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Fr. Conroy Talking At First Session On Theme of Day

Associate editor of Our Sunday Visitor and editor of its youth section, Rev. James Conroy, will address the NFCCS regional congress here March 18. The author of the column "Father Conroy Talking" will, as principal speaker, stress the theme of the convention—youth as protagonists of Christ.

A graduate of St. Joseph's college, Collegeville, Father Conroy succeeded Rev. Frank K. Bartland, C.S.C., to the editorship of Visitor in October, 1946, after eight years of city-wide youth work in Elkhart.

In his articles for young Catholics Father Conroy has repeatedly emphasized the urgency of preparing the next generation of Catholicism in daily living—in our choirs of amusements, comparisons, reading—and by underlining the many, though frequently overlooked opportunities for Catholic action in the ordinary activities of average young people.

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Italian Prize Art Work in Altar Vessels, Peruvian Gift for New Chapel

A chalice, ciborium and paten for the prospective new chapel at Maran college have been donated by the father of Maria Teresa Rivarola, sophmore of Lima, C.S.C., on March 12. Father Rivarola's request he has designed the upper surface. The chalice and paten is plain silver with a gold variation by its first group-recitation of the rosary in German, March 10.

Student association officers.

Wednesday, Sodality; and Thursday, Student association officers.

Coming up

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Mid-term Tests—March 27-31

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College Student — Protagonist for Christ

A call is gone out to us, as college students, to be protagonists for Christ. But before we can answer that call, it would be well to examine the meaning of the word “protagonist.” It is derived from the words probe, meaning “first,” and apostas, meaning “one who is a pervert” or “a combatant.” Reduced to simpler language then, it is a call to be one of the first who struggle, a leader in action for Christ, a leader in Catholic action.

Applied now directly to ourselves, being a leader in Catholic affairs, living according to the truth and always doing our best. It further means living positively, not just in our school life, but also in our social life, recreation and sports, our off-campus relations, and particularly in our church life.

Living positively means making Christ the center of our lives, following the example of Christ, living “up to” Christ and not just living negatively by keeping out of mortal sin while otherwise neglecting God. Therefore, it means acting by our example as the integrating principles in the transformation of the world into a Catholic-centered society.

Can we answer the call! Will we answer the call?

— B. R.

Personal Rights, Issue In Hawaiian Question

The question of Hawaiian statehood has been raised with renewed force since the bit passed the House of Representatives a week ago.

The majority of the natives of the island favor annexation. Their present extremely high taxes will be lowered by Congress if their request is granted. The Hawaiians also feel that they will receive greater recognition as part of the United States.

The arguments against statehood are not as general, but not less important. They do not affect the people as a whole, but personally.

Immigration to Hawaii has increased since World War II. Soldiers who found the island an pleasant place, with no immigration barriers, have returned to work and live. The number of Americans now living there and those owning large import industries has placed an indelible mark on the economic situation.

This march will deepen with statehood. More and more Americans will migrate to Hawaii, and more and more Hawaiians will find their personal opportunities lessened. For the immigrants from the land of democracy often bring with them a much hated evil — race prejudice. The natives, among whom there is no discrimination, are distressed to find themselves objects of unfair employment practices. The American business-men prefer and advertise for “White Men”. The Japanese natives, in particular, find themselves looked down upon.

Is it not ironical that a nation which prides itself on its treatment of personal rights and privileges should, in some ways, impair the rights of a people admitted into the Union? — B. K.

Waters of Siloe by Thomas Merton

In a world of noise, some have chosen silence; in a world dominated by reasoning, fallacious and otherwise, some have trusted their souls to faith; in a world in which success is measured by external aims, voluntarily grouped together to follow an ascetic, communal program of labor, meditation, and prayer. This is the cloistered life.

In The Waters of Siloe, Thomas Merton, now Father Louis, a monk himself since 1941, candidly answers those probes by the monk's amazing growth of the Cistercians.

He traces briefly the history of the Cistercians — through its extremes of laxity and over-severity — and introduces one to the founders and the formation of present-day Gethsemani in Kentucky and the seven other abbeys scattered throughout the world.

Mr. Merton's beautifully simple explanation of the heart of contemplative life — utter selflessness — cannot be adequately described, but would in itself justify the selection of The Waters of Siloe as Lenten, or post-Lenten reading, for it makes one realize that the ascetics practiced by the monks are only means to a sublime end, the thought of which colors their whole existence.

Perhaps the author himself, best sums up the essence of his book when he says, "Call it wine, if you like, or call it water. The monk's life is a life which he takes. For there is intoxication in the waters of contemplation, whose strength we have much more reason to respect than we have reason to respect the first Cistercians. These are the waters which the world does not know, because it fails to perceive the water of bitterness and contradiction. These are the waters of peace..."
Presenting the Region . . .

