Students, Professors Kneel During Academic Day Mass; Bishop Plagens Stands at Throne

"Catholics Pagans With Thin Liturgical Veneer"

"Who are the Ladies of the Grail? What do they do? What must young Catholics do in the lay apostolate?" The answers to these questions were given to the Catholic Life Conference members March 4, when Miss Janet Kalven and Miss Josephine Drabek, Ladies of the Grail from Libertyville, Ill., ad­ received their calls and reported for active service at Fort Custer.

Robert Luikens, Walter Makowski, both of this city, and James Pierce, Ionia, freshmen.

Robert McCormick and

other army reservists from Aquinas

sobered by the world crisis, emphasized the active role every Catholic must play in counter­acting the disease at the root of present-day evil, of which the war is only one symptom. The nature of this disease, said Miss Kalven, is a spiritual, intellectual and moral decay which began with the Renais­sance and the Reformation. Men have turned from God to man as the center of their being. In so doing, modern man has created a hell upon earth instead of glorifying life. Miss Kalven showed that Cath­olics are so surrounded by paganism that they have become "pagans with a thin liturgical veneer." The devot­ional life of an average Catholic she maintained, is considerably lacking, and through stressing his own individualism he has lost the ies of the Mystical Body. The lit­urgy is something quite intangible to him. He has little appreciation of the Christian virtues of suffering and poverty. He overemphasizes the things of the body against the things of the mind and spirit.

The result, according to Miss Kalven, is the "minimism" Catholic, who has no different conception of life from the pagan and to whom the Church is mere "hell insurance." Miss Drabek gave concrete ways in which students might carry out the apostolate. "It is time for each Catholic to take the offensive and to assert his Catholicism," she said. Besides appearing at the C.L.C. meeting, Miss Kalven and Miss Drabek answered questions at a spe­cial gathering of the women Thurs­day noon, addressed the gospel class during their stay in Grand Rapids, and robed in white caps and gowns, led the procession into the chapel. Next came 30 students in black.

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Bishop Addresses Large Gathering Of Aquinates, High School Seniors

"Will you follow the logic of St. Thomas and live the truth?" the Most Rev. Joseph C. Plagens, D.D., bishop of the Grand Rapids diocese, asked 175 students from Aquinas and from the senior classes of the three local Catholic high schools at Academic Day, March 7, at Mary­wood academy. The celebration hon­ored the feast of St. Thomas, patron of Aquinas and of all Catholic schools.

Addressing the congregation in St. Mary's chapel after Solemn High Mass, Bishop Plagens said, "You recognize the truth and pro­fess it. Do you carry it out logically in your life? Are you better that others because of the truth you have imbibed? If not, you are wasting your talent and yours.


Other members of the clergy present were the Right Rev. Msgr. Raymond H. Baker, pastor of St. James church; the Rev. Emmeran L. Quaderer, diocesan superintendent­in-chief of schools, and high schools; Carl Drinian, chaplain of Mount Mercy; Robert Host, Jay McKnight, Fred­rick Howard, Robert Berles, and Byron Zeilbeck, Aquinas sopho­more officers. The Rev. Arthur F. Bukowski, president of Aquinas, presiding the Sophomores Set Date For Senior Banquet

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Redemptorist Conducts Two­Day Retreat

The Rev. Ray Miller, C. Ss. R., instructor of sociology and prefect of spiritual life at the Redemptorist seminary, will conduct the annual retreat for all Catholic students of the College, April 22 and 23. Following last year's precedent, the retreat will be held on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Father Miller, a native of Grand Rapids and one of four brothers in the priesthood, is the author of a forthcoming commentary on the papal encyclicals.

"Alumni To Be Ordained Priest In Cathedral Ceremony Friday"


Father Murphy will celebrate his first solemn High Mass Sunday, March 21, in his home church, St. Mary's, with Rev. Bernard J. Hans­knutsen, pastor of St. Mary's, as assistant priest; the Rev. John A. Breitenstein, assistant at St. Mary's, dean; and the Rev. Robert Joseph assistant at St. Stephen's, sub­deacon. The Rev. Albert L. Straul, parish priest at St. Paul's, will give the sermon.

Father Murphy graduated from Catholic Central high school, 1933, and from Catholic Junior col­lege, now Aquinas, in 1935. He entered St. Joseph's seminary,Grand Rapids, and completed his studies at St. Mary's seminary, Roland Park, Baltimore, where he majored in philosophy and received A. B., A. S., and S.S. degrees.

Father Murphy will offer Mass in the college chapel, March 23, for the faculty.
NOW IS THE TIME...

When she was only 17, Baroness Catherine de Hueck was a victim of the terrible Bolshevist revolution in Russia. She witnessed the slaughter of most of her family, who were killed to death by the factory servants, who joined the cause of the bolshevists.

With prevented consideration they decided not to shoot her, but to imprison her and let her die less horribly by starvation. When she was not rescued by the third day she resigned herself to her Maker, but to her wonderment she felt no fear of dying, for the thought occurred to her that “It is no use to die for Christ than it is to live for Christ.”

The Baroness was rescued, however, and since then she has devoted her life to living for Christ. The obstacles she has encountered in the fulfillment of her devotion have been many, but she has overcome them all.

