

Dedication Prayer By Fr. Dougherty Is Hung In Canandaigua Court House

Canandaigua.—To perpetuate for years to come the text of a prayer offered by the late Rev. James T. Dougherty, pastor of St. Mary's

Church, on the occasion of the rededication of the Ontario County Court House here November 8, 1909, a prayer that is considered an outstanding example of ecclesiastical literature, a copy of the prayer artistically illuminated by former Mayor H. Wilbert Closs has just been hung in the spacious court room here.

Exhibition of the prayer for the public's appreciation has been made possible through the interest displayed by Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Thompson. The illumination of the prayer by Mr. Closs is striking in its fidelity to the best that has been done by early scribes, the draughting is in excellent balance and the application of color tastefully valued.

The memorial demonstrating the great ability that was Father Dougherty's, who died February 7, 1928 carries the following text:

"O God the creator of all things, our Father and constant benefactor, we humbly confess our entire dependence on Thee and we acknowledge that in Thy hands are the destinies of empires and of cities; unless Thou buildest the house, they labor in vain that build it. We thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast conferred upon our beloved country, upon the commonwealth of New York and upon the county in which we dwell. We thank Thee for civil and religious liberty.

"As Thou hast blessed us so much in times past, so continue to bless us. Under Thy beneficent Providence, our county has heretofore constantly advanced in wealth, population and influence, grant that it may continue to advance. Deign still to bless it and grant it not only material prosperity, but spread abroad among its inhabitants that fear of Thyself which is the beginning of wisdom—that love of Thyself which can alone enable Thy rational creatures to attain the end for which they were created. May our citizens ever remember that this world is not their true home, that a higher destiny awaits them, and may they constantly fix their eyes on that house not made by hands, that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God, banish from our midst intemperance, infidelity, blasphemy, lust, fraud, the inordinate desire of wealth, and every vice, and may we become a chosen generation, a holy nation, an acceptable people, pursuers of good works. Bless, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the citizens of this county, may they be obedient to the laws, mindful that all power comes from Thee—and that he that resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God. May each one fulfill the duties of his state in life, duties that have been imposed by Thee and are the expression of Thy divine will.

"May the rich ever be kind and charitable to the poor, ever remembering that they are Thy almoners, and that Thou hast bestowed Thy wealth upon them; that by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless, they might attain their end, the salvation of their souls. May the poor bear their privation with resignation, remembering that if we would indeed be the disciples of the Divine Master, we must take up our cross daily and follow Him. May peace and universal good will exist in our midst. May all classes of our citizens be united together and united with those who are called to govern them.

"God of our fathers, we dedicate anew this Temple of Justice to Thee. May it stand for everything that is honorable, everything that is pure, everything upright, decent, honest and true. May it stand for a higher manhood and womanhood in our county, state and nation. As the morning light salutes the dawn, may it appeal to the inhabitants of a hundred hill tops and valleys, telling them that here Justice may be found, Justice as she comes from heaven and Thy hand.

"May the crime of the criminal here be rightly rebuked and condemned, but may due allowance be made for human weakness and frailty through the exercise of a justice that is tempered with mercy and clemency.

"May sin be ferreted out and meet with condign retribution. May lying and dishonesty be chastised, and the graver crimes against home and life and property and honor find here an avenging hand. May Righteousness arise and injustice be put to flight. May those who have the interpretation and administration of law be always men of incorruptible probity and unimpeachable honor. May innocence never suffer nor wrong be permitted to go unpunished. May this ancient palace of justice now renewed and grander than ever, make even a more splendid name as a seat of wisdom, sincerity and great, among the courts of our great state.

"May this temple stand as a source of terror to the evil doer, but as a shrine of safety, a sanctuary of protection to the oppressed and the innocent. May the new era upon which our county enters today, be grander, more beautiful and holier than ever, when men and women shall live nearer to Thee and Thy holy commands. We ask these blessings of Thee, our Heavenly Father, through Thy Son who with Thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest as God forever and ever, amen."

