Two Lenten Dramas To Open Next Week

PASSION PLAY COMES HIGHLY COMMENDED

Cast of 15 To Appear in 'Veronica's Veil'

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Speakers Extoll St. Patrick As Model For World Leaders

That rulers in today's troubled world would do well to model their thoughts and lives upon St. Patrick and his heroic followers was the theme of speakers at observances of the Saint's Feast last Friday.

Solemn religious commemoration of the day was the Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, at the patronal church, Plymouth Avenue North.

Assisting officers of the Mass were: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G.; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Philip Golding and the Rev. John H. O'Leary, C.S.B.; Deacon, the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmens; Subdeacon, the Rev. James F. O'Connell; Masters of Ceremonies, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Goggin, and the Very Rev. Edward Lyons.

Panegyric by Msgr. Shay

Coming back to the Church of St. Patrick, of which he had been pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, preached the panegyric in which he held up the Irish faith as imbued by the great Saint as an example for the world.

"It is futile for any man or nation to go against the Lord their God," Monsignor Shay said, referring to conditions abroad. "Even though the Irish nation suffered loss of life and property they came forth triumphant because they revered all that Jesus Christ and His Church stands for.

"If they (the nations oppressing the Church today) follow the plan, as did another nation, in regard to tyranny in Ireland, it means not only bloodshed and destruction, but also the outcome following such tyranny."

The Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and managing editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, arranged the services. Many prominent laymen and heads of Irish Catholic organization attended.

Hibernians Hold Fete

Festivities in the evening included a banquet at Powers Hotel at which Bishop Kearney addressed the Knights of Equity and friends and a social gathering conducted by Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary at the Rochester Club.

Ireland's hero, Robert Emmet, was extolled by Bishop Kearney in a scholarly discourse at the Knights of Equity dinner.

Characterizing Emmet as "a most chivalrous and undaunted defender of a country's rights and dignity, the Bishop declared:

"No man was so surely the spokesman of oppressed innocence." Emmet, he said, was a visionary and enthusiast of the stripe of Washington at Valley Forge.

James E. Cuff presented the Bishop and introduced the Rev Joseph H. Gefell, the Rev Roy Murphy chaplain of the Knights of Equity, and many prominent civic leaders at the speakers table. Joseph Clinton was chairman of the affair. A well-enjoyed entertainment program was presented.

Bishop Lauds K. of C.

Members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, marked their observance of the Feast with a dinner and entertainment in the club rooms, Columbus Civic Centre, on Thursday evening.

The knights heard His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, tell apt Irish stories as at the same time he lauded the Knights of Columbus as a strong lay organization.

"I take pleasure in thanking Rochester Council," Bishop Kearney stated, "for the fine manifestation of Catholic Action they have given since my coming here."

His Excellency promised to take an active part in the present membership campaign of the knights (See the Bishop's Letter on Page one, this issue.)

Archbishop Hickey To Speak March 29 At Old St. Mary's

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, Archbishop of Viminacium, will deliver the Lenten sermon in Old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park, on Wednesday evening, March 29.

In returning to Old St. Mary's, Archbishop Hickey will come back to the parish in which he was baptized and received his elementary education.

A Lenten sermon by an Archbishop is unique and many who know this particular Archbishop's gifts as an outstanding speaker of the Church will be attracted to hear him.

PRIEST DENOUNCES

Propagandists At Elmira K. C. Banquet

ELMIRA.—That Americans have been misled on the situation in Central Europe was charged by the Rev. Conrad O'Leary, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure College in an address featuring the St. Patrick's Day banquet of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus.

The banquet at which prominent Elmira priests and civic leaders were guests of honor was held at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Father O'Leary decried against [illegible] ... Czechoslovakia. He declared treatment of the Slovaks by [illegible] Dr. Eduard Benes, who [illegible] ... hates [illegible]

[illegible] the work of propagandists in regard to Spain, he said:

"The propagandists were made to swallow their nefarious charges [illegible] when the Republicans [illegible] by attempting to [illegible] the Communists who had been sent to Spain and were subsidized by Moscow."

He cited in the course of his address the severity of the Irish people, despite persecution and said "the world has nothing in comfort or loyalty to offer the Irishman in exchange for his faith."

"Keeping the truth of Jesus Christ locked in their hearts, the Irish have become true American citizens apologizing to no one," was his concluding remark.

Cornelius J. Milliken was toastmaster and presented Mayor J. [illegible] and [illegible] T. [illegible].

Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. John Treacy, Council Chaplain and benediction by the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Vocal solos were rendered by Robert Hill and Ray Devlin of Elmira and Paul A. Predmore of Rochester.

Rochester Knights of Columbus bowlers were guests at the banquet.

Auburn Parish Holds Gala Fete

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Encyclical Study Aim Of Holy Name Resolution

In a resolution adopted at its last meeting, St. John's Holy Name Society went on record to make a special study of the Encyclicals and other documents of His Holiness, the late Pope Pius XI.

The resolution stated, in part, "that as a living memorial to our late Holy Father, Pius XI, who, living a very saintly life as the Vicar of Christ upon Earth, left us much sound advice, and many letters which contain rules we must follow if we are to realize that peace which Jesus Christ promised His disciples, we pledge ourselves to the study of his wise and holy counsel as well as the holy life that he led that we may imitate him."

