

The MARCH of EVENTS in the Rochester Diocese

October, 1937: With the purpose of bringing to the working people of Rochester, principles embodied in the great Papal Encyclicals, a series of lectures was launched by the Rochester Branches Catholic Central Verein of American and National Catholic Women's Union at St. Joseph's Hall.

October, 1937: A social center for members of St. John's Church, Elmira was planned at a meeting with the pastor, the Rev. John Stemmler.

October, 1937: The Rev. John F. Muckle, pastor of St. Thomas Church, Summerville, was appointed Director and Chaplain of the Rochester pilgrimage to the 34th International Eucharistic Congress, scheduled May 26 to 30, 1938 at Budapest, Hungary.

October, 1937: Another plank was added to Corning Automobile Club's Safety Platform when a school boy patrol to direct children across the streets was organized at St. Patrick's School that city.

October, 1937: Parishioners of St. Bridget's Church were called to renewed effort and zeal for their parish by the Most Rev. Walter A. Eery, D.D., Bishop of Syracuse, at the close of a Solemn Pontifical Mass marking completion of the transformation of the church's interior following a disastrous fire. The Rev. Gerald J. Brennan, pastor, welcomed back to St. Bridget's, Bishop Eery, a boy of the parish.

October, 1937: Plans for a liturgical choir of 100 voices from the Catholic High schools of the city were made at a meeting called by the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of Catholic Schools in the diocese.

October, 1937: Special Masses, prayers and enrollments in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith marked observance of Mission Sundays in all churches of the diocese.

October, 1937: Institution of the St. Alphonsus Society for daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in this diocese was announced by James E. Cuff, chairman of a committee named by the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society, sponsors of the new daily visit society.

October, 1937: As plans went forward for the installation of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney as Fifth Bishop of Rochester on November 11, 1938, word was received of the coming of nationally known Catholic educators, prominent state officials and a large delegation of New York friends for the ceremony.

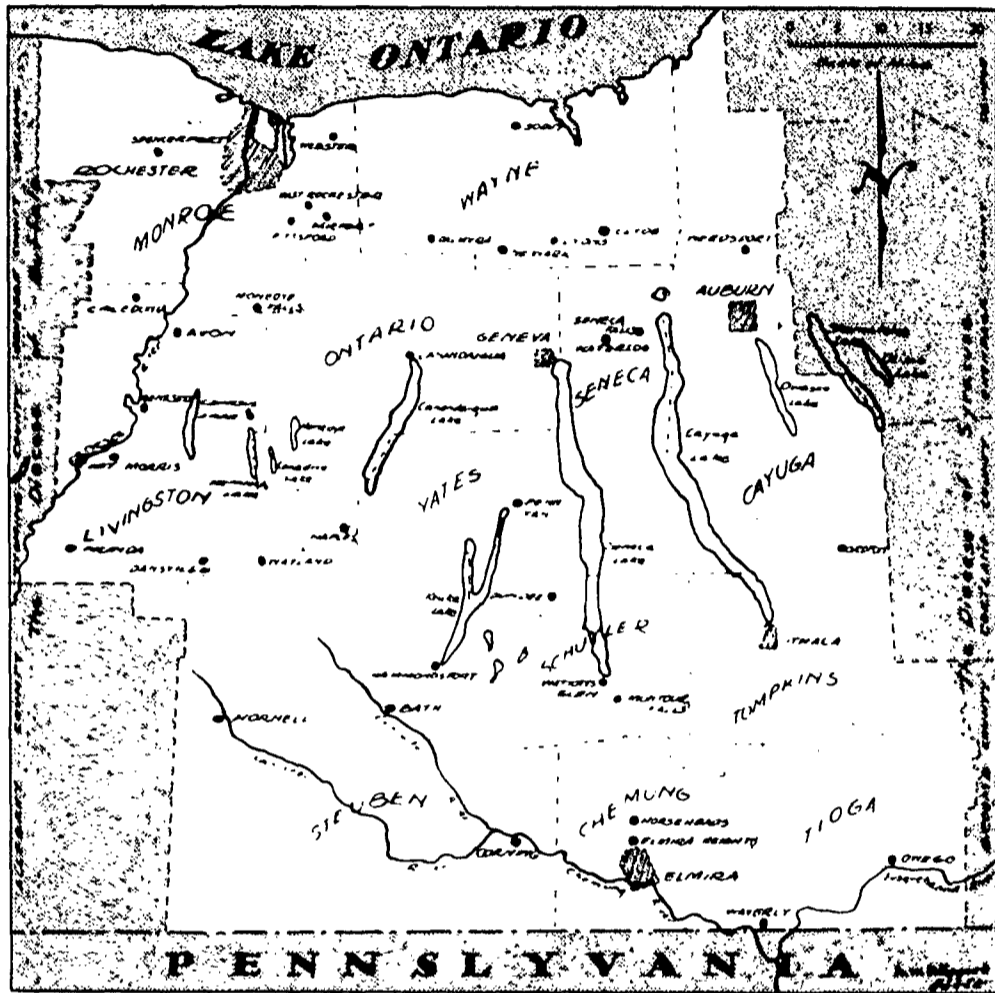
October, 1937: Blessing of a new organ and breaking of ground for a new convent took place at St. John's Church, Greece with the Rev. John J. Baer officiating.