Tripoli-Rite, the Cincinnati region has one foot on the banks of Allegheny creek, Columbus, Ohio, another on Lexington road, Louisville, the third just a spurt of Crossed creek, Indiana.

Its story dates from Jan. 10, 1848, when students from the College of Mount St. Joseph, Our Lady of Cincinnati college, Xavier University, and Marian college met at O.L.C.

Of the member Ohio colleges today, the University of Dayton, conducted by the Society of Mary, is the only co-ed school. Richard E. Meyer, U.D., heads the national Catholic Action commission.

From Mount St. Joseph-on-the Ohio, conducted by Sisters of Charity, comes corresponding secretary, Patricia Lindsey, and national Missions commission chairman, Edna County.

Our Lady of the Springs, in the suburbs of Columbus, is conducted by Dominicans Sisitx. The new Mariology commission here has, as chairman, Arlene Schmeers.

Xavier, a Jesuit university, is the largest school of the region. A Xavier triae are: John Vogel, regional vice-president; Joseph Convery, Facemsters chairman; and John Brownos, Publications chairman.

Nazareth college, in the heart of Louisville, is conducted by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Congress plans were completed there Feb. 19.

Ursuline college, conducted by Ursuline Nuns, is on the outskirts of Louisville. A special commission of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has Pat Wagner, U.C., as chairman.

Villa Madonna college, Covington, is another co-ed school. Beneficent in origin, it is now under diocesan direction. Charles Detter, V.M.C., is regional treasurer.

Marian college, conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis, is the Healer outpost of the region. Mary Haugh, recording secretary, stems from Marian college.

Teacher Shortage Revealed at Meet

A council on Teacher Education will be formed in Indiana. It was decided at a meeting of Indiana directors of student teaching and student advisors, Feb. 9, at the State House.

The shortage of teachers in primary schools and in special education in high schools was discussed. The special fields include home economics, music, physical education, and library science.

Colleges are not producing the number of teachers needed. The number of teacher graduates of 1941 exceeded that of 1940.

Sister Mary Olivia and Sister Clarence Marie attended the meeting.

Pianist Interprets Music Masters

At the Concert-drama, March 10, Donald Scott-Morrison gave interpretations of Scarlatti, Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Strauss, and Gershwin.

Seated at the harschpield, Mr. Scott-Morrison opened his program with selections by Dominick Scarlatti and Bach, illustrating that music's place in the development of the modern piano.

Highlighting his piano performance was the artist's presentation of The Requiled Cathedral by Claude Debussy. With arched eyebrows and curt manner, he re-created the personality of the French composer.

The concert itself was richly highlighted by the young pianist's sense of humor and cosmopolitan air.

New Novelist Dedicates Book to Wife, Alumna

Janet Vachon Burne, a Marian graduate of '48 and Indianapolis public school teacher, assisted her husband in preparing his first novel for publication. She is the Junidll to whom he has written, "The Perfect Lady," dedicated. Mr. Burne's army experiences form the background for the novel, an autobiographical entwine with what he has presented to the college.

DR. JOS. E. KERNEL

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Typical Bi-monthly Congress of European Refugee Youth

As Recalled by Hungarian Student Delegate on Campus

by Marta Kilczer

“We call to you who still watch... Let all come and speak; the guards of the Hungarian soul, to whom our entrails are alive and whose lives, modeled on that of Christ, are a witness to the living faith.”

Recalling these words, I remember four days... four days which may have been unimportant and gray for other people, but which brought sunshine and spiritual renewal into the hearts of 140 young Catholic students.

Students Travel Far

On August 17, 1946, the Hungarian refugee students made their way from all parts of Austria and Germany to the retreat house near Munich to a conference of the K.M.D. (Katolikus Magyar Diakektoll), Catholic Student Federation. It was a farewell meeting for us—those leaving for a new world. None of us will forget those beautiful days, made possible by help of the N.O.W.C.

The first day we had a retreat which was conducted by Father Varga, a Jesuit who had been working with Cardinal Mindszenty and had left Hungary in 1949. The next three days we had speeches given by famous Hungarian professors and authors. The topics were taken from our daily problems. Some of them were:

1. The Church and society— the Church and Socialism.
2. The relations of Catholicism and State.
3. A look into the Hungary of today through Catholic eyes.
4. The situation and problems of the youth in emigration.

After each speech a long discussion followed. Lights Out at 2 a.m.

Each day began with the Holy Mass and ended with Benediction at 21:00, (9:30) over here. At 22:00 the lights were turned out in all the dormitories. The girls slept 4 to 6 in a room; the boys had bigger dormitories.

On the 20th of August, feast of St. Steven, the first king of Hungary, the Bishop of Munich celebrated the Mass in the small chapel of the retreat-house. And our spirits were far away—in our small country, Hungary. Upon our arrival back in Hungary, where the Soviet terror has its headquarter and for its liberty and rebuilding we, the youth, will work, helped by the power of our Catholic faith.

