

Children of Parochial Schools Will March in Memorial Day Parade, Honoring Memories of Soldier Dead

Children of the Parochial Schools will march in the Memorial Day parade on Friday morning next week. They will be a welcome new addition to the parade, and it is expected that they will make an impressive and pleasing showing. A number of the schools have been drilling their youngsters in preparation for this event, and there is the liveliest and keenest interest imaginable in the event.

Some of the schools that are preparing to have their children march are as follows: St. Teresa's, Blessed Sacrament, St. Bridget's, St. Andrew's, Immaculate Conception, Corpus Christi, Cathedral, St. Stanislaus, St. Boniface, St. Joseph's, Holy Redeemer, St. Mary's, St. Francis Xavier, and the children from St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum.

The children of the smaller grades will not march, only those who are physically able to stand the strain of the procession. The youngsters are delighted with the opportunity, and are looking forward with great expectancy to the parade.

Confirmation

A large class of children will be confirmed in St. Monica's Church at a 9 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will officiate. The church, it is expected, will be filled with relatives and friends of the children. The class has been well prepared under the supervision of the rector of the Church, Dr. Rev. J. P. Brophy.

Helped Three to Heaven

Kate, East Africa, May 21: Three native workers who were seriously burned by an explosion on a gasoline barge in the port of Kismayu had the comfort of being baptized by a missionary bishop, the Lordship Bishop Joseph Billows, of Tanganyika, at the time of an apostolic tour. They died from their wounds soon after. Bishop Billows heads 200 White Fathers and two native African priests in the Vicariate of Tanganyika. They count 21,879 Catholics in a population of 500,000.

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REV. WALTER A. FOERY

Italian People Praised At the Dedication Sunday Of New Mt. Carmel Church

The splendid new Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Woodward Street was dedicated Sunday morning by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. In the presence of a capacity congregation of parishioners and friends following the dedication, Bishop O'Hern celebrated a Pontifical Mass and preached the dedicatory sermon. He was assisted in the Mass by the following priests:

Assistant Priests: The Very Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar general of the diocese; deacons: the Rev. Edward Meagher and the Rev. Leo Smith, deacons of honor, the Rev. Benedict Maselli and the Rev. Adolfo Gabbanli, master of ceremonies; the Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Meenan, assistant; the Rev. William Bergen. Students of St. Andrew's Seminary served as acolytes, torch-bearers and cross-bearers. The choir was directed by Charles M. Dispenza and Frank Nanna was at the organ.

Bishop Walsh Present
The rector of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, the Rev. Walter A. Foery, was honored at the presence of the Rt. Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, D.D., Bishop of Charleston, S.C., a classmate of Father Foery's. Bishop Walsh came to Rochester for the express purpose of attending the dedicatory ceremonies. He was present at the dedication itself, and at the vespers service in the evening which followed. The Rev. Adolfo Gabbanli preached an eloquent sermon in the evening.

Bishop O'Hern's Sermon
"Today is a red letter day in the history of Mt. Carmel Parish, and we have assembled here, brothers and friends, to rejoice with the pastor, his assistants and his people in the solemn services which have just taken place.

"Today the history of Mt. Carmel marks more than 20 years of parochial life since the Italian colony was first organized in 1904 and invited to worship in the basement of Corpus Christi Church, where they were attended Sunday after Sunday, by priests from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"In the fall of 1906, the late Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, appointed Rev. Orestes Rossi as pastor and in April of 1909 the first steps were taken to secure a site and to build the parish church. It was the second Italian parish in Rochester, and cared for a colony of several thousand people who had emigrated from America from Italy about 20 to 30 years ago. When the time came to build a church, the name selected for the new parish was 'Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.' Sunday after Sunday, by priests from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Cornerstone Laid 1909
Once the site was purchased on Ontario Street, plans were made for a new brick combination church and school, to be 65 feet wide and 120 feet long, with accommodations for about 120 people in the pews. The cornerstone of the new Mt. Carmel Church was solemnly laid August 1, 1909, just 21 years ago, by the second Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey. History tells us that on that occasion the people of Mt. Carmel marched to the Cathedral Rectory on Frank Street and furnished an escort for the Bishop from the Cathedral residence to Ontario Street. There was a considerable gathering of clergy and laity at the laying of the cornerstone, on which occasion Bishop Hickey spoke of the importance of the new parish for the Italian colony, not only as a center in which to worship God, but particularly in which their children would be educated in their parochial school and Catholic faith. Only a few months elapsed after the laying of the cor-

