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## Blessed Sacrament Church Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Three Days Observance

Priests and People Unite in Observance of Notable Event That Launched Progressive Parish Upon Sea of Spiritual Life—Attractive Souvenir Booklet Issued and Entertainments Given

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament this week celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding—a notable event, and happy one, still warm and vibrant in the memories of pioneers of the parish. The anniversary brought happiness and joy to the hearts of all people of the parish, most of all to that gifted, zealous and devoted priest who for 30 years has guided the destinies of the parish, directed its material and spiritual activities and made it a power for good in the life of the city—the Reverend Thomas F. Connors, rector of the church. A three-day celebration marked the anniversary—Sunday, featured by special prayers of thanksgiving, and of expressions of gratitude to Almighty God, and Monday and Tuesday, featured by entertainments given in the splendid parish hall by the children of the school. Congratulations and good wishes without number poured in upon Father Connors, and these added to the happiness the occasion brought to him.

Sunday morning, at all of the parishes, the attractive and beautiful souvenir booklet, "Thirty Years of Blessed Sacrament," was distributed to the people of the parish. They have a wealth of historic facts to all, and told in an appealing way the story of the foundation and the growth of the parish that has become such a vital factor in the spiritual life of the city and of the Diocese of Rochester.

History of the Parish  
Father Connors had been ordained four years when he was appointed pastor of the new parish of the Blessed Sacrament by the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, D.D. of beloved memory. He faced the problem of organizing the parish, building a church, rec-

tory, school and convent, with a stout heart, and with deep and abiding faith in the help and goodness of God. The story of his work, of his instruments, of his successes and of his sacrifices, is the story of the life and work of a priest and soul devoted to his people, to religion and to God. In his forward to the history of the parish, Father Connors says the story of the parish is the story of a tender babe that has, in the course of thirty years, become a strong and vigorous youth. It is more than that—it is the story of a zealous and self-sacrificing priest giving the best years of his life, the best energies of his nature, and the best love of his soul to the work allotted to him by his Bishop. How well he did that work is splendidly illustrated today in the great parish of which he is the spiritual head, and in the magnificent parish property that is eloquent of his labors and his sacrifices.

The cornerstone laid  
The cornerstone of the new church was laid on November 3, 1901, for Father Connors lost no time in building a church. Bishop McQuaid of blessed memory, there was a great throng of priests and people. There was keen interest in the new church. It was Father Connors first venture in parish building. Previous to his appointment as pastor of the new parish he had been assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, and for a time had been in charge of the affairs of the parish, after the death of its pastor, the Rev. T. C. Murphy. The laying of the cornerstone of his new church was a proud and happy day in his priestly life. It was to be a modest church, 48 by 122 feet in size, and to cost about \$22,000. The historic records say:

Work progressed rapidly, so rapidly that the new church was dedicated on April 13, 1902, and it is this anniversary which was celebrated this week. Bishop McQuaid delivered the address. The Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., then the Vicar General, presided at the ceremony. The Cathedral had been invited to give the Mass and preach at the service in the evening. But illness prevented him from being present, and the Rev. William Gleason, M.R., rector of St. Mary's Church, was celebrant of the consecratory Mass, with the Rev. A. V. O'Neill, rector of the immaculate Conception Church, as deacon, and the Rev. Leo H. Schneider, sub-deacon. The sermon in the evening was preached by Father O'Neill. The new church was filled.

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## Cardinal In Plea For All To Give More

New York, April 15.—The annual pastoral letter of Cardinal Hayes was read at St. Michael's Church in the Archdiocese of New York. It is a plea for the annual appeal of the Catholic Charities, which will be made this year from April 17 to April 21. The Cardinal said that the world is full of suffering and that the Catholic Charities are the only organization which is working to relieve the suffering. He urged all Catholics to give more to the Catholic Charities.

A Mammoth Work  
In referring to the accomplishments of the Catholic Charities since 1921, the Cardinal said that the organization has done a mammoth work. He mentioned the relief of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the parishes themselves, which amounted to nearly another half-million.

"The poverty of Christ, a fundamental factor in Christian progress, and the poverty of Francis that could endure until our day to enrich the world, material and spiritually, should not fail to impress with an extraordinary opportunity that the present economic crisis affords to be zealous for the better gifts." The present period of distress the world over has been brought about by famine, plague or an upheaval of nature, but by a poverty of charity. "The world has had the most violent outbreak of national hatred in its records. There followed in its wake a passionate greed of gold that rushed people of large and small means alike into a wild, disastrous orgy of living up earthly treasures for themselves and not a treasure in heaven which felleth not, where no thief approacheth, nor moth corrupteth."

