

THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

through December, 1940

Members of the Boston College Club of Western New York, held a meeting in Auburn following the reception of Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church and a Communion Breakfast at Hotel Osborne.

The St. Monica Sodality whose members are mothers of priests and seminarians assisted in Mass April 5 at St. Andrew's Seminary.

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, voted to award \$300 annually as prizes for parish and Catholic high schools to stimulate pupils to greater effort.

The Rev. John Lynch, C. S. R., widely known missionary, observed the completion of 50 years in the priesthood, which came to a climax April 9 when he celebrated his golden jubilee at St. Joseph's Church. His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney presided at Solemn High Mass.

With Harold Dyrenforth in the leading role, "Shadow and Substance" was presented by the Blackfriars' Guild before large audiences in three performances at the Dunn Memorial Theater in Elmira.

The Fordham Glee Club gave a concert at Columbus Auditorium April 5, which was sponsored by Mercy Guild of the Little Flower, Mercy High alumnae and students of the school.

Ten young women received the habit of the Sisters of Mercy in impressive ceremonies at St. John the Evangelist Church, with the Most Rev. James E. Kearney presiding.

The Feast of St. Joseph, patronal feast of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was celebrated in Holy Family Chapel of Nazareth Convent Motherhouse. His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney pontificated, assisted by priests and prelates of the diocese. More than 450 Sisters attended.

Approval of the work of St. Peter Claver's Social Center at 13 Rome Street—a project for the benefit of colored persons—was given by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney as he inspected the recently renovated home of the center.

Thomas H. O'Connor, news editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, was feted at a testimonial given at Columbus Civic Centre as a tribute to his work over a period of 20 years for the Knights of Columbus and Order of the Alhambra.

A Perpetual Novena in honor of St. Anne was instituted at Precious Blood Church, Lexington Avenue.

Death came to the Rev. John Lynch, C. S. R., three days after the completion of fifty golden years in the Holy Priesthood of God. He passed away at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 78. Notable tributes to the distinguished Redemptorist father were paid at his funeral at St. Joseph's Church.

The Rev. John T. Gillard, SSJ, Ph.D., Assistant Superior General of the Josephite Fathers, in Rochester to speak at St. Bernard's Seminary, reported a great increase in Catholic interest in aiding Negroes.

The Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic Schools, praised Governor Herbert H. Lehman for signing the Coudert-McLaughlin Bill, thus showing approval of religious education and observance.

Organization of the Junior Blackfriars marked another progressive step in the advance of the Blackfriars' Guild.

Dedication of the beautiful new shrine in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, took place April 16 with a large congregation present. The Rev. John Healy, C. S. R., assisted by Rev. Andrew T. Dissell, blessed the shrine and then Father Healy bestowed the Papal Blessing on all present.

In a debate at Holy Family Auditorium, Auburn, between teams representing Holy Family High School and Cathedral Academy of Syracuse, the latter won, taking the affirmative side of the question: "Should the United States Refrain from Going to War for All Reasons Except Invasion?"

"Religion must be the very essence of a person's life," the Most Rev. James E. Kearney told members of the Newman Club Federation in session at Geneva. Sylvester Upton of Cornell University was elected chairman of the Central New York Province.

The motive of charity was explained by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney to 60 members of Elmira Catholic Charities at a dinner meeting April 17 at Langwell Hotel.

Catholics do not want a union of church and state, the Rev. Francis P. Pegnam, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, declared at the annual banquet of Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, taking issue with the Ministerial Association of Elmira and vicinity, asking for the recall of Myron C. Taylor from the Vatican.

MAY, 1940

Twenty-three hundred Sodality members, attending the Western New York Sodality Conference, heard—and had a part in—discussions of the problems of democracy. The Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., national Sodality director, was a leader in the discussions.

St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, had a three-day celebration in honor of its 87th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the canonization of its patron, St. Alphonsus.

The Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Bishop of Amarillo, speaking before Catholic students of Cornell University at Barnes Hall, declared that labor unions are needed in modern life.

With Marie Keber Burbank as director, the Catholic Women's Club Chorus gave its annual Spring Concert May 10.

Miss Zeldia Lyons was general chairman of activities which were a part of the observance of "Mary's Day."