Deanery Parishes of Auburn To Join For N.C.C.W. Party

By PAUL W. PINCKNEY

Auburn.—All parishes of the Auburn deanery will unite in a grand Easter card party to take place Friday evening, April 6, in Holy Family Auditorium under the auspices of Auburn Council, National Council of Catholic Women, Miss Irene Cooper, president of the organization announces. Games will begin at 8 o'clock and prizes will be awarded the winners.

Rev. Earl C. Ritz, assistant pastor of St. Aloysius Church, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Auburn Council, National Council of Catholic Women, held last Tuesday evening in the Grand Hall of St. Aloysius parish in Wall Street. Plans for the Easter card party were discussed and committee members were appointed.

KNIGHTS SOCIAL SET

Auburn.—Louis J. Carr has been appointed general chairman of the St. Patrick's social to be held Saturday evening, March 17, in the Red Room of the Knights of Columbus Home in Genesee Street. Chairman Carr is being assisted by Francis Alexander, Dr. Paul J. Nolan, Joseph Cuddy, Howard Edwards, Dr. F. L. Okoniewski, Edward Meehan, Frederick Armstrong, Leo Youtt, Charles Cora, Dr. Roland Walker, James Bannon, Edward Secaur, Martin Hanlon, Charles Gerber, Jr., George O'Leary, William Lane, Patrick Walsh, Howard Murray, Luke J. Lane, Raymond Wall, grand knight; Rev. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain; John J. Leo, Michael Poole, John H. MacLean, Frank J. Lesch and Charles Gerber, Jr.

FOR ST. ALPHONSUS FUND

Auburn.—Plans have been completed for the third annual St. Patrick's social to be held Friday evening, March 16, in the Pompeian Room of Hotel Osborne under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of St. Alphonsus Church. Alban J. Linnebach, general chairman, is working in conjunction with several assisting committees to make this one of the most successful social functions of the society. Funds derived from the social will be turned over to the Building Fund Committee of St. Alphonsus Church.

St. John The Evangelist Holy Name Group Plans St. Patrick's Party

Members and friends of St. John the Evangelist parish will be entertained at a card party on St. Patrick's night, March 17, at 8 o'clock in the school hall, Humboldt street. It is under the auspices of the Holy Name Society.

Bridge, pedro, pinocle and five hundred will be played, with prizes for each table. Admission is 35 cents. Bernard L. Cahill is chairman of the committee in charge.

This will be the first event under the new executive administration of the society, consisting of: Eugene Garvey, president; Edmund Principe, vice-president; Roy Carrey, financial secretary; Arthur Farren, recording secretary; and John Stauff, treasurer. The Rev. John B. Sullivan, pastor, is spiritual director of the society.

Composing the committee assisting Mr. Cahill are the following: David Moran, Lawrence Ryan, Joseph Schwenzler, Earl Uebel, James Tuttle, Edward Wetzel, Howard Stauffer, F. W. Seney, Herbert Kireher, Thomas Kennedy, William Grupp, James Conorton, William Duffy, Arthur Egan, Vernon H. Glasgow, William O'Neill, Neil Fischer, Henry McConigal, Edward Baehr, Walter Van Epps, Henry Hines, Edward Bott, Edward Norman, Andrew Martens, Wilfred Hans, William King, Norman Christ, Walter Mayrl, Norman Blum, Harry Cahill, William B. Tuttle, Floyd Anderson, Alwin Beach, Joseph Holland, Francis Martin, Arthur Principi, John Costello and Donald Bledenbach.

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ITHACA ITEMS

By LOUISE PAUL

Members of Court Santa Maria, 240, Catholic Daughters of America, have been invited to attend the initiation ceremonies of Geneva Court, 416, at the Woman's Club in Geneva, Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 p. m.

A St. Patrick's Day supper, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be served Monday, March 19, in Parish Hall. Later Prof. Hugh C. Troy will speak on "Ireland."

A three act, dramatization of Christ's Passion and Death, "The Upper Room," will be the contribution of the Immaculate Conception Parish to the city's Lenten Program. The play, sponsored by the Ithaca District of the Rochester Diocese Council of the National Council of Catholic Women, will be presented March 26 and 27 in Parish Hall. Mrs. R. L. Sullivan, president of Ithaca District, is chairman of the committee in charge of the tickets.

The Young Ladies' Sodality held its regular meeting Wednesday evening after the Lenten services.

