

Stella Maris Society Dispenses Xmas Cheer

Corning.—The Stella Maris Society of St. Patrick's Church joined with the Catholic Daughters of America, here in filling Christmas baskets for the needy. The collection of donations by the Stella Maris Society amounted to 125 parcels of staple food, and \$22 in cash, used in purchasing needed articles. The Societies cooperated with the Social Service Department in order to avoid any duplication of gifts, and to assist the proper families.

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Carmelites Effecting Purchase Of 'Willow Ponds,' East Avenue For Conversion Into Monastery

"Willow Ponds," 1580 East Avenue, one of the beauty spots of the Avenue will be the new location of the Monastery of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Rochester according to word received today from the present Monastery, 151 Saratoga Avenue.

The new location, formerly occupied by Charles D. Brown is said to be very accessible. It can be reached by the Park Avenue car line, by bus on East Avenue and from the Colby Street Station of the Subway.

The "Willow Ponds" property has approximately two acres of land, 95,000 square feet. The pond has a live running stream through it surrounded by willows. The garden is beautifully shrubbed and ideally landscaped for a monastery garden. The residence of Mrs. Gordon E. Thing adjoins the property on the east.

This site was selected because the rule of the Discalced Carmelite Sisters requires seclusion from worldly distractions. The high trees and house set back from the road will give the Sisters more protection than does the present location. The spacious garden will allow the exercise in the open air necessary for health.

Since coming to Rochester in 1930, this Order of Contemplative Nuns, leading a life of prayer and sacrifice has been a cause of much conjecture. Frequently objections have been made to their manner of life by the unthinking and the unformed.

Seeking for answers to questions in the minds of lay people, a representative of the Catholic Courier called today upon the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, who has been chaplain of the Monastery here since its foundation, to inquire directly as to the purpose and achievements of the Carmelites as they are familiarly known.

Purpose of Carmel. "Why do these Sisters shut themselves up in a cloister when there is so much work to be done outside?" the chaplain was asked.

"When you in the world want a thing very badly, what do you do? You pray, and pray hard," Father Mooney said. "The Carmelite Sisters devote their lives to praying. Their prayers are offered primarily for the Church, and for the priests that God may bless their apostolic labors. They pray also for their friends and benefactors and for all those who have recourse to them."

"Is it true that the Sisters spend eight hours in prayer each day?" "Yes, their schedule starting at 4:45 A. M. in the summer and 6:45 in the winter, calls for eight hours of prayer but not continuously. The Divine Office is recited at different periods of the day. They have two hours of mental prayer, besides spiritual reading and other devotions. There is given to manual labor. Relaxation is known generally in the world, is not permitted, but after dinner and evening collation the Sisters are allowed to come together with their sewing for an hour, and the rule of silence is suspended for that time. During the rest of the day each one remains alone in her cell occupied with her handwork. The Rule is austere but it is not beyond ordinary health and strength. When one has a vocation from God it is the happiest life in the world. Indeed cheerfulness is always considered a distinguishing mark of a Carmelite."

Prayers Answered "Since coming to Rochester has there been any evidence of prayer having been answered?" "The Sisters have had reported to them many favors due to their prayers, many of which seem to be miraculous as the results achieved cannot be traced to natural causes."

"Is it necessary to call on the Sisters to make a petition?" "No. These unable to call write their requests to the Sisters and receive an answer from them."

"Why is it that some people declare that they do not believe in such a community?" "Either the objectors are misinformed or it is because their consciences reproach them. They know in their hearts that they should be praying and sacrificing for the life to come, but cannot direct their wills to the practices these holy women have accepted to effect the balance in the world of goodness and sinfulness."

Non-Catholics to Carmel "Do non-Catholics seek the prayers of Carmel?" "Yes, Protestant and Jew have been known to come to Carmel for spiritual help. Anyone who has a sincere belief in God knows that prayer to Him is the means of securing His aid. The non-Catholic has been known to seek the Carmelite Sisters before priest or teaching Sister, because the Carmelites' whole life is given to prayer and sacrifice and they will not preach to them but will simply accept their petitions."

"Is this practice of living a life of silence and solitude anything new?" "No. The Carmelites, embracing Friars, Nuns, religious and secular Tertiaries, form one of the four great mendicant Orders of the Catholic Church. The first written Rule of the Carmelites was given 400 A. D. by John Patriarch of Jerusalem. Discalced means "unshod," and the Discalced Carmelites are the strict branch of the Order established by St. Teresa of Avila. The history of the Order is highly interesting and may be had from the Carmelite Sisters."

