

# Class Initiation Brings Climax to Members Drive

Commander



Frederick J. Wegmann,  
Colonel Rochester Regiment, Knights  
of St. John

### Knights of St. John, Ac- tive, Strong, Prepare for Year of Varied Work

### Map Convention Rochester Regiment, Ac- tive Here, Has Record of Success

Members of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John are focusing attention on a general class initiation scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 12, beginning at 2 o'clock in St. Boniface Hall, Whelan Street.

This affair will climax a successful membership campaign conducted in all eleven commanderies of the Regiment since December 1, 1934.

Officers of the Regiment including the Rev. Joseph H. Gaffey will take important parts in the ceremonial of initiation. Each member of the Regiment is invited to attend. Prizes will be awarded to commanderies and individuals during the course of the afternoon.

**Plan Convention Fund**  
A convention fund program is being worked out by the Regiment for the various commanderies and also the auxiliaries. Many of the ladies and knights are planning to attend the bi-annual convention of the order to be held at Philadelphia, Pa., in June, 1938. From the proceeds of initiation, each member amount will be set aside to procure a motion picture camera to be used at all Knights of St. John turnouts.

Eight commanderies are represented in the current bowling league which operates each Friday evening. A fine spirit of friendly rivalry is being developed between the commanderies through the medium of this league.

**Many Social Events**  
Several social events will be planned for the winter months, including the annual inspection, review and drill of the Regiment to be held early in the Spring.

**Regimental Officers**  
Present officers of the Rochester Regiment are: Honor. Col. John P. Schellhorn, Chaplain, the Rev. Joseph H. Gaffey, Past Colonel. Gen. (Continued on Page 21)

# CENTRAL VEREIN KEEPING WATCH ON LEGISLATION

While Congress and the State Legislature are hurrying potential new statutes into shape getting them passed in Washington and Albany Rochester Branch of the Catholic Central Verein of America prepares to keep watchful eyes on the proceedings.

If any of the proposed legislation appears to be detrimental to the interests of the country, the state, or Catholic interests, it will have a vigorous part in opposing the suggested changes.

But this is only a part of activities which engage the attention of this aggressive organization throughout the year. What it does is a part of the news from day to day.

The idea of forming closer relations between the various Catholic societies as they existed in 1854 was planted in the minds of those delegates from Rochester and Buffalo who assembled to bid farewell to the Rev. M. Leininger, CSSR, running through the various addresses was the idea that something more be done to combat the attacks that were then being made upon the Catholic immigrants, both German and Irish.

# Superintendent Explains Need For Organization In Describing Catholic School System Operation

By REV. JOHN M. DUFFY  
Diocesan Superintendent, Catholic Schools of Rochester

In the limited space allotted to us it is our purpose to point out briefly the organization of the Catholic School System. We are conscious of the fact that the word "organization" has an unpleasant sound, if not a sinister meaning, for many ears. This word sounds like machinery and noise and things that have no place in sound education. People cover up the machinery of an automobile with a hood so that they may not be annoyed by its unattractively humming engine. In some expensive cars the engine is so thoroughly encased that no one save the makers of the car can tamper with it. But no matter what pretenses one may have against machines, if the automobile is to serve its purpose, it must have machinery. Otherwise it stands still, and does not operate.

There are people given to simplification—ultra-simplification—who would have schools where children may go to receive an education but where there is no machinery of organization. Such a concept of a school system is quite absurd. It seems really unnecessary to state that the organization exists for the sake of the school and not vice versa. If, then, any efficient school system must have organization, we cannot expect to find an exception to the general rule in the Catholic system of education which we hold to be efficient and sound and through.

# THEY LEAD THE UNION OF HOLY NAME SOCIETIES



Directing activities of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, chief of which at the present time is a sponsorship of the novena to St. Thomas More, are the officers of the Union shown above. Seated (left to right): Honorary President, B. Edward Shiesinger, St. Ambrose; Diocesan Director, the Rev. F. William Stauder, Holy Redeemer; President, Norman A. O'Brien, Holy Rosary; Vice President, William G. Wynn, Immaculate Conception; Financial Secretary, Walter Maxwell, Corpus Christi.

# Diocesan-wide Novena To St. Thomas More Current Project Sponsored by Holy Name Union

## Retreats Gaining in Popularity

Following two successful retreats which were held this year, the Laymen's Retreat Movement, of which William G. Wynn is president, is preparing to repeat in 1938 with a greater number than ever before expected to take a part in them.

## Successful Conventions Held, Rallies Staged, Speakers' Bureau Formed as Diocesan Union Promotes Holy Name Activity in Diocese

Sponsorship of a Novena in honor of St. Thomas More, great English martyr and layman saint, in churches of the diocese is now being carried on by the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, comprising the largest number of parish affiliations of laymen's societies in the diocese.

## Society In Many Hours' Adoration

Devout members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Rochester will hold their all-night vigils at St. Patrick's Church during the coming year a change that has been made necessary due to the passing of the old Cathedral.

# K.of.C. Increases Action Program For Coming Year

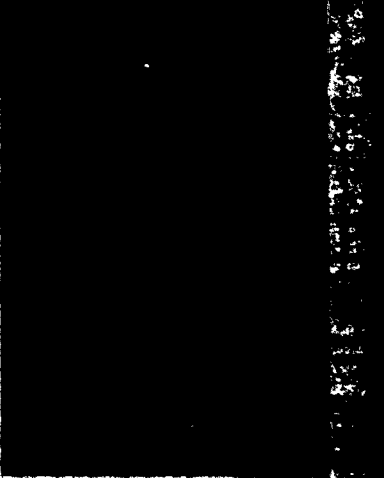
### Individual Members To Be Prepared To Support Stand of Church

### Membership Gains

### Growing Interest Shown In Wide Variety of Events Planned

Planned in a program that calls for individual Catholics to support the stand of the Church, the Knights of Columbus, Chapter of Rochester, announced today that they are ready to carry on the program of defense of Church enlightenment of the day. Catholics and non-Catholics alike are invited to support the stand of the Church by the Knights of Columbus, Chapter of Rochester, in the coming year.

### Leads K. of C.



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# Directs Operation of Our Schools

Operation of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese is under the capable direction of the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent, and author of the article on this page.

An indefatigable worker for the schools, Father Duffy also finds time to promote the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, of which he is director. In this capacity he is now preparing for diocesan-wide participation of the laity in study club discussion of "God's Communism."

The gratitude of the CATHOLIC COURIER is here publicly expressed for his generous cooperation with the Catholic Students Press Crusades in which priests and sisters have cooperated so loyally in promoting the Catholic press in the diocese through the schools.

Father Duffy's work among the schools of this diocese has attracted national attention and he is frequently called upon to address national gatherings of Catholic organizations.



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# To the Laity

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Every organization has its own special contribution to make to the Catholic community. It is the duty of each of us to support the work of these organizations and to help them to carry out their mission.

The Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Central Verein, the Holy Name Union, and the Nocturnal Adoration Society are all organizations that have made a significant contribution to the life of the diocese.

It is our hope that this issue will help to bring you closer to these organizations and to the work they are doing for the good of the Church and the world.

We are grateful to all those who have helped us in the preparation of this issue and to all those who will help us in the future.

With best wishes for a happy and successful year ahead, we close this issue.

Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester.