

THE MARCH OF EVENTS IN

From January, 1940

JANUARY, 1940

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, addressed a series of radio talks on the Discipleship program with an address on the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, January 7. A group of 100 persons were present in scope.

Nearly 2,000 members of Holy Rosary Church, of which the Most Rev. Charles F. Shay is pastor, attended the Golden Jubilee banquet. The principal speakers were the Most Rev. James E. Kearney and the Most Rev. Walter A. Forry, Bishop of Syracuse, a former pastor of the church.

Officers of 11 companies, Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, were installed in office by Col. Richard T. Wagner at St. Joseph's Hall on the first evening of the term.

First series of CATHOLIC COURIER Schools of Cookery opened in Parish Hall of Precinct of the Sacred Heart.

Large number of Catholic men attend winter school of business held simultaneously in Rochester, Auburn and Elmira.

Enthusiastic response follows invitation of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney to all families in the diocese to receive Holy Communion in honor of the Holy Family.

The Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, was guest of honor at the first of a series of dinners of alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary, held in Hartford.

Aaron I. Abell of Nazareth College was speaker at the Columbian College Forum at Columbus Civic Centre, with "The Guild System in Modern Dress" as the topic.

John C. Doyle was elected president of the local chapter of the national association of St. Bonaventure College alumni.

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney asked full co-operation in the Golden Jubilee campaign in behalf of the Catholic University of America.

Catholic Theater began 1940 season with presentation of "What a Life," by the Blackfriars Guild, at the Gregory Street Playhouse.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Frank M. Quinlan, wife of widely known church and school architect from her late home at 141 Broadway Avenue and at St. Augustus' Church.

The Most Rev. Joseph Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, was guest speaker at Golden Jubilee dinner at Hotel Seneca at which the Most Rev. James E. Kearney was host to leaders of the clergy and laity of the diocese. It was attended by 750 men and women.

Knights of St. John paid tribute to Inspector Edward Brown, 72, whose funeral services were held from his late home at 26 Kenwood Avenue and from SS. Peter and Paul Church.

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Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, launched a "Religious Quiz" contest as a feature of its membership campaign drive.

Sister M. Leona, superintendent of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, presided over 25 nurses in colorful ceremonies at Dunn Memorial Building. It marked the close of five months' preliminary training.

Sister Anna Marie Hynes of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph died at Nazareth Convent in Pittsford.

The beautiful new convent at Rutgers Street for 25 Sisters of St. Joseph who teach in Blessed Sacrament School was inspected and blessed by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney.

The Most Rev. Walter A. Forry, Bishop of Syracuse, was the Lenten speaker at St. Monica's Church.

A Penny Razar in connection with the 10th anniversary celebration of the Church of the Precious Blood was held at the church hall. Eugene Huether was chairman.

Mrs. Ellen Connors, 94, widow of John Connors, one of the pioneer settlers of Auburn, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James O'Brien.

The Rev. William J. O'Brien, Ph.D., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, was host to 50 of his parishioners at the Mash Twpain Hotel in appreciation of their cooperation during the past year. It marked the 10th year of his ordination.

Four credit unions in Rochester parishes granted loans to their members in the total amount of \$44,300, figure compiled by the Credit Union Committee of the Rochester Branch, Catholic Central Union, showed.

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The Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, called attention of City Manager Kleber to dangerous traffic conditions for children on the parish school and to the lack of adequate police protection for them.

Francis P. Murray, lifelong member of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, provided in his will for a sum not to exceed \$50,000 for the erection of a new church. The will was probated at Lyons.

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A Commandery of the Knights of St. John was established at St. Andrew's Church with the transfer there of St. Bernard's Commandery.

The Rev. Hugh Haffey, C.S.R., of Aquinas Institute Faculty was retreat master at the annual retreat of Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association.

"I should be very happy to realize that the CATHOLIC COURIER is read in every Catholic home in the diocese," His Excellency, Bishop Kearney said in a message to the people at the opening of the Catholic School Press Crusade.

Two thousand workers responded to the call of Bishop Kearney to take part in the Golden Jubilee campaign of the Catholic University of America, launched at a dinner in Hotel Seneca. The Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., of its faculty was chief speaker.

The Rev. Michael E. Groden, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira Feb. 21, at the age of 54.

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After 10 and one-half years at Sacred Heart Church, the Rev. John O'Brien was transferred to St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan.

Elmira Catholic High School debaters won a debate against the Corning Catholic High School team, upholding the negative of the proposition: "Resolved that the New York State Regents examination should be abolished."

Junior Court St. Rita, 137, Catholic Daughters of America, initiated 50 new members at the third anniversary meeting.

Damage estimated at \$20,000 was caused by a fire in St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva, which had its origin in the basement, rapidly sweeping through upper floors.

Frank E. Wolfe of Blessed Sacrament parish was elected to direct activities of Rochester Diocesan Section, Diocesan Holy Name Union.

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Reports from the Fifth Annual Catholic Press Crusade showed that youthful crusaders in the schools of the diocese had typed in 8,903 orders.

