

Bishop Asks Diocesan Women To Join Spiritual Movement For Boys In Camp

Tells NCCW Of Mothers At Masses

The project of stimulating interest among mothers of boys in camps in assisting at special Masses for the spiritual welfare and protection of their boys was presented to the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women at the 11th annual convention in Hotel Seneca Monday.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, principal speaker at the luncheon declared:

"I can think of no more worthwhile project for the Diocesan Council than to carry back to the various organizations which you represent and spread among the women of your community, this special thought that in the various parishes the mothers should meet together and speak with the priest about arranging for such a Mass and have it announced publicly."

His Excellency pointed out the abnormal existence in which the boys are living in the camps. He spoke of the movement started by mothers in several parishes to have Masses offered and to assist at these Masses for soldiers and sailors.

After all, the Bishop stated, "we know that our prayers are very essential and necessary for the guidance and protection of these boys. A great deal of temptation is thrown in their paths no matter how fine and well intentioned they may be. Put anyone in an abnormal existence and very few men can pull the environment up to their own level. The tendency is to pull them down to the level of the environment."

The one-day convention opened with celebration of Mass at St. Mary's Church by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Delegates voted in opposition to legislation legalizing the dissemination of birth-prevention information. They went on record advocating support of religious vocation schools and especially schools in the rural sections. The convention advocated an adequate national defense program and disapproved all racial Catholic women were urged by resolution to buy and exchange only Christmas cards "which have a truly religious greeting."

Back Catholic Press
In their resolution on the Catholic Press, the women stated: "Since we can have a strong Catholic Press only if the lady gives it constant and effective support we call upon our members to lend their strong assistance to our Catholic editors in promoting circulation and a proper share of advertising in our press."

The program carried on by the NCCW, especially in support of the National Catholic School of Social Service was commended by Bishop Kearney.

"Through study of the activities of your organization as mentioned in the CATHOLIC COURIER I know that the gathering here today is representative of groups that run into hundreds and thousands in the diocese; uniting organizations engaged in practically every kind of corporal and spiritual work of mercy that the Church insists that we do."

Miss Cecilia M. Yawman who presided at the luncheon and afternoon session was re-elected president of the Diocesan Council. Mrs. Michael H. Keogh, who presided at the morning session, was named Rochester Diocesan President.

(Other Elections in Adjoining Columns)

What is being accomplished for the unfortunate at the St. Joseph's House of Hospitality was outlined by the Rev. George C. Vogt, director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, at the luncheon.

That the women with the approach of Christmas should undertake prayers for peace, that peace of which the Angels sang at the Birth of the Prince of Peace, was urged by Bishop Kearney as his final message to the convention.

Speaker: All who will give \$10.00 please stand. (Aside to musician) Play the Star-Spangled Banner.



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DIOCESAN NCCW LEADERS. Re-elected at the annual meeting Monday at Hotel Seneca were these Presidents of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women. (Seated) His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, (right) diocesan president; Mrs. M. H. Keogh, (left). (Standing) Mrs. Fred De Muth, Corning; Mrs. Joseph W. McElroy, Geneva; Miss Mary A. Newsome, Elmira, all four deanery presidents; (Not in photo) Mrs. J. C. O'Toole, Auburn deanery president.

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Our Eleventh Annual Convention of the Rochester Diocesan Council, held at Hotel Seneca on Monday, Nov. 24, was attended by delegations from Elmira, Corning, Geneva, Canandaigua, Lundy and many of our Rochester women and was proclaimed one of the most inspiring we have had.

The Convention opened with a Mass at Old St. Mary's for all NCCW members living and deceased, our Bishop officiating.

The morning session and luncheon were presided over by Mrs. M. H. Keogh, President of the Rochester Diocesan Council, presiding, was taken up with routine business and reports of Diocesan Officers and Deanery Presidents.

At 11:30 Rev. George Vogt gave an informative talk on the House of Hospitality project of our local Catholic Workers. A number of questions were asked him about the work to which he gave most satisfactory replies.

