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Catholic Collegian Expound True Americanism



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Above are pictured the Catholic Collegiate speakers at the recent symposium. In the usual order they are: Elizabeth M. Doran, Nazareth; Marie C. Whaling, Villa Maria; Nelson J. Kinmartin, Canisius; Leo V. Lanning, Erie County Commander of the American Legion; Maurice N. McGrath, Niagara U.; Charles A. Suchan, Jr., Canisius; James F. Crowley, Saint Bonaventure; Helen Ann Kinsley, D'Youville; Marguerite T. O'Donnell, Mercyhurst.

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Lenten Series Attracts 2500 In First Two Presentations

The Ninth Annual Catholic Collegiate Symposium group will close activities for the year a week from Sunday, March 26 in Villa Maria College of Erie, Pa.

After opening the Lenten series march 5 in the Hotel Statler Ballroom, the speakers representing the seven Catholic colleges in the Western New York Student Sodality Conference appeared last Sunday in Nazareth Academy of Rochester. The Buffalo presentation was attended by over 1,500 persons, while about 750 Rochester citizens listened to the collegians discuss the popular topic of current interest, American Democracy.

Present Difficulties

The objector-defender method is used by the speakers, in which five constructive talks are given after which two objectors present difficulties. Rather than tear down Fascism, Communism and nazism, the speakers are very positive. They refrain from the use of these terms and build up our democracy by discussing such points as the meaning of democracy, personal, social and religious rights of our citizens, and true Americanism.

Representing Canisius in the Symposium is Charles A. Suchan, Jr., who speaks on Social Rights. Nelson J. Kinmartin, president of the Western New York Student Sodality Conference is the chairman of the meetings. Other speakers include Helen Ann Kinsley, D'Youville College; Maurice N. McGrath, Niagara University; Elizabeth M. Doran, Nazareth College of Rochester; Marie C. Whaling, Villa Maria College of Erie, Pa.; Marguerite T. O'Donnell, Mercyhurst College of Erie, Pa., and James F. Crowley, St. Bonaventure.