October, 1937: Otto A. Shults of the public accountant firm of Wilson, Shults, was elected Grand Commander of Musa Caravan Order of the Alhambra.

October, 1937: At the dedication of Auburn's newly remodeled postoffice by Postmaster General James A. Farley, the invocation was pronounced by the Very Rev. John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church and dean of the Auburn deanery.

October, 1937: Praise for the "invaluable and splendid service he has rendered the boy and youth movements in organizing and advancing the Columbian Squires" was bestowed upon the Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn by K. of C. State Deputy Joseph F. Lamb of New York City.

October, 1937: In appreciation for five years' service as district deputy the Knights of Columbus honored John A. Doyle at a testimonial dinner at the Rochester Club. Knights from all points in the diocese attended.



October, 1937: Celebration of their 25th anniversary in the Holy Priesthood was held by twenty-two members of the 1912 ordination class of St. Bernard's Seminary at a dinner in Holy Seneca.

October, 1937: The Dramatic Club of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church marked the 20th anniversary of its founding with a series of events. The Rev. Edward F. Schick organized the club.

October, 1937: Catholic cooperation in the taking of the census of the unemployed, a part of the survey requested by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Haert, Administrator of the diocese.

October, 1937: In a comprehensive report reviewing the school year the Rev. John M. Duffy, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, pointed to the growing cost of educating children in the Catholic schools, announced a new syllabus, revising courses in social studies, and reported on advancement of Holy Childhood Association.

October, 1937: Entangling herself in her own arguments, Mrs. Thomas N. Heppner, No. 1 disciple of Margaret Sanger, coupled what she thought was a defense of so-called "birth control" with a direct attack on the Catholic Church and its clergy in an address given at Park Church, Elmira. Aroused members of Catholic parishes in Elmira, Elmira Heights and Horseheads met immediately to plan a program of Catholic Action. A vigilance committee was appointed to secure a speaker to state publicly the Church's position on Birth Control.

October, 1937: In a setting of ecclesiastical splendor, His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, former Bishop of Salt Lake City, was enthroned as Fifth Bishop of Rochester in the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, November 11. The Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York representing His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Metropolitan of the New York Province officiated at the installation. The night previous Bishop Kearney was accorded a warm welcome when 7,000 citizens including church dignitaries and prom-

inent citizens met His Excellency at the New York Central station as he came to Rochester for the first time. Following the installation ceremonies the Bishop was guest of honor at a dinner at Powers Hotel attended by visiting prelates and priests as well as those from this diocese.

November, 1937: Work of reconstructing the St. Joseph's Church organ neared completion. The original organ was built about 100 years ago, was reconstructed in 1908, and this year was rebuilt and electrified.

November, 1937: In response to an appeal made by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women at seventh diocesan convention pledged to take an active part and to interest others to do the same in parish work. The convention charged that the Federal Writers Guild had failed to cite early Catholic resident missionaries in the Monroe County Guide Book.

November, 1937: Was over the top was the report given to the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester by workers in the Columbus Youth Association membership campaign when they turned in 1,807 members exceeding their 2,250 quota with 100 percent.

November, 1937: His Excellency, Bishop Kearney was welcomed at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral when he presided for the first time at Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George A. Burns, pastor.

November, 1937: Rochester's own chapter of the Blackfriars Guild came into existence with the Rev. John S. Randall as moderator, and Miss Mary Tobin as president.

