

# All Parishes to Receive Questionnaire on Schools

Mailings of a 60-item questionnaire began today from the diocesan School Office to pastors of all parishes as the first stage in the most complete attitudinal survey ever attempted in the Rochester Diocese.

Nearly 120,000 families or individuals will be quizzed this month on their "attitudes" about such crucial current issues as the value of Catholic education, the released-time program, financial problems of parishes and schools, reorganization of the diocesan school system, integrated education and many others.

Parochial school children of the diocese will get the survey folder on March 16 with instructions to take it home for family discussion. After

parents and children mark their attitudes the papers will be returned to the school principals for forwarding to the Pastoral Office.

Parishioners not reached through the children and all diocesans whose parish has no school will receive the survey form at their church on Palm Sunday, March 22. These forms are to be mailed back directly to the Pastoral Office after completion.

Father Daniel Brent, diocesan Superintendent of Schools, announced the survey plans today. Details on the contents of the questionnaire will be released next week just before it will be distributed in the parishes.

Explaining the goals of the survey

Father Brent said: "The assessment of attitudes on our educational efforts is considered to be more important right now than the cost-analysis and the review of educational programs and facilities which we have been studying.

"We have been preparing for this massive questioning, now being aimed at every home and parishioner in the diocese, for nearly 8 months." Total processing of the data amassed and evaluating of the results may take a full year, Father Brent admitted. But significant implications from the material picked up in March will surely have an influence on policy decisions required before summer about the school system's future, he said.



Planning for lecture on Buddhism to be given Sunday night at Sisters of Cenacle House in Rochester are, from left: Mrs. Theresa Keenan, Miss Mary Queenan, Miss Jean Flanagan; Edward G. Moran, general chairman for forthcoming Cenacle fund campaign, and Miss Rosalie Nesser.

## Zen Buddhism To Be Topic At Cenacle

Father Albert P. Bartlett, S.J., rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School, will discuss Zen Buddhism in a lecture at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the Sisters of the Cenacle House, 693 East Ave., Rochester.

Proceeds from the lecture will go to a renovation fund for which friends of the Cenacle House now are mounting a campaign. Fee for the talk is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

Father Bartlett will discuss the Zen Buddhism form of mysticism and contrast it with the asceticism which prevails in Western religions. He will comment on reasons the Oriental religion has been gaining some followers among U.S. youth.

## Services Held for Three Killed in Auto Collision

Funeral services were held in two Rochester churches this week for two teachers and a student from Bishop Kearney High School, Irondequoit, who were killed Friday night, Jan. 27, 1970, when their station wagon slid out of control on Route 17 in the Catskills and collided with another car.

Killed were Brother Joseph C. Crane, CFC., 32, Brother John P. Stewart, CFC., 22, and James W. Hebing, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hebing of 76 Crossfield Rd.

Brothers Crane and Stewart were members of the Congregation of Christian Brothers which, with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, staffs the high school. It was their first

year of teaching here. Hebing was a senior.

The three were on their way from Rochester to a Christian Brothers school conference at Iona College, New Rochelle, to speak about the progress of their school's action program of social work. The accident occurred in the Sullivan County community of Wurtsboro, near Monticello.

The funeral Mass for Hebing was celebrated Tuesday morning in St. Ambrose Church. Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mary Ann, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James V. Paratore.

A Mass for the two teachers was celebrated Monday morning in Christ the King Church. The bodies then were flown to their home cities for Masses on Tuesday. They were interred Wednesday in the Brothers' Cemetery at Santa Maria Novitiate, West Park, N.Y.

Brother Crane is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crane of New York City. Brother Stewart is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stewart of West Roxbury, Mass.

## Father Rhode Requiem Held in Elmira

Elmira — Mass for repose of the soul of Father Andrew A. Rhode, 75, native Elmira, was held this week in St. John the Baptist Church here.

Born Dec. 4, 1895, he was the son of John and Johanna (Affeldt) Rhode. He attended St. Peter & Paul

School here and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, Rochester. He was ordained in June 1922. Father Rhode served briefly as assistant at two Rochester diocesan churches—St. John the Baptist, Elmira, and St. Andrew's, Rochester.

## Two Basilians to Note 50 Years as Priests

Two retired Basilians, formerly of Aquinas Institute faculty, will mark their 50th anniversaries of ordination at a concelebrated Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

They are Father John C. Spratt, CSB., 79, and Father Charles E. Donovan, CSB., 78.

