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Ebb Tide



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Salve Regina College, Newport, R. I.

December, 1949



Silent Night. Students welcome Xmas with age-old carols.

Traditional Xmas Caroling and Tableau Highlight Festivities



Venite Adoremus. Bethlehem relived in Great Hall.

Holy Year Pilgrimage Combats Red Menace

On Christmas Eve, Pope Pius will officially begin the Holy Year by tapping three times on the sealed doors of St. Peter's in Rome to open them for the faithful.

Pope Boniface VIII inaugurated the Holy Year in 1300 for the purpose of allowing those repentant sinners who had pledged allegiance to Philip of France, who occupied much the same position as Stalin does today, to return again to Catholicism. This Holy Year of 1950 offers the same forgiveness for those who have joined the forces of Communism.

Numerous parties are scheduled to leave from America for Rome beginning December seven and continuing throughout the year. Our Most Reverend Bishop will lead a pilgrimage in August.

Spirit of St. Nick Kindles College

The unreformed Scrooge would be more than usually upset were he to view the current reign of ol' Spirit Christmas in the halls of Ochre Court and thereabouts. Sober mantles, now bedecked with Yuletide trees, have adopted a gay exterior which I am sure was never meant to be, and in each overhanging mirror, you're likely to spy twinkling eyes that spill over with thoughts of Christmas. The merry spirit has invaded the campus, and there's not a soul around who isn't aware of it.

Somehow, holidays never have to be recalled. I suppose the impending gaiety is strong enough to suggest itself; at least whenever a vacation from classes is involved in the celebration, that instinct is

particularly powerful in college students. But beyond that natural ability to "know," there are ways of telling the approach of Christmas that would not escape the accurate observer: the ball of tinsel-twine that stretches from bed to bureau, piled top-heavy with gifts for curious roommates . . . the tree so-and-so bought for \$2.50 when mine only cost me a dollar . . . the tender, half-warm feeling that spins your head as you open presents by candlelight and then sing carols while munching a piece of chipped ribbon candy. Our spirit is kaleidoscopic: now happy, now nostalgic, then reverend, and perhaps thoughtful. But whatever the mood, it's always Christmas.

Dinner By Candlelight Finale For Old Year

A Candlelight Christmas Dinner and a caroling procession to the Christmas Crib in the Great Hall on December fifteen, will close the old year for the Student Body.

Together for the year's last event, the students will have their dinner by candlelight. A turkey dinner will be served and the classes will spend their last moments of the old year at Salve Regina in festivity.

Immediately, after dinner students will form a procession around the balconies and sing their way down to the Crib of the Christ Child in the Great Hall and honor Him with carols.

United once again in Pre-Christmas tradition, the faculty and student body of S. R. C. will congregate in the Great Hall on Thursday evening, December fifteen, after a formal dinner in the dining room.

Students, vested in caps and gowns, and carrying lighted candles, will form a procession around the first balcony and down the grand staircase singing *O Holy Night*. The program for the evening includes group singing of the *Gloria* and *Sanctus* from the Mass, *City of David*, *Adeste Fideles*, *Angels We Have Heard On High*, *Silent Night*, and a recessional Christmas hymn, *The First Noel*.

A solo part in *Gesu Bambino* or *Christmas Rose* by Pietro Yon will be sung by Geraldine Walsh. Another solo, *Birthday of a King*, will be sung by Barbara McAndrew.

A nativity tableau, in keeping with the seasonal religious spirit, will be presented during the caroling in the Great Hall. Characters in the pageant will be portrayed by the following students: Blessed Mother, Frances McGuinness; St. Joseph, Claire O'Donnell; Angel of the Nativity, Barbara Kelly; Adoring Angels, Marilyn Andrade, Mary Duffy, Delia Landi, and Theresa Scullian.

Frosh Provide Entertainment For Parents at Reception-Tea

The Freshman Class entertained their parents with a play followed by reception by the faculty and tea on Sunday afternoon, December 11.

To start the afternoon, the Salve Regina Players presented "Christmas in the Village Square" by Henri Gheon in the auditorium at Mercy Hall at 2:30.

