Burns, 235-2478.

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