



Legion of Mary

More than 250 members of the Legion of Mary reconsecrated themselves Sunday to the service of the Blessed Mother at the Greece Holy Name of Jesus Church. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, right, celebrated the Mass for the annual Acies.

Officers of the Legion's Comitium, above, left to right, are Edward Adams, treasurer; Lucille Kunz, vice president; Father William Trott, diocesan moderator; Bernadine Begley, secretary; and Gerald Coursey, president. The homily was delivered by Father Sebastian Falcone.

According to Father Trott, Acies is the Latin word to describe an army drawn up in battle array. Each year, members of the legion gather to affirm again their fealty to Mary. Immediately after Mass, the Legionnaires gathered in the Church hall to enjoy refreshments.



Panel Hears Plea For School Aid Bill

Citing the constitutionality of the Speno-Lerner Parent Aid School Bill, Robert Warth of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, called for its implementation in remarks to the Fleischmann Commission in Rochester last week.



Warth, chairman of the public affairs subcommittee of the Legislative Action Committee—Parent Aid, noted rulings by both the state's highest court and the U.S. Supreme Court in the Textbook Loan Act in his plea.

The Court of Appeals, Warth remarked, said: "... no one in the last third of the 20th Century can doubt that a program aimed at improving the quality of education in all schools is a matter of legitimate state concern."

In the same case, Warth noted, the Supreme Court stated:

"We cannot agree... that all teaching in a sectarian school is religious or that the process of secular and religious training are so intertwined that secular textbooks furnished to students by the public are in fact instrumental in the teaching of religion."

Warth also told the panel, known officially as the State Commission on the Quality, Cost and Financing of Elementary and Secondary Education, that Gov. Rockefeller and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce both support assistance to non-public schools at the state level.

Warth added that the Catholic school system in this diocese "has taken steps to do its share."

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"The bishop this week announced implementation of plans which will increase efficiency and effectiveness in the Catholic schools and hopefully maintain costs at practical levels. So the diocese is not ignoring its obligation to administer its system properly."

Warth said he chose not to debate the philosophical, ethical and moral reasons for support of nonpublic education.

"The time for debating the philosophy of such support is ended; it is time for dollars and cents sense."

The commission, chaired by Manly Fleischmann of Buffalo, is holding hearings throughout the state, and will issue its report to the governor next Fall.

The state's bishops have pointed out that parochial schools are in crisis now and that the Fleischmann Commission will be too late to help the schools.

The Legislative Action Committee—Parent Aid is a group of laymen seeking favorable action by the State Legislature on the Speno-Lerner Bill.

Nazareth Parents Plan Dinner-Dance

Parents of Nazareth Academy girls are arranging a Hawaiian luau for April 3 at the school. Cocktails at 7 will be followed by dinner and dancing until 1 a.m.

In charge are Mrs. William Moriarity of Holy Cross parish; Mrs. Arthur Beane of Our Lady of Mercy and Mrs. Charles Allison of St. Helen's. Tomorrow, March 25 is the deadline for tickets, to be obtained at Nazareth or through 865-9712.

Father Appelby Heads Newman

Father Gerald Appelby, Newman chaplain at Rochester Institute of Technology, is the new director of Newman work on the 16 secular campuses in this diocese.

He was elected March 13 by his colleagues and faculty and student representatives of the Rochester Area and Southern Tier Newman boards. They met at the Interfaith Center on the Geneseo State College campus for an annual study day. About 125 students took part.

It was announced that Sister Theresa Daniel of RIT had been asked by the National Newman Office in Washington to serve as state chairman of religious women in Newman work.

Father Appelby, who succeeds Father Michael Daly, spoke of his predecessor as a Newman pioneer. Father Daly was chaplain at Brockport State for 14 years, until last November, and in his time, Father Appelby noted, the church on campus expanded to include nine full-time priests, and six part-time chaplains.

Workshop topics at the day-long meeting included liturgy, music, public relations, draft counseling, social justice, educational planning and community college problems. A celebrated Mass, in the afternoon with Father Daly as homilist, was followed by supper prepared by Geneseo students.

Blue Army Trip Slated for April

Reservations for a pilgrimage to Washington to witness the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of the Earth by Cardinal O'Boyle are now being taken by the Rochester chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

The crowning ceremonies, scheduled for May 13 are planned to take place simultaneously in 42 nations around the world, according to Mrs. Mary Kelly, of the Blue Army.

Buses will be chartered for the Washington event. For further information and to place reservations call: Mrs. Isobel Civitello, (716) 254-5339.

Earth Day Poster Contest

An Earth Day poster contest for junior and senior high school students was announced this week by McCurdy & Company. U.S. Savings Bonds are top prizes, and gift certificates go with honorable mention awards.

The posters must measure 20 by 26 inches, flush mounted on poster board, and may be done in any medium. Entries must be delivered Saturday, April 10, to a contest booth that will be set up in Midtown Mall. All entries will be on exhibit in the plaza April 19-24, and awards will be announced April 22.

Social Change Corning Topic

Corning—Father John Hempel, director of the Diocesan Office for Human Development, will speak here at 7:30 Sunday night, March 28, under the auspices of the adult religious education committee of the Southern Tier Christian Formation Board.

The meeting, in the Knights of Columbus hall in Riverside, is open to the public. Father Hempel's talk, on the role of the Christian in social change, will be followed by a question period. Refreshments will be served.

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Commission Maps Holy Week Rites

Details of Holy Week rites, April 4 through 10, outlined for parish clergy this week by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, emphasize the ideal that parishes promote full participation of the whole local community during the final sacred three days of the week.

Several options were provided in the traditional ceremonies for blessing and distributing palms on what is now to be called "Passion" Sunday, April 4. Parishes are being encouraged to have a "solemn procession" with blessed palms at one Mass and a "solemn entrance" at other well-attended Masses.

Msgr. William H. Shannon, director of the commission, told priests and parish liturgical committee representatives that instructions should emphasize the difference between "taking part in an event and sharing a faith-conclusion about the event".

"Blessing the palms and the procession are not as important, even though they reenact history, as getting over the thought that this is a dramatic frame which we enter to consider the faith-lessons of the entire week."

On Holy Thursday there will be a Mass of the Chrism celebrated by Bishop Hogan in the morning at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In all parishes the

Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the evening with the entire parish invited. For pastoral reasons another Mass of Holy Thursday may be celebrated in morning or afternoon for the convenience of those who cannot take part in the community evening Mass.

On Good Friday the parochial liturgical service will be held in the afternoon. If there is genuine pastoral need the service may be repeated later.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening may not be held before 7 p.m., Bishop Hogan has ordered. Thus, parishes which have had a regular Saturday Mass to anticipate the Sunday obligation will cancel it for this one weekend.

The ruling was made to stress the importance of the Easter Vigil, the Bishop noted. But he has granted permission to have "an additional Mass in the evening of April 10, anticipating the Easter Sunday Mass, providing that it is necessary and is celebrated after the Vigil services."

In place of the Creed in the Easter Sunday Masses, the renewal of baptismal promises may take place.

New insights into the Holy Week liturgy will be provided in the next three issues of the Courier-Journal.

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