Concelebrating the Mass with them will be Bishop Hogan; the Very Rev. Joseph C. Wey, CSB., of Toronto, superior general of the Basilian Order, and Father Donald E. Kuder, superior of the Basilian residence at 402 Augustine St.

George Cardinal Flahiff, CSB., Archbishop of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, has been invited to attend. Bishop James E. Kearney also will be present.

The two jubilarians were ordained together on Feb. 29, 1920, in St. Peter's Cathedral, London, Ontario.

The Basilian Fathers have scheduled a public reception for the two priests from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in Aquinas Institute.

Father Spratt was born Oct. 29, 1890, in Lindsay, Ont. He was one of 13 brothers and sisters. Still living is one brother, Wilfrid, a monk at the Gethsemani Trappist Monastery

in Kentucky who celebrated his 50th anniversary in that order last summer.

He taught in Basilian high schools and colleges in both Canada and the United States before coming to Aquinas in 1945. He taught English and French at Aquinas until his retirement in 1967.

Father Donovan was born Feb. 18, 1892, in Wellsville, N.Y. He was one of eight children, five of whom are still living. After teaching in Basilian high schools and colleges in Canada and the United States, he came to Aquinas in 1928. Father Donovan headed the mathematics department at the Dewey Avenue high school from 1939 until his retirement in 1959.

Father Spratt's sport skill belies his longevity. He organized and coaches the Aquinas hockey team which is affiliated with a six-team county high school league, and twice weekly he puts on his skates to practice with the school's hockey squad.

Father Spratt has been skating a long time. He was a member of the hockey team at St. Michael's College, Toronto, which in 1910-11 played and defeated two teams in the United States to claim the "world's hockey championship."

## Parish Gives Applause for Lady Ushers

By JOHN DASH

The ladies at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Rochester, keep them arrolling along. That is, on Holy Days, down the aisles.

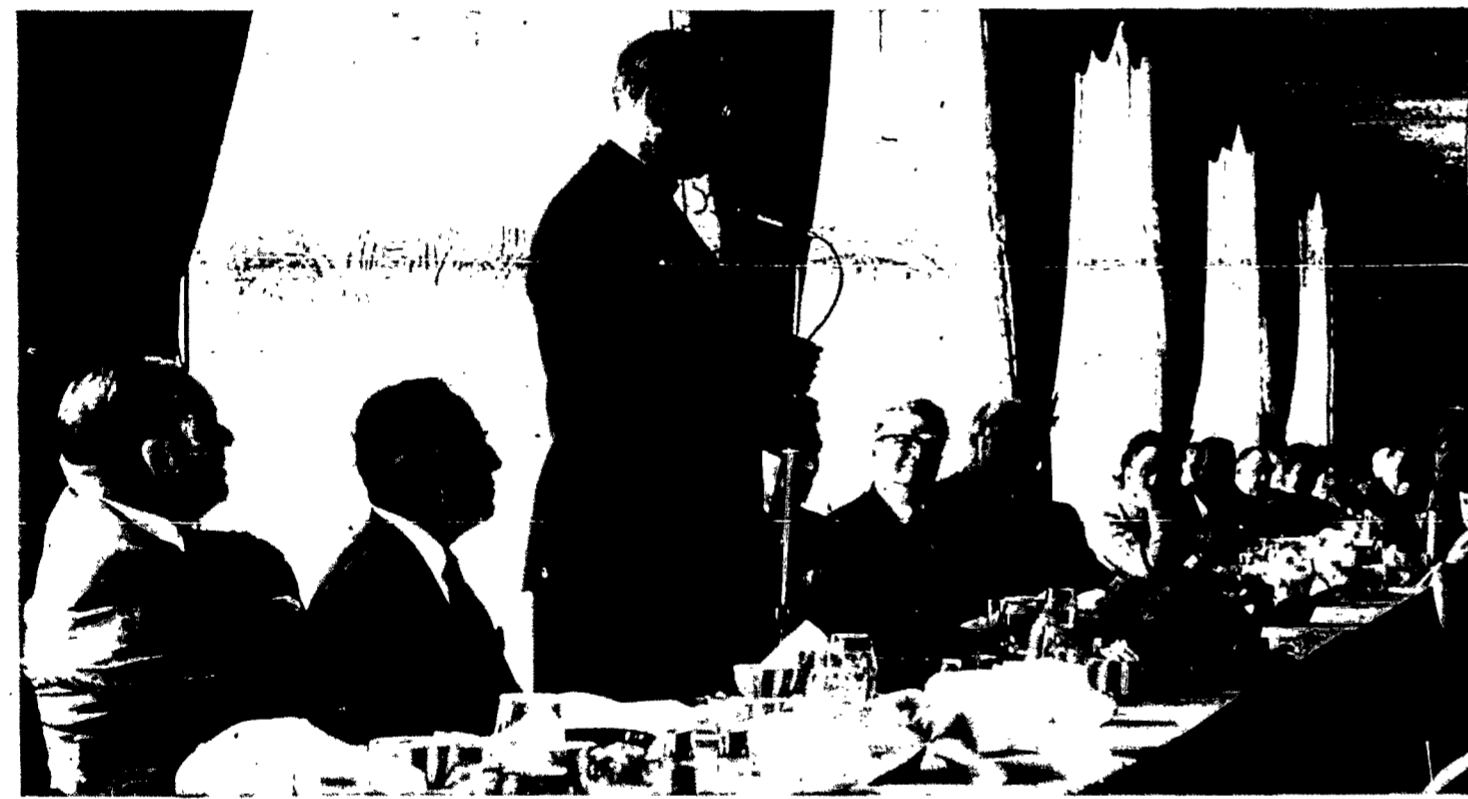
They are a fearless feminine phalanx (16 strong) of ushers.