"How do the Sisters live? What are their duties?" "The Sisters live in a community, each in her own cell, but all united in prayer and work. Their duties are to pray, to work, and to be obedient to their superiors. They have no worldly concerns and no family ties. They are dedicated to God and to the service of the Church."

"What are the benefits of the Carmelite life?" "The Carmelite life is one of peace, quietude, and prayer. It is a life of sacrifice and self-denial, but it is also a life of joy and happiness. The Sisters find in their prayer and work a sense of purpose and fulfillment that is rare in the secular world."

"What are the requirements for becoming a Carmelite?" "To become a Carmelite, one must have a sincere vocation, be of legal age, and be free from any impediments. One must also be prepared to live a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The process of becoming a Carmelite involves several years of novitiate and probation, followed by the solemn profession of the vows."

"What are the different branches of the Carmelite Order?" "The Carmelite Order is divided into several branches, including the Discalced Carmelites, the Carmelites of the Foot, and the Carmelites of the Hand. Each branch has its own specific rules and traditions, but all are united in their devotion to God and to the service of the Church."

Nocturnal Society To Welcome Year At Lady Chapel

Observance of the passing of the old year and the coming of the new by the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society will take place in Our Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral starting Sunday evening at 10 o'clock and continuing with one hour vigils before the blessed sacrament exposed until 6 o'clock New Year's morning.

Arrangements for the vigil are being made by officers of the Society under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, director. No new members of the Society will be received at the New Year's Eve gathering of the Nocturnal Adoration group. The first band reporting promptly at 10 o'clock.

Prelates and Priests Officiate At Last Services For Father Kennedy

Archbishop Mooney celebrated solemn pontifical requiem Mass Tuesday morning in St. Columba's Church, Caladonia, for the Rev. James Kennedy, pastor, who died Saturday morning at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary L. Kennedy of Canandaigua. The eulogy delivered by Archbishop Thomas F. Healy lauded Father Kennedy's zealous and faithful priestly service.

Assisting Archbishop Mooney in the Mass were: Assistant Deacons to the Archbishops, the Rev. Thomas F. Connor, Rochester, and the Rev. William McPadden, Geneva; Assistant Priests, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns; Deacon, the Rev. James B. Keenan; Subdeacon, the Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell, Macedon, and Master of Ceremonies, Lawrence B. Casey; Acolytes, the Rev. James Wood, Fairport, and the Rev. Charles Muckle, Avon; Censor-bearer, the Rev. John A. Smith, Livonia; Mitre-bearer, the Rev. Joseph Dussit, Stanley; Book-bearer, the Rev. Theodore Winterroth, Rochester; Candlebearer, the Rev. Michael Hynes, Oswego.

Present in the sanctuary were: The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart V. G., the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James A. Hartley, F. A., and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy. Priest in attendance included: The Reverends John M. Duffy, Patrick Cleary, M. M., Norman Margrett, Francis Luddy, Frank W. Mason, Jeremiah Maley, Hornell; Hugh Crowley, Palmyra; James Tischer, Leicestershire; Patrick Kelly, Hammondsport; Edward Dwyer, Waverly; Arthur Florack, Ferdinand; Scheid; Patrick McArdle, Scottsville; Patrick Kreis, Brockport; William Devorcaux, Canandaigua; John Mullett, Le Roy, and Cornelius Hogan, who has been acting pastor of St. Columba's since Father Kennedy was taken ill.

In the priests choir were: The Reverends Leo C. Mooney, Benedict A. Ehmman, George Vogt, Maynard Connelly, St. Bernard's Seminary, and Henry Doerbecker, Aurora. Father Kennedy who was also pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mumford, was born in Stanley, March 6, 1864.

Committee Sponsors Campaign For \$1,000 To Aid Aljo Club. Aljo Club Sponsoring Committee, which is endeavoring to raise \$1,000 to restore the club-rooms at 938 Clifford Avenue, reports that contributions received up to Wednesday morning amounted to over \$200.

Sol Heumann, chairman of the committee, including Mrs. Meta Steinhansen, and John A. Doyle, in making an appeal for assistance for the club stresses the following points: The club, housed for the past 11 years in Holy Redeemer Hall, Clifford Avenue, Leicestershire, Rochester, has provided healthful recreation for thousands of Rochester boys; under the auspices of Holy Redeemer Church, of which the Rev. F. William Stauder is pastor, boys of all races and creeds have been welcome; the club has been an important factor in alleviating some of the real hardships of the unemployment years in providing normal, healthy interests and associations.