At one of the member's suggestion a voluntary offering for the House of Hospitality was contributed by a number of those present. At the luncheon in the Ballroom of the Seneca, Cecilia M. Yawman, Diocesan President presiding, presented the Deanery Presidents: Mrs. M. H. Keogh of Rochester, Miss Mary A. Newsome of Elmira who has been re-elected to office, Mrs. Joseph McElroy of Geneva and Mrs. Fred DeMuth of Corning, both of whom were recently elected to serve as Presidents of the respective Deanery Councils.

We regretted the absence of Mrs. J. C. O'Toole, President of the Auburn Deanery who however contributed a complete report of Auburn activities.

At Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., Rev. Joseph H. Gellert, Rev. George Kettell and Rev. Leo C. Mooney had a greeting for those present.

Our Bishop then delivered a most inspiring address, referring at length to the work of the National Council of Catholic Women and of the National Catholic School of Social Service in particular.

He recommended to the Women of the Council, as a special project, the forming of groups in the various parishes of Mothers of the boys in service, who would arrange for a monthly Mass for their sons in their individual parishes at which they and their friends would assist. The knowledge of this would greatly hearten their sons. He also urged the continuance of our prayers for peace, especially at Christmastime, when "Peace to men of Good Will" was promised by the Angel.

He reminded us how often our prayers for those seriously ill are favorably answered; the world is ill, and the power of prayer can bring it back to health and peace. At the afternoon session of the Convention, the following were elected to membership on the period of three years:

- Delegates-at-Large (Rochester) — Mrs. Perry J. Burke.
- Delegates-at-Large (Elmira) — Miss Mary C. Danaher.
- Delegates-at-Large (Corning) — Mrs. Thos. A. McNamara.
- Representatives of Type Organizations —
- Alumnae Associations — Miss Margaret McElroy.
- Club — Mrs. Robert C. Hartman.
- Organized Charities — Miss Anita Verhooven.
- Mr. Mark L. Sullivan of Canandaigua, Chairman of Resolutions, presented for adoption the resolutions which will appear in subsequent issues of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

The Convention proper then closed with the Te Deum sung by those present.

At the Delegates' Meeting immediately following the Diocesan Officers were re-elected:

- Diocesan President — Cecilia M. Yawman
- 1st Vice-President — Mrs. M. H. Keogh, Rochester.
- Vice-President — Mrs. Fred De Muth, Corning.
- Vice-President — Mrs. Thomas McElroy, Geneva.
- Vice-President — Miss Mary A. Newsome, Elmira.
- Vice-President — Mrs. J. C. O'Toole, Auburn.

- Recording Secretary — Mrs. Joseph P. Schoon, Rochester.
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- Auditor — Mrs. Edward J. Lucas, Rochester.
- Parliamentarian — Mrs. Teresa Ganster, Rochester.

Details of Reports received at the Convention will be given in next week's Courier.

Our women are cordially invited to attend a tea to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the large assembly hall of the Chamber of Commerce, 55 St. Paul St.

Mrs. Winthrop Pennock, Director of Volunteer Participation, New York State Council of Defense, will discuss "The Social Work, Volunteer and Defense" at 3:00 P. M.

Her talk will be followed by tea and an opportunity to meet Mrs. Pennock.

All, both men and women, who are interested in the role of the volunteer in the defense program are cordially invited.

Lauds Vatican Office
Vatican City — His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, paid an official visit to the Vatican's office of information on war prisoners and expressed himself as highly pleased and gratified at the result of the work being done by this noble project of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

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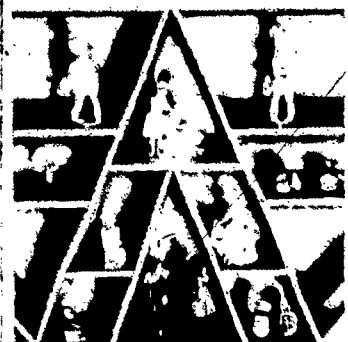
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