

CATHOLIC ACTION INSTITUTE AT RALEIGH HEARS DIRECTOR EXPLAIN PRACTICAL PROGRAM

A most inspiring Catholic Action Study Day was held recently in conjunction with the annual Diocesan Teachers' Institute. His Excellency, Bishop Waters, invited as guest speaker on the subject of Catholic Action, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Donald Kanaly, of the diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa.

In his first address, "Secularism in Education," Monsignor Kanaly pointed out that the whole world is at the crossroads. Never in the history of the Church have we been blessed with such exemplary Bishops, priests, and Religious, and above all, with such zealous laity. Yet, in spite of the growth of spirituality within the Church, there has grown up a tremendously destructive force in Secularism, a force which has found its way insidiously into all our institutions, even into our Catholic system of education.

Fitting Weapon

Monsignor Kanaly reminded the audience that the recent popes have repeatedly urged the use of a fitting weapon, in fact the only real weapon, to combat this growing evil — organized CATHOLIC ACTION. He insists that the salvation of this materialistic age is in the hands of the young people, and that once they are awakened to a sense of their responsibility and filled with a zeal for the Apostolate, they will revolutionize the world.

It is the firm conviction of Monsignor Kanaly that individual groups will die of discouragement if they do not have the support of other groups working together for the same purpose. At the evening session he showed colored films taken at a Young Christian Student Rally in Oklahoma City last May. All Catholic school groups throughout the state took part in a tremendous demonstration of their zeal for the Apostolate. The purpose of the Rally, which included a "living" Mass, a parade, and a pageant, was to give the Catholic students in that state, which is only three percent Catholic, a sense of solidarity. Participation in such a program trains our Christian youth to sanctify all their work, study, recreation, their entire life, and to place it on the path in one magnificent Offertory.

Fourth Director

Monsignor Donald Kanaly is Youth Director of the Diocese of Oklahoma City, Tulsa. While a student at Louvain, he heard Canon Cardign, the founder of the Jocist movement, speak of his work. So impressed was he that he studied and worked with Canon Cardign to acquire a first-hand knowledge of the movement. After coming to the United States in 1938, Monsignor Kanaly asked to work with the Federal Bureau of Prisons in El Reno, Oklahoma, in an effort to discover the cause of delinquency among the inmates. After seven years of very successful work, Monsignor was given his present position as Youth Director of the Diocese. This past summer, he was made Monsignor by Bishop McQuinnis, after the latter's return from Rome.

In the three years during which he has held this position, Monsignor Kanaly has, with the cooperation of the Bishop, priests, Sisters, and students of the diocese, produced a set-up which will serve as a model for many other dioceses. By means of Institutes for priests and teachers, similar to those held in the Diocese of Raleigh, he has acquainted them with principles of Catholic Action and has inspired them with his extraordinary zeal for the spread of the Apostolate. These, in turn, are awakening the stu-

dents to a realization of their responsibility as laymen.

The closing feature of the Institute held in Raleigh was a panel discussion—Catholic Action, a Co-operative Movement. Sister Mary Stephen, R. S. M., a member of the National Committee for Catholic Action for Religious, acted as Chairman. Sandra Dore, a senior of O'Donoghue School, presented the role of the student. Sister M. Cordea, O. S. F., Principal of St. John School in Waynesville, spoke on the role of the teacher. Sister Mary Christine, R. S. M., Community Supervisor for the Sisters of Mercy in the state, explained the strategic role of the principal in fostering Catholic Action. At the close of the session, Sister M. Stephen called on representative Sisters from the schools of the diocese, who told of the many activities in their schools to foster the apostolic spirit and to advance the cause of Catholic Action.

Visiting Priest Speaks To Wilmington Laymen

WILMINGTON. — The Rev. Robert Williams, who is the promoter of special program honoring "Christ the King" in various dioceses through the country, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the St. Mary's NCCLA Unit here. Father Williams has received a temporary assignment to the parish.

The events of a special audience with His Holiness in which he presented the Pope with a medal and flag honoring Christ the King, were told in an interesting manner.

Reports were made by committees on the petitions for the support of the U. N. decision on the internationalization of Jerusalem, the recommendation of the Good Friday legal holiday, and the membership committee.

Recognition was given heads of the entertainment, greeters and publicity groups, Mrs. C. D. Maffitt, Miss Davie Duffy and Mrs. H. E. Picot. Martin Barron, Chairman, presided.

