

AWAY FOR WHOLESOME HOLIDAYS

SOLEMN CHURCH SERVICES BEGIN SECOND CENTURY OF EXISTENCE AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, AUBURN

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School, under the direction of Miss Kathleen Plunkett, organist, sang the Ordinary of the Mass, and the Proper of the Mass was sung by a choir of 14 students from St. Bernard's Seminary under the direction of Rev. Mr. Paul Cuddy, a graduate of Holy Family school.

Tracing the history of the Catholic Church down to the establishment of Holy Family parish, Most Rev. Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey delivered the sermon. Archbishop Hickey lauded the past and present pastors, priests and nuns and members of the congregation. Archbishop Mooney spoke briefly, adding words of praise for the work of Dean Conway, his assisting priests, nuns and parishioners.

History of Parish
Holy Family Church was the first Catholic Church in this section of the State. The first Catholic settlers in Auburn were John O'Connor and Hugh Ward. O'Connor was grandfather of the late Rev. Dean John J. Hickey, pastor of the church. These two men came in 1810 and lived here for six years without seeing a priest.

Then, at their request, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Connolly of New York sent them, at their expense, the Rev. John Gorman, who journeyed from New York by stage in 1816. He celebrated mass at the O'Connor home, which

was in Water Street near the present site of the Strand Theater. Catholics came from Geneva, Seneca Falls, Waterloo and Ithaca to worship.

In 1820, Father Gorman came to Auburn and celebrated mass in the Court House, baptized children and performed other ministrations. There were few Catholics then living between Albany and Buffalo and St. John's Church in Utica was built in the 20s to serve all. The first trustees of that Utica church included John O'Connor of Auburn, Thomas McCarthy of Syracuse, John McGuire of Rochester and Charles Carroll of Genesee River.

First Resident Pastor
In 1825 Father Kelly came here from Rochester to minister to the few families of the faith and in 1828 Father Farron came a few times from Utica. A few others paid occasional visits until 1829 when Father O'Donoghue arrived to make his home here. He was the first resident pastor.

Through his zeal, the Catholics purchased from the Methodists an abandoned meeting house which stood near the present rectory in Chapel Street. The first Holy Family trustees were John O'Connor, Hugh Ward, James Hickson, Thomas Hickson and David Lawler.

Father Connolly succeeded Father O'Donoghue and in turn was followed by Father Grace, who died here in 1844. Then came Father Bradley, followed by the Rev. Thomas O'Flaherty, who remained until 1856, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Martin Kavanaugh, who was here for one year.

The next pastor was the Rev. Michael Creedon, who built the present church in North Street in 1861. Later he went to Elmira and the Rev. James McGlow succeeded him. Two years later Father O'Flaherty became pastor for the second time.

First School Built
In 1869 Father Kavanaugh returned and erected a parochial school. He stayed until 1874 and was followed by the Rev. Edward McGowan, who served until 1877, when he was succeeded by the Rev. William Seymour. The latter remained until his death in 1885. It was Father Seymour who built the parochial residence and enlarged the Sisters of Mercy convent.

The Rev. John J. Hickey, who later became dean, was next. He purchased the property on the corner south of the church, removed unsightly buildings and remodeled the whole interior of the church itself. He added two church towers and the large and commodious sacristy. He also brought artists from Munich to paint the mural works of art, and installed a superb set of bells and Munich stained glass windows.

On Father Hickey's death, he was succeeded by Father Gaffney, as acting pastor, until the Rev. John A. Conway, present pastor, was appointed July 8, 1923. Under Father Conway a handsome new parochial school and auditorium were constructed and Auburn's first parochial high school established. He was appointed dean of the Auburn district in 1932 by the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern.

Two Days Festival At Elmira Heights

Elmira Heights — Parishioners of St. Charles Church are making extensive plans for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the building of the church, with a two-day festival scheduled for July 11 and 12 to be held on the church lawn.

The following executive committee will have charge of the general arrangements: the Rev. M. E. Groden, chairman; Francis Orsley, treasurer; Sylvester Kole, Paul Dooley, Theodore Doran, Louis Blucker, Albert Schiefen, Mrs. James Gilley, Mrs. George Snyder, Mrs. John J. Coughlin, Mary Orsley, Florence Bird, Margaret Yanko, Evelyn Wixted, Marie Sheehan, Mary Sage and Agnes Bixby. Large committees are co-operating with the chairmen of the affair.

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DIOCESAN-WIDE EFFORT WILL MARK CAMPAIGN

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Name men who attended the Diocesan Rally in Elmira have already voiced their consent to the movement in response to Archbishop Mooney's request at the Rally that they pledge themselves to the Legion of Decency principles.

In Rochester, the movement to clean up motion picture production has been given impetus by the Rochester Inter-Faith Good-Will Committee. Through a resolution adopted by the committee, Jews, Catholics and Protestants are being urged to become fully aroused to the "menace of the movies" and to interest individuals of each group in the campaign.

That the moving picture problem is of concern to the Holy Father is indicated in a dispatch from Brussels which states that Pope Pius XI has called the Catholics of all countries to concern themselves with the movie problem.

Pope States Duty

On behalf of His Holiness, Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, has sent a letter to Canon Broche, president of the Catholic International Cinematographic Office and chaplain general of the entire Catholic League of Action Cinematographique en Belgique. After acknowledging the good work done by the Belgian organization, the letter says:

"The Catholics of all the countries of the world ought to make it a duty of conscience to concern themselves with this question, the importance of which is constantly growing.

"The cinema is going to become the greatest and most efficacious means of influence, more efficacious even than the Press, for it is a fact that certain films have been seen by several million spectators.

