

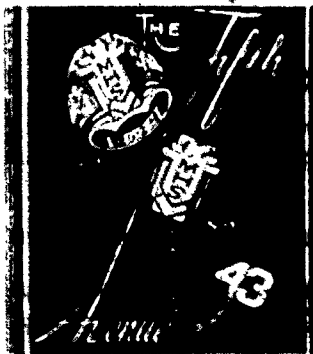


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The report of the Rev. John M. Doffy, superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Rochester, showed there were 22,455 pupils in the elementary schools of the diocese October 1; that 3,341 were registered in high schools, with 124 pupils in commercial schools, bringing the total registration up to 25,920.

NOVEMBER, 1940

Dedication of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Wolcott brought a brand new parish into existence, with the Rev. Joseph N. Margrett as the pastor. The Most Rev. James E. Kearney officiated at the ceremony.

John F. Termerman, father of Sister Mary Louise Bertrand of the Order of St. Dominic, Fall River, Mass., died at his home, 706 South Avenue, Rochester, Oct. 31 and his funeral was held from St. Boniface Church, Nov. 2.

Third anniversary of the installation of the Most Rev. James E. Kearney as Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, was marked on Armistice Day at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart with a large number of clergy and laymen in attendance.

Drive for "A Greater Nazareth College" closed with a grand total of \$231,220 reported. Nearly one thousand persons attended the closing meeting of the triumphant campaign.

Fifty years of spiritual progress were marked as Bishop Kearney celebrated a Solemn Pontifical at the jubilee of St. Stanislaus Church. Church dignitaries including outstanding Polish prelates, were in attendance.

First announcement was made by authorities at St. Mary's Hospital of a plan to erect a new hospital. It will be modern in every detail and meet the demands of space so needed at present.

The Diocese of Rochester joined whole heartedly in carrying out the request of the Supreme Pontiff for a day of prayer for peace. Altar rails were crowded as thousands of the faithful received Holy Communion throughout the diocese.

DECEMBER, 1940

The golden anniversary of the Rev. John Baptist Stemmler, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Elmira, was celebrated with fitting ceremony. Bishop Kearney celebrated the Solemn High Mass and scores of clergymen and laymen congratulated Father Stemmler on his fifty years in the service of the Lord.

Frederick J. Wegman was re-elected Colonel of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John in exemplification of the second and third degree of a class of 90 high-lighted the meeting.

Two new bells were dedicated to Mary and Joseph at St. Patrick's Church by Bishop Kearney using the ancient liturgy prescribed for the ceremony. Assisting the Bishop in the ceremony was the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor.

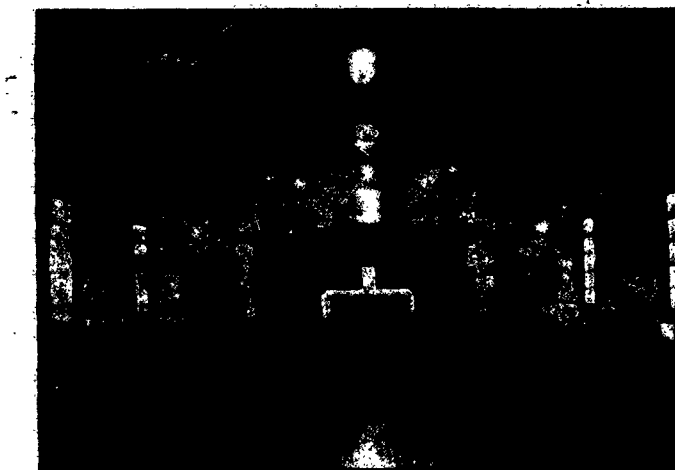
The Diocese of Rochester mourned the death of beloved Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey as the aged prelate passed on to his eternal reward. High dignitaries of the church came to pay their respects at his funeral as leaders in every field tendered noble tributes to this valiant servant of the Lord. A thorough church witnessed the last rites as testimony of the love for this late prelate was manifested.



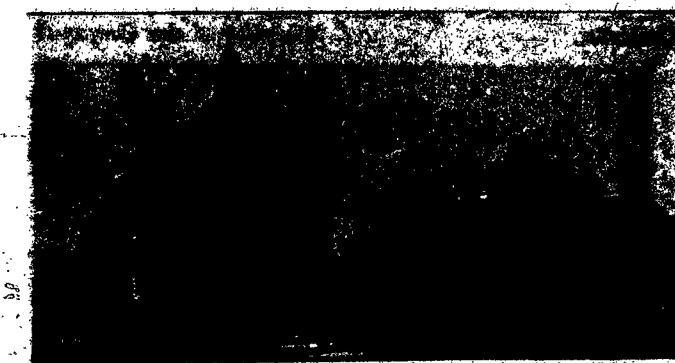
CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo  
Fifty Years in the service of the Lord is the proud record of the Rev. John Baptist Stemmler, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, shown here receiving the congratulations of Bishop Kearney.



CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo  
Receiving the congratulations of Bishop Kearney and Monsignor Hart is Cyril Statt, recently named Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus which embraces the Diocesan area.



CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo  
St. Elizabeth's Chapel (interior view) will be the place of worship for the four Sisters of St. Joseph who are doing mission work among the Negroes in Selma Alabama.



CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo  
St. Elizabeth's Chapel (exterior view) and the little house in Selma Alabama which is the headquarters of the four Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester, who are doing mission work among the Negroes.