November, 1937: Aquinas Institute football warriors brought a great season to a close with defeat of East Rochester High, 31 to 0. The Dewey Avenue eleven coached by Johnny Sullivan shut out Batavia High, 33 to 0; Hobart Frosh, 3 to 0; C. B. A., Syracuse, 18 to 0; East Rochester High, 31 to 0; defeated St. Joe's and St. Mary's by 13 to 6 each and held Niagara Freshmen, to a scoreless tie.

November, 1937: Speaking on "Freedom of the Press" before members of the Rochester Ad. Club the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein of St. Bernard's Seminary warned newspapers against publication of subversive propaganda as factual news.

November, 1937: Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester and his predecessor here, Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit were in the sanctuary at the Solemn Requiem Mass for His Eminence Cardinal Cajetan Ruffini offered at the shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of Washington.

November, 1937: Dr. Donald Altwater, noted British publicist, author and editor returned to Rochester to lecture at three Catholic educational institutions. He was presented by the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty.

November, 1937: A special edition of forty pages was issued by the CATHOLIC COURIER to commemorate the installation of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney as fifth Ordinary of the Diocese. Special installation pictures and articles and special Catholic lay organization articles were included. With this issue went the annual Diocesan Review and Calendarium. The installation edition was dated November 25, 1937.

November, 1937: Appointment by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay as pastor of Holy Rosary Church was announced. Monsignor Shay was for many years pastor of the old St. Patrick's Cathedral.

November, 1937: The Rev. Ignatius J. Cox, S.J. at an Elmira assembly, made a strong reply to Mrs. Heppner's talk on birth control, bringing to light many fallacies in her arguments.

November, 1937: Purchase of the Clark farm on Dewey Avenue was announced by the Diocesan officials. It was stated that the property may be used to house Catholic orphans in the new type small cottages.

November, 1937: A new pipe organ was dedicated at St. Anthony's Church in Cinton. The Rev. John M. Sellinger, pastor, blessed the organ with solemn ceremonies.

December, 1937: The Knights of Columbus launched their "selective drive" for new members. Bishop Kearney was honorary chairman and Joseph P. Flynn was general chairman. The class was to be known as the "Bishop Kearney Class."

December, 1937: The Rev. Leo C. Mooney was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester. He succeeded the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, now pastor of Holy Rosary Church. Father Mooney continued as director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and as managing editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

December, 1937: Dr. George Getty, director of the K. of C. Social Education Department addressed a rally sponsored by the Rochester Council. He demonstrated just how that army of 40,000 Communist leaders are undermining America from within and the ensuing duty of every loyal American to thwart their efforts.

December, 1937: Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree exemplification and banquet of the Fifth New York District (Albert Province) was held in Geneva. About two hundred Fourth Degree Knights were present and sixty men were initiated.

December, 1937: First reports on study club leaders activities showed very encouraging results. Under the guidance of the Rev. John M. Duffy, director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, an active discussion on "Godless Communism" was to be carried on.

December, 1937: The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, addressed nearly four hundred Elmiraans at the second annual Banquet of the Catholic Charities in Elmira. His Excellency was guest of honor and principal speaker.

December, 1937: One hundred and thirty three members were received into the Order of the Knights of St. John at St. Boniface Hall. The Rev. Joseph Gelfin, regimental chaplain exhorted the men to know their religion to live it and to spread its teaching.

December, 1937: Ithaca Societies praised the Rev. William Byrne with a celebration in honor of his thirty years in the priesthood and ten years as pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church there.

December, 1937: The Rev. William Gannon vigorously assailed Communism in a lecture before St. Stephen's Club at Geneva.

December, 1937: The Niagara Extension School won their first victory of the basketball season with a 38-33 victory over Alfred. Bishop Kearney "threw out the first ball" to open up the schedule with colorful ceremony.

December, 1937: To properly celebrate the great feast of Christmas, a Nativity Spectacle was presented at the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. It was an impressive ceremony, unusual in the diocese of Rochester, presided over by Bishop Kearney.

December, 1937: An official mandate for Catholic Action was granted to the Rochester Branch, Catholic Central Verein of America by the Most Rev. Bishop James E. Kearney. A like mandate was granted to the Rochester Branch, National Catholic Women's Union.

January, 1938: More than seven hundred people availed themselves of the opportunity to meet His Excellency the

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