

Graves To Be Blessed Sunday Afternoon

The ceremony of the blessing of the graves in Holy Sepulchre cemetery will be held next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Bishop Hickey will officiate, assisted by priests of the diocese and the students of St. Bernard's seminary.

There will be a solemn procession through the cemetery during which the graves will be blessed by Bishop Hickey. Vespers will be sung by the clergy and students under the direction of the Rev. John M. Petter, S. T. B., and Bishop Hickey will preach.

Branch 62, L.C.B.A., Planning Card Party

Plans are being made for a large card and pinocle party to be given by Branch 62, L.C.B.A., on October 28th, in the basement of the school on Brown street. All members will receive tickets and the committee hopes they will dispose of same. Twenty-five prizes will be distributed. Mrs. Hattie Bietry has been named chairlady and Miss Louise Bilger will have charge of the entertainment.



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Cardinal Hayes To Officiate at Dedication Of Aquinas Institute

Public Reception In Evening

Cardinal Patrick Hayes, archbishop of New York, will officiate next Tuesday at the formal dedication of Aquinas Institute, the new Catholic high school for boys of Rochester and vicinity.

The program for the Cardinal's visit has been announced. He will arrive here Monday from Cleveland, where he will officiate next Sunday, and will be met at the New York Central Station by Bishop Hickey, whose guest he will be during his stay. The Cardinal will motor to St. Bernard's Seminary late Monday afternoon, where a reception will be given Monday evening by the professors and students of the seminary.

Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock the Cardinal will celebrate the first mass in the new chapel of the Aquinas Building, the altar and furnishings for which are now practically installed. He will bless the new building, after which he will deliver a public address in the large assembly hall. Luncheon will be served at noon in the cafeteria of the school to the Cardinal and clergy.

The Cardinal will address the student body in the afternoon, after which he will proceed to the front of the building, where a new American flag will be raised.

Later in the afternoon he will go to Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue, the Catholic high school for girls and Nazareth College, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, where he will speak to the student body and teaching staff and where a reception will be held.

In the evening at 8 o'clock a reception will be held in the assembly hall of the Aquinas for the public, at which the Cardinal will be the principal speaker.

It is expected many bishops and monsignori from various dioceses in the eastern part of the country will be in Rochester for the dedication.

SS. Peter and Paul

Announcement was made at the masses on Sunday of the annual seminary collection which will be taken up at all masses on Sunday.

The blessing of the graves will take place Sunday afternoon.

An anniversary requiem mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning for Rev. Dr. Sinclair.

The Pew Rent office will be open on next Sunday after all the masses. The regular monthly meeting of St. Peter's Society will be held on Monday morning, September 28th at 8 o'clock.

Miss Teresa Brayer of Rugby avenue was announced winner of the \$100 Liberty bond for which shares were sold to raise money for the 1926 convention fund of the Zonta Club at their last meeting.

A birthday party was given in honor of Gordon Kiek of Orange street on Saturday evening. Dinner was served to thirty guests, all enjoyed a pleasant evening with many returns of the happy day.

The regular meeting of Branch 62, L. C. B. A., will be held on Thursday evening, October 1st when assessment No. 9 for September will expire. The prizes for Pedro which was played after the last meeting went to Hattie Bietry, Lillian Miller and Gertrude Spahn.

The funeral of Harold Smith took place on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from 52 Danforth street, and at 9 o'clock from this church. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Garden Party A Success

Hundreds of Patrons Present

Hundreds of patrons were present at the garden party of the Catholic Women's Club Tuesday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fluecane in Portsmouth terrace. Mrs. John J. McInerney presided at the ice cream table, assisted by Miss Margaret Bassett, Miss Mary Catherine Dwyer, Mrs. Eugene Sackett and Miss Loretta Cornell.

A musical program of vocal and instrumental numbers arranged by Mrs. Bernard Dunn, who was in charge of the entertainment, also included orchestral numbers by Johann Strauss's orchestra during the evening.

Popular features of the entertainment were the story hour and treasure hunt for children who had been encouraged to attend by announcements of special attractions for their amusement.