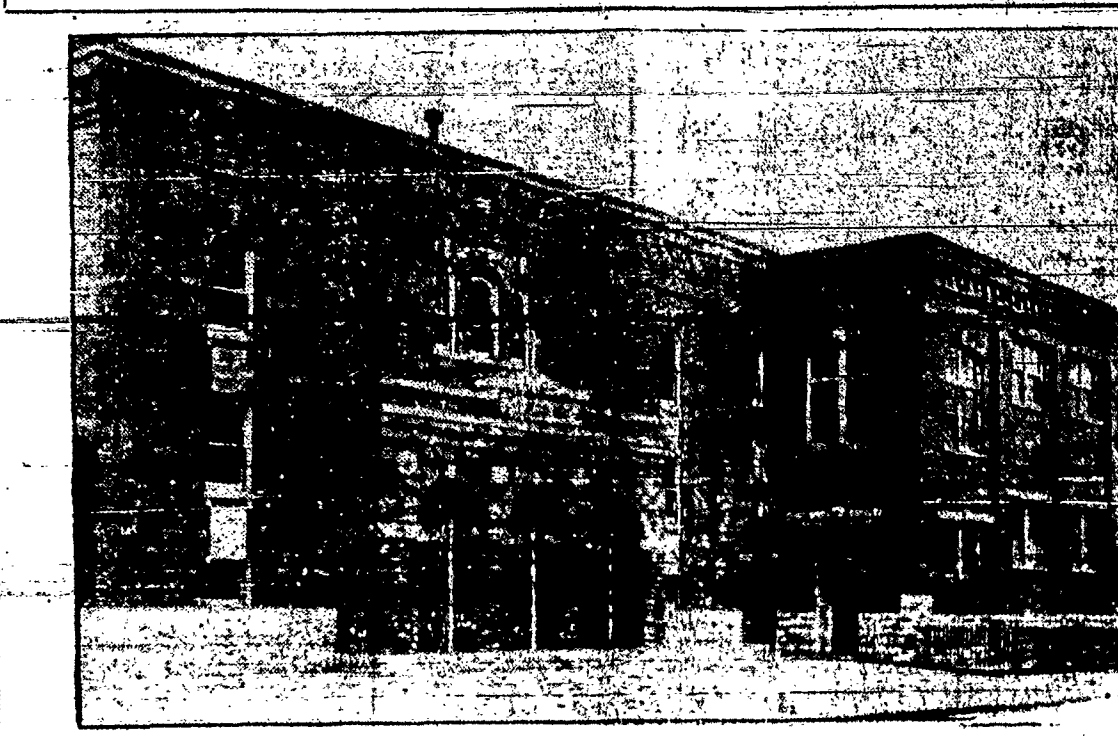
Glory Given to Christ  
"If, during the past critical and most anxious of the 12 years, Catholic Charities has met courageously and with notable efficiency the distressing problem of family relief, all glory must be given to Christ, who has wisely and kindly guided us in the ministry of distributing the loaves and fishes He in His bounty provided. In all truth, we may add, He multiplied our limited resources so that we scrupulously stretched every dollar to the limit for emergency aid, without impairment of service. More we could not do, although there was more than could have been done, had we the means."

## Mothers-Daughters Supper at Hall of Blessed Sacrament

A "Mothers and Daughters Informal Supper" will be held by the Young Ladies' Society of the Blessed Sacrament Church on April 20 at 6:45 p. m. sharp, in the Church hall.

Following the supper, the program for the evening will consist of an entertainment, given by members of the Sodality, and cards. In order to help meet expenses, an admission fee of 35 cents will be charged. Everyone is promised a good time. Reservations should be made before April 17th, with either of the following girls: Florence M. Dempsey, Monroe 7143-J; Marion R. Luckett, Monroe 1845-R.

## Fine Structure Added to Parochial System



A front view of the new Holy Family School building which will be opened to the public, Sunday by the Rev. Joseph H. Gefeell, pastor.

The Holy Family parish school and latest device and equipment have made this school building the most modern in design and construction, excellent workmanship, and a school and auditorium.