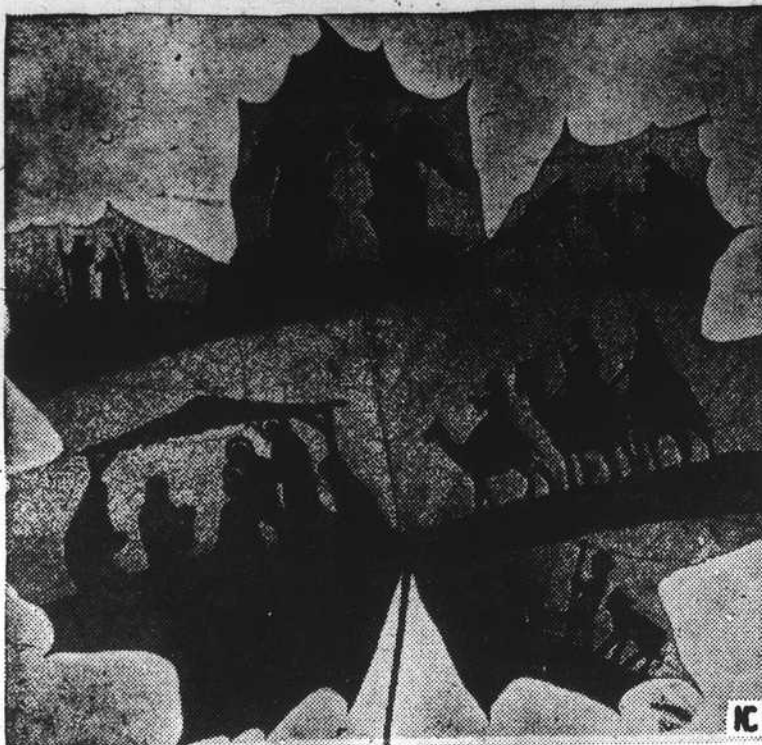
First NCCLA Program Held at Salisbury

SALISBURY — The Catholic Woman's Club of Sacred Heart Church under the leadership of Mrs. P. S. Hastings, President, sponsored and were hosts to the entire membership of the parish in a delightful Covered-Dish Social and Christmas Party in the Church Recreation Hall, recently. Father Cletus Helfrich, the Pastor, declared the meeting to be the first official gathering of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association and the following officers were elected from the 76 members of the N. C. C. L. A.

President, Miss Mary Nash, Vice-President, Mr. Edward Murphy, and Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. John R. Fish,

After a delicious supper served Cafeteria style a very amusing Christmas program under the direction of Father Helfrich was participated in by the entire group. Gifts were given and Christmas Carols sang.

'THE CHRISTMAS STORY'



From the campus of Manhattan College, New York, comes this "Christmas Story" etched on a leaf by Brother Adrian Lewis, F.S.C., of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. (NC Photos)

NCCLA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Rocky Mount Deanery Report of the N. C. Catholic Laymen's Membership Drive

Deanery Committee: Mrs. S. S. Marks, Chairman, 712 South Tillery St., Rocky Mount, N. C., Miss Nancy Speight, Secretary, 217 South Church St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

| Parish: | Ordinary: | Supporting: |
|---|------------|-------------|
| St. Anne's, Scotland Neck..... | 14 | |
| St. Catherine's, Tarboro..... | 16 | |
| St. Catherine's, Elizabeth City..... | 10 | 1 |
| St. Elizabeth's, Farmville..... | 9 | 1 |
| St. Charles, Ahoskie..... | 7 | 2 |
| St. John's, Roanoke Rapids..... | 69 | 1 |
| St. Anne's, Tarboro..... | 1 | |
| St. Anne's, Edenton..... | 27 | |
| Holy Trinity, Kingston..... | 27 | |
| St. Peter's, Greenville..... | 50 | |
| St. Alphonsus, Wilson | | |
| Immaculate Conception, Rocky Mount..... | 24 | |
| St. Mary's, Goldsboro | | |
| and its Mission Stations..... | 138 | |
| Total..... | 392 | 5 |

No reports received as yet from the following parishes: St. Elizabeth's, Elizabeth City; Sacred Heart, Goldsboro; St. Gabriel's, Greenville; Our Lady of the Atonement, Kingston; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rocky Mount; St. Agnes and Mother of Mercy, Washington, and St. Therese at Wilson.

NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM

What better time than the first day of 1950, the Holy Year, to revive an ancient and beautiful custom long fallen into the discard—the Paternal Benediction.

"The father's blessing establisheth the houses of the children" (Eccu. 3, 11.) Scripture and history are filled with incidents of children asking for and receiving the parental blessing: Noe blessing his sons (Gen. 9, 26-27), Isaac and Jacob (Gen. 27, 28-29), David and Solomon (3 Kgs. 2, 2-9), the Emperor Theodosius, St. Louis of France, Chevalier Bayard, St. Thomas Moore—to cite only a few.

The general procedure—still followed in some families of the United States and Canada—is for each son and daughter to greet their parents on New Year's morning with these words: "I wish you a happy New Year. I wish you long life, a happy death when God calls you, good health throughout the year." Then father and mother, respectively, extend their good wishes and bless each child for the coming year.

K. of C. National Ads Offer Correspondence To 5 Million Readers

NEW HAVEN. — The Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, announces in the January issue of Columbia, its official publication, details of an extensive advertising campaign in general mass-circulation magazines, offering a free correspondence course in Catholic instruction.

The first advertisement appears in the January 8 issue of Parade, a Sunday supplement magazine, which has a 5,000,000 circulation. In sizeable space, the copy heading reads, "Learn the Truth About the Catholic Church — By Mail — No Cost." Other publications selected for the campaign include, American Weekly, This Week, Collier's, Liberty, Pathfinder, Atlantic Monthly and Grit. This list provides a total circulation of 30,000,000.

The advertisement explains that the course is short, yet complete. It includes a book explaining Catholic belief and worship, which is written in easy-to-understand form.

The title of the first of the new series of messages is: "Yes . . . I Condemned The Catholic Church." It points out that many sincere non-Catholics have been unfriendly to the Catholic Church through a misunderstanding of what the Church actually teaches and what Catholics believe.

Magazines to Feature Efforts to Break Down Racial Discrimination

NEW ORLEANS, La. — A crew of writers and photographers, headed by John Davis, New York publisher of "Our World" magazine, have compiled an article on Catholic Negroes in New Orleans, showing what the Church has accomplished toward breaking down the pattern of discrimination in the South.

"It is the most ambitious job we have undertaken, so far," said David A. Hepburn, the magazine's senior editor, who added 16 pages will be devoted to the article. More than 1000 photographs were made to select illustrations for the article.

Catholic elementary and high schools for Negroes and Xavier University will get much of the picture display and Notre Dame major seminary, where two Negro students are at present enrolled, will be treated. The churches Negroes have built for themselves, were covered. The article will trace the ordinary daily activities of some Negro Catholic families, their church organization meetings, professional and educational activities and charities.

Vitality of Catholic Life in U. S. Impresses Visiting Youth Leader

GHENT, Belgium — Mlle. Christine de Hemptinne of Belgium, president of the International Federation of Catholic Yotuh (Girls), was impressed by the earnestness and vitality of Catholic life in the United States, she stated here on her return from a several-month tour of that country.

She began her U. S. tour in September, visiting a number of key cities. Purpose of the tour was to study intellectual, cultural and social centers and to confer with leaders of American organizations affiliated with the International Federation, which has headquarters here.

Miss de Hemptinne said she found that American Catholic youth is receiving good religious training and has the advantage of splendid Catholic colleges. She was also impressed by the up-to-date Catholic activities through the press and radio and by the generosity of Catholics in charity work and in providing recreation facilities for children.

American Catholic youth work, she thought, is not different from that in Europe in its aims and in the field it covers. "But in the States," she continued, "young people seem to prefer acting with more personal responsibility and choosing their activities, while in Europe movements enlist youths and give them activities."

"I loved the simple, fair play atmosphere of good - tempered, healthy young people with a solid faith and sound optimism."

Bishops Endure Death

PHILADELPHIA. — Catholics Bishops have endured imprisonment and even death to uphold the moral law whereby men live in the love and service of God, Msgr. Hubert J. Cartwright emphasized in the sermon at the consecration of his seminary classmate, Bishop Francis Edward Hyland, who will be Auxiliary of Savannah-Atlanta.

More than 2,000 persons filled the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul for the impressive ceremony. Present were three Archbishops, 21 Bishops, six Abbots, 30 Monsignori and hundreds of priests from both the Philadelphia and Savannah-Atlanta Sees, Brothers and nuns.