

DIOCESAN NEWS

ELMIRA CHARITY K. OF C. OFFICERS

JUBILEES PLAY CENTER

'Ladies Of Elmira' Rite Set In Elmira

BISHOP TO OFFICIATE FOR NEW LAY GROUP

ELMIRA.—Plans are nearing completion for the first affiliation ceremony of the Ladies of Charity of Elmira, which will take place at the Duran Memorial Chapel on Sunday morning June 16, at 8 o'clock.

The Most Rev. James Edward Kearney, D.D., Honorary President of the local organization will officiate at the ceremony, which will be followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with His Excellency as celebrant. He will be assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V.F., and Rev. Thomas J. Toole, Honorary Vice-President and Moderator respectively.

Our one hundred and thirty-five laywomen will make the solemn promises of the Ladies of Charity at this ceremony which will mark the beginning of the first unit of this international organization in the Rochester Diocese.

The Ladies of Charity was the first pioneer society of Catholic laywomen in France. It was founded by St. Vincent de Paul, Apostle of Charity in France in the early part of the seventeenth century. At that time France was suffering from a time of famine and many laywomen were in deplorable conditions throughout which we have been passing.

St. Vincent de Paul named this group the Ladies of Charity and they were banded together for the purpose of visiting the poor and attempting to alleviate their sufferings and if possible help them solve their economic and social problems. This was over 300 years ago.

Since then membership in this organization has increased and it has expanded throughout the entire world. Today this society of Catholic laywomen is international in scope and has over 200,000 members.

Realizing the need of lay participation in their program, Board of Direction of Catholic Charities, after approval of the executive committee made up of men and women respectively, function would be to cooperate with Catholic Charities and coordinate their activities with the various parish groups in Elmira and Chemung County.

Tentative plans for the Ladies of Charity were made by a group of 18 women representing Catholic parishes at a meeting in the Federation Building in April.

Following the meeting, Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, conferred with the New York branch of the society and obtained permission to complete arrangements for the formation of a group of Elmira women which will be incorporated under the New York Ladies of Charity as a unit of the international group whose headquarters are in Paris, France.

Leaders Named: Other officers of the group are Miss Frances O'Connor, President; Miss Helen Wagon and Vice-President; Miss Mary Lennon, Secretary; and Mrs. Joseph Dally, Treasurer.

Membership in the association of the Ladies of Charity should be considered a duty by every Catholic woman interested in Catholic endeavor. Because of the lack of time before the ceremony it will not be possible for members of the executive committee to personally contact prospective members of the organization. Any Catholic woman is willing to fulfill all the obligations will be welcomed for membership and should apply on or before June 12 to a member of the executive committee or at Catholic Charities office.

Father Balcerak To Mark Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee

Nephews To Assist At Jubilee Mass On Sunday, June 16

The Rev. Joseph A. Balcerak, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, will celebrate his silver sacerdotal jubilee on Sunday, June 16, with a Solemn High Mass at that church.

Assisting him on the solemn occasion will be his two nephews from the Franciscan Order, the Rev. Victor Balcerak, D.D., at deacon and the Rev. Daniel Balcerak, D.D., as subdeacon. The Rev. Joseph Capria, O.M.M., of Whitehouse, N. Y., will deliver the sermon.

A reception for attending priests will be held at the rectory with a testimonial dinner in honor of the jubilarian arranged by the parish society and business men of the parish to be held in the school auditorium at 6 P. M.

Studied at St. Stanislaus School

Father Balcerak is a native of Poland. He came to the United States when a boy of 12 years of age in June, 1900. He received his primary education in Poland and at St. Stanislaus School in Rochester. His preparatory studies for the Holy Priesthood were made at St. Andrew's Seminary from where he was graduated in June, 1909.

After completing his prescribed studies of philosophy and theology in St. Bernard's Seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood, June 12, 1915 by the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey.

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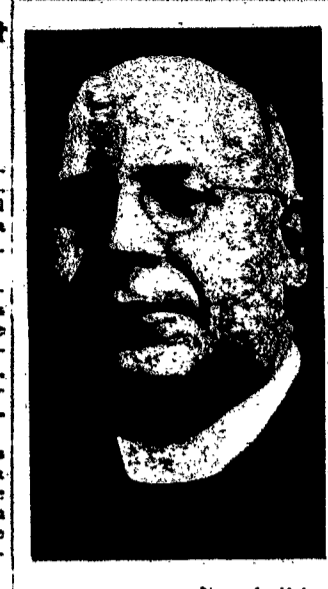


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REV. J. A. BALCERAK

On December 13, 1933, he was transferred by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney to the parishes of St. Stanislaus Church, Elmira, where he has since been directing St. Stanislaus parish in its progress, both spiritually and financially.

The St. Stanislaus Church property has been renovated in preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the parish which will be celebrated in November of this year.

Golden Jubilee Planned

During the short time he has been pastor of St. Stanislaus parish, Father Balcerak has made many friends, not only among his own people but throughout the entire city. His ability not only as a spiritual leader, but also as a good financier is well known.