When the play ended, the girls took their parents back to the Great Hall where Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., President, and the faculty members received them.

The afternoon culminated with tea and a luncheon served to the parents by their daughters.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Girls,

Two years' publication of *Ebb Tide* spans one half the collegiate lifetime of a Salve Regina student. Obviously, any two year period in the history of *Ebb Tide* is therefore important. This importance is magnified when the two years happen to be the first two years. In a college publication, traditions of scholarship or superficiality, of flippancy or seriousness do not need centuries to develop, but they do need a solid foundation from the start.

Twenty or fifty years from now *Ebb Tide* will be a representative and successful mirror of the life and objectives of Salve Regina College, if it maintains the present general lines of scholarship, literary seriousness, precise and objective news coverage, and happily proportioned mixture of human interest and humor.

Felicitations to *Ebb Tide* on its second anniversary of publication and a "well done" to all hands.

Gerald F. Dillon
Chaplain

P.S. This being your Christmas issue, may I promise to all at Salve Regina a share in my Masses of the Nativity and prayerful wishes that Bethlehem's 'peace on earth' may find warm shelter in the 'good will' of their hearts?

Nurses Wrap Packages

For Missionary Sisters

The Season of Christmas has come upon us, and with it, its message of good will to men. The nursing students of Salve Regina, filled with this wish to do good, have offered their services to the Catholic Medical Sisters as a Christmas gift. Medical supplies have been donated to the College Infirmary from time to time by several doctors. Some of these supplies, while they could not be used here would be of immense value to the missions. As a result these future nurses will help to sort, wrap and ship them to the Sister's General Motherhouse at Fox Chase in Philadelphia.

Perhaps, on Christmas Day these supplies will be used by the Sisters in Malay or India, or in their new mission in Gold Coast.

Light of Mercy

For the first time, God commanded that there be light, and the darkened earth destined for man was made to shine in the light of day. There had been no need for a command of spiritual brilliance. From the beginning, God allowed His beauty to glow in the preter-natural elegance of the Garden of Eden. This was to be for man. Yet—paradoxically, ironically—the creatures of God rejected Goodness beyond description at the foul bait of a demonic tempter. In ignorance and pride, man rushed from Paradise into a world fallen to the uniquely horrible consequence of sin: spiritual and physical death. This world of man's choice was a desert—devoid of the tree of life and of spiritual grace—a universe closed to heaven, Paradise, and God.

The tale of man has always been one of mercy, not only in the gratuitous creation, but also in man's sustenance after the fall. Yet was there a mercy to be granted, and this was not long to be lacking to man. For God has promised a Redeemer to change the face of the earth, and restoring man's favor with God, to reopen the gates of heaven.

And so, the years were fulfilled, and on a brilliant cold December night in Bethlehem, a Boy-child was born Who was called Christ the Lord. And angels announced to shepherds the magnificent climax of a drama begun two thousand years before in Eden. The God-Man stretched forth His Heart to man for the first time—and for the second time, God's Will must have thundered, "Let there be light!". For a star shone in the East and in man's renewed breast—on Christmas.

Video--Vice or Virtue

The dining-room is still the place to dine; bedrooms are for sleeping; yet, what of living-rooms? Instead of living, enjoying the glow of family banter and discourse, group games and group singing, the living-room is dark—the glow of family life has faded—family and guests are entertained in a miniature theatre.

The theatre, an imitation of life, is substituting for life itself in the home. Conversation lags while women watch fashion shows; or men, fights; baby cries till a mystery finishes; Junior deserts sun and fresh air to see puppets perform, and typical teen-age neglects homework as she swoons over Frankie Laine's "Mule Train". Entertainment, yes, but at what expense? Suppose we quote a man with "savvy" for you.

Most Reverend W. T. Molloy finds that "hot-house children" are our concern, and as future mothers of the TV age, let us study his warning. Television, he feels, is robbing youth of valuable training in life. Character-building, creative activity is being replaced by a dream world. What to do? We can't bar TV or destroy the invention. Besides, it has merits in its wholesome shows.