The Rosary Society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception met Sunday evening, March 11, in the church.

Elmira Catholic High Students Please 600 In 'Wonderland' Presentation

Elmira.—Pupils of the Catholic High School here, presented "Mysteries of Wonderland" in the Dunn Memorial Auditorium Thursday evening of last week before an audience of over 600 people. The proceeds will be given to the High School Fund.

The characters of the popular Alice in Wonderland were portrayed by 19 students with the following deserving special mention for their splendid interpretation of their roles: Valeria Kunnasa, Florence Kunnasa, Leo Ferris, Eleanor Ryan and Trieste Ponzl. James Cunningham, "Jester," executed several original novelty dances.

Harry Rynker, vocal soloist, the Catholic High School Glee Club, an Orchestra, and the Girls' Chorus supplemented the program with appropriate selections which were well received by the audience.

Others who gave able performances are as follows: John Dowdle, Leonard Corsi, Harry Rynker, Roger Sheehar, William Murphy, Charles Arnold, Marie Kruekow, Jan Sheehan, Anne Shortleese, Alice Hallett, Mary Lochteer, Leo O'Mealia, Paul Sheehan.

Men's Mission To Be Given By Passionists At St. Mary's, Auburn

Auburn.—A mission under the supervision of Father Camillus and Father Sylvester of the Passionist Order with headquarters in Newark, N. J., opened last Sunday evening in St. Mary's Church and will be continued throughout this week and next. A crowd of women, estimated at 1,000, attended the initial services.

The second week will be for the men. There are services, consisting of rosary, sermon, benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every evening at 7:45 o'clock, and the mission Masses daily will be at 5:30 and 9 o'clock. The mission for the children was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of this week.

Legal Aid Society Indorses Wage Bill Pending At Albany

At its regular monthly meeting held Monday the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society unanimously indorsed the Cillano O'Mara Wage Assignment Bill for the regulation of wage assignments under installment contracts. It was announced by Mr. J. P. MacSweeney, President.

"The present law which permits the assignment of a wage earner's entire wages has been abused by a number of concerns in the installment merchandising field who incorporate wage assignments inconspicuously in their installment contracts, and this practice has resulted in much hardship and injustice to the poor and ignorant victims of high pressure salesmanship," Mr. MacSweeney said.

The proposed bill which has already passed the Senate but is still in the Assembly Judiciary Committee would place wage assignments on the same basis as garnishments and assignment as security for personal loans under the banking law so that they would be valid for no more than ten percent of wages of \$12 or more per week. It would also require that the wage assignment be contained in a separate written instrument and not as a part of an installment contract.

Mr. Emery A. Brownell, Executive Attorney, reported that the Society had handled a total of 529 cases during the month of which 236 had been disposed of. The majority of the new cases received during the month were in the nature of Domestic Relations according to his report. The majority of the cases were referred to the Society by various Social Agencies.

A storm puts a man upon his guard, and obliges him to exert his utmost efforts to escape shipwreck.—St. Jerome.

Group Meetings Set For Local Chapter Alumnae Federation

The Girl Scout Group of the Rochester Chapter of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will meet Monday, March 26, at 8:15 o'clock with Miss Loretta Donoghue alumna of St. Elizabeth's College at the Normandie Apartments.

Miss Anna Hanna of Dominican College has called a meeting of the Literature Group of the I. F. C. A. of which she is chairman, for Tuesday, March 27, at the Catholic Residence Library in the Columbus Civic Centre Building.

Members of the Rochester Chapter of the I. F. C. A. and those who are interested in joining are invited to attend the group meetings. Activities during this month have included meetings of the Red Cross group and the Mission group.

Miss Emily Knoll, alumna of Nazareth College and secretary of the I. F. C. A. entertained the Red Cross group at her home 70 Westland Avenue last Monday. Miss Veronica Maher, executive secretary of the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross, spoke on "Activities of the Rochester Chapter."

Miss Betty Randall also of Nazareth College entertained the newly formed Mission group at her home, 31 Congress Avenue, last Wednesday. Plans were made for the collection of stamps, Catholic magazines, and clothes for the needy.