"His Holiness desires to emphasize the urgency of this apostolate, in which all well-minded people should unite, co-ordinating their efforts, energies and activities to make this powerful means of diffusion of ideas serve for the moral education of the people."

"Despite the measures taken by the public authorities of various countries the Holy Father continues to receive from all sides allegations and denunciations of the moral and religious harm caused by cinema shows which exercise an irresistible influence on a great part of humanity, but very particularly upon youth—truly a matter of concern for the future."

With the Supreme Pontiff of all Christendom so vitally concerned, with the Bishops of the United States so wholeheartedly behind the movement, it is imperative that every individual Catholic answer the appeal of our own beloved Bishop, Archbishop Mooney.

Pledges of the Legion of Decency, copy of which appears on the front page, second section, of this issue, will be distributed in every Church in the diocese on Sunday. Ample reasons for signing the pledge aside from the fact that it is asked by the Bishop, will be found in articles, also in the second section of this issue. The campaign is underway and it is earnestly expected by Archbishop Mooney that the pledges taken will not be a matter of passing interest. The movement is one to be carried along until producers of films jeopardizing Christian morality, especially among children, will be made to realize that the type of pictures now being shown are NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

Camp Stella Maris Ready For Opening On Sunday, July 1st

"Camp—the days of real sport."
Opening of Camp Stella Maris, Conesus Lake, will take place Sunday, July 1, when 80 boys will report for the first two weeks' encampment. Four two-week periods are scheduled for the summer, ending August 25. Registration is open to boys from seven to 17 years old.

Healthful outdoor and indoor activity is promised by the camp director, the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, the camp chaplain, the Rev. George C. Vogt, and the 12 counselors. Featuring the encampments will be overnight hikes into the Finger Lakes region, with visits to some of the State's historical spots.

Track meets will be held at night under floodlights, and record statistics will be kept in the Camp archives. Swimming, baseball, boating, scouting, crafts and dramatics are all included in the routine.

Camp Stella Maris is located on the east shore of Conesus, near McPherson's Point. It may be found easily at night by a large electric sign newly installed. The camp has been redecorated, and is ready to house the largest registration in its nine years history.

The advertisements in this newspaper are part of the service the paper renders to readers. Valuable suggestions are contained in the advertisements' messages.

N.C.C.M. MAKES LARGE GAIN IN HALF YEAR

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sorship and production of the "Catholic Hour" over the radio is unquestionably outstanding. This nationwide broadcast, carried each Sunday over a network provided by the National Broadcasting Company, is the largest religious radio program in America.

He noted also other noteworthy projects to which the Council is now giving its attention. It has been co-operating closely with the various Federal agencies administering the Civilian Conservation Corps camps, and assisting in every way possible in providing spiritual ministrations for the Catholic boys in the camps, who comprise, according to the voluminous records maintained in the Council's headquarters office here, more than one-third of the total enrollment.

Activities of the Catholic Evidence Bureau of the Council also have operated as a stimulus to evidence work in this country, and information on activities in this field has been furnished to thousands of inquirers.

The educational campaign against motion picture indecency, said Mr. Caravati has been greatly assisted by the Council. Nearly 11,000 reprints of the article on the movies by the Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, were distributed from the headquarters here and other means taken to arouse interest in the problem. Since the inauguration of the Legion of Decency, the Council has been insistently endeavoring to stimulate its affiliated societies to greater participation in the crusade.

Progress Recorded On Movie to Depict History of Nursing

Chicago—(NCWC) — Progress in plans to produce a moving picture depicting the history of nursing, from the dawn of civilization to date, was announced today by Sister Mary Therese, educational director of the John B. Murphy Hospital School of Nursing. The film is to be sponsored by the Illinois Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association.

Nursing educators desiring to use visual means in teaching nursing history today must rely on slides, Sister Therese pointed out, and the purpose of the film will be to modernize this feature of the nursing curriculum and to make available for nursing schools an authentic pictorial portrayal of advancements in nursing. Sound effects are being considered in connection with the film, Sister Therese said.

Sister Therese, who last week finished her fifth term as president of the Illinois Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association, devoted most of her presidential address at last week's meeting to a description of the film and its purposes. It was announced that a vast amount of research has been completed, in regard to costumes, instruments and other features of early nursing, and it is hoped that actual production will be begun shortly.

It is expected that the films will bring a more general realization of the important part the Church has played in nursing development, from the days of Fabiola and the other early Christian nurses down to today, when Catholic schools of nursing are so numerous and of such outstanding character.

City - Wide Oratorical Contest For Youths Centennial Feature

An oratorical contest, for young men and women of the ages from 18 to 21, is being sponsored by the Rochester Speakers' Bureau, in connection with the city-wide celebration of Rochester's Centennial Year.

The contest is open to any young man or woman of the ages specified. No entrance fees or charges of any kind will be made. The subject for the addresses is announced as "Youth Marches On." Any contestant may take his or her own individual views of the subject. It is suggested that, in general, the contribution of youth to Rochester's progress and the promise of future activity of the younger citizens will provide sufficient material for the addresses which are not to exceed ten minutes in length.

Registration blanks for the contest are to be had for the asking at the service bureau on the main floor of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr store. As soon as a sufficient number of entrants have been recorded, try-outs will be held, to determine the number of contestants who will engage in the finals, to be held at Edgerton Park on the evening of August 29.

The first prize, to be awarded, is a silver loving-cup donated by the Rochester Speakers' Bureau. Awards of honorable mention will also be made. Registration closes on July 15.



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Dancing is mostly an attraction for effervescent youth. Soft lights and chattering and brings romance, which is after all the greatest recreation.

"After the bell" refreshments are in order. Cool liquids, non-alcoholic chatter set a lifting climax to days full of healthful activity.

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