Some weeks ago, the Courier-Journal ran the story of a Minneapolis pastor who deployed a distaff brigade of ushers to supplement the waning ranks of males available for duty in his Church.

Then from Greece came the word: the ladies of Our Mother of Sorrows Church had been so employed for more than two years.

At the head of the column in Father George Wood's parish stands Mrs. Frederick Rauner. According to Mrs. Rauner, the ladies serve on Holy Days and expect to serve for the Saturday Mass in the near future.

"The first time we ushered," Mrs. Rauner says, "the congregation was a little surprised." But the surprise quickly evolved into sentiments like: "It's about time women are taking a part in Church affairs"; and, perhaps the best, "The women ushers are very pleasing to look at... And they smell so nice as they go by."



Bishop Hogan addressed nearly 200 employees of Rochester Post Office at annual Post Office Holy Name Society Communion breakfast last Sunday. From left are: Joseph Capuano, assistant postmaster; Frank Fantaza, toastmaster; Bishop Hogan; Anthony Giambone, retiring society president; William Finn, officer-in-charge of the post office; Anthony DiClementine, new society president.

## Bishop Tells Mail Workers

### 'Deliver Good News of Salvation'

Christian postal employees should feel a special mission to "deliver the good news of salvation to their fellow men," Bishop Hogan declared last Sunday in Rochester.

The Bishop was principal speaker at the 20th annual breakfast of the

Rochester Post Office Holy Name Society in the Midtown Tower Restaurant.

The breakfast followed an 8 a.m. Mass which the Bishop celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street, for the employees' intentions. At conclusion of the Mass the employees

marched in twos from the church to the restaurant.

Among those at the speakers' table was Father Robert Coughlin, CSSR., assistant rector of St. Joseph's Church, who is chaplain of the Holy Name unit.



Pastors of churches in Rochester's Southwest Ecumenical Mission (SWEM) joined in an ecumenical service Feb. 22 in St. Monica's Church. Pictured from left are: Rev. Lawrence Witmer, Community Ministry representative; Father Alphonse McHugh, SSSC, assistant at St. Peter & Paul Church; Rev. Leardrew Johnson, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; Father Edward Tolster, pastor of St. Augustine's Church; Father Paul Wohlrab, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church; Rev. James Rockwell, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; Rev. Wilfred Schmidt, Emmanuel Lutheran Church; Father Edward Zimmer, pastor of St. Monica's Church.

## Stations Topic of Ecumenical Rite

Prayers and meditation on the Stations of the Cross featured an ecumenical service Feb. 22 in St. Monica's Church under the sponsorship of Rochester's South West Ecumenical Mission.

The church was darkened for the

afternoon service so that the congregation could see slides of each station which were projected on a screen in the sanctuary.

Priests and ministers from neighborhood churches led the prayers for each station. Music included Hugh

Dodge at the organ, a solo by Mrs. David Smith of Calvary Baptist Church and hymns by the St. Monica Folk group led by Sister Judith Ann.

The hour-long service was followed by a coffee hour in the rectory basement.

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