Observance of St. Patrick's Day included a banquet of Knights of Equity at Powers Hotel, attended by 450 knights and their ladies, at which the Most Rev. James E. Kearney was chief speaker, and a banquet of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Hotel Seneca, with more than 700 in attendance.

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With Harold Dyrenfurth in the leading role, "Shadow and Substance" was presented by the Blackfriars Guild before large audiences in three performances at the Dunn Memorial Theater in Elmira.

The Fordham Glee Club gave a concert at Columbus Auditorium April 5, which was sponsored by Mercy Guild of the Little Flower, Mercy High alumnae and students of the school.

Ten young women received the habit of the Sisters of Mercy in impressive ceremonies at St. John the Evangelist Church, with the Most Rev. James E. Kearney presiding.

The feast of St. Joseph, patronal feast of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was celebrated in Holy Family Chapel of Nazareth Convent Motherhouse. His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney pontificated, assisted by priests and prelates of the diocese. More than 450 Sisters attended.

Approval of the work of St. Peter Claver's Social Center at 13 Rome Street—a project for the benefit of colored persons—was given by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney as he inspected the recently renovated home of the center.

Thomas H. O'Connor, news editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, was feted at a testimonial given at Columbus Civic Centre as a tribute to his work over a period of 20 years for the Knights of Columbus and Order of the Alhambra.

A Perpetual Novena in honor of St. Anne was instituted at Precious Blood Church, Lexington Avenue.

Death came to the Rev. John Lynch, C. S. R., three days after the completion of fifty golden years in the Holy Priesthood of God. He passed away at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 78. Notable tributes to the distinguished Redemptorist father were paid at his funeral at St. Joseph's Church.

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The Rev. John T. Gillard, S.S.J., Ph.D., Assistant Superior General of the Josephite Fathers, in Rochester to speak at St. Bernard's Seminary, reported a great increase in Catholic interest in aiding Negroes.

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic Schools, praised Governor Herbert H. Lehman for signing the Coudert-McLaughlin Bill, thus showing approval of religious education and observance.

Organization of the Junior Blackfriars marked another progressive step in the advance of the Blackfriars' Guild.

Dedication of the beautiful new shrine in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, took place April 16 with a large congregation present. The Rev. John Healy, C. S. R., assisted by Rev. Andrew F. Dissett, blessed the shrine and then Father Healy bestowed the Papal Blessing on all present.

With Marie Keber Burbank as director, the Catholic Women's Club Chorus gave its annual Spring Concert May 10.

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Twenty-three hundred Sodality members of the Western New York Sodality Conference, heard—and had a part in—discussions of the problems of democracy. The Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., national Sodality director, was a leader in the discussions.

St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, had a three-day celebration in honor of its 87th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the canonization of its patron, St. Alphonsus.

The Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Bishop of Amarillo, speaking before Catholic students of Cornell University at Barnes Hall, declared that labor unions are needed in modern life.

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Sister M. Aquinas, who was for more than 50 years a teacher, died at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford, May 22, after an illness of two years.

Miss Nellie Massou was crowned Queen of the May in a beautiful ceremony at Our Lady of Mercy High School May 20.

Ground was broken for the new Mercy High School at the annual May Day celebration, with the Most Rev. James E. Kearney presiding at the ceremonies.

The Rev. Dr. Justin Wfor Nizkor, writing in the Christian Century, defended the cooperation of Catholics in interfaith activities, replying to an editorial in that publication.

The Rev. Raymond Griffin, chaplain of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, was its guest of honor at a dinner.

Joseph Esser, Sr., father of Edward Esser, associate editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, died May 15.

Ordned by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 18 were the following graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary from the Rochester Diocese: The Reverend Fathers: Vincent P. Collins, Joseph D. Donovan, John S. Hayes, Joseph F. Hogan, Alfred J. Horr, Thomas C. Kane, Bernard V. Kuchman, Joseph F. McCarthy, John A. Morgan, John A. Murphy, William F. Nolan, Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Michael P. O'Brien, Richard M. Quinn, Albert Joseph Shannon, Edward Francis Tolster, Wallace J. Van Deusen, and George S. Wood.

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney announced the appointment and transfers of 55 priests in the Diocese of Rochester.

The Rt. Rev. Meir James J. Griffin resigned his pastorate of St. Mary's Church, Corning, where he had been since 1920.

Observance of Catholic School Week aroused unusual interest among friends of Catholic education.

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The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new \$50,000 St. Paul's Church at Inaugury Falls, of which the Rev. William J. Killarky is pastor, was attended by many priests and others. The Rt. Rev. Meir William M. Hart, V.G., officiated.

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Opening Convention—Opening the International Conventions of the Knights of St. John and the Ladies Auxiliary was this Solemn Mass celebrated by His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney. Sermon was delivered by the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo.

Attending Mass—Arrayed in colorful uniforms, delegates to the convention made a striking figure as they attended the Solemn Mass at St. Joseph's Church. This picture was taken just before the Mass, opening the convention, was celebrated.

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