There is a solution—moderation—concentration on the best programs, elimination of "corn" and suggestive scripts, a thorough sifting of the in-between. Then, individual cases demand individual methods and here, the two P's of our present training, philosophical and psychological background, stand in our stead. With these two P's, placing truth beside us, we are prepared, even in the fast-paced twentieth century of TV, for motherhood. As a half of the third P, parents, we can rear no "hot-house children", but healthy Christian youngsters, a living tribute to ourselves, our college, and, most important, to our God

Solution to Age-Old Xmas Gift Problem

Books are the ideal Christmas gift . . . In trying to decide how I might preface this article to make my initial statement emphatic, I have come to the interesting conclusion that the declaration, status quo, is sufficient. However, to give vent to creative and perhaps argumentative genius, I shall elucidate.

Starting with an obvious fact and apologies to St. Thomas and Aristotle, I shall proceed to a logical conclusion. That people write about people must interest people. For every type reader, there is a corresponding work. Within the scope of all literature every person finds the book.

Go through that puzzling list again. Why, you never thought of it! *The Cardinal* is perfect for Aunt Mary, and *Peace of Soul* for Dad, and on down the list till the end. Result—a welcome gift for all.

Johnny's Christmas Land

U. N. fears and war-wrought tears
Toy soldiers called "abstractions",
Bomb-shelled halls and guerilla
calls
Are labelled "world detractions."
Sadness is buried 'neath chocolate
sands
In Johnny Dreamer's Christmas
Land.
Peppermint trees and milk-shake
seas,
Hands that never need cleaning;
Warm candle-glow, cold crystal
snow,
Soft hums from heaven streaming.
Why can't the flag of Peace unfurl
O'er ours as over Johnny's world?

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Letters to the Editor

My dear Girls,

This little message is to bring you Christmas Greetings from all the Sisters. And just what does this greeting mean when considered seriously and thoughtfully?

Simply the old, old story of Bethlehem—Mary, Joseph, the Child; Angels, Shepherds, Kings. Read it, Girls, during the precious days that remain before Christ's birthday and learn once again from St. Luke that the spirit of Christmas is peace of heart, joy of spirit, love of God and of neighbor.

Travel the road from Nazareth to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. Accompany Joseph to each door on which he knocks and share with him the cruel disappointment he feels when he hears, "There is no room."

Now join the happy shepherds and listen with them to the hosts of heavenly Angels singing, "Gloria in excelsis Deo". Enter the cave and enfold the new-born King in your arms. Cover Him with loving kisses as you repeat,

"I love His little hands
I love His little feet
I love the star that bloomed for Him
His Mother sweet.
I love the staff that guided Him
St. Joseph—greet."

Tell Mary how beautiful her Child is and how you long to prove your love for Him. Ask her to help you to prepare a gift for Him as precious as the gold, the frankincense, the myrrh that the Kings will offer. Hear her whispering to you the prayer that centuries later she will whisper to the humble St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace; where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Thus, dear Girls, with the old, old story of Bethlehem living in our hearts we can say to one another with genuine sincerity on the birthday of our Savior God—

Merry Christmas!
Christmas Greetings!
Peace on Earth!

Mother Mary Hilda, R. S. M.
Mother Provincial and President

Tinsel or Truth?

As one clock merrily ticks off the minutes to another Christmas, with its ensuing festivities, we have a choice to make. In the world of spiritual riches it is up to each individual to seek and find, or remain impoverished by accepting meager substitutes for truth and reality.

People en masse have become intoxicated by the lure of tinsel, fluffy angels, and gay cards conveying so-called Christmas greetings, as depicted by baby-faced cherubs on sleds, various representatives of the animal kingdom, and holly-covered houses.

All very lovely from an artistic point of view, and from a commercial slant regarded as 100 Christmas "specials", designed exclusively for myopic customers unmovingly trying to sell themselves short.

The true spirit of Christmas does not embody any of the mere superficial, unrealistic attitudes adopted as the vogue. Christmas is the Babe of Bethlehem's standing invitation to humanity.

