

New St. Mary's Hospital To Meet 'Greatest Unmet Need'

Health Expert's Report Cited As \$275,000 Public Campaign Nears

The new St. Mary's Hospital will aid powerfully in meeting what health experts term Rochester's greatest unmet need in the field of health, supplying low-cost hospital beds for patients suffering from acute illness, Louis A. Langie, vice-chairman of the hospital's Campaign Committee, declared yesterday.

The hospital will seek \$275,000 in a public campaign to be held January 22nd to February 2nd to help meet the cost of the new \$1,300,000 hospital structure.

Mr. Langie quoted the report made by Dr. Wilson G. Smillie for the Survey Committee of the Community Chest in January, 1941, in which 248 Rochester and Monroe County physicians declared that more low-cost hospital accommodations are required here for the care of acutely ill patients. There are only 3.7 hospital beds for every thousand persons in Rochester, as compared with 5.7 beds in Detroit, 4.6 beds in Chicago, and 4.4 in Philadelphia.

The new St. Mary's Hospital will have a total bed capacity of 375, as compared with the present 257. In emergencies, an additional 42 beds can be added, bringing the total capacity to 417. Only 11 additional beds for emergency purposes can be added at the present time, and there has been serious overcrowding at the hospital for many months, Mr. Langie said.

He termed the new hospital one of the greatest bargains ever offered in Rochester, with Rochesterians asked to contribute only about one-fifth of the total cost. Part of the balance will be met through a building fund that has been accumulated over a long period of years from gifts and bequests, many of them for comparatively small amounts. In addition, the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity at Emmitsburg, Maryland, under whose direction the hospital is conducted, has for several years turned back to St. Mary's the funds ordinarily used to train future nuns as hospital superintendents and nurses.

"This enabled the hospital to begin construction of the new building last spring, shortly before material advances in building costs," Mr. Langie said. "A delay of but two weeks would have boosted the estimates of building expenditures by \$60,000. A delay of but a few months might have made it impossible to obtain needed steel."

U. S. Approves
"Fortunately, the United States government has now given its official sanction to the new building, terming it a defense project and granting it a priority rating of A-1."

"It is obvious that hospitals play a very important role in defense. Not only is it important that there be facilities to care for people stricken in epidemics or injured in disaster, but the hospital plays a vital role in the training of nurses and physicians. Already St. Mary's has moved to assist the government in mustering nurses needed by the armed forces. Refresher courses are being given for former nurses to prepare them to take the places of those called by the Army or Navy. A new class of student nurses is being admitted in February of this year, under the sponsorship of the Federal government."

"This building project is a real defense project, and the campaigners who assist in this campaign, and those who contribute, can assure themselves that they are doing an important job in home and national defense."

Family Communion Sunday

SEMINARIANS MOVE
Lyons (N.C.W.C.—Fides). Owing to war circumstances the White Fathers in Northern Africa have assembled all their seminarians of the philosophy and theology courses in the Holy Cross Scholasticate at Thibar, Tunisia, it is reported. The Novitiate remains at Maison Carree, in Algiers.

A good laugh is better than medicine.

Seekers Directed To Former Cathedral Parish Records

Persons seeking baptismal, marriage or other records of old St. Patrick's Cathedral will find them at 151 Saratoga Ave., rectory of the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Any persons going to Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral rectory for such records have only to be referred to St. Patrick's rectory where those records are kept.

Msgr. Shay Arranges Weekly Mass, All-Day Rite For Servicemen

Initiated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor, a weekly Mass and all-day service for the protection of all members of the parish in the nation's armed service on land, sea or in the air, will begin Thursday, Jan. 15, in Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave. Monsignor Shay will celebrate the Mass at 8 a. m. next Thursday and invites all relatives of the men in service to assist.

Following the Mass will be public Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

The services will be brought to a close with prayers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:45 p. m.

The Mass and services will continue each Thursday thereafter, for the duration, Monsignor Shay announces.

St. Patrick's Adds Mass At 6 For Workers

For the convenience of workers, a 6 o'clock Mass will be added at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday and continue each Sunday for the duration, the Rev. Leo C. Mooney announces. The 6 o'clock Mass will be timed to permit workers to be at their tasks by 7 A. M.