nerstone when the new Mt. Carmel Church was solemnly dedicated, and soon for upwards of 25 years it has been doing its work year in and year out for the honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls.
12,000 Children Baptized
"During this period of time we are told that about 12,000 children have been baptized at its baptismal font, 6,200 children have been confirmed, and over 700 graduates have gone out from its parochial school. The school itself accommodates about 6,000 children, and among its graduates you will find the names of some of our best lawyers, doctors, dentists, successful business men and women.
"While this important work of religion and education was going on in church and school, the parish hall of Mt. Carmel served as a great social center for the recreational life of the young people. Here the young men gathered for athletics, and here the young women gathered for sodality meetings, for socials and kindred activities.
Unique in the Diocese
"So well has this building fulfilled its original purpose that it is not too much to say that it stands unique in the history of the Diocese as an economic structure through which so much work has been accomplished.
"During these more than 20 years various pastors have ruled over the people, beginning with Rev. Orestes Rossi, the first pastor, who was succeeded by Rev. John Rohoff, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. Victor Rossi. After Father Rossi had given up the work to join a religious community, the Rev. Walter A. Foery, his young assistant, was appointed by his Bishop to carry on the work of church and school.
"In that school the Sisters of Mercy had inhaled from the very beginning, as they labor today, and it has the unique distinction of having the same principal, Sister Mary Meagher, today who opened the school 29 years ago. No one but God alone can tell what a spiritual and social influence, in the way of training, character, of uplift, of instilling the teachings of our Holy Faith into the minds and hearts of these children, the Sisters of Mercy have accomplished.
Paid Off Large Debt
"When the present zealous pastor, Father Foery, took over the responsibility of Mt. Carmel parish, his first step was to pay off the debt and obligation resting upon it. And so he set himself to the task of caring for the souls of the men, women and children of Mt. Carmel, and at the same time of meeting its financial obligations. Here every year, through the generosity of his people, the work of church and school, with all its overhead was carried on, interest was paid, the principal was lowered by substantial payments, reaching a grand total of \$36,000 over a period of 10 years.
"In the year, 1926, being free from debt, a new church site was purchased on Woodward Street for \$25,500. Plans were then made for the new church, with the one thought of economy, while at the same time giving to the congregation a spacious building for all their needs and a beautiful building architecturally. The contracts were let, and in October of last year, 1929, the cornerstone was solemnly laid on a beautiful Sunday afternoon before several thousand people. Two Bishops honored the occasion, as two Bishops are honoring the occasion today. I need not tell you of the progress that has been made in the construction of the new church since last October, for we are worshipping in it today on this 18th day of May after a period of only seven months from the time of the laying of the cornerstone. The church is at once beautiful and practical—beautiful because it is of the Romanesque type of architecture, and practical because it has been planned to serve the needs of Mt. Carmel Parish perfectly.

Beautiful Spiritual Bouquet Book from Children of Diocese For Archbishop Hickey's Jubilee

A beautiful Spiritual Bouquet book, hand-decorated by various Sisters of the Diocese, and bound in red Morocco by the John P. Smith Co., will be presented to the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, from the children of the Diocese on Saturday morning this week, as an expression of their love for him and their congratulations and good wishes on the 25th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop.

The book contains 77 pages, each page from one of the 77 parochial schools in the Diocese. On each page is recorded the number of Masses the children of the school attended for the intention of Archbishop Hickey, the number of Holy Communions received by them for him; the number of Rosaries said by the children for him; number of litanies recited; number of aspirations, and the number of Stations of the Cross made by the children. The total of these is included on the page, and lists the following:

St. Bonaventure's Building Program Calls for An Outlay of \$2,000,000

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While the cost of replacing the burned buildings will be at least one million dollars, the trustees of the college estimated that to carry out the building program they have in mind will call for an outlay of two million dollars.

Every day since the first swept through the college has brought to light a new loss of valuable books and manuscripts. The main rooms of the professors located in what proved to be the center of the conflagration, and which it was impossible to save. Some of the manuscripts destroyed half a lifetime of labor in the fields of philosophy and psychology, while many professors, lost valuable notes.

To Honor Veteran Priest
The veteran Franciscan at St. Bonaventure's, the Rev. John Baptist Hoey, O.F.M., professor emeritus in philosophy, now nearing his 80th year, will be honored in connection with the 75th anniversary of the college. June 9th will mark Father Hoey's 50th year as a priest, and the observance of his anniversary will center about a solemn high mass on the campus with the jubilation as celebrant.

Proud of Their Church
"Is it a wonder that pastor and priests and Sisters and people are proud of their new church today? Is it a wonder that we are all proud, who have gathered around this altar, Bishop, visiting priests, friends, on this very happy occasion, to congratulate the pastor and his trustees, and to rejoice with the people of Mt. Carmel in their new temple of worship? There is only one answer, and that is the new Mt. Carmel Church which is now a reality, was made possible only by the zealous and devoted leadership of the pastor, Rev. Walter A. Foery, assisted by his hard working followers and aided by the Sisters of Mercy of Mt. Carmel School.

"Here we have then, the new church, the old church, the convent and the rectory, with an indebtedness of only \$45,000. And we know and we feel that the same loyalty and devotion of Mt. Carmel people which has backed up the pastor in all his efforts in the past will continue to hold up his hands in meeting the new obligations which are now before us. The people of Mt. Carmel, it is true, have a new and beautiful church, but let them not forget at the same time that they have assumed a very heavy financial burden which will necessitate the most generous and loyal support in the future. They cannot afford to allow the pastor and his assistants to worry about these obligations which have been contracted for the honor and glory of God, for the good of religion, for Catholic education, and all for the benefit of Mt. Carmel parish and Mt. Carmel people. They must set aside each Sunday a substantial amount of their weekly wages, and they must have the pure intention of the support of the new Mt. Carmel. Then and only then will they be doing their full duty.
"With this new building completed, the old church may be used for an enlarged school or for a social center service which is badly needed to care for so many young men and young women who live in this neighborhood.

Commendation, Congratulations
"We commend—then, my dear young people, your parents and elders, to you the work of carrying on this parish so that the priests may be able to meet all obligation without worry, and may be left free to give the best they have of their health and strength in the ministry of the things that are spiritual. With this thought and this spirit, we turn today to our Blessed Lady of Mt. Carmel, our Mother and our Patroness, placing ourselves, our families, our church, our school, all our interests, under her protection, asking her to bless the priests, Sisters, men, women and children of Mt. Carmel Parish, and to give them length of years, and all joy, peace and happiness to enjoy the blessings of this new Temple of God which we have solemnly dedicated today.
"Father Foery, we congratulate you particularly, and wish you to know that your zealous, devoted and unselfish service to your people during this 14 years is not only appreciated by them and their children, but also by your Bishop and your fellow-priests, who rejoice with you today, and say to you from the depths of their hearts 'Ad Multos Annos.'

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