If the yuletide spirit is to be actual, we must exercise our individuality by making it not something obscured by visual attractiveness, but through a heart felt acceptance of what it is, and not what it has become. Your decision? ?

New Ebb Tide Arouses Curiosity Of Students

Ebb-Tide wears the new look. What do you think about it? What would you like to see in it?



"I am definitely in favor of the "new look" which *Ebb Tide* has recently donned." says Jane Murphy of the Junior Class, "but I would like to see additional space given to Flotsam and Jetsam including in it a more personal note."

Mary Fitzgerald, a freshman says, "Day-hops seem to be overlooked in our school paper. They are an important phase of college life. Too, I would like national news and a column announcing student birthdays."



"I consider this present style of "*Ebb Tide*" as a typical college newspaper. It has as its source of news, happenings of interest to a large number of students. This paper subscribes to no news service, nor does it have a far-flung news-gathering machine. Yet, it covers its own territory thoroughly. Its search for news is intensive rather than extensive," says Ann Heaney a Sophomore.

Flotsam . . .

Look! All That And Blond Eyebrows Too

. . . and Jetsam

PAT WHALAN REMEMBERS . . . a number of Lou's wonderful assets but the one outstanding feature which Cappi Hogan recalls is the fact that the man had such nice blond eyebrows.

A MASSACHUSETTS PILGRIM . . . captured a Rhode Island turkey to adorn his table on Thanksgiving. For that, Mr. Alcares deserves a place of recognition in this article. (Never let it be said that a year went by without yours truly putting in a plug for William Bradford and his ancestors.)

A LITTLE GREEN FORD . . . owned and operated by Peggy Considine hesitatingly made its way back to Newport from Massachusetts (there's Bill Bradford again) on a cold winter's morning after our first snow storm. Peg looked and felt like an Eskimo and spent half the trip scraping ice from the windshield. Much to the dismay of her passengers, the trip was Peg's first in snow.

ROSES FOR ELLIE . . . on her twenty-first birthday. The young lady has now reached the realms of womanhood.

WE OFFER ORCHIDS . . . to Sister Mary Rosina, R.S.M. for her untiring work for the Glee Club Concert; to Mr. Walter Mayo for his inspirational direction; and to the Boston College Glee Club and Orchestra for an excellent performance.

HAVE YOU HEARD . . . about the letter Ann Cotter received the other day which caused her to spend the afternoon pouring over a dictionary with the help of a room mate to find out what it said.

OF ALL PLACES . . . to get lost, Barbie O'Rourke had to choose a cemetery. Operating her car and cruising around among the tombstones, Barbie suddenly realized that the way out was nowhere in sight. We can think of better places to spend an afternoon.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS . . . to one and all from the faculty of Salve Regina College—students and their loved ones. May the Christ Child bless all abundantly, and for the New Year, happiness, prosperity, and peace.

Gifts of Merci Train Highlight The Display of National Book Week

Three gifts from The Rhode Island Merci Train comprised the special feature of the book display exhibited during National Book Week. The three books, distributed to our college by a committee headed by Laure B. Lussier, are tokens of the deep appreciation of the French people for the gifts of food sent during the critical post-war years.

L'Abbaye Saint Corneille de Compiègne is the copy of a special printing telling of the founding of the Abbey in 876 by Charles the Bald and its subsequent history. The remains of the original building, classed among the historic monuments of France, are now in the process of restoration, and the Abbey is expected to be among the most beautiful of France.

Don de la Vendée au Peuple Américain is inscribed on the flyleaf of Jean Yole's *La Vendée*, an appealing history of the town and of the innumerable and invaluable French treasures.

Rouen by Pierre Chriol, autographed by the headmaster of the School of Rouen, is also a history. It points out the sites of interest and is an excellent tourist guide of Rouen. Added features are the delicately colored prints of churches, gardens, libraries, and mansions. Corneille, Fontenelli, and A. Maurois were among the many famous writers who were educated at Rouen.

IRC Decides On Russia As Current Discussion Subject

With a brief organizational meeting December 1, S. R. C.'s International Relations Club officially embarked upon another energetic year of informative discussions and lively debates about world affairs.