Knights of St. John gave a preview at Edgerton Park of the colorful parade scheduled as a feature of their national convention in Rochester in June.

After a luncheon meeting at Hotel Rochester, a campaign was started to raise funds for a recreation center for under-privileged boys in the neighborhood of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Lintz celebrated First Solemn High Mass at Holy Rosary Church, following his return from Switzerland, where he was ordained in 1938.

The Third Degree was conferred on the "Monsignor Bergan Class" of Rochester Knights of Columbus.

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, responding to the plea of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, appealed to all dioceses—especially children—to join in the world-wide prayer crusade.

Members of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union voted a thorough study of the Baltimore Catechism as its major work during the coming year.

Four hundred women attended the interfaith dinner held at Auburn, with Mrs. Joseph L. Barry representing the Auburn Deanery of Catholic Women; Mrs. E. A. Levi the Jewish Women, and Mrs. Donald H. Mackenzie the Auburn Council of Church Women.

The Police Holy Name Society had Communion Breakfast at the Elks Club following the reception of Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church. The Rev. John S. Randall is chaplain of the society.

Joseph P. MacSweeney was re-elected chairman of the Rochester Division of the Tuberculosis and Health Association.

St. Mary's Hospital, oldest in Rochester, observed Hospital Day in remembrance of Florence Nightingale.

Rochester charities workers took part in the meeting at Albany of the New York State Diocesan Catholic Charities organization.

The Rev. Joseph H. Ledit, S.J., speaking at St. Bernard's Seminary, declared young people of Russia, educated in Communistic schools, hate religion.

Miss Anna Jordan was elected president of Court Geneva, Catholic Daughters of America.

The Rev. Raymond Heisel, chaplain of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, was its guest of honor at a dinner.

Joseph Esce, Sr., father of Edward Esce, associate editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, died May 15.

Ordained by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 18 were the following graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary from the Rochester Diocese: The Reverend Fathers: Vincent P. Collins, Joseph D. Donovan, John S. Hayes, Joseph F. Hogan, Alfred J. Horr, Thomas C. Kane, Bernard V. Kuchman, Joseph E. McCarthy, John A. Morgan, John A. Murphy, William F. Nolan, Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Michael P. O'Brien, Richard M. Quinn, Albert Joseph Shannon, Edward Francis Tolster, Wallace J. Van Deusen, and George S. Wood.

Joseph P. MacSweeney was honored at the state meeting of the Tuberculosis Association as a "health pioneer."

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At the first Field Mass for Girl and Boy Scouts at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney asked them to pray for "peace with justice" in Europe.

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Most Rev. James Francis O'Hern, third Bishop of Rochester, was celebrated by Bishop Kearney at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral May 22.

Sister M. Aquinas, who was for more than 30 years a teacher, died at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford, May 22, after an illness of two years.

Miss Nellie Massau was crowned Queen of the May in a beautiful ceremony at Our Lady of Mercy High School May 20.

Ground was broken for the new Mercy High School at the annual May Day celebration, with the Most Rev. James E. Kearney presiding at the ceremonies.

The Rev. Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon, writing in the *Christian Century*, defended the co-operation of Catholics in inter-faith activities, replying to an editorial in that publication.

The Rev. Raymond Garin said his first Solemn High Mass at St. Bridget's Church, May 26.

Thirty-one nurses were graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital, School for Nurses, Elmira—the largest in the history of the hospital.

The Rev. Augustine Alyward, C. S. R., of the Redemptorist House of the Catholic University of America was speaker at the religious exercises of commencement for the class of 25 graduates of St. Mary's School of Nursing.

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney announced the appointment and transfers of 55 priests in the Diocese of Rochester.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Griffin resigned his pastorate of St. Mary's Church, Corning, where he had been since 1920.

Observance of Catholic School Week aroused unusual interest among friends of Catholic education.

JUNE, 1940

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new \$50,000 St. Paul's Church at Honeye Falls, of which the Rev. William J. Killackey is pastor, was attended by many priests and others. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., officiated.

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Attending Mass—Arrayed in colorful uniforms, delegates to the convention made a striking figure as they attended the Solemn Mass at St. Joseph's Church. This picture was taken just before the Mass, opening the convention, was celebrated.

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