Vari-colored lights illuminated the grounds in the evening and a display of fashionable fall garments for women, considered comparable with that of any amateur exhibition hitherto made in this city, was received with enthusiastic applause. Miss Sybil Sibert with Mrs. Bernard F. Dunn, was in charge of the fashion show. Appearing in the latest sports models, afternoon frocks and evening clothes were Misses Betty Raur, Katherine Love, Jean Kelly, Ann Kelly, Elaine Yawman, Katherine Murray, Mary Catherine Dwyer, Margaret Bassett and Ruth Mahon.

The club treasurer, Mrs. Henry E. Norton, had a table reserved for her use where donations were received. At the membership table, in

charge of Mrs. William F. Fredmore and Miss C. Marie Blackwood, those desiring to join the Catholic Women's Club were welcomed. Miss Elizabeth Jennings is the executive secretary of the club.

Annual Collection For Seminarians Will Be Taken Up Sunday

Bishop Hickey has issued the following letter to the clergy and laity of the Diocese:

The resumption of classes in the two Seminaries of this Diocese is a most appropriate occasion for a special message to the Clergy and Laity on the Priesthood of God's Church. When it is said that participation in the work of preparing candidates for the Priesthood is a privilege, an honor, and in the degree in which one participates, a grave responsibility, a solemn truth is proclaimed.

The office of the Priesthood is a most holy and powerful one and has to do with affairs of the gravest consequences for time and eternity. The Priesthood is a Divine Institution and the man who is raised to this rank represents Our Lord in the sacred ministrations of Our Holy Religion and in consequence stands before the world in a representative character.

What a privilege, honor and responsibility it is to be a priest of God's Holy Church! And in the light of this truth we can easily understand that he who enters into this Holy State is not merely holding a position or engaged in a profession, but has followed what he believes to be his vocation. The selection or acceptance of subjects for the Priesthood is then an act to be discharged most conscientiously and the Church in her legislation impresses upon Bishop and Clergy engaged in training candidates their solemn duty in this regard.

The course of preparation extends over a period of years and begins ordinarily with the time of early youth. It is a most serious process of building up a strong spiritual character in the candidate, while he is storing the mind with requisite knowledge for the proper discharge of his sacerdotal duties.

In this Diocese we have two institutions for training candidates for the Priesthood—the preparatory Seminary, St. Andrew's, and the Seminary for higher studies, St. Bernard's; and speaking with reference to the purpose for which they are conducted, they are the most important institutions in the Diocese.

The work of the Church is in the hands of the clergy, and these are the training schools for the clergy, hence their importance. In this part of the country, now well settled and populated, our Catholic people are accustomed to find churches and priests close at hand and are able to receive the ministrations of Holy Church with little or no inconvenience.

It is not their immediate problem or function to provide the clergy, and naturally they are not in touch with all that precedes the entrance of their priest into the sanctuary. There are certain requisites in this matter to which we may refer now with some possible information or instruction to the laity. In this very serious program of work we may consider the candidates, their instructors and the place set aside for the proper performance of this sacerdotal training.

As to the candidates, they should be boys from good Catholic family life and reputation, and the boys themselves should manifest even at an early age a desire and disposition for the sacerdotal state.

They can be admitted into the preparatory Seminary only after they have made the necessary elementary course of study and are recommended by their pastor for admission. The plan of conducting St. Andrew's Seminary provides tuition without cost to the students of this diocese, and thus even the boy of a family of moderate means will not be restrained because of money from following what he feels is his calling to the Priesthood. As a matter of fact the rank and file of our priests are not the sons of the wealthy, and very often great sacrifices are made in our families to assist the boy in his efforts to become a priest. Later the item of board and lodging for students of St. Andrew's Seminary, which is assumed in each case by the family whether living in or outside the City of Rochester, has become a more serious matter for some of our families living outside because of the increased cost of living, and it is our desire, if funds would permit, to relieve at least in part these families from this support. It would be regrettable if because of lack of funds in this Diocese, we would be deprived of a sufficient number of clergy to meet the growing needs of the day.

