

Pupils Respond With \$1477 To Red Cross Appeal

Turn In Christmas Dimes To Carry Out Bishop's Suggestion

Children of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester responded in a wholehearted manner to Bishop's Kearney's appeal to give 10 cents of their Christmas money to the Red Cross.

During the past week a check for \$1,122.37 has been sent to the Rochester Chapter. Since then an additional amount of \$104.50 has followed.

Reports of schools outside Rochester giving to their local chapters to date amount to \$28.85.

In addition to this Red Cross activity many children are buying defense stamps in the schools or elsewhere. The Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Society of the Propagation of Faith, reports a banner year for the sale of Christmas seals, funds derived from which are sent for the support of children in other lands.

Commenting on defense work in the schools, Father Duffy, Superintendent, has this to say:

"Our children in both elementary and secondary schools are buying defense stamps in the schools or elsewhere. Every child will be called upon for even greater sacrifice. His responsibility as a citizen should be impressed on him sufficiently so that regular sacrifice from his spending money, or better still, his earnings, should function automatically. In this way, if and when a crisis comes, he will be better trained to meet it.

"While we encourage all children who are able, to go on buying defense stamps and giving to the Red Cross, we strongly maintain that no child should be embarrassed or coerced in any cause presented to him."

The schools' gifts to the Rochester Chapter included: Sacred heart, \$94.30; Blessed Sacrament, \$40.34; Corpus Christi, \$36.40; Good Counsel, \$37.00; Holy Apostles, \$23.00; Holy Cross, \$20.00; Holy Family, \$75.00; Holy Rosary, \$57.20.

Immaculate Conception, \$41.67; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, \$32.35; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, \$28.00; Our Lady of Victory, \$4.20; St. Ambrose, \$53.83; St. Andrew's, \$65.20; St. Anthony's, \$16.51; St. Augustine's, \$44.03; St. Boniface, \$31.00; St. Bridget's, \$15.00.

St. Francis Xavier, \$28.85; St. George's, \$4.25; St. John the Evangelist, \$37.00; St. Joseph's, \$14.10; St. Joseph's Commercial, \$7.00; St. Mary's, \$10.16; St. Mary's, \$12.60; St. Mary's Commercial, \$2.60; St. Michael's, \$38.77; St. Monica's, \$50.00; St. Peter and Paul's, \$40.00; St. Stanislaus, \$31.15; St. Theresa's, \$10.00; St. Thomas, \$18.64.

Nazareth Hall, \$10.00; Our Lady of Mercy High, \$36.17; Nativity, Brockport, \$8.00; Holy Ghost, Coldwater, \$5.00; St. Theodore's, Gates, \$6.00; St. Salome's, Pt. Pleasant, \$20.00; and St. John's, Spencerport, \$12.03; Nazareth Academy, \$100.00; St. John's, Greece, \$5.50.

Schools out of town who have reported gifts to their own chapters to date include: To Pittsford, Nazareth Model School, \$5.00; to Greece, St. Charles Borromeo, \$20.00; to Auburn, St. Aloysius, \$18.25; to Geneva, St. Stephen's, \$18.50; to Lima, St. Rose's, \$7.25; to Elmira, St. Cecilia's, \$11.30; St. Mary's, \$33.30; Elmira High, \$23.73; to Avon, St. Agnes', \$9.20; to Webster, \$21.00.

Also contributing to the Red Cross Drive were St. Mary's, Canandaigua, \$15.00, and St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, \$5.00; Holy Family High, Auburn, \$28.72; to Dansville, St. Mary's, \$8.50; to Hornell, St. Ann's, \$25.00.

Catholic Architects Seek To Save Argentine Shrine

BUENOS AIRES—The Corporation of Catholic Architects has initiated a campaign to save the Santa Casa de Ejercicios by having it declared a national monument. This ancient retreat house was founded by the Blessed Maria Antonio de la Pazy Figueroa about 1700. It is in danger of being torn down when the adjacent streets are widened.

Corning-Elmira K. of C. Even Up In Card Tourney

Knights of Columbus from the Corning and Elmira Councils divided honors in the card tournament held last Sunday afternoon in the Corning Council Home. The locals won at euchre and the Elmira took the bridge contest by a big score.

Joseph Smith led the Corning victory in Euchre by a 36-18 score. In the bridge match, McGlynn and Marks of Elmira ran up a 7,300-2,220 score over Murphy and Osborne.

Euchre standings:

Gene Almon and Henry Alsworth, Corning, 4; M. Rourke and Frank Ryan, Elmira, 3; Jim Grimaldi and Bill Amey, Corning, 3.

J. Freeman and R. Bacon, Elmira, 4; Paul Levette and Frank Alsworth, Corning, 4; Agas and Remasser, Elmira, 3; Jim McMahon and Gene Sullivan, Corning, 4; J. Splann and J. Allen, Elmira, 2.

