

# Aquinas Grads All over World

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More than 10,000 men in the Rochester community, throughout the world, and in countless occupations, share a common experience. At least that many have been graduated from Aquinas Institute.

Their lives have taken them as far away as Father Louis Dowd, S.J. who is in Taiwan, or as near as Aquinas itself, where some have returned to teach the young men who will soon share their teachers' same experience.

Alumni range in age from Father John Temmerman, CSB, and Thomas O'Connor, former news editor of the Courier-Journal, two of the oldest graduates, to the 262 men who the class of 1971. Maintaining communications among these graduates is no easy task. That is the job of Father Thomas Miller, CSB, Aquinas alumni secretary.

According to Father Miller, class reunions are the principal means of contact for Aquinas alumni. The 10th, 20th, 25th, and 40th reunions are the most popular among graduates, and attendance at these usually ranges from a third to a half of a graduating class. One of the most successful turnouts was the Class of 1930 reunion in 1970, at which 80 per cent attended.

A newsletter, the Aquinas Action Advocate, also is distributed as a way of reaching

alumni. The last newsletter had a mailing list of 10,093 names. Father Miller explained that some problems arise in locating graduates, but most of the addresses are found through parents, relatives, and other alumni. Only 950 graduates from the classes of 1912 to the present have not been reached.

After leaving Aquinas, 87 to 92 per cent of alumni go on to further education. Recently, enrollment in two-year colleges has increased, due to rising costs and toughening competition in four-year institutions. In 1971, 31.5 per cent of all graduating seniors chose to attend two-year colleges, whereas 55 per cent enrolled in four-year programs.

There are 61 living alumni in the Basilian order, 46 who have become priests in the Rochester diocese, and 59 in other areas of the clergy. Among the better known Aquinas priests are Father E. Charles Bauer of the Bosco House, school superintendent; Father Daniel Brent, Father Thomas Erdle of the School for the Deaf, Father Joseph Reinhardt of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and Father Charles Woods, pastor of Mother of Sorrows parish.

Many Aquinas grads have become strong leaders in the community. Harold Knauf, Robert Mulhern, Richard Scherberger,

and Ralph Esposito are a few examples. The City Council boasts three alumni in Michael Roche, John Piranello, and Charles Schiano. School board members Gordon DeHond and Frank Ciaccia also are included.

## Regulations For Lent

Following are the regulations of fast and abstinence in the Diocese of Rochester, as outlined by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

1. Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. "No Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."

2. Everyone between 21-59 is bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. "No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hollowed an obligation on the Wednesday which opens the Lenten Season or that Friday called "Good" because on that day Christ suffered in the flesh and died for our sins."

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. To fast is to eat only one full meal during the day.



Mrs. Erika Greenberg and Prof. Gershon Greenberg (seated) with Louis Glickman and Father Joseph Brennan.

## Jewish Scholar At St. Bernard's

In cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Community Council of Rochester, St. Bernard's Seminary has added a course in Jewish thought this semester.

Professor Gershon Greenberg, a Jewish theology scholar on leave from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to the University of Rochester, will be teaching "Foundations of Judaism" one night a week to the seminary students.

At a welcome dinner for Prof.

Greenberg, attended by Louis Glickman, area representative of the Anti-Defamation League, and Elmer Louis, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Rochester, who were instrumental in arranging the course, Prof. Greenberg commented on teaching Catholic seminarians.

"Two factors entered into my decision on how I should teach the course. First, the realization that the students would be graduate students and know basically about Judaism; and

second, the thrust of the course should be more than an explanation of wrong images of Judaism. I felt it would be better to act on what Judaism and Catholicism both have positively to offer, keeping in mind the contemporary side of things, for some immediate relevance to the people participating."

He said he hoped the future priests would be able to carry out their ministry with a better understanding of their own faith as a result of the course.

## Keeping Tabs

The Sacred Heart Society of Holy Ghost parish will have a tureen supper at 6:30 Tuesday night, Feb. 22 and hear Father Robert Collins, director of the Family Life Office, on "Family Fighting Can Be Fun."

St. Rita's Society will hold a mother-daughter breakfast Feb. 20, after the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Girl Scouts of Troop 852 will serve. Sister Patricia Flynn will speak.

Father Chester Kloczek's fourth anniversary as pastor of St. Leo's, Hilton, was celebrated at the Rosarians' tureen supper Feb. 9.

Girl Scouts of West Irondequoit will hold their annual father-daughter square dance from 7:30 until 10 Feb. 25 in West Irondequoit High School.

A movie of the 1971 World Series will be shown at the monthly dinner meeting of the Aquinas Sports Boosters Club Monday night, Feb. 21. Reservations may be made through the Aquinas Institute Office, 254-2020.

The Rosary Society of St. Andrew's Church will meet at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in the school cafeteria. Betty Folger's choral group will entertain.