Catherine Hogan, President, began the meeting by summarizing the purposes of I. R. C. which are primarily: to foster Christian views of international problems, to keep its members informed of current events, and to train members in the arts of public speaking and debate.

Since the New England Peace Federation with which I. R. C. is affiliated, is developing its annual program around the Russian problem, the club agreed to take some phase of this all important topic for the theme of the next few meetings.

Tentative plans were made for an inter-collegiate panel discussion in early January. The International Relations Clubs from Brown, R. I. C. E., and Providence College will be invited.

From now on all I. R. C. panel discussions will be open to any interested members of the student body

Sodality Gives Annual Children's Xmas Party

The student Body entered into a true Christmas spirit at the annual Christmas Party for Newport children in the Great Hall on Wednesday, December fourteen.

During the party sodality members directed the games and served the lunch of ice cream and cake. Inspired by the Christmas air of the occasion, the student body all co-operated in the activities. However, the climax occurred when Santa (Florence McLaughlin) appeared on the scene to distribute gifts and Christmas cheer to all.

Representing Newport's three parochial schools, altogether twelve children took part in the festivities. Authorities of St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Augustin's schools selected the deserving children who attended.

Hoping to establish a tradition, the sodality staged the party for the third year. They feel that students can enter the Christmas Season by beginning it in the true spirit, of giving while at the same time enjoying their work of Christian Benevolence.

Can You Paint?

Behold! New Renaissance Dawns

They whisper that a fever of enthusiasm is sweeping through the dormitories of Salve Regina. It is the dawn of new Renaissance, that has its fortifications behind the brown door that leads to the Art Studio. And if it were intense interest and painstaking work that made possible the masterpieces of Raphael and Botticelli of the other Renaissance, then the Art classes are destined to produce great geniuses.

The pioneers were first, those who would take painting for credit. Encouraged by their success, others followed, organizing a club, where they worked only for Pleasure, not for marks. The banner they carry is bold. It is lettered, *Everyone Can Paint*. But here the students have an understanding—if they are willing to work. And the finished pictures that line the yellow walls of the Studio

Freshmen Personalize Their Colorful Christmas Gifts With Fancy-stitch Knitting

Throughout the corridors of S. R. C., between classes, in the dorms, and even in the various classrooms, while waiting for class, the familiar "Knit one, purl two" can be heard from the lips of many Christmas-knitting Freshman.

Dangling balls of yarn in red, white, and black may be seen bobbing madly in the hands of Dolores O'Neill, who has almost completed her masterful argyle socks for—guess who?

Who'll be the lucky person on Christmas morn when Pat Flynn presents her pretty yellow knitted socks? Bet it's no girlfriend!

There's always a first time, and Dotty Dowd decided that Christmastime is the best time to learn to knit. So she's knitting a pair of white socks that are bound to catch the eye.

Dark green in cable stitch is Joan Dempsey's specialty for Christmas.

Among the other busy-knitting Freshmen are Marguerite Johnson, Ann Collins, and Cathy Conaty.

are proofs of the wisdom of their motto.

Now that the first snows have fallen, and the chimes calling us to Midnight Mass can be heard around the corner, the artists are depicting winter scenes. They have become obsessed with snow-white snow, pink from the reflections of the setting sun, and snow-covered cottages with lights gleaming through windows to light shadowy people home.

From detailed copying the painters for credit have moved on to original compositions. Just as Michelangelo painted things he knew, so the students are using as models toy pandas and dolls, borrowed from their beds. They have found inspiration in the graceful statuary and designs that decorate the College halls, or painted visionary ballerinas dancing through various moods. But a great Renaissance is sweeping through Salve Regina indeed.

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Home Economics Club Sponsors Christmas Party For Frosh Home Economics Students

Following their other numerous activities, the members of the Home Economics Club, who recently gave a Commuter's Tea which, as their first social affair, was highlighted by a Turkey Raffle, are adding to their colorful activities by sponsoring a delightful Christmas Party for the Freshmen members of the Home Economics Class.

