



St. Mary's Alumnae

Golden jubilarians of the 1928 graduating class from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, (left to right) Agnes Naughton, Frances Stauch and Catherine Dyett, were feted at the Alumnae Association's recent spring meeting. At the meeting, Florence Flanigan Selmyer was elected association vice-president, and Mary Nester Wylie, secretary.

Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

Carry the Good News

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 9:36-10:8. (R1) Ex. 19:2-6. (R2) Rom. 5:6-11.

In times of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, we are accustomed to hearing the phrase "The harvest is good, but the laborers are scarce." Jesus, however, was originally thinking of the conversion of His own people. "Do not visit pagan territories... Go instead after the lost sheep of the house of Israel." With the Jews' rejection of Jesus as Messiah, the Lord's words took on a new meaning: they refer now to the mission of the Church to the world.

The Greek word "apostles" means "those sent." It means the same as the Latin word "missionary." The great underlying theme of the entire New Testament is that of mission. St. John in his gospel presents Jesus as "the One sent by the Father." Jesus is the first One sent. Through all ages after Him are sent others to bring His message to the world.

Every Christian is still today "one sent" to bring the "good news" of Jesus to the place and people where he lives. God's "good news" is written under inspiration in a book called the Bible. So many of other faith-expressions laudably seek to spread the "good news" by disseminating bibles.

Conrad Hilton always said at the opening of a new hotel: "The hotel isn't completed until the Word of God is found in each of the rooms."

Bible societies have come into existence

simply to give away bibles. A group of businessmen provide Gideon bibles for hotels, hospital rooms, the cabins of steamers, for prisoners, etc. They consider a bible taken from one of these rooms (and therefore needing to be replaced) as a success: another bible-reader has been found.

Might not we learn from their example? Last Christmas we gave to each of our shut-ins a large-print edition of Good News for Modern Man. I never realized how much such a gift would be appreciated and read!

During the vacation season, we suggest that you take along with you as a traveling companion a bible. Do not let it get lost in a glove compartment, but place it on the dashboard facing the driver. This will be an open witness to one's faith.

It is a good custom to say a prayer before starting out on a trip, no matter how short. With the prayer, one could read a few verses of scripture. On longer, quieter drives, one of the passengers could read a selection for the whole group. Also, during a trip much time must be spent waiting. Could not these moments be used for deep prayer and reflection on some loved passage?

The Bible is itself a book of travels. The People of God were a nomadic people. Jesus himself traveled the length and breadth of the Holy Land again and again. Paul covered distances that stagger our imagination.

The earliest missionaries carried bibles with them in their meager baggage as a precious treasure. The bible on our dashboard would be carrying out in the modern world an old, old tradition of God's people.

Bishop Will Keynote Convocation

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Diocesan Pastoral Council this

Workshop Set by Black Ministries

The Office of Black Ministries will sponsor a two-day workshop at St. Monica's Parish Center, 34 Monica St. June 15-16.

Focusing on skills and issues related to community organization and pastoral ministry, the workshop will be conducted the afternoon and evening of Thursday, June 15, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 16.

Lawrence J. Payne, executive director of the Office of Black Ministries of Galveston-Houston will conduct the program with the assistance of several local community service leaders and ministers.

Payne will deliver the keynote address and James McCuller, executive director of Rochester's Action for a Better Community, and Talik Abdul Basheer, program director for the Drug Counseling Center of Baden Street Settlement House, also will deliver talks.

Further information, registration and brochures may be obtained from Father Jerome P. Robinson, workshop coordinator, at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, 14624, telephone 328-3210.

Rosary Rally Slated July 16

The National Rosary Rally, sponsored this year by the National Committee of the Greater Syracuse Area, will be held at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville on Sunday, July 16.

A bus will be chartered for Rochester area pilgrims. Further information on the rally is available by calling Mary Kelly at 586-1664 or Carol Bridgeman at 352-1094.

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weekend will bring together 54 persons from throughout the diocese and prepare them for their service on the DPC during the coming year.

The 30 regional delegates, five members representing priests, five representing sisters and 14 appointed members will gather on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Becket Hall.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the keynote speaker for the weekend, addressing the council Friday evening.

Before his address, DPC members will participate in a commissioning prayer service, at which each member will be called individually to service, and greeted by Bishop Hogan.

In his talk, Bishop Hogan will describe to the members the leadership role the DPC should play in diocesan affairs, noting the orientation available through "Living Stones," "Focus '77," and the Call to Action documents.

Friday evening's program will conclude with a social hour.

Saturday's events will begin with an informal working breakfast, with the five diocesan division directors, Bishop John E. McCafferty and John Crowe

making presentations. Crowe is a diocesan and a delegate to the United States Catholic Conference Advisory Committee.

A morning workshop will focus on representation. Delegates from each region will meet with their regional coordinator, and the priests representatives and sisters representatives will each meet. The appointed members will meet in appropriate groups to discuss their roles as representatives of various segments of diocesan life.

The Saturday afternoon program will include a discussion of the function of the DPC, including the nature of the consultative process, and the functions of the Pastoral Ministry Department, the Ministerial Review Committee and the Council of Conciliation.

DPC officers for the coming year also will be elected during the afternoon program.

The weekend's activities will be chaired by outgoing DPC Chairperson Andrew Molloy.

The Convocation will close with a liturgy at 3 p.m. to which members' families are invited. The day's date is the same as for the first convocation liturgy, and the

liturgy will be the same as celebrated then. Sister Mary Ann Binsack, DPC executive secretary, noted that "this will link this new DPC more closely with Bishop Hogan's 'Fondest Hope' which he has in this consultative body."

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