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### Picture of St. Joseph

March is the month of St. Joseph. He was born and lived and died in the Near East. He must be interested in the work of our missionaries. You can give a large Picture of St. Joseph to a mission chapel for Five Dollars.

### CARMELITES IN SYRIA

Mission in Pipe Line City  
Along the Coast of Syria is a city called Tripoli. The Carmelite Fathers are in charge of the mission. The Superior writes to us: "Tripoli is an important city. It marks the end of a pipe line that brings oil all the way from Iraq. The population is almost entirely Mohammedan. There are some Christians of the Separated Church and only a small group of Catholics. At one time, Tripoli was a Christian City—but no more. As you enter it, you see at once that the Mohammedans have everything. Our chapel is really only a corridor. It is narrow, damp and dark. When you stand outside, it looks like a cave. We have a school. Thanks to God, this school has been successful. We have not only the Catholic children, but the children of the separated people. Through the school, we have made converts. If we only had a decent chapel, I know we could make many converts. We can build that chapel for Five Hundred Dollars. I hope you will help me." Father's letter is plain and direct. We hope somebody will answer it. It is an opportunity to do something very big for souls.

### YOUR DECEASED

Enroll your deceased relatives in the Association. Have them share in the Masses offered for our members by the missionaries. Ask the missionary to offer Holy Mass for your intentions. He will be very grateful for your thought of him.

### AN ALTAR

Give an Altar as a family memorial. We can erect one for only Fifty Dollars.

### CANDLES

Eight dollars will buy enough candles to supply a mission chapel for a year. Burn them for your intentions.

### ALTAR FURNISHINGS

A priest must have a Chalice, a Missal, Vestments, Altar Linens, a Crucifix and Candelsticks in order to say Mass. You can supply such an outfit for Sixty-two Dollars. Make it a memorial to your loved ones.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN

The children in some of our missions must attend Mohammedan Schools where there are no Catholic Schools or where our schools are few. Their Faith is not only in danger but they actually must receive instruction in a false religion. Save these little ones for Christ. Ten Dollars will keep a child in one of our Mission Day Schools for a whole year.

### CHAPELS IN INDIA

One of the brightest spots in our missions is among the Jacobites in southwest India. Within the past nine years, nearly forty thousand have come into the Catholic Church. The number of conversions created a problem for the Bishops who must provide chapels for these new congregations. Six Hundred Dollars will build a neat chapel. Can you give one? Or if not, help us with five or ten dollars for our chapel fund.

Send all communications to Catholic Near East Welfare Association 490 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York, N. Y.

# DIOCESAN NEWS BLACKFRIARS PRESENT — 3 FAITHS MEET DEATHS IN WEEK — KNIGHTS ACTIVE

## Blackfriars Pick Cast For Lenten Play

### Director Eric Elliott To Take Leading Role

The Blackfriars have assembled a top-notch cast headed by Director Eric Elliott himself for the Rochester premiere of "The Comedian" a Lenten play, at Blessed Sacrament Auditorium Friday, Saturday and Monday, March 3, 4 and 5.

Announcement that Elliott will play the role of Genesis the first actor in Henri Ghéon's story of the struggle between Diocletian and the early Christian has evoked wide interest in dramatic circles here and indicates large crowds for all performances.

In addition to Elliott, the Blackfriars announced this week that Harold Lyrenforth, who scored a smashing success as the Comedian "Shadow and Substance" earlier in the season has been cast in one of the leading supporting roles as Rufinus.

### NOTABLE RECORD

Elliott makes his Rochester debut in the role of director in three successive hits in "Hay Fever," "Shadow and Substance" and "What a Life."

He has a long record of theatrical achievements to his credit not only in Europe and this country but in Asia and Australia as well. Only several weeks ago Elliott's Blackfriars contract forced him to turn down an offer to play opposite Constantine Bennett in a Noel Coward comedy.

Leon J. Creel has been cast as Diocletian with Elmer (Nancy) Poppas, George McDermott as Rufinus, Norman Perry as Felix E. Royce, Leson as Polidorus, Mary Jane Ward as Albina, Mrs. Joseph Hara as Julia and Rex Ward as Hercules. Nearly a score of other players will appear in crowd scenes.

