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Elmira—A brief business meeting, an informative and interesting paper on the "Holy Year" of 1925, read by Miss Catherine Connelly, and a brief explanation on the use of leaflets for the Easter offering of the Sacrifice Mass, called the Mass of the Resurrection, comprised the program given Friday night before representatives of the Elmira Diocese, Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The meeting was held in St. John's Hall, Mrs. James G. McCarthy, president of the Elmira Diocese, presiding.

Reports of various communications were read by the secretary, Mrs. Frederick Casper, the most important of which locally was the announcement of the forthcoming one-day diocesan convention and directors' meeting, which will be held in Ithaca on Saturday, Apr. 22. The general meeting of diocesan directors will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning, following which a luncheon, open to all members of the N. C. C. W. and all other Catholic women who wish to attend, will be served. Speakers for the luncheon event will be announced later. The afternoon meeting will follow the customary procedure of hearing reports of committee chairmen of the various activities in the several dioceses of the diocese with the usual accompanying and enlightening discussion period. Tickets for the luncheon, which are \$1, may be had by calling Mrs. James G. McCarthy, and a prompt request for reservations cannot be made after Apr. 19.

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Following Miss Connelly's paper, Miss Carolyn Ruth Doran, member of the national committee on representation and a director of the Rochester Diocesan Council, briefly explained the Easter Mass leaflets, after which the meeting adjourned.

De Sales High

By JOHN TOOLE

The Eucharistic Congress Day which was something of an innovation in the annals of De Sales was well received by the Sodalist who gave their affair all due seriousness and consideration.

At a recent meeting of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Geneva, held in the Knights of Columbus Home on Main Street, it was decided to extend the time of the present officers of the Society for another two-year term.

Those in office are: President, D. W. Lynch; first vice president, John Burke; second vice president, L. I. McGuigan; treasurer, John F. O'Malley; recording secretary, Fred S. Rieck; corresponding secretary, Henry J. Hoffman; marshal, T. E. Bieble; and spiritual director, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, V.G.

During the coming year the vicils will be held at St. Stephen's Church instead of St. Francis de Sales as was the former custom. Incidentally, the Geneva Society of 120 members was formed just a year ago on Holy Thursday and was the eleventh society of its kind in the United States.

The Rev. Peter Moran of the Paulist Order gave a detailed description of the life and work of Saint Isaac Jogues among the hostile Iroquois Indians in Northern New York at the Holy Name meeting on Monday night at the Knights of Columbus Home. The talk was given in a clear, concise manner and was told with all the firmness of style of one who has done much research along this line. It was based on the actual experience in the "Ishkies and Bies" hallowed by Isaac Jogues, once active footsteps.

John DeVries, who has recently been on a trip to Europe, gave the members an interesting travelogue of his journey.

At a meeting of Court Geneva, Catholic Daughters of America, Thursday evening, April 6, at Lewis Hall, delegates were elected to the annual New York State Convention of the Catholic Daughters to be held in Saranac Lake, beginning May 15.

Mrs. A. J. Cowan, Grand Regent, was named delegate and Mrs. George Burke, alternate. Several resolutions are to be drawn up for presentation at the convention.

Mrs. Cowan gave an interesting report on the work being done in cooperation with the Red Cross. Members are assisting the Geneva chapter in the making of clothing, and the second and fourth Tuesday of each month has been assigned to the court for this work.

Mrs. E. J. Farrell, chairman of the Hospital Guild Committee, gave an account of the work that is being done by the Hospital Guild, which meets every Wednesday evening at St. Francis de Sales School Hall. Hundreds of bandages and other material required for hospital use are completed at these meetings.

BOOK CLUB SELECTION

New York—The Catholic Book Club presents as its choice for April, "A Watch in the Night," by Helen C. White, published by the Macmillan Company.

REMAIL CATHOLIC PAPER

London—Five thousand readers of the Universe, Catholic paper, here, remail their copies every week either to a missionary abroad or to a family which cannot afford to buy a Catholic paper, it has just been made known.