Communion Breakfast of St. Peter and Paul Auxiliary Set Sunday

Members of Ladies Auxiliary, number 44, Knights of St. John of St. Peter and Paul's Church will hold their annual Communion Sunday on Passion Sunday at the 8:15 o'clock Mass. An innovation this year will be the Communion Breakfast which will be served in the school auditorium, immediately following the Mass.

Mrs. Harriet Mollinger is chairman of the affair with the following committee assisting in the arrangements: Mrs. Caroline Esse, Mrs. Mae Keegan, Miss Loretta Keegan, Gertrude Papineau, Miss Sophia Klueber, Mrs. Anna Kuriz, Mrs. Rose Johnson, Mrs. Mary Sheridan, Mrs. Catherine Schwartz, Mrs. Anna Spitzer, Mrs. George Wolenski.

Mrs. Jessie Gardner will be in charge of music. Miss Helen Keegan will be chairman of the waitresses: Ellen Eberhardt, Martina and Carol Esse, Marlon Heuer, Collette Finley, Horence and Geraldine Schmidt, Betty and Ruth Schoen, Horence Spacher.

President Solinda FitzHarris has announced that the Rev. Benedict Ehrmann will be the guest speaker. All members are urged to make reservations with either Mrs. FitzHarris, Genesee 1285 or with Mrs. Mollinger, Glenwood 157-M, on or before 8 P. M. Friday, March 16.

Hancock Insurance Report Indicates Better Times

At the annual meeting of policyholders of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, held Monday, February 12, the report of the Directors indicated an increase of assets during the year amounting to \$16,208,074, an increase in the Safety Fund amounting to \$1,584,950. The Company has a General Surplus and Contingency Reserve amounting to over 58 million dollars out of total admitted assets amounting to \$655,664,366. This Safety Reserve is the amount held by the Company, after providing over 16 million dollars of dividends to be paid to policyholders in 1934.

The report stated that the Directors found it expedient in 1933 to maintain the company in a liquid position at a temporary sacrifice of interest rates, hence the report showed liquid assets of some 45 million dollars, of which 15 million dollars was cash in hand, \$20,406,684 in United States Government Bonds and Notes, and obligations of other governmental bodies in the United States amounting to over 9 million dollars.

"However," said the report, "the pursuit of a more normal program of investment is now being resumed," indicating that times are getting better and the cash demands on insurance companies are normal.

Stamps and Missions

Stamps make mighty little missionaries, with emphasis on both the mighty and the little. Our Stamp Bureau is enjoying increased patronage in receipts of good material and in orders from stamp buyers the money obtained therefrom is very helpful, as it enables us to help in emergencies for which no other means are available. We encourage therefore our mission friends to keep up their stamp activities. All cancelled stamps are useful, domestic and foreign, provided they are sound and whole. The best way of sending them is in a box by parcel post or in a metal cup envelope as fourth class mail.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith Imagines cheerfully announced by REV. LEO C. MOONEY Diocesan Director Columbus Building 50 Chestnut Street Stone 1492

Elmira Catholic High Five Rejects Bid To National Tournament

Elmira.—Officials of the Elmira Catholic High School announced that because of the lack of finances and other circumstances, it has been decided to reject the invitation of Loyola University to send the C.H.S. basketball team to the national Catholic tournament at Chicago, Mar. 21-25. Proceeds from two of these basketball games, designated to raise the funds necessary to send the team to Chicago were insufficient to cover the expenses.

However, the C.H.S. share of the games played against Corning Prep Academy and Elmira High Schools will be added to the athletic fund of the local school just as the other schools did. Officials of C.H.S. believe that the team, not in the best of condition after a strenuous league campaign as was evidenced in the last three defeats, would not make their best appearance at Chicago and that sending the team to the tournament would not be to the best advantage of all concerned.

The athletic idea is so non-sensical that I do not see how I can put it into words.—Lord Kelvin.

Direct interest to the Catholic Press to combat bad literature.

NAMED VICAR GENERAL
St. Louis (N.C.W.)—Fr. T. M. Coghlan, pastor of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, has been named Vicar General of the Diocese by Most Rev. Edmund Keenan, Bishop of St. Louis.

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