

Catholic Students Hold Inter-Parish Youth Day

CHAPPAQUA—

Sunday, Oct. 28, was the Feast of Christ the King in the Catholic Church and began National Catholic Youth Week. Before leaving for Rome and the Ecumenical Council, the Cardinals and Bishops of America made a special point of focusing the eyes of the Church on its teen-agers during this week.

In conjunction with the National theme of "Reverent Youth—Loyal Leaders," a group of high school students from Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, New York sponsored an experiment in inter-parish living. They invited the Catholic students of twelve different public high schools in the Westchester County area to come to Chappaqua as their guests on Sunday, Oct. 28, and devote the day to an examination of the meaning of reverence and leadership in the lives of Christian youth.

The day, which involved about 150 students, began at noon with the Mass for the Feast of Christ the King celebrated by Father Robert E. Campbell, M.M. The students received the Eucharist together in a body. Following a short communion breakfast a panel discussion began to break down the theme of the day from its theory to its practical application.

"This gives you a chance to blow off steam about many things," said John Crowley, 16, chairman of the day, and senior at Horace Greeley High School. Then the nine panelists told what being a leader meant to them in their own lives. Once the panel became involved in the issue, the pace was set and those present broke up into small discussion groups to continue the discussion. "I don't think anyone should be a leader unless he's right," said Marie Oates, 17, senior at John Jay High School, Katonah, "And who can be sure his opinion is true unless he expresses it to others and finds out what they think."

Peter Tierney, 17, of Stady Lane, senior at Stepinac High School in White Plains said: "What's going on in Cuba is important, but this meeting is just

as important for our lives, but only if we make it so."

"One thing about stating your views is that once they are out, you have to do what you say or you're a hypocrite," Judy Coughlin, 16, a junior from St. Mary's High School, Katonah.

Also on the panel were: Timothy McCarthy, 17, moderator and senior from Horace Greeley High School, Catherine Tarride, 17, from Bordeaux, France, an exchange student and senior at Greeley, Ruth Sharak, 15, sophomore at Briarcliff High School, Briarcliff, Mike Lunny 17, senior at Eastchester High School, John Moore, 16, junior at Sleepy Hollow High School, Tarrytown.

By late afternoon, after much discussion, their were many hungry students to be fed. The Mothers' Club prepared a hearty meal which was donated by merchants and friends in Chappaqua. A few Maryknoll Seminarians, who came as observers to the day, provided an impromptu jam-session with their combo.

Following the dinner, the students assembled in the chapel of St. John and Mary parish for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Monsignor Louis Stryker, pastor of the parish, was host for the day. Maryknoll Seminarians, Robert Bayne, Robert Mathews, Edward Flanagan and Wil Arment acted as advisors to the high school chairmen who planned the day.

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"The thing I like most about modern youth is its uninhibited frankness. You know exactly where you are with them."—Archbishop of Canterbury.