The Rosary-Altar Society of St. Theodore's will meet at 8 p.m. Feb. 23 for church services and a European travelogue by Ann McKinney and Mabel Meyer.

The annual spaghetti dinner at St. Francis Xavier, 314 Bay St. is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 20, from 1 until 7 p.m. Prices: adults, \$1.75; children, 75¢.

Mary Reed Newland, new director of religious education for the Albany Diocese, will speak at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at St. Ann's hall, Palmyra. Donation is \$1.

Women and girls of St. Jude's parish will model spring fashions at a show in the parish center at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Louise Wilson will be the commentator. The Marian League is the sponsor. Tickets may be obtained through Marge Benner, 426-2208, or at the door. Mrs. Benner also is handling the Easter candy sale, which ends March 12.

The Mother Cabrini Circle will sponsor a showing of fashions for sale at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Immaculate Conception School (Glasgow St. entrance). Proceeds will go into the organization's scholarship fund.

The St. Mary's Womens' Club will meet at 8 tonight, Feb. 18, at the Downtowner. A white elephant sale is planned.

The 80th Seton Branch will meet with Mrs. William Taylor of Dauntion Drive at 8:30 tonight, Feb. 18.

A science fair, followed by an ice cream social, will be held at Mother of Sorrows

Thursday night, Feb. 17, under the auspices of the Home-School Association.

A Bible study group is meeting Sunday nights at Mother of Sorrows, with Father Frederick Eisemann. Information may be obtained through 663-5432. MOS parishioners interested in the formation of a new parish council are invited to 7:30 Mass Tuesday night, Feb. 22, and a meeting in the hall at 8:15.

The Bishop Kearney High School Marching Kings will sponsor a \$2 buffet Sunday, Feb. 20, from 12:30 until 6 p.m. The event is a money raiser for the Kings' overseas trip.

A card party will be held at Bishop Kearney High School Friday, Feb. 18, by the parents' clubs.

The Holy Apostles Mothers' Club will have a class in "slimnastics" after their 8 p.m. business meeting Feb. 21.

Holy Angels Guild will meet at Holy Angels Home at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28. Dr. Carl Montione will show slides of his recent trip to Peru.

The Rosary Society of St. Anne's will have a communion breakfast after the 9:30 Mass Sunday morning, Feb. 27. The combined adult and youth choral groups, under the direction of Ray Owen, will entertain.

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## Scholastic Notebook



The winner of the Rochester Diocesan basketball tournament next month will meet the winner of the Syracuse Diocesan tournament for an overall championship at the Syracuse War Memorial.

There is a tremendous irony here, and let's examine it.

The Rochester Catholic schools, locked out of the Section 5 tournament by public school administrators, are deprived of a challenging post-season tournament. The most common complaint of the five Catholic schools (except Geneva DeSales) is that the local diocese matches represent just so much more old stuff — like just playing each other again.

There are grumblings among a few of the state's public schools for a statewide public high school tournament (which gets stronger and louder each year) but which we suspect will never crack the armor of Section 5 because the latter's annual basketball tournament is by far the most successful in the state.

There would be little point for Section 5 to join a state tournament (with games out of town) when Section 5 can put thousands and thousands into the Rochester War Memorial for its own show.

So, while the Rochester area Catholics are kept out of the best run and most successful tournament in the state, they have the opportunity of helping to start a state-wide Catholic high school post-season tournament. Buffalo and Albany reportedly are interested in participating next year.

Syracuse (Section 3) recently voted to allow Catholic schools there to join it. Some did (the biggies like CBA and Bishop Ludden) but some

smaller schools (Assumption, Sacred Heart) did not. It's these smaller schools which will participate in the Syracuse Diocese and whose Class A and B winners will oppose the comparable Rochester winners.

The Syracuse-Rochester clashes will be known as the Carter-Sammons Tournament in honor of the late Rev. Cyril Carter, CSB, Aquinas athletic director, and his counterpart from Syracuse.

SCRIBBLING — McQuaid's Ed Markey resigned after this season as head basketball coach . . . His overall mark for five seasons is 42-54 . . . Markey, whose Knights suffered losing seasons the past two years and dropped 12 of first 15 games this year, rang up three winning years in a row after taking over for Ken Jones . . . McQuaid won Diocesan title in 1969-70 under Markey.

Even if re-organization in Rochester Schools District takes place, there'll be no divorce in City-Catholic League competition officials say . . . They're working out both 10 and 12 team skeeds for next year . . . Re-organization would dilute the city teams' strength and overall abilities to compete . . . Some officials say re-organization will never get off the ground, at least not before a rock'em court battle.

John "Doc" Herring, No. 1 planner for September's Basketball-Basketball Oldtimers' Reunion at the Mapledale Party House, writes that Monsignor Nicholas H. Wegner of Father Flanagan's Boys Town hopes "with God's help, I may have the time to spend the evening of Sept. 30 with you and your oldtimers in Rochester." We hope so too, Doc.