Other Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11 A. M.

Also for the duration is the 8 o'clock Mass being celebrated each Thursday at St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Ave. North, for the many boys of the parish who are in the armed service of their country.

A new Novena of Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony of Padua will begin Tuesday, Jan. 13, at St. Patrick's. Services will be at 12:15 P. M. (noon) and at 8 o'clock in the evening. A High Mass is celebrated each Tuesday at 5 A. M. for the intention of those making the novena. Many favors have been granted as a result of these Novenas, Father Mooney said today.

Family Communion Sunday

Red Cross Benefit Card Party Listed

A card party, proceeds to go to the Red Cross, will be conducted by Ladies of the Alhambra at Hotel Sagamore on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Mrs. William J. Woerner, Auxiliary president, will head the reception committee.

Mrs. Harold Dorsey is general chairman. Heading committees are Mrs. Emmet J. O'Neill and Mrs. Eugene F. Bopp, tickets; Mrs. Frank M. Beaucaire and Mrs. Philip F. Hafner, prizes; Mrs. James V. Crowley, card tables.

Family Communion Sunday

ENGLISH REDEMPTORIST PRISONER IN GERMANY

LONDON—(N.C.)—A redemptorist priest of Erdington Abbey, Birmingham, who was serving as an army chaplain is a prisoner of war in Germany, it is learnt here. The Rev. John Berry, O.S.S.R. was with the army in Greece when he was captured. He has now been transferred to Germany.

Greet New Year Fittingly In Holy Hour At Cathedral

Fittingly ushered in was the year 1942 with an impressive Holy Hour in Sacred Heart Cathedral at which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney presided.

Beginning at 11:30 P. M., the services consisted of appropriate hymns by the Cathedral Men's Choir directed by Ray J. Hasenauer, congregational singing, meditation and a discourse by His Excellency. The Bishop commented upon the significance of the year unfolding and asked those in attendance to offer their prayers for those who would greet a new year in revelry instead of in a sound, spiritual manner.

As the minutes ticked away the old year, the Cathedral lights were dimmed and attention was focused upon the Blessed Sacrament on the altar.

Responding to the appeal of President Roosevelt that New Year's Day be made a National Day of Prayer, His Excellency celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral at noon.

Assisting were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns as Assistant Priest, the Rev. Alphonsus P. Crimmens and the Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan as Deacons of Honor and the Rev. John T. Callahan as Master of Ceremonies. Students of St. Bernard's Seminary served as Deacon, Subdeacon and in the minor offices of the Mass.

Saying that he had made a special remembrance in the Mass for those assisting, the Bishop wished for them in the New Year, "God's choicest blessings."

Scene of Mass

Lompoc, Calif.—On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, anniversary date of the first Mass to be celebrated in the Spanish Mission La Purissima Concepcion near this city, Dec. 8, 1787, religious worship was resumed in the ancient edifice after a lapse of 104 years.

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On New Year's afternoon, the Bishop greeted the priests of the diocese at the Episcopal residence on East Ave.

The lady came to the Episcopal residence on Sunday afternoon in great numbers to exchange New Year's greetings with their Bishop. Included among the visitors were persons of various walks of life, non-Catholic neighbors and friends and representatives of Catholic lay organizations.

Assisting the Bishop in receiving the callers were these members of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus: Faithful Navigator Chas.

F. Raymond, Otto A. Shultz, William T. Nolan, H. Leo McIntee, Frank Forstall, George T. Boucher, Harry B. Crowley, Joseph A. Murphy and Dr. Walter E. O'Neill. Each caller was given a remembrance of the occasion consisting of a colored reproduction of The Holy Family bearing on the reverse side this thought:

NEW YEAR

1942

May the Lord Bless thee and keep thee!
May He show His face to thee and have mercy upon thee!
May He turn His countenance to thee, and give thee peace.
May the Lord Bless thee:
Amen

—(The blessing of St. Francis)
God bless you.

—JAMES E. KEARNEY,
Bishop of Rochester

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