## Forty Hours Devotion Sunday, April 24th

St. Mary's, Rochester, Avon, Seneca Falls, St. Mary's, Corning, St. Aloysius, Auburn, Mendon, St. Thomas, Sumnerville, St. Philip Neri, Rochester, Newark Valley.

## Chest Fund Campaign Set For May 16th

The fifteenth annual Community Chest Campaign will be conducted May 16 to 23, the Chest's executive committee decided this week at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce.

The task of building up the so-called division will get under way immediately. The six participating agencies are preparing their budget reports to be submitted to the budget committee, that shortly will begin its consideration of the amount to be sought in this year's campaign. George G. Ford is to be general chairman of the Chest campaign again this year.

## Celtic Soccer Club Will Hold Party April 30th

The Celtic Soccer Club, promoters of clean athletics, and active in other ways, is planning to hold its big annual spring party and dance in the Union League Hall on Saturday evening, April 30. Plans for the supper and party of the club for the coming season will be discussed, and other matters of interest.

## Knights of St. John Auxiliaries Plan Dinner for Mrs. Teresa Ganster

The testimonial dinner to be given on Tuesday evening, April 19, by District No. 1, New York Auxiliaries of the Knights of St. John, will be of double importance, as it not only will be in honor of Supreme President Mrs. Teresa Ganster—president also of New York District No. 1, and the newly elected and retiring officers of that organization—but it will also be the first big event to take place since the bestowal of the Papal honor upon Mrs. Ganster by His Holiness the Pope in which the members of all Auxiliaries may have opportunity to congratulate her upon her elevation.

Mrs. Margaret Kalb, the general chairman, announces the following addition to her committees: Entertainment, Mrs. Mary Louise Hartig,

## New Holy Family School Will Open For Inspection Sunday Afternoon, Night

Splendid Modern Structure is One of the Finest and Most Complete in the Country—Fully Equipped for School and for Parish.

## FR. GEFELL, PASTOR OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH, INVITES PUBLIC TO INSPECT BUILDING

The splendid new Holy Family parish school and community building at 899 Jay Street, one of the finest and most completely equipped in the city, will be opened to the public Sunday, April 17th. All friends of the parish are cordially invited to visit and inspect the building.

There will be no formal ceremonies in connection with the opening, the Rev. Joseph H. Gefeell, pastor of Holy Family Church, announced this week. A general invitation to all interested people to visit the school Sunday is extended by the pastor. Visiting hours will be from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7 to 10 o'clock in the evening. The structure will be illuminated from top to bottom, and there will be lanterns on hand to assist visitors and to give them any desired information. It is expected that many hundreds of visitors will see and inspect the new building.

Modern Equipment in School  
Few parish schools in the country are more completely equipped than the new Holy Family School. It is the latest word in school construction and equipment. There are sixteen classrooms, each supplied with radio and loud-speaker equipment, all connected with the study of the pastor of the church, so that he can speak to all of the students and teachers at any time. There are also arranged that one classroom may be addressed at one time. Telephones are installed in each room, and are connected with the pastor's study.

Included in the new building is a splendid and completely equipped auditorium. All modern conveniences and facilities are there, including a presentation of the most desirable parish plays and other gatherings. The auditorium is suitable for concerts, lectures, motion picture presentations, and other entertainment.

Gene Tunney  
Featured at K. C. Event

Retired Champion Received With Acclaim By Local Knights of Columbus At Golden Jubilee Observance Last Week.

"The greatest event ever staged by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus," said Grand Knight James P. Jones told Grand Knight John A. Doyle following the golden jubilee observance celebration held in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium Wednesday evening of last week, at which Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight champion of the world, was the outstanding feature.

Packed into every crook and corner of the huge auditorium, some 2,500 Knights and men friends gathered to commemorate the golden jubilee of the founding of the order and to see and hear Tunney. Everywhere is heard commendation and praise for Grand Knight Doyle and his general committee headed by Frederick M. Tobin.

Because of the crowd expected, doors of the auditorium were opened at 7 p. m. and seats quickly filled. The overflow went into "standing room only" section of the hall. When the curtain was raised revealing Most Rev. John Francis O'Hara, D.D., in the center of a group on the stage with Gene Tunney on his right and Private Deal, formerly of the Canadian army on his left, who was substituting for John B. Kennedy, fill in New York, a tremendous ovation rose up in the hall.

