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First Religion Examinations Sent To Public High Catholic Pupils

Official examinations, for the first time this year, have been sent to all Catholic pupils in public high schools receiving instructions under the released time program, it is reported this week by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The confraternity's report states that about a month ago a census was made revealing that 4,563 Catholic boys and girls in Rochester's public high schools alone, were receiving religious instructions or released time. Added to this figure, the 6,079 Catholic children in public grade schools makes a grand total for the city of Rochester alone of 10,642.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, had this to say of the report: "It is very gratifying to see that so many parents realize their duty in this matter and insist upon their children attending the classes every week."

The official examinations will be sent to all the parishes in the diocese and will be given during the week of Feb. 1. About 10,000 are expected to take these examinations, the Rev. George C. Vogt, director of the Confraternity, stated today.

The tests, he states, will be objective in character and will be based on the text now in use, Father Weger's "Catholic Doctrine." These examinations are given by command of the Most Reverend Bishop to impress upon these pupils the need for serious study of their religion.

Father Vogt states that from all sides the priests report that the recent law of New York State releasing the high school pupils from the public schools for one period a week for the purpose of religious instruction is working out well.

In the matter of the numbering taking the religious instructions it is estimated that some 800 withdrew their Parent-Consent cards or found a job and quit these instruction classes since last September. Father Vogt states that it is impossible to estimate how many Catholic boys and girls there are who have not signed up for instructions at all. He says between 1,000 and 2,000 would be near the number.

The number of Protestant children under religious instructions in Rochester is about 3,000, with 2,100 in the grade schools and 900 in the high schools. A number over 200 Jewish boys and girls are receiving the instructions on the high school level.

New York City is now giving released time instruction to 101,633 children of three faiths, according to Father Ryan, director of the Confraternity in the metropolis. He reports that this is but scratching the surface.

"Again Catholic people must not think that these instructions given to Catholic children in public schools is adequate," Father Vogt said today. "It is but a desperate attempt to do something for these children. The best way to say it is to say: 'It is a religious instruction but not religious education. Religious education is given only in Catholic schools.'"

Lincoln Dinner Mapped By 4th Degree K. of C.

Honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, members of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, will hold the annual Lincoln Day Dinner at Powers Hotel Ballroom, Thursday evening, Feb. 12, at 6:30 P. M.

State officers of the Knights of Columbus will attend and will greet His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester and state chaplain of the K. of C.

The six knights will entertain their wives and sweethearts and are permitted to bring a friend to the affair.

Faithful Navigator Charles F. Raymond and Faithful Captain August L. Hall are making reservations.

Women's Club Sets Supper Meeting

The February meeting of the Business Women's Group of the Catholic Women's Club will be a supper meeting to be held at the clubhouse, Alexander Street, Monday, February 2, at 6:30 p. m. with Mrs. Rose E. Moore, chairman.

Campaigners Push For Goal In Hospital Campaign

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"Material destruction is not the main issue in the present war," was Bishop Neilligan's belief expressed. "The thing important is that we are fighting for human liberty, for the things held most precious for our human souls."

Historically significant was the laying of the cornerstone for the new Hospital on Sunday by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Because of the cold, the Bishop spoke briefly but sincerely expressed his deepest thanks to all who are working to make the campaign a success.

Dreams Come True

"The dream of years has been realized," the Bishop said following placing of the cornerstone containing records commemorating the occasion. His Excellency thanked the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul whose 57-year record at the hospital has made it widely known for their service to the community.

Assisting the Bishop were the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey and the Rev. Stanislaus Szuja.

Priests of the diocese, Sisters of Charity and Sisters of St. Joseph were in the procession led by altar boys and the student nurses' sodality members of St. Mary's School of Nursing.

In the procession were: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay; the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director, Rochester Catholic Charities; the Rev. Dr. William J. Mahoney,

C.M., and the Rev. Daniel A. Munday, C.M., representing Vincentian Fathers, and the Rev. John S. Randall, Director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Present also were the Rev. John B. Sullivan and the Rev. John J. Leary.

Pageant Score
The campaign was given a unique start, Thursday evening, with the professionally staged pageant "Onward—for St. Mary's" in which a capable volunteer cast performed.

Startlingly realistic were the scenes depicting the founding of St. Mary's Hospital by Mother Hieronymus played by Mrs. James Mangam. Mrs. Hawley Ward was ably cast as Sister-Martina, the present superintendent of the Hospital.

Sister Martha was enacted by Shirley Haller and Mrs. Franklin Knops was well cast as Sister Joseph.

The fire scene and the air-raid depiction demonstrated the courage of the nursing Sisters in families.

Written and directed by Walter Folmer who acted as narrator, the pageant was commendably done by these other members of the cast: Cameron Switzer, Edward Murphy, Harold Kolb, Marian Hall, Mrs. Robert Berensten, John Pirrera, Charlotte Edwards, Ross Woodbridge, Mrs. Leon Lewis, Ken French and Marjorie Spitz.

Participating were the Knights of Columbus Choral Society directed by Paul A. Predmore and the Boy and Girl Scout Troops from St. Andrew's Church.

Data Goes In Cornerstone

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Samuel B. Dicker, Mayor of Rochester.

Members of the Council of the Sisters of Charity, Eastern Province.

Past Presidents of St. Mary's Hospital, Sisters of Charity.

Sisters of Charity Serving at St. Mary's Hospital at the President Time.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, Pastor of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Rochester Diocese.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Rochester Diocese.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Goggin, Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Rev. Edward M. Lyons, Rector of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Rev. John S. Randall, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Rev. Gerald Lambert, Director of the Rochester Catholic Charities.

Rev. Daniel P. Munday, C.M., Spiritual Director of Nurses' Sodality.

Very Rev. Joseph M. Noonan, President of Niagara University.

Dr. Wm. J. Mahoney, Dean of the Rochester Division, Niagara University.

Very Rev. William M. Slattery, Provincial of Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers, Eastern Province).

Rev. Mother Rose Miriam, Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rev. Mother Ligouri, Sisters of Mercy.

Rev. Mother Ignatius, Carmelite Monastery.

Dr. Leo Simpson, President of Medical Staff of St. Mary's Hospital.

Members of the Medical Staff of St. Mary's Hospital.

Helen Ward, President of St. Mary's Alumnae Association.

Members of the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Hospital.

Daniel J. Meagher, General Contractor.

Joseph P. Flynn, Architect.

Thomas Fagarty, Chief Engineer.

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of St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Charles J. Paisley, President of Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital.

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Mrs. Homer Norton, President of the Perpetual Help Society of St. Mary's Hospital.

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Mrs. Joseph A. Lane, President of the Staff Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital.

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Miss Agnes Koch, President of the Clet Unit.

Members of the Clet Unit.

Members of the Seton Workers.

Joseph F. Flynn, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Donald A. Dailay, Postmaster.

John Slattery, Fire Chief.

Henry T. Copenhagen, Police Chief.

Emmett T. Gaughn, Ward