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FR. BALL MARKS 25th JUBILEE AT LIMA

LIMA.—Twenty-five years ago as a priest in the vineyard of Christ were completed yesterday June 12, by the Rev. John M. Ball, pastor of St. Rose Church and the occasion is going to be observed on Sunday next, June 16, when our beloved pastor will be celebrant at a Solemn Mass at 110 A. M., with his brother, the Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Danville, as deacon, and the Rev. Ernest Metzger, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Luzerne Center, sub-deacon. Mr. Lloyd Hogan, a student at St. Bernard's Seminary, will act as Master of Ceremonies. Special music for the Mass will be sung by the senior choir of the Church and the direction of Mrs. George Eichinger, with Mrs. Ruth Chatterton at the organ.

In the evening, the happy jubilarian will be the guest of honor at an entertainment to be presented by the children of St. Rose School in Brendan Hall at 8 P. M. and at which the Rev. Ball will be invited to join in extending their congratulations and their hopes that God will give to him many, many more years of service in the vineyard here in Lima. Ad multos annos.

Father Ball is diocesan director of the Catholic Rural Life Bureau, having been appointed to that office in 1935. In his early days he was a teacher at the cathedral high school and the diocesan school offering congratulations on his Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee.

Fr. Kelly To Mark 25 Years In Priesthood

The Rev. Patrick Kelly, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Addison, will mark his Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee on Sunday with Solemn High Mass, assisted by the Rev. Hugh Scherer and the Rev. Nicholas Parish, Buffalo, a nephew, as deacon, and the Rev. Arthur A. LeMay, Catholic Chaplain, U. S. Veterans Facility at Bath, as sub-deacon.

Fr. Kelly's jubilee sermon will be the Rev. Joseph E. Gulliford, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Corning.

A dinner will be served at the Eagle Hotel at 1 P. M. by parishioners from 5 to 8 P. M. at Silver Hall will be held.

Father Kelly was ordained in 1915 by Archbishop Hickey and served as assistant pastor at St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, and Corpus Christi Church, Elmira, before coming to St. Catherine's, where he served 6 years.

In 1937 he was appointed to his present charge of St. Catherine's Church, Addison. Friends will go from Rochester for the celebration, Sunday. These include his sisters, Miss Mary Kelly, Mrs. Thomas M. Driscoll, of Rochester, and Mrs. Margaret Kennedy of Medina; his brothers, Joseph E. Kelly, of Macedon Center, and another sister, Sister M. Marie of the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Ambrose School.

Requiescant In Pace

- ACTO, News, died June 4. Funeral June 7 at St. Lucia's Church.
BAMANN, Kathryn, died June 8. Funeral June 9 at St. Joseph Church.
BAYLE, Joseph, died June 2. Funeral June 5 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
BLISSING, John, died June 2. Funeral June 5 at St. Joseph Church.
BRIN, John, husband of Catherine, died June 5. Funeral June 6 at St. Ann Church.
BUICH, Mrs. Mary, died June 9. Funeral June 12 at the Church of the Nativity.
CARY, Alice, died June 7. Funeral June 10 at the Nativity.
BILLS, Mrs. Frances, died June 4. Funeral June 7 at St. Peter and Paul's.
CANCROSS, George, husband of Libby, died June 7. Funeral June 10 at St. Boniface.
GUGINO, Rose, wife of John, died June 6. Funeral June 6 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
HAYWARD, Sarah, wife of Lorraine, died June 6. Funeral June 6 at St. Michael's Church.
LIGHTHOUSE, Hazel, wife of William, died June 6. Funeral June 6 at St. Peter and Paul's Church.
LOMAN, Margaret, wife of Frank, died June 6. Funeral June 6 at Blessed Sacrament Church.
MORSE, Adolph, husband of Louise, died at his home, Funeral June 5 at St. Peter and Paul's Church.
THOMPSON, Mary, wife of Joseph, died June 6. Funeral June 6 at Holy Redeemer Church.
VALINZA, Michael, husband of Angel, died June 6. Funeral June 7 at Holy Apostles Church.
WINTER, William, died June 3. Funeral June 6 at St. Joseph's Church.
WHITIN, Elizabeth, wife of Peter, died June 8. Funeral June 11 at St. Monica's.
WHITMAN, Anna, wife of Joseph, died June 8. Funeral June 8 at St. Mary's Church, Scottsville.

Gives Valedictory At Erie School

Eugene Matuzewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Matuzewski, 29 Zymunt St., was graduated from St. John's Preparatory School, Erie, Pa. Last week, taking part in the impressive ceremonies as Valedictorian.

The Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, presided and awarded these diplomas. Speakers were the Very Rev. Anthony Mazurkiewicz, president of the school play and with the Seniors, and the Rev. Paul Vincentian, O.S.A., Helderberg, Consul General of the Republic of Poland and Attorney Adam Gorski, alumnus.