The celebration meeting was opened by General Chairman Tobin, who introduced Grand Knight Doyle as the chairman of the evening. Mayor Charles S. Owen welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city of Rochester and paid a personal tribute to Mr. Tunney for his athletic prowess and his standing as an international figure.

## Fred'k J. Mix, Prominent Attorney, Addresses Holy Name Society at Le Roy

Le Roy, April 15.—The Holy Name Society of St. Peter's Church, Le Roy, had as guest speaker at the annual Communion Breakfast Sunday morning, April 10th, following the 7 o'clock Mass, Frederick J. Mix, president of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Men.

Very Rev. John E. Mullett, pastor of St. Peter's Church, acted as toastmaster and was introduced by President Joseph Murnan of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Mix in his address spoke on the duty of the laity to carry out the program of Catholic Action, outlined by the Holy Father in his Encyclical, and urged by the Hierarchy in the United States. He recommended that all men's lay societies join the National Council of Catholic Men and do their share to carry out the program of Catholic Action. The National Council includes the National Radio Hour broadcast and the Catholic Evidence Bureau.

D. J. O'Shea, President of the Business Men's Club, urged the joining of the club to aid solving the industrial and economic problems of Le Roy.

Over two hundred received Holy Communion and attended the breakfast.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Rochester will hold their monthly meeting, Thursday, April 21st, at Columbus Civic Center.

## Practical Problems of Schools And Other Interesting Subjects Discussed by Superintendents

## Important Meeting of Diocesan School Heads Held in Washington, and Helpful Talks Given on Practical Work of the Schools

Washington, April 15.—Practical problems which must be faced by the diocesan superintendents in the administration of Catholic schools were the main topics for consideration at the 14th semi-annual meeting of the Superintendents' Section of the National Catholic Educational Association which recently completed its sessions at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Stating that it is generally agreed that Catholic schools will an enrollment of 2,466,000 in elementary and secondary grades, are caring for approximately one-half of the Catholic children of school age, the Rev. Leon A. McNeill, Diocesan superintendent of schools of Wichita, Kansas, in his address, "The Diocesan Superintendent and Religious Instruction of Public School Children," stressed the importance to Catholic school work and in the Church as a whole of reaching the other half of the Catholic school age group through the parsonage, after school, home visitor and other means.

## Pope Is Given New Directory

Vatican City, April 15.—The new Vatican directory was presented to Pope Pius last week by Monsignor Ottaviani, undersecretary of state. It shows there are 3,500 Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops, as well as 55 cardinals. Europe has 673, North and South America 445, Asia 272, Africa 109, Oceania 71, United States has 109, Canada 71, Mexico 24, Argentina 10, Bolivia 11, Brazil 74, Chile 13 and Colombia 27.

## Vatican Employee Loses Position

Vatican City, April 15.—Pablo de Ross, chief of the technical bureau at the Vatican, was dismissed from his position last week by a special commission formed to investigate the cause of the collapse of a wing of the Vatican Library last winter.

## Asylums Have No Solicitors Out For Funds

No authorization has been given any individuals or groups to solicit funds for St. Mary's or St. Joseph's Orphan Asylums, the Rev. Walter A. Feary, Director of Catholic Charities, said this week. "It has come to our attention that certain individuals are representing themselves as accredited solicitors for Catholic institutions and canvassing the Catholic homes in the city for funds. No authorization has been given for any such solicitation. Any individual who asks for funds, should immediately be reported to the police."

## Takes Post As Dean In Auburn, N. Y.

Appointed dean of the Auburn diocese, the Rev. John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family parish in Auburn, assumed his new duties as dean for the first time on Wednesday. Father Conway's appointment by Bishop John Francis O'Hara, D.D., was announced this week.

Father Conway has been dean of the Holy Family Church for the past nine years. Recently he illustrated his educational program for a new Catholic high school in Auburn and has been largely responsible for the establishment of a branch of the National Adoration Society in the Auburn diocese. He succeeded the late Very Rev. John J. McGrath as dean.

Father Conway was born February 27, 1876, in Canadawater, Ontario, Canada. He studied at St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and at St. Vincent's Seminary, Rochester, New York. He was ordained a priest in 1901, and gave his first assignment as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Rochester. Three years later he was named chaplain of the Elmira Reformatory, and in 1908 he was transferred to the newly organized St. Vincent in Corning, where he remained until July, 1913, when he was transferred to the Holy Family Church in Auburn. He was named dean of the Holy Family Church in Auburn, N. Y., in 1923.