Mike Costa and George Recktenwald, Corning, 4; Stapleton and O'Brien, Elmira, 1; Robert Moore and Art Kramer, Corning, 4; Pauls and Jacobson, Elmira, 1; John W. McCarthy and Lee A. McMahon, Corning, 4; J. Baetzel and Chris Cassidy, Elmira, 2; M. Tammare and Bob Hallahan, Corning, 3; Mike Mahoney and John Landers, Elmira, 2.

The teams will tangle again Sunday, Feb. 1 at Elmira.

Payment of \$11,000 Lifts St. Monica's Church Debt

"Church Debt, Jan. 1, 1941—\$11,000.00."

"Church Debt, Jan. 1, 1942—Nothing."

That the debt of St. Monica's Church, Genesee Street, had been paid in full was announced to the congregation by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Pastor, and Chancellor of the diocese, at all the Masses, last Sunday.

The announcement was made in connection with distribution of the church's financial statement which showed that the note of \$11,000 had been met in 1941.

To Decorate Church

Plans have been completed for the church's decoration, Monsignor Bergan announced. The work will be handled by the Chromo-Craft Company under the direction of Herman J. Butler and will start about July 1.

One of the other plans being formulated for the parish is development of a fund for a future school building to take the place of the wooden annex of the present school.

For that purpose funds are being put aside and there is at present \$4,567 in that fund with \$3,000 of it invested in U. S. Defense Bonds.

Improvements Cited

In making the financial report, Monsignor Bergan announced that three years ago, the church debt was \$23,700 and in that period \$37,000 had been spent in improvements made in the school, church, grounds, the rectory, and the convent.

Growth and development of St. Monica's parish, which was founded in June, 1896, by the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy are evidenced in the present status.

When the first Mass was celebrated in the parish, Dec. 8, 1896, there were 65 persons present. Today the parish has a congregation of a few less than 6,000 persons.

727 Pupils in School

The first school was opened Jan. 3, 1899, with 67 pupils in charge of three Sisters of St. Joseph. Today there are 727 pupils in St. Monica's School with 19 Sisters of St. Joseph in charge, the second largest elementary school enrollment in the diocese. A kindergarten was added to the school two years ago.

A combination church and school building was the first building erected in the parish at a cost of about \$18,000. The new church was built in 1914 and the hall in 1935. The parish has a convent for the Sisters on Millbank Street that when built attracted wide attention because of its appointments and suitability for the purposes erected.

Pope Pius XII Honors U. S. Bishop's Mother

LITTLE ROCK—His Holiness Pope Pius XII, acting on the request of the Most Rev. John B. Morris, Bishop of Little Rock, has awarded the Cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" to Mrs. Helen Wehr Fletcher of North Little Rock and Mrs. Charles J. Jewett of Fort Smith.

Mrs. Fletcher is the mother of the Most Rev. Albert L. Fletcher, Auxiliary Bishop of Little Rock, and Mrs. Jewett is the wife of a Knight of St. Gregory well known for his Catholic benefactions.

4th Degree K. of C. Top Bond Goal With \$56,125

A grand total of \$56,125 in U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps sold to members of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus in a two-week campaign was reported to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, State Chaplain and honorary campaign chairman in the Bishop's office, Wednesday.

Jubilant were the members of the committee headed by Cyril J. Stett, Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, which embraces the diocese, who was general chairman. The original goal was \$10,000 and exceeding of that amount by five times sets a high mark for Fourth Degree members throughout the country.

Receiving the report, Bishop Kearney said the campaign "exceeded our fondest expectations in the matter. At the same time this effort preserves the fine tradition the Fourth Degree has established in patriotism and in interest in public affairs."

The Bishop stated that he had heard very favorable comment on the campaign from Masters of the Fourth Degree throughout the country.

The Bonds and Stamps were purchased through the Security Trust Company of Rochester of which Bernard E. Finucane is president. He too lauded the success of the Assembly members.

Approval of the campaign was received by Chairman Stett from Supreme Master Timothy J. Galvin of Hammond, Ind., who declared the effort the first of its kind in Fourth Degree circles and who hoped that it would spur other Assemblies to like effort.

Faithful Navigator Charles F. Raymond stated that the campaign's success would be fittingly celebrated at a formal dinner of the Fourth Degree in Powers Hotel, Rochester, on Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

With Chairman Stett and Faithful Navigator Raymond, the committee consisted of Frank M. Beaucaire, vice-chairman; Charles H. Geyer, Treasurer; the Rev. Joseph E. Vogt, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, August L. Hall, William

Britain's Legion Of Mary Names Man As President

LONDON—A man has been elected president of the Legion of Mary in Great Britain for the first time since the Legion was started here twelve years ago. He is R. J. Condy, 34, a native of Cork who has lived in this country for eight years. The new treasurer is also a man—Mr. Morris. The secretary and the vice-president are women.

Women predominate in the Legion in London and the South of England, but in the north the membership is about equal as between the sexes.

'Novena Notebook' Published

CHICAGO—In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the perpetual Novena in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother, a "Novena Notebook" has been issued by the Servite Fathers here.

The book contains the best material that has appeared in Novena Notes since that publication's inception May 7, 1937. The perpetual Novena was founded in January, 1937, by the Rev. James R. Keane, O.S.M., prior of the Servite Monastery here.

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