We all realize that we cannot each and all be Catherine de Hueck, for God in His wisdom has given us different vocations. But there are some individuals who have more talents than others should not cause discouragement or complacency. We can live for Christ, too, as fervently as the greatest saints, by living to the fullest of our individual capacities. Therefore in these days of Lent let us start over again from the poor beginnings we have made, and improve upon our spiritual assets.

In much patience, in faith, in watchings, and in charity that is not feigned let us try to begin to live for Christ, for behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation!
Journalists Hold Press Conference

Approximately 75 staff members and advisers of local Catholic school papers met for a press conference at the Grand Rapids Press on February 23. The theme of the meeting was "The Mission of the Catholic School Press." Giving the opening address, the Rev. E. L. Quaderer, diocesan school superintendent, struck a keynote when he said, "If you pretend to be Franciscan, you must reflect a Franciscan philosophy of life." Ray Voss, outdoor editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, spoke on "The Feature in the News" and emphasized news values, deadlines, and comments on newspaper life.

The Rev. Joseph Wales, advisor of the St. Joseph's seminary Recorder, explained that the mission of the Catholic press, to diffuse Catholic thought, is "Catholic action of the highest trust." Father Wales, who has had experience on local newspapers, criticized the school papers and answered questions from editors.

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Alumni Elect First Board of Directors

Nine alumni of Aquinas were named to the first board of directors of the alumni association at a meeting, March 1, in the Men's Union building. Elected for three years are John R. Beck, Robert Schifano, Robert Fink, and Aloysius Lisczer; for two years are Margaret Milanowski, Donald Duisk, M. D.; and Raymond Lasley. Elected for one year are061930, Lucille Ken, and Mary H. Dembowski. The alumni constitution has been submitted to the state legislature, Lisczer said, incorporating the association as a non-profit corporation. Objective of the group is to lend moral support to the College and to establish a building and loan fund.

Reservists Report For Active Duty

"Get into heaven with the least possible effort," she stated, "Most of you probably want to do God's will in great things, but not try to find out what His will is in particular causes. Just elect each individual to pray to become a saint.

Father Fisher's standpoint was that if Catholic students feel inferior, it is because they do not understand their faith or do not know how to apply what they learn in religion classes. "Everything taught in our classrooms is tinged with Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," he declared.

By tracing the history of the Church, he demonstrated to the students that Catholics have to feel superior.

Kenneth Marin, president of the council, introduced the speakers. The Rev. Arthur F. Bokowski, moderator, led the opening prayers and offered an Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament closing the rally.

New Library Receives Three More Donations

Books and pictures to the library in- clude books and pictures from Mrs. Emma Townsier, of the Hoffman Foundation, a picture of the Madonna from Mrs. W. M. Carver, assistant librarian, and books from Thomas Overklee, sophomores, recently inducted into the army.

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Prom Carries On

In spite of the present day shortage of manpower on the college front, fifty-five couples were present at the Morton hotel, February 12, for Aquinas’ second annual senior prom. A last-minute exception was held for all students in the college parlor.

Highlights of the evening was the grand march, led by Miss Phyllis Kress, general chairman, and her college’s orchestra.

Out-town guests attending the prom included Miss Anne Rumisle, Aldo Inzeri, and John V. Swartz from the University of Michigan; Edward Noonan and Raymond Nolan from Notre Dame; Miss Jacques Rueff, Miss Mary Ann Schrauder, Miss Barbara Fiers, and Miss Mary Cerny from Ionia; and Louise Stachelski from Ft. Eustis, Va.

Rogers Guild Honors Departing Member

Dr. Louis Warren, authority on Abraham Lincoln and possessor of the world’s largest collection of books on Lincoln, addressed the student body of the college, Tuesday, February 23, in the Knights of Columbus hall.

Winning Class Will Present Flag

Graduating Class "Taps" Army Sounds "Taps Again"

Because three major debates are now in the army by compulsory induction, and because transportation facilities are lacking for intercollegiate meetings, there will probably be no more debates this year, according to Thomas P. Neill, coach.

In their last debate, February 10, the negative team of Robert Lue- kens and William Alexander defeated Kenneth and Mary Ellen Marin, affirmative. The occasion was a meeting of the Senior Youth group of St. Francis parish in the school auditorium. That the United States should form a separate air force was the resolution.

Auxiliary Fisher Serving in Africa

Louise Fisher, ‘41, now with the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, is shown here at work in the WAAC training center at Des Moines, Iowa, where she specialized in map making and photographic work.

After volunteering for overseas duty, Miss Fisher was transferred to Daytona Beach, Fla., Dec. 12, and flew from New York to Africa shortly after Christmas. At present she is on the secretariat of the general staff at Allied headquarters in North Africa.

Representative Man

Bob, Rosie, Skin, and Legs, are all Robert Rosenbach, who isn’t particular about what he’s called. But he definitely enjoys the nickname because of his altitude and his good- natured grin. Bob seems almost to resent his height and tries to squeeze off a few of his 6 ft. 4 in. “Rosie” is known for his soft, hushed voice, but his laugh is hearty enough. While he can mimic fluently the British accent, he dislikes affectation outside of joking. “Rosie” enjoys harmonizing and movies with male casts, especially if they are about the navy. Quiet and conserva­tive, he’s not a person of violent emotion.

Representative Woman

Everything about Florence Troy is as natural as the curl in her hair. Florence, a clever and colorful liberal arts sophomore, seems at ease and in control of the situation. Her sense of humor is at the same time frank and amiable. In fact Florence Troy and frankness are inseparable.

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