1956 MARIANIST AWARD WINNER

Frank Duff, founder and international head of the Legion of Mary, was the recipient of the seventh annual Marianist Award by the University of Dayton at a ceremony in the university chapel on December 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The award, a silver plaque, is given each year for outstanding service to the Mother of God.

Mr. Duff, who came from Dublin, Ireland, for the presentation, founded the Legion of Mary in Dublin, in 1921. It has since spread throughout the world, reaching to every continent, and engaging in a wide variety of apostolic works. It is an association of Catholic laity whose purpose is to sanctify its members, to assist the clergy in bringing fallen away Catholics back to the Church, to seek new converts, and to intensify Catholic life. There are now about 42,000 active members in the U.S. alone.

Mr. Duff is the second layman to receive the award. M. Roger Brien, of Nicolet, Canada, was awarded the plaque in 1953. Others who have been so honored include Rev. Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M. (1950); the late Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J. (1951); Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. (1952); Rev. Emil Neubert, S.M. (1954), and Rev. Joseph A. Selly, C.M. (1955).

The Marianist Award was established in 1950 to commemorate the triple centenary of the coming of the Marianists to the United States, the death of the founder, William Joseph Chaminade, and the founding of the University of Dayton.
MARIOLIGICAL SOCIETY MEETS JANUARY 3-4, 1957

The eighth annual convention of the Mariological Society of America will be held in Chicago's Hotel Morrison on January 3 and 4, 1957. Theme of the convention, Mary's Death, will be treated in six papers presented by well-known Marian scholars.


Further information on the convention, and on Marian Studies, the annual publication of the society, may be secured from the Secretary, Rev. J. B. Carol, O.F.M., Franciscan Monastery, 174 Ramsey Street, Paterson 1, New Jersey.

MARIAN SPEECH FESTIVAL

Riordan High School, San Francisco, California, has for the past three years sponsored a unique project for promoting knowledge of Our Lady: a Marian Speech Festival. Planned as part of the program of the speech department, the festival was held this year on December 8, with all of the Catholic High Schools of the archdiocese of San Francisco invited to participate.

Events sponsored included Original Oratory, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Reading and Interpretation. The theme of the festival was: "Our Blessed Lady and the Moral Crisis in Modern America."

Schools interested in further information on this project may contact Brother John Samaha, S.M., Riordan High School, 175 Phelan Ave., San Francisco 12, California.
SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS RECENTLY RECEIVED
BY THE MARIAN LIBRARY


Balic, Carolus, IOANNES DUNS SCOTUS DOCTOR, IMMUCULATAE CONCEPTIONIS, I. Textus Auctoris. Romae, Academia Mariana Internationalis, 1954. xi, 107p. (Bibliotheca Immaculatae Conceptionis, 5)

Bigotte, Jose Queilhas, O CULTO DE NOSSA SENHORA NA DIOCESE DA GUARDA. Lisboa, Papelaria Fernandes, 1948. 496p.

Bottini, Primo, IL CANTO DEI NAVIGANTI; motivi mariani. Catania, Edizioni Paoline, 1955. 239p. (Stella Maris, 6)


Imbrighi, Gastone, MARIA DI NAZARETH NELLA TOPOONOMASTICA ITALIANA. Roma, Tecnica Grafica, 1954. 102p.


Lebesconte, Francois, IL CUORE DI MARIA SECONDO SAN GIOVANNI EUDÈS. Catania, Edizioni Paoline, 1954. 308p. (Stella Maris, 1)


NEW BOOKS (Cont.)

OUR LADY OF THE LIBRARY
Diocesan Guild Studios, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton 3, Pa., is now able to take orders for plaster reproductions of the original Our Lady of the Marian Library statue. It has been described as "very beautiful" and "difficult to distinguish from the hand-carved wood, but of course not quite as exquisite as that."

The statue is being sold under the title "Our Lady of the Library" and is modeled on the original carved for the Marian Library in 1952 by Xavier Hochenleitner of Oberammergau.

These statues are not handled by the Marian Library. For further information, size, price, etc., write directly to the Studios.

AVE MARIA ROSE
The new Ave Maria Rose, developed by Stern's Nurseries, Inc., Geneva, New York, will be available for spring delivery. The new variety is a nearly pure white, sturdy, ever-blooming rose. We will carry some additional information on the Ave Maria rose as soon as it is released by Stern's Nurseries.