Directed by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the society has forwarded a copy of the resolution to the national headquarters through the Deanery Union. The resolution asks that the movement be made national in scope.

Auburn Holy Name ... List Banquet

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St. Mary's Boys To Give Demonstration

The boys of St. Mary's Home will give their Annual Physical Demonstration in the gymnasium at 251 Main Street West next Sunday and Monday evenings, March 26th and 27th, at 7:45 o'clock. The relatives and friends are cordially invited.

Alhambra Sets Meet For Tuesday, Mar. 28

Members of Mussa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, will hold their March meeting at Joseph Paladino's place of business, 16 Cataract Street, on Tuesday evening, March 28.

Business session will be in charge of Grand Commander Otto A. Shultz. A report on the membership campaign will be made by team workers to Vice-Grand Commander Frank M. Beauonire.

Malta Knights Plan 'Legation' in Prague

PRAGUE.—Permission to establish a "Legation" of the Sovereign Order of Knights of Malta here has been granted by the Government of Czecho-Slovakia. This Legation takes over the function of the existing representation of the Order here.

Legations of the Maltese Order are located in Vatican City, Bucharest, Rumania, Budapest, Hungary, Burgos, Spain.

Requiescant In Pace

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ANNUAL LENTEN PLAY LISTED AT AQUINAS

Original Drama Set For 3 Performances

Fourth annual production of Rochester's Lenten Play, "As It Was in the Beginning," is announced by the Basilian Fathers of Aquinas Institute.

Three performances are to be given in the school auditorium, Dewey Avenue, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 26, 27 and 28.

This unique version of the Passion of Our Lord is fast developing into a tradition in Rochester, synonymous with Lent. The cast, following the example of the Oberammergau Players, repeat their performance, growing more and more expert in their characterization through repeated yearly performance, prayer and meditation.

Richly Costumed

The original investment for scenery and costumes has been yearly increased through the acquisition of additional equipment so that "As It Was in the Beginning" has become the most richly costumed and spectacularly staged drama to be offered in Rochester outside of the professional theatre.

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The Basilian Fathers cordially invite the public of Rochester to attend. The tickets, for which no charge is made, may be obtained from any student of Aquinas Institute, the rectory of the Basilian Fathers, 1 South Street, or at the school.

In this year's cast of "As It Was in the Beginning," will appear Dean Coffey, John Honsinger, Charles Carroll, Donald McArthur, John Girvin, Clifford Whitcomb, William McCarthy, Jack Crowley, Jack Culhane.

Rosamey Smyth, Edward Fuller Emmet O'Neill, Richard Nowakowski, David Curtin, Richard Parker and Fred Kelly.

HONOR ERIN'S SAINT

At Services In Geneva's Churches

GENEVA. — St. Patrick's Day was celebrated last Friday in both of the churches of this city. At St. Francis De Sales, the traditional Mass in honor of the Saint was celebrated at nine o'clock by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, who also delivered the panegyric in honor of St. Patrick. Three hundred school children chanted the Mass.

Monsignor Lee appealed to all "not only to believe but to live your Faith."

At the close of the services Mrs. T. A. Kane sang "All Praise to St. Patrick."

A Solemn High Mass was also celebrated at St. Stephen's Church at 8:15 o'clock. Rev. Raymond P. Nolan was celebrant with Rev. Daniel R. Fraher as Deacon and Rev. William H. McFadden as Subdeacon. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Frederick Gilbert of the Oblate Order at Buffalo.

Father Gilbert noted that "despite persecutions and famine, the Irish one have as a nation clung to the Faith" and told the congregation to "ask St Patrick, first to watch over his own people and then to seek for us from the Sacred Heart of Jesus the Faith that never dies and the love that never fails."

Rochesterian Wins 'Handsome' Honor

NEW YORK — James Kane of Rochester was voted the "most handsome" by Fordham University seniors in their annual Maroon yearbook poll in which various preferences were listed.

The senior voted "most likely to succeed" is Donald L. Kearney, nephew of His Excellency, the Most Rev James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

The most significant selection, "Done Most for Fordham," went to the Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., president of the university.

In other decisions made, the Fordham men expressed a belief that District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey doesn't "have a chance to be elected President in 1940," and that President Roosevelt should not run for a third term.

Their choice of the "world's most liked man" was His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and the most disliked, Adolf Hitler.

Dayton U. Engineers Honored Second Time

DAYTON, O.—The University of Dayton's student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has gained the distinction of being named for the second straight year as one of the 12 most outstanding student chapters in the country.

There are 119 student chapters in the United States. The American Society of Civil Engineers each year names the 12 most outstanding chapters. Dayton is the only Catholic institution selected.

ONLY [illegible] PRIESTS LEFT

Geneva.—Of the 1[illegible] Catholic priests remaining in Soviet Russia, no less than 135 are now imprisoned and confined to concentration camps, according to statistics available here. Ost-Express, a German news agency specializing in Russian affairs, reports from Moscow that the churches there were crowded beyond capacity during the recent Orthodox Christmas celebration.

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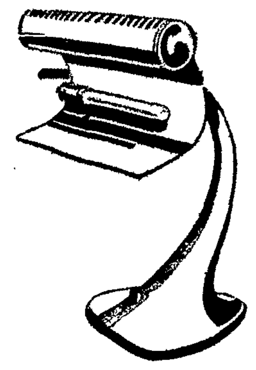

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