In the past the club, which is under the direction of the Rev. Albert Geiger, has been self-supporting; and it is expected that it will be so again after the necessary emergency funds are raised to defray the expenses of rebuilding the partially destructed club-rooms. The money contributed will be used largely for materials, as the boys are prepared to do all the painting and plastering.

The project is recommended by the Democrat & Chronicle and all contributions may be sent to Margaret Frawley, treasurer of the Committee, at the Democrat and Chronicle office. ARCHBISHOP INSTALLED Lima—(NCWC)—The Most Rev. Pascual Farfan has just been installed as Archbishop of Lima at the Palace of Justice. His Excellency the Most Rev. Gaetano Crenganz Apostolic Nuncio to Peru, officiated at the installation.

ISLAND PARISH HIS CHARGE Grand Island, La.—(NCWC)—The Most Rev. John W. Shaw, Archbishop of New Orleans, has appointed the Rev. Joseph Roy administrator of this parish, which comprises an island in the Gulf of Mexico once well-known as a hide-out for buccaniers.

Knights of St. John Bowling League

Team Averages table with columns for Team, Wins, Losses, and Average.

Individual Averages table with columns for Name, Wins, Losses, and Average.

Schedule for Thursday, January 4 At St. Boniface Alleys St. Boniface vs. St. Eustace. St. George vs. St. Michael. At St. George Alleys St. Mauritius vs. Cathedral. St. Peter-Paul vs. Holy Family.

Columbus Civic Center Activities

Monday, January 1 AUDITORIUM: K. of C. Open House in Club Rooms.

Tuesday, January 2 Ladies' Day in Gymnasium and Swimming Pool.

Wednesday, January 3 Men's Day in Gymnasium and Swimming Pool.

Thursday, January 4 BALL ROOM: K. of C. Council Meeting, 8 p. m. PARLORS A & B: Catholic Daughters of America Meeting, 8 p. m. PARLOR B: Azalea Club Meeting, 2 p. m.

Friday, January 5 BALL ROOM: Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John, 8 p. m. PARLOR C: Via Club Meeting, 1:30 p. m. PARLOR C: Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks Meeting, 8 p. m. PARLOR B: Mercy Guild Meeting, 2 p. m.

Saturday, January 6 PRIVATE DINING ROOM: Household Paper Products Dinner, 7 p. m.

Hibernians Plan Joint Installation

Joint installation of officers of Division Nos. 2 and 7. Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place Thursday evening, January 11 in Hibernian Hall, 198 Main St. West. Installation ceremonies will be conducted by County President, Joseph F. Redding and State Secretary, Martin K. Fenelon. A social session and entertainment will follow.

Division No. 2 will enjoy a New Year's party on Saturday evening, December 30, at which Irish figure dancing and modern dancing will be featured.

Officers of Division No. 2 recently elected are President, Patrick J. O'Hara; Vice President, Daniel J. Crowley; Recording Secretary, John McMahon; Financial Secretary, John Crowley; and Treasurer, John P. Powers.

Leavenworth, Kan.—(NCWC)—Mother Baptista, one of the original band of United Sisters of Providence, a Colored Order, who came to this city in 1888, will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of her religious profession on February 2.

The more one knows, the less one is ready to judge.

DR. CORMIER'S 50 YEARS SERVICE AS PHYSICIAN TO ORPHANS MARKED

Fifty years of faithful service stand call day and night, the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum has been recognizing those fifty years among the children at the institution. Dr. Cormier has been a life member of St. Joseph's Church and has been identified with its various activities and also with Catholic organizations. He holds an honorary membership in Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

In making their presentation to Dr. Cormier who in his fifty years as physician to the asylum was organized by the Board of Trustees, by the Sisters of Notre Dame in charge of the institution and by the children. Gratitude of the Sisters and children was expressed in a special observance of the anniversary.

A Christmas party for the children of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum will be given by the Catholic Young Men's Association Sunday afternoon, December 31, at their club room, 51 Franklin Square. Members are also invited to bring their children. The committee on arrangements is in charge of World Beyer, John McDowell, Irving Berg, Gerard Hartman, Clement Laver, John McManis and George Mc...

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