IN ONE EAR

By ART KELLY



'Give 'Em A Hand'—Professor Kyser's Policy In Helping Students Over Quiz Hurdles

Ray Kyser will ask one of his quizmees to tell whose theme song the Kyser band is imitating. "The fellow who plays, it certainly is a good man," Ray will say. "He has benny—I mean many records to his credit. He has often been called the King of Swing."

The quizmees take a deep breath and haltingly say, "Guy Lombardo?" Around the radio in the parlor at home somebody comments, "There's a dumbbell, all right. And after he just as good as told her it was Benny Goodman."

But there's one thing the parlor folk don't take into consideration. It's a lot easier to think in the familiar surroundings of your own home than it is on a stage in front of a huge visible audience and facing that mike which represents the vast unknown audience.

If Mike Wright can wallop veteran performers, there's little doubt that it can do becloud the brain of an amateur up at the mike for the first time.

"Many people write in and tell me I shouldn't give such broad hints after asking a question," says Old Professor Kyser. "But that's part of the fun. And you know it takes almost as much skill to put those hints together up there under pressure as it would to do a whole crossword puzzle at home."

On the whole, we find the percentage of correct answers is a lot greater than we expected it to be. You listen to "Information Please" and marvel at the great wisdom of John Kiran, F. P. A. and Oscar Levant. Then you also marvel when they stumble over a comparatively easy question. The reason you think it's easy is because you know the answer.

But if even those who are experts in their fields and who are now radio veterans, stumble once in awhile, I think it's remarkable that microphone strangers ever get any answers right. I'm really proud of the high scores some of our quizmees make.

"And if I can cheat and help 'em, well, after all—what's a professor for?"

Ray Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge is heard every WEDNESDAY every Wednesday night at ten.

Rehearsals Stop While Show Is Still Funny

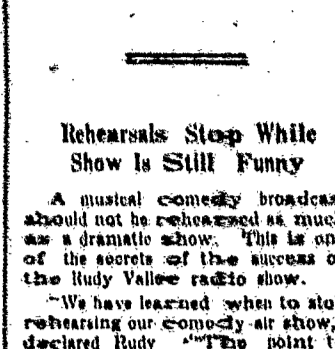
A musical comedy broadcast should not be rehearsed as much as a dramatic show. This is one of the secrets of the success of the Rudy Vallee radio show.

"We have learned when to stop rehearsing our comedy air show," declared Rudy. "The point to stop is when the show is still funny to all the players in the cast. I believe the players must thoroughly enjoy the comedy during the broadcast to put over their lines for the best comedy effect." Listen to Rudy Vallee's program every Thursday night at 9:30 o'clock over WHIAM.

Bill Stern Ghoel For Louis

In addition to his many other radio and movie talks, Bill Stern, NBC's ace sportscaster took on another assignment, recently—writing brief microphone interviews for the world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis. Louis wrote Stern saying he'd been invited to participate in a few radio interviews and would Bill be kind enough to write the script "in my language." Bill is heard Sunday nights at 9:45 o'clock in "The Sports Newscast of the Air."

AMERICAN'S FIRST AND MOST TRAVELLED SWITZERLAND



America's first and most travelled Switzer, which passed in her journeying twice a week to take directly to Switzerland. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has a pleasant date with WHIAM and NBC every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15 to 11:30 P. M., at which time she chats informally on whatever timely subjects are of the most general interest.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Will you help the missionary Bishops to educate and support the native students of the Near East who wish to be priests? Some people send us One Dollar a month or Twelve Dollars a year for this work.

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

We received the following letter a few days ago: "Dear Father: For a long time I have been hoping to do something big for the mission. As the years roll on I am getting older but my income does not increase. I am alone in the world and must be careful of my savings. I have two hundred and fifty dollars which I would like to send you. A few months ago you asked for half the cost of building a chapel. I know I am too late for that appeal. If you can find somebody to give you another two hundred and fifty dollars I will send you mine. I would want it used to build a chapel in honor of the Sacred Heart. Let me hear from you soon."

This letter makes us happy for it shows how interested our friends are in the mission. We hope somebody will answer and give the other half of the money for the chapel. Two hundred and fifty dollars added to the gift from the writer of the letter will build a new chapel. The chapel will be called the Sacred Heart Chapel. Who will answer?

HELPING THE NEEDIEST

During the month of May we received very few Bridgeport letters. This is serious because it leaves us helpless to take care of emergencies. The Bridgeport Gift Fund helps us to come to the aid of the neediest missionaries. Send us your gift and let us know it is reaching.

YOU ARE NEEDED

The missions in the Near East need your help. Why not enroll as a member? All we ever ask is one dollar a year. There are no special appeals.

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Advertisement for Gibson 6-cubic foot refrigerator. Features include: LOOK, \$89.95, SEE NEW 3-ZONE PRINCIPLE IN FREEZER SHILY DESIGN, and FOR YOUR OLD ICE BOX. Includes an image of the refrigerator and a price tag showing \$2.72 Monthly.