We could not plan at once a general provision, we could make a start if in the Diocese a number of Catholics of sufficient means would promise to be responsible for the board and lodging of a student for forty weeks in the year. This arrangement could be made with the Bishop through the Chancery Office, and in a way that would not give any publicity to the case that was receiving this help.

From knowledge at hand we have no hesitation in saying that at this very time there is a call for this special help. The capacity of St. Andrew's Seminary is already being taxed and we are convinced that

some action will be necessary in the near future to provide properly for boys who will be expected to register in this school. We are sending 14 students from St. Andrew's to St. Bernard's this September. The instructors at St. Andrew's are six priests of this diocese who are giving service with ability and zeal in the training of these young subjects.

To the Staff of efficient and devoted Professors directing the steps of the young men at St. Bernard's our gratitude is expressed and we note at this time the departure of one of the Professors for entrance into the Religious life. Reverend Dr. Kettell is entering the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus, with best wishes from his former superior, associates and students.

Two young priests of this diocese, Fathers Toole and Craugh, will remain another year in Europe, preparing for assignment to the Professorial Staff at St. Bernard's.

Anyone who sees this Seminary, with its setting of buildings and surroundings, is impressed with the very substantial, practical and artistic value of property. But besides the buildings, the matter of equipment, both material and scholastic, is a factor that should be kept in mind and with the understanding that this provision has to keep pace with the growing demands of years, in a word it is necessary to keep up our Seminary in every department, and in every case where funds are needed to do this, funds should be available. Since the time when the funded debt of the Seminary was removed we have striven to manage its affairs in a way that would not leave a deficit, but that is now becoming a very difficult problem.

We must meet the required expenses in each department and our ordinary source of revenue is one collection in the year in addition to the tuition paid by Bishops and students beyond this diocese who are patrons of the Seminary. It is therefore apparent to all that if we are to carry on the work of the Seminary as it should be done, and if we are to take proper care of our property, we must have an increase in the income for the Seminary.

We say this not in any spirit of criticism but as a presentation of facts that we believe will commend itself to our people. We know very well the difference in purchasing power of the dollar today as against what it was thirty years ago, and what if our people that contributed one dollar the amount should be correspondingly increased today.

We are very reluctant to enter into what may appear to be a money discussion while treating of the exalted position of the Priesthood, and we make these statements with the thought in mind that our people who are so well disposed only need to know the facts to adjust their offerings accordingly. If the Bishop, with the knowledge of requirements which he has, would remain passive or silent and permit a deficit to arise, he would be deserving of criticism, because his priests and people have no desire to permit this condition to enter into the operations of the Seminary.

May we not hope confidently that all our diocesan who will hear this word will be disposed to set up a standard of support for our Seminaries that will be more worthy of the object, and of our diocese? And in this effort a valuable contribution to success will be found in making the response a universal one. Let every wage earner be a supporter of the Seminary, and let the offering be proportionate to one's means.

What a multitude of young men and women are earning good salaries, and to them we turn for cooperation in this undertaking that the contributions of parents and elders may be supplemented by the generous conduct of the younger generation. As our readers may observe in reviewing the report, some gifts and legacies are recorded, but as a rule they are in a moderate form. We are grateful to these donors and we take the occasion to remind our people that in the performance of the duty of making a will, and it is a matter that claims our attention, we should not forget God and works of Religion. Every man and woman writing a last will and Testament should have in mind a recognition of God and His Church.

The suggestion might also be made that our people of sufficient means would not defer till death their gifts to Religion, but rather make them when they could witness the use and application of them.

Very sincerely in Christ,

THOMAS

Bishop of Rochester

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McElligott with their son, Charles Jr., and Miss Ellen Moriarty of Chicago, who were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McElligott of Bevo street, returned to their home, having made the trip by motor.

Misses Bertha and Marie Mathern of Child street, left September 5th for the Pacific coast making stops at Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. While in Los Angeles they will be the guests of their uncle and cousin, Mr. Albin Kern and Mrs. Dalton Connors.

Miss Natalie Paisley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Paisley of Culver road, has returned to the College of the Sacred Heart, New York city.

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