

Sodality

The Religion Club conducted one of the most successful years in the religious activities of the College. The Sodality, affiliated with the College Sodalist movement, has attempted to put the principles of Catholicism into the every day activity of the Campus.

Reverend Thomas J. Sutherland, Moderator of the Religion Club appointed committee chairman to plan a program of various fields of Catholic Action early in the school year. Confraternity work, symposiums and conventions were among the initial plans of this year's religious accomplishments.

The highlights of the Religion Club's program varied from a Triduum in honor of the Immaculate Conception to a campaign to Christianize advertising. The Triduum was conducted early in December in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Reverends Reginald McKiernan, Thomas I. Conerty and Thomas J. Sutherland took turns in officiating each day of the Triduum. The intentions of the Triduum were offered as a special gift to the Holy Father.

The campaign to put Christ in Christmas advertising under the direction of John Hogan, Publicity Chairman, and a corps of zealous assistants, created favorable response. Letters were sent to the major department stores urging that religious cuts be used in the card

Father Sutherland presides over a meeting of the committee chairmen of the Sodality.



display. The Tablet, The Catholic News, The Eagle and The Times led a vanguard of secular and religious papers that devoted editorials and space supporting the program.

The Religion Club was one of the foremost Clubs in the College that sponsored the Club Assemblies inaugurated by Brother Jerome. Father Gallagher's talk on "Religion in the Soviet" created city wide attention. At another assembly a talk by the Director of the Don Bosco Free Library of Brooklyn opened a new avenue of activity for the Sodalists.

Daily Lenten Devotions were conducted in the College Chapel for the intention of the St. Francis men in the armed forces.

Several of the members of the Religion Club played an important role in confraternity and social action work of the Diocese. Joseph and Thomas Colgan, John Kiernan, George Magee and Joseph Lahey were the key men in spreading the Catholic apostolate in Brooklyn.

"The Sodality will be a success if each member will try to keep the idea of personal holiness and sanctification before him" declared Father Sutherland at the initial meeting of the Religion Club. All the Sodalists from the Freshmen to the Seniors have tried to make the year 1942 the banner year in the annals of the Religion Club.



Sodalists kneeling before Christ on the Cross and St. Francis during the Lenten Noontime Devotions.