The story of "The Comedian" is the story of the first actor, saint, genius, tired of torturing Christians and eager for new sensations, the blood-thirsty emperor, Diocletian decides that he wishes to see a play about Christian martyrs in the romantic vein in order that he may have the new experience of feeling sorrow for people whose creed he despises.

**DRAMATIC CLIMAX**  
Genesis a man devoted to the Roman gods at first rebels at the thought of such a production but finally consents under an agreement whereby he is allowed to play the leading role masked. However in studying his part he finds an appreciation of Christian philosophy and unmarks in the last act on the opening night. The climax is said to be highly dramatic.

The downtown office of the Blackfriars Guild in the Columbus Civic Center opens today (Friday) March 1 for the sale of reserved seats for the Lenten play and the exchange of Blackfriars tickets for event No. 5 on the 1939-1940 theatrical program.

Because of the heavy advance sale expected in view of the Elliott debut, members are urged to send or bring in their stubs as soon as possible.

### 'ZONE PRIESTS' FOR CATHOLIC U.



Leading the final sport in the diocesan-wide campaign for the Catholic University of America which closes Monday evening, March 4, at Hotel Seneca, are three priest-leaders in the various zones of the diocese. Shown seated left to right: the Rev. William J. Ayres, Zone 1; the Rev. William W. Helmer, Wayland, Zone 4; the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director; the Rev. Daniel W. Fisher, Geneva, Zone 10; the Rev. James L. Newell, Zone 11; standing from left: the Rev. Joseph T. Maloney, St. Charles, Zone 2; the Rev. Donald E. Lutz, Zone 3; the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, Elmira, Zone 12; the Rev. Donald J. Murphy, Zone 5; Walter A. Fischer, Auburn, Zone 8; the Rev. William J. O'Brien, Zone 4.

### 700 Attend Interfaith Dinner Climaxing 'Week'

Successfully climaxing the observance of Brotherhood Week in Rochester, the Interfaith Good Will Dinner on Washington's birthday brought together 700 Catholics, Protestants and Jews at the Chamber of Commerce to hear emphasized the command to "Love Thy Neighbor."

"This is the American Way" the large group was told as His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Keane, was presented along with Dr. Albert W. Benson, president of the College-Rochester Divinity School.

### Knights of St. John Staff Meets March 1

Important matters including plans for their international convention in June will be discussed by staff members of the Rochester Regiment Knights of St. John meeting Friday evening, March 1 at Franklin St. headquarters.

Presiding at the quarterly meeting of the First District Commandery will be Colonel Frederick J. Wegman.

### Frank Wolfe Heads Deanery H. N. Unit

Frank E. Wolfe of Blessed Sacrament parish is directing activities of Rochester Deanery Section, Diocesan Holy Name Union having been elected at the annual meeting held at St. Andrew's Church in Normalville, O'Brien, which continues as diocesan union head. Named as vice president of Rochester deanery was Emmett Schropp of Holy Rosary parish. Treasurer is Joseph J. McDevitt of St. Andrew's Church. The members had the Rev. Dr. Marnard Connell of St. Bernard's Seminary urge greater understanding of their religion and to act as Apostles of Christ by attending Mass daily doing corporal works of mercy and increasing personal sanctification.

Appreciation to retiring officers President O'Brien Vice President John H. Gould and Treasurer James G. Darro for their work was expressed in a resolution.

### Pro-Cathedral Knights Begin Supper Meetings

The first of a series of supper meetings held by Pro-Cathedral Commandery 291 of the Knights of St. John was held Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Sacred Heart Hall. A speaker addressed the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6. William J. Simmons is chairman assisted by Robert V. Miner and Robert P. Kiernan. It is planned to hold these affairs monthly and to invite guest speakers.

### New \$500,000 Dormitory

The Rev. Dr. T. S. McDermott, O. P. Provincial of the Eastern Province of the Dominicans will dedicate the new half-million dollar dormitory on Providence College campus March 7.

### Dr. Craugh To Speak On Discussion Clubs

The Rev. Wilfred T. Craugh, Ph.D., Professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, will deliver the next in the radio series on the Mass broadcast over WJAM Sunday at 12:15 P. M.

The subject of Dr. Craugh's talk will be "All Should Go to Mass Because the Mass Is Able To Inspire Acts of Perfect Contrition."

This is the fourth topic of the discussion club outline being used in hundreds of groups in the diocese of Rochester in their Lenten study of the Mass.