Under the direction of Miss Claire McCabe, chairman, and her assistants, Miss Rose Jalette, Miss Mary Donovan, and Miss Norma Haronian, a special Christmas program is being planned. Short stories will be related by the entertainers concerning Christmas in the homes in many lands, from Bethlehem to Boston. Carol singing and gift-giving by all present tend to add to the festivities.

The party will be held on December 13 at 6:30 P. M. in Mercy Hall, and the Freshman Home Economics students are in for a real "Merry Christmas" treat from their Sophomore and Junior sisters.

French Club Is Entertained By Mr. H. Huffer At Tea

Tea was served to the French Club at the home of Mr. Herman Huffer on the afternoon of November thirty to mark the end of his valuable service to the group until next May.

As the French scholar is leaving this country to spend several months in France, the occasion also served as a bon voyage celebration. A past student of the Sorbonne, Mr. Huffer has traveled throughout Europe and has become a familiar figure in continental circles. His experiences have made him a primary source of information proving to be of great value to those students interested in France and her native tongue.

Presented to Mr. Huffer as a bon voyage gift, was a travel log signed by the club.

Bridge Social Increases Capital For Future Seniors' Yearbook

A bridge for the benefit of the Junior Class yearbook was held at the home of Miss Mary Cahill on November twenty-four at two P. M.

With cigarette lighters as prizes and twenty three players seeking the possession of them, the bridge was a success both socially and financially.

Winning the table prizes were Miss Eleanor Testa, Miss Mary Cahill, Miss Norma Haronian, and Miss Florence McLaughlin. Refreshments were served ending the social.

As this Christmas Party brings to an end the activities of the Home Economics Club for the Old Year, we look forward to the many activities of a Happy New Year.

Xmas Program on Air Prays Family Rosary

Father Patrick Peyton, C. S. C., founder and director of The Family Rosary Crusade, will present another great Christmas program, "The Joyful Hour", on Sunday, December 18, at 8:30 P. M. E.S.T.

The program will feature eighteen stars of stage, screen, and radio in a joyful hour of music, prayer, and drama. This program is another in the series of programs presented by The Family Rosary Crusade and its members. Father Peyton aims to use these programs as another means of bringing mankind to the Immaculate Heart of Mary through her most precious gift—the Holy Rosary.

A native of Ireland, Father Peyton came to America as a young boy and lived in Scranton, New Jersey. At one time he became critically ill and promised that if he recovered he would back the family rosary to 10,000,000 homes. Today, after much work and support from people throughout the world, that goal is no longer a dream, for already 1,000,000 homes have joined the Family Rosary Crusade.

An invitation:

You are invited . . .
To a dinner . . .
By candlelight . . .
On December fifteen
A Blessed Christmas!

Art Exhibition Staged By Art Majors And The 'Painters For Pleasure'

Featuring the work of all art students, an art exhibit under the direction of Sister Mary Mercedes, R. S. M. was held in the Great Hall during the week of December 11.

The work of both art majors and members of the 'Paint for Pleasure' classes, the exhibit includes pictures in oil, tempera, pastel, and water color.

Among the pictures displayed were still life studies, landscapes, and portraits. Girls studying the History of Costume showed a series of original studies depicting the costumes of other times. Surface designs showing creative talent were exhibited by the classes in advanced design. Plates on the History of Art were Museum Research records.

The committee in charge of the Exhibition, under the guidance of Sister Mary Mercedes, R. S. M., Head of the Art Department, included Joan, Shugrue, Marilyn Andrade, Ann Coter, Norma Haronian, Grace Woods, Jacqueline Beaupre, Claire McCabe, Margaret Considine, Barbara Storey, Eleanor McGrath, Eleanor Testa, Claire O'Donnell, Janet Watson, Maureen Oates, Mary Donovan, Joan Butler, Ann Herbert, and Ann Foran.

In grateful memory of

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by the Students.

May she rest in peace!