New Cardinal Prefect Arrives



His Eminence the United States Delegate to the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, in Rome, to which office he was recently elected. Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi becomes the 28th Prefect. The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith was founded by Pope Gregory XV, June 22, 1622. The definite organization as now existing took form about 1650. The new Prefect succeeds the late Cardinal Van Rossum. (Fides Photo)

Elmira Catholics Participate In Holy Week Services to Culminate Easter

By CAROLYN RUTH DORAN

Elmira—In the language of the Liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, the week in which Good Friday falls, the day commemorating the Passion of Christ, is known as the "Great" or "Holy Week." Its special observance in the Liturgy of the church dates back to the second century of the Christian era.

In St. Patrick's Church, this city, solemn ceremonies of unprecedented splendor of the Liturgy in this area will mark the week's observance of the Passion-tide and its culmination in the ritualistic beauty of the Easter-tide which begins Saturday noon.

The week's ceremonies opened Sunday with the celebration of Palm Sunday, the blessing and distribution of palm at the last Mass Sunday being observed with appropriate services characteristic of this religious tide. The rite commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem for the first time, when the people went forth with palm and olive branches shouting Hosanna and welcome and acclaim. The Rubric, existing that all clergy and laity alike hold palms during the singing at Holy Mass of the Passion, was observed.

Good Friday Rites

Good Friday, the day commemorating the Crucifixion of Christ, will be opened with the offering of the Mass of the Presanctified at 8 o'clock. This rite consists in the solemn receiving in Holy Communion by the officiating priest, of a Host, previously consecrated. The faithful are not permitted to receive on this day. The Good Friday services include also the solemn dramatic chanting of the gospel narrative of the Passion as recorded by St. John. This chant is executed by three deacons. The first deacon, who will be Father Holland, acts as chronicler, that is, signs, to a special modulation, the account given by the evangelist. The second deacon, who will be the Rev. John Lauchlin, a former member of St. Patrick's Church, and now stationed in Rochester, will render the words uttered by Our Lord during His passion; and the third deacon, Father Schwab, will render in another pitch, words spoken by others than Christ.

During the most solemn part of the day, the hours from 12 m. to 3 p. m., commemorating the three hours of agony on the Cross, Father McGrath, O.S.A., will conduct special services. All day Friday there will be continuous veneration of the Cross by visitors to the Church; and in the evening at 7:30 the Stations of the Cross will be said in unison by members of the whole congregation under the direction of one of the priests.

Divided in Three Parts On Saturday morning, which is known as Holy Saturday, the Church anticipates the joy of Easter; and church functions are filled with the spirit of the impending "Feast of Feasts," as it is liturgically known. The services Saturday are divided into three parts. In the first, which at St. Patrick's will begin at 7 a. m., the New Fire or incense and the Paschal Candle are blessed. In the second, 12 Prophecies from the Scriptures of the Old Testament are read, Baptismal Fonts are blessed and the litany of the Saints is sung. In the third, which is reached about 8:15 a. m., the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered solemnly in memory of the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. White, instead of the black vestments of Good Friday, are worn; and the festivity of Easter begins to manifest itself through ritual and decorative detail of altars and ceremonial. The Easter or Holy Water, blessed at the Holy Saturday service, is ready for distribution to the faithful after the morning service; and Lent is officially over at noon.

Again, as on the three preceding mornings, the three priests of St. Patrick's Church will officiate at a solemn High Mass of splendor on Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock. The triumph of the Crucified over death will echo and re-echo in

chantered alleluias and other psalms of joy; and the cry that "Death hath no more dominion over Him" will resound in anthems giving to the faithful the proved assurance of eternal life and the victory of faith over doubt and fear. In the words of the poet the believing answer in equal cries of triumph: "Come, ye saints, look here and wonder. See the place where Jesus lay; He has burst His bands asunder; He has borne our sins away; Joyful tidings, Yes, the Lord has risen to-day!"