If there are still people interested in attending Discussion Clubs in their parishes, the Rev. John N. Duffy, Director of Religious Discussion Clubs, said this week, "It is still not too late."

The pamphlets may be obtained from the Religious Rectory or from the office at 50 Chestnut Street, Bishop Kearney in the Lenten letter invited diocesans to participate in Discussion Clubs as part of their Lenten observance, as a means of bringing them closer to God "in a better knowledge and appreciation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

### First Degree Set By K. C., Mar. 7

Completion of their membership campaign, the simplification of the first degree and the third in the series of Religious Quiz Programs are on the schedule for members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Thursday evening, March 7, at Columbus Civic Center.

Reports on the membership effort will be received by Grand Knight Joseph P. Flynn from Divisions leaders, George E. McAvoy and Eugene F. Dopp and from the special committee headed by James P. B. Duffy. Dr. James N. Eastham is chairman of the campaign.

The first degree and the Religious Quiz program will be carried out at the regular meeting with Chancellor George L. McKay in charge.

### List 3 Noted Films For St. Francis Hall

Three outstanding sound motion pictures will be shown at St. Francis Xavier parish hall, Bay Street, on Sunday, March 3.

Featuring will be "St. Anthony of Padua" depicting gripping scenes about the great saint known as "the wonder worker." The other two films are "Rome, the Eternal City" and "The Coronation of Pius XII."

There will be a matinee at 3 P. M. and the evening performance begins at 8:30 P. M.

Wherever shown these films have been loudly acclaimed by critics and people.

The film taken in Rome shows outstanding sites and historic buildings with exceptional shots of the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica.

### Rehearsal Begun For Webster Minstrels

Active rehearsal for Holy Trinity Church's minstrel show, "Plantation Party" was begun Tuesday, February 27. The show, as rehearsals develop, will cast about a hundred Webster people. Performances will be held in school hall April 14 and 15.

The show is under the direction of Miss Genevieve Regan, instructor of music in the Webster High School. She is assisted by Miss Helen Scherer, Miss Mae Reed, William Donohue and Gerald Barrell.

Other committees are: Pianist, Miss Ruth Schmitt, Mrs. John Hauser, orchestra, Miss Frances Schmitt, treasurer, Peter G. Smith, publicity, John Nadig, tickets, Stanley A. Hosenfeld, usher, Mrs. Simon Pellett, scenery, Lawrence Hosenfeld, stage properties, Donald Morris, Kenneth Trude, lighting, Forest Kremer, costumes, Catherine Leber, Mrs. William Donohue, make-up, Mrs. Donald Morris.

### Piano Recital Listed

The third annual piano recital will be given by pupils from the classes of Hugh Dodge in St. Monica's Hall, Genesee Street, on Sunday evening, March 3, at 8 o'clock.

Those participating are: Nancy Darrow, David Hill, Mary Cahill, Dorothy Tute, James Britt, Betsy Riedman, Bernadette M. Utty, Charles Baker, Patty Quigley, Margaret Traver, Kenneth Morella, Ruth Nelson, Dorothy Magner, Elizabeth Schiller, Owen Kennedy, Sally Graham, Jennette Geogier, Patricia Rogers, Mary Ellen Wishnack, Ann DeLitta, Evelyn Ruf, John McCarthy and Alberts DeRittis.

### St. Bona Alumni To Meet

The local chapter of the St. Bonaventure Alumni Association will meet Friday evening at the Cadillac Hotel.

Feature presentation of the evening will be the "Kenny-Plato Players."

This will be Booster Meeting night and each member is urged to bring another alumnus to insure a large turnout.

Minstrel Exhibit Set  
Madras, India. It has been arranged to conduct a Missionary Exhibition at San Thome, Mysore, in connection with the All India Catholic Congress, which meets there Christmas Week.