Spread Truth Casually, Idea of Leafleters

Catholic leaflets are being distributed by the CSU group under the direction of Margaret Murrole. A layman in Buffalo, N.Y. is furnishing the leaflets as a private venture in Catholic Action. The first lot of 2000 leaflets include Catholic doctrine regarding sacraments, indulgences, and grace. Others are on liturgy, deviations, and prayers.

Present distributors are: Mary Catherine Cangany, Ethel James, Mary Carlen, and Joan Morlock.
Literary Guild Hears ‘The Cardinal’
Reviewed by Former Marianite

The Cardinal, a novel of the Catholic Church in America by Henry Morton Robinson, was reviewed by Pat Parker ’30, at the Aquinas Literary Guild tea, Sunday, March 12.

The homeland has not yet appeared in book form but has appeared as a serial in Cosmopolitan magazine since Sept. 1949.

Joyce Abrams, Mary Morin and Peggy O’Hara headed the tea committee. Marian graduates of the past two years were invited to the annual tea and book review given by someone outside the club.

The Women Who Was Poor, by Leon Roey, the story of the life of Clotilde Marichole, was reviewed by Joanne Griffin at the Literary guild meeting, March 1.

Mrs. O’Hara’s tea life through a series of misfortunes to a glorious ending, all the while emphasizing the beautiful precepts of charity and poverty it exemplifies.

Italian Prize Art . . .
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decided, “Choice of benediction.”

Against a starry background on blue cloth, theЅate of the “heaven” of Russia.

The ciborium is 9 inches tall, its cup has a diameter of 4½ inches.

Edward Dowling’s Talk Raises Iron Curtain

First-hand information about life behind the Iron Curtain in Russia was obtained by Marian students attending a talk, March 9, given by Edward F. Dowling, “ordinary American taxpayer,” as he calls himself.

Mr. Dowling, business man and member of St. Joan of Arc parish, recently returned from an 11-day stay in Moscow. Despite little privacy or freedom he managed to observe certain conditions in Moscow, the “heaven” of Russia.

He found life there worse than life in the slums of American cities. Each person is permitted 9 sq. ft. in which to live; only 34 churches serve her 8 million people in contrast to New York’s 2,500 churches for a population of 7 million.

Shamrocks, Songs
Keynote Vets Party

Sophomores sponsored the St. Patrick party given for the patients of Veterans hospital by the Marian Red Cross unit March 11.

Irish songs were sung and games revolving about Irish themes were played. Marian hostesses, in green, presided in the auditorium decorated in green and white.

Four Irish Marianites presented an original arrangement of the Irish jig.

Camille Schneider was general chairman of the party; Rosalia Bruggenschmidt, decoration chairman.

St. Patrick’s day table decorations were made by junior Red Cross members under the direction of student-teachers Martha Polio, Camille Schneider, Mary Schuck, Joyce Breen, Barbara Reeves, and Joan Blaes.

Insignia of Erin adorned the spotlight at the Inter-American club meeting, March 8.

Thelma Isouvre, of Honolulu, spoke on the customs, religions, politics, and living conditions of her homeland. Club members discussed the pro and con of Hawaiian statehood.

Another topic of discussion was Peron’s dictatorship in Argentina. Benefits of his administration were balanced against its evils.

Galo Plaza, president of Ecuador, is posted as main subject for the next round-table session.

Our almost-zero weather was welcomed by snow loving Marianites. Snow-balling, skating, sled-dogging, and ice skating took up free time and excess energy. Just ask Sue Reith, Pat Feighner, Peg O’Hara or Ann Reith what fun they had sledding.

By the way, don’t ask “Needles”. (Her cast will be taken off this week probably?)

The “Pete”, Angie and Betty, made a fine showing on skates. So did Jackie Friedrich, Martha Peine, and Mary Schuck. We mustn’t fail to mention those brave souls in “the never stay down” group including Lucy Borende, Poppy Bruggenschmidt, Connie Krager, Syry Hart and Barbara Diuhl.

With heavy eyelids and lively spirits these would-be Eskimos on skates greeted the dawn on March 9.

One look into the gym, March 9, then another fast and long. Nets, ladders, pipes, (not the corn cob variety) and most important of all, basketball equipment. The looted for backboards were being installed.

W.A.A. is sure to be on the ball organizing teams for stiff competition.

Now too is the shuffleboard board being painted in the far left section of the recreation floor. The old one was deserted in the fall emigration to Clare hall.

Mary Morin

Mothers Invite Mothers
Easter Tuesday, April 11, Marian guild will entertain the mothers of Indianapolis high school seniors. Officers, under the direction of Mrs. R. T. Martellos, are making plans.

Goal Lines . . .
by Mary Morin

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