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Vacation School Friends Invited To Card Party

To raise a fund to sustain its social service work at the Church of the Assumption in Norton Street, which it has carried on for over a decade of years in the form of a religious vacation school in the summer months and a party for the children of the school at the Christmas time, the Catholic Women's Club will entertain members and friends of the school at a card party and tea to be held at the club house next Wednesday afternoon, April 19, at 2:30 o'clock. Plans for the party are in the hands of Mrs. Edward J. Rooney, Mrs. Joseph E. Marcella and Mrs. N. C. Wilson, and they will be assisted by: Mrs. William Moynihan, Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, Mrs. M. H. Keogh, Mrs. Louis A. Whalen, Mrs. Frank Curtin, Miss Alice F. Kirk, Mrs. John M. Foley, Mrs. Frank J. G. Connor, Mrs. John J. O'Connell, Mrs. Charles E. Merry, Mrs. Charles Mondo, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. Mary Rafferty.

Many post-Lenten affairs are scheduled at the club house. Among them the Friday afternoon Bridge Teas which will be resumed next Friday afternoon at 2:30.

A large evening card party in charge of Mrs. George Welsensel and Mrs. Richard FitzHarris is scheduled for Monday evening, April 24. Next Thursday evening the Study Group which Mrs. John J. Sobie is directing will bring their season to a close with a "guest" evening. A program will be given and members of the group will assist Mrs. George W. O'Grady, the chairman, in serving refreshments.

Thursday evening also the Club's Big Sisters have their monthly meeting. Mission Group will meet as usual on Friday evening and Miss Hehrich's Tap Dancing Class on Saturday morning.

CHAPLAIN TRANSFERRED Norfolk, Va.—The Rev. Michael A. Hally, Catholic chaplain on duty at the U. S. Naval Base here, with the U. S. Marines, Sailors and Airmen, has received orders from Washington to report for duty aboard the battleship U. S. S. New York now with the Battle Fleet on the Pacific Coast.

Blessed Sacrament Sodality Will Give Spring Style Show

A style revue and bridge tea will be given by the Sodality of Mary of the Blessed Sacrament Church in the school auditorium on Monday, April 17, at 2 p. m. The style show will be presented under the direction of the E. W. Edwards and Sons, and the models will be chosen from among the young women and children of the parish.

The committee in charge of arrangements includes the following young women:

Miss Florence Dempsey, Miss Betty La Cour, Miss Margaret Reddington, Miss Mary Claire O'Shea, Miss Regina Maloney, Miss Agnes Maloney, Miss Ruth Knaut, Miss Margaret Glaser, Miss Elleen Hayes, Miss Mary Leary, Miss Margaret Hendricks, Miss Yvette, Miss Luella Callan, Miss Marina Luckott, Miss Rita Quigley, Miss Elaine Gillespie, Miss Surranno Barrot, Miss Bernadette Fisher, Miss Minnie De Vit, Miss Ruth Crowley, Miss Patricia Kennedy and Miss Helen Mosher.

The models for the style show will be: The Misses Oneanta Lockie, Constantino Di Lettera, Claire Louise Harvey, Frances Flahar and Catherine Ribson.

The children who will serve as models include: Ruth Healy, Margerite Esterheld, Rosemary Thomas, Margaret Lewis, Elton Greary and Mary E. Kelly.

The following will act as patronesses for the evening: Mrs. Michael Hayes, Mrs. John Hunt, Mrs. Louis Whalen, Mrs. Charles E. Merry, Mrs. William Ayers, Mrs. John Kane, Mrs. Frank Yattou, Mrs. Thomas Gallagher, Mrs. Frank Fischer, Mrs. William Maloney, Mrs. Leo J. Ribson, Mrs. Walter Harvey, Mrs. Mae Lockie, Mrs. N. DiLettera, Mrs. Harvey Rockwell, Mrs. William Dean, Mrs. M. Conway and Mrs. Raymond Whitley.

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