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REPORT, 1985-86: NEW ENGLAND REGION

The New England Region of The Mariological Society of America held its annual meeting Saturday, October 5, 1985, at Providence College, Providence, R.I. Rev. Matthew Morry, O.P., Director of the New England Region and professor of Mariology at Providence College, opened the meeting at 10:05 A.M. The Reverend John F. Cunningham, O.P., President of Providence College, welcomed some ninety members and brought greetings of the college. The Most Reverend Archbishop George H. Pearce, S.M., D.D., offered the opening prayer.

The Keynote Speaker was the Reverend James T. O'Connor, S.T.D., professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, N.Y. Fr. O'Connor, Vice-president of The Mariological Society of America, received his doctorate in theology in 1972 from the St. Thomas Aquinas University, Rome. His address, "Mary and the Holy Spirit," developed the theme of the Holy Spirit as the source of harmony in the creation and the dynamism of the restored harmony to a sin-ridden world through Jesus the Christ in and through Mary. While God takes the lead in that relationship of harmony with His creatures, Mary is the fulfillment of all those representatives of the womanly role in restoring harmony in Salvation History.

Fr. O'Connor presented Mary's cooperation in the salvific act through the traditional Eve-Mary parallel and the Church-Mary parallel. As the Church's fruitfulness is effective to the end of time, so too is Mary's motherhood operative to the end of time.

After a lively and informative discussion, a Marian Liturgy followed in Aquinas Chapel. The Most Reverend George H. Pearce, S.M., D.D., was main celebrant with ten assisting concelebrants. Members of The New England Region Commission, Muriel Vasset and Estelle Tetreault were the readers. Fr. Walter

U. Voll, O.P., professor of theology at the St. Thomas Aquinas University, Rome, was homilist.

In treating his theme concerning the possibility of devotion to Mary today, Fr. Voll showed there is no difficulty. We must seek the way to carry out such devotion. Through a consideration of the Mysteries of the Rosary he offered an example of an effective and intimate devotion to Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. For, in those moments in which she was associated with Her Divine Son and through which she continues her role and function in the Church as our suppliant intercessor, Mary remains as God's instrument of His ongoing saving act.

The meeting ended with luncheon and a brief business meeting.

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