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New Sodalists Received as Children of Mary; Father Dillon Celebrates High Mass In Chapel

After celebrating High Mass in the college chapel, Father Dillon formally received the new members into Our Lady's Sodality on December eight, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The college choir sang the High Mass which was celebrated at seven-thirty. After breakfast, the entire student body, attired in white dresses and blue veils, assembled in the Great Hall to form a procession. Lead by Prefect, Katherine Price, carrying the Sodality banner, and the members of the Sodality Board, the girls marched to the Chapel singing their sodality hymn, *Mother Beloved*.

After the chanting of the *Veni Creator*, thirteen freshmen and two sophomores knelt at the altar rail to receive their medals of the Immaculate Conception, as they were blessed by the Chaplain. The new sodalists then repeated the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Following the sermon concerning the duties of a Child of Mary in the secularistic world of today, the students assisted at Benediction. The ceremony closed with the singing of the college hymn, *Salve Regina*.

Since December the eight is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the date has been adopted by the college as the traditional day of reception of new members into the Sodality. However, the day has an added significance this year as the closing day of the triduum for the intentions of the Holy Father. The report of the masses and communions offered by

Students Find New Outlet For Talents and Charity

Have you any spare time? Can you sing? Play games? Can you teach others?

Several of the girls at *Salve Regina* have answered these questions affirmatively and done something about the result. Catherine Mahoney and Loretta Ross of the Sophomore class have been using some of their spare time to good advantage. These girls wanted to do some kind of Scout Work, so they travel each week to a nearby school to give the children some of the advantages of scouting.

Since the girls started their work just before the Christmas season, they have begun to teach the children Christmas Carols. These, they plan to use very soon. Just before school closes for vacation the students are going to procure a list of names of sick people in the vicinity and the children are going to visit them, sing Christmas Carols, and return to a hall for a Christmas Party.

The girls enjoy their work very much and several of other Sophomores are planning to begin.

Sodalists throughout the world will be sent in a spiritual bouquet as a Christmas Gift to His Holiness.

This spiritual project is sponsored by the *Queen's Work*, the official Sodality magazine.

Councils Plan Parleys; Newspaper Started

The National Council of the National Federation of Catholic College Students will hold their mid-year council meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, from the twenty-seventh through the thirty-first of December.

On Sunday, January 8, 1950, the New England Regional Council of the N. F. C. C. S. will meet for their second council meeting of the 1949-50 year. Scheduled as a progress report and plan session, the member students in New England. Edited on the activities within the region. The basic blueprint for Fourth Regional Convention in Boston, April 21, 22, 23, 1950 will be formed.

"The Compass", a regional newspaper, has been established by the N. F. C. C. S. members students in New England. Edited monthly by Raymond E. Donovan, Regional Publicity Director, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., the first issue appeared in November. Inaugurated as an organ for N. F. C. C. S. information, the newspaper will endeavor to explain the history, aims, and projects of the federation, promote interest, act as a liaison between member students from Burlington, Vermont, to New Haven, Connecticut, and to further, through integration, the theme for 1949-1950 "A Call To The Lay Apostlé."

Letters From Germany Express Gratitude For Gifts Of U. S. Students

Since the end of the war it has been the practice for philanthropic groups to send relief to those people suffering in Europe's devastated countries. Catholic organizations have been especially active in this charitable undertaking.

One of the most rewarding things about such work is the fact that even the smallest gift is almost certain to bring a grateful reply from its needy recipient. Typical of many letters received by the Sisters of Mercy was this one which began, "Dear Sister, I am very enjoyed to be able to be writing to you." The author was Rev. Heinrich Breuning, a parish priest in the once thriving city of Mainz, a suburb of Frankfurt. Through C. A. R. E. he had obtained and distributed among his parishioners some packages of food and clothing sent by Catholic students from the Diocese of Providence.

He described his people as poverty stricken and embittered. He told of women, mothers, of once prosperous homes now coming to his church wearing rags to beg food for their starving children. He said that unless one had himself endured a seemingly hopeless poverty and utter destitution it would be impossible to imagine the joy that just one tiny baby garment or a single can of fruit could bring to these people. He expressed the wish that the people of America might never feel that they could send too little because the most common, insignificant item can bring so much comfort and happiness to a part of humanity that has already been subjected to more than its share of grief. Could you find a way to help?

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