### DECEASED

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**LIBERTY STATE**  
Don Ameche-Andrea Leeds  
SWANEE RIVER  
Jane Withers-Joe Brown, Jr.  
HIGH SCHOOL  
**MADISON MONROE**  
Betty Davis-Erol Flynn  
PRIVATE LIVES OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX  
Lena Horne  
DANCING CO-ED  
**CAMEO**  
Win Powell-Myrna Loy  
ANOTHER THIN MAN  
Joe E. Brown  
ON DRESS PARADE  
**WEST END**  
Win Powell-Myrna Loy  
ANOTHER THIN MAN  
Ann Sothern-Carole Lombard  
CALL ON THE PRESIDENT  
**GRAND**  
Celia Carron-M. Douglas  
MINOTCHKA  
W. Collier  
These High Gals Walk  
**RIALTO**  
Win Powell-Myrna Loy  
ANOTHER THIN MAN  
F. Morgan-C. Murphy  
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### Requiescant In Pace

- ANKER, Margaret, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 27 at St. Patrick's Church.
- BARRING, Ellen, wife of Joseph, died Feb. 24, Funeral, Feb. 28 at St. Mary's Church, Holyoke.
- BAUMMAN, George, died Feb. 9, Funeral, Feb. 23 at Blessed Sacrament Church.
- COOK, Vincent, husband of Mary, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 27 at Sacred Heart Church.
- DARRER, Charles, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 27 at St. Ann's Church.
- DUNN, James, died Feb. 22, Funeral, Feb. 25 at St. Bridget's Church.
- DUNN, James, died Feb. 18, Funeral, Feb. 22 at St. Bridget's Church.
- HALL, Nell, wife of Robert, died Feb. 22, Funeral, Feb. 25 at St. Patrick's Church.
- HITZGERALD, Margaret, died Feb. 21, Funeral, Feb. 24 at St. Patrick's Church.
- GAFFNEY, James, husband of Margaret, died Feb. 25, Funeral, Feb. 28 at Holy Trinity Church.
- GIACOMINO, Maria, died last week, Funeral, Feb. 25 at St. Anthony's Church.
- HELAN, Rose, husband of Lucy, died Feb. 24, Funeral, Feb. 28 at St. Andrew's Church.
- LOONINGS, Jack, died Feb. 25, Funeral, Feb. 28 at St. Margaret Mary's Church.
- MADDIN, John, husband of Sarah, died Feb. 22, Funeral, Feb. 24 at Holy Rosary Church.
- MARCHELLO, Maria, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 26 at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- MATRACCHIA, John, husband of Michela, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 28 at Corpus Christi Church.
- MATTIOLI, Florence, died Feb. 18, Funeral, Feb. 21 at St. Bridget's Church.
- MAY, John, died Feb. 22, Funeral, Feb. 26 at Holy Rosary Church.
- MCCARTHY, Frank, died Feb. 27, Funeral, Feb. 29 at St. Patrick's Church.
- MCCARTHY, Daniel, husband of Maud, died Feb. 21, Funeral, Feb. 24 at St. Anthony's Church.
- MCLAUGHLIN, Francis, husband of Mary, died Feb. 19, Funeral, Feb. 22 at Blessed Sacrament Church.
- MAIER, Edward, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 27 at St. Mary's Church.
- MARY, John, died Feb. 27, Funeral, Feb. 29 at St. Vincent's Church.
- MCCARTHY, Joseph, husband of Maud, died Feb. 18, Funeral, Feb. 22 at St. Patrick's Church.
- PHILLIPS, Mary, wife of James, died Feb. 24, Funeral, Feb. 27 at Holy Rosary Church.
- QUICK, Mary, died Feb. 24, Funeral, Feb. 28 at St. Vincent's Church.
- REIF, Catherine, wife of August, died Feb. 22, Funeral, Feb. 26 at St. Francis Church.
- SCHMIDT, Peter, husband of Mary, died Feb. 21, Funeral, Feb. 24 at Holy Rosary Church.
- SOLLAMI, Lucia, died Feb. 24, Funeral, Feb. 28 at St. Anthony's Church.
- WALSH, Edward, husband of Edward, died in Albany funeral this week at Albany.
- STADTHILBER, Mary, died Feb. 23, Funeral, Feb. 27 at St. Michael's Church.
- STAUBER, William, husband of Georg, died Feb. 22, Funeral, Feb. 26 at St. Theodore's Church.
- TOTAL, Ernest, died Feb. 21, Funeral, Feb. 24 at Holy Rosary Church.
- VAN LANDSCHOOT, Meent, husband of Marie, died Feb. 25, Funeral, Feb. 28.
- VROMAN, Fleeter, husband of Julia, died Feb. 20, Funeral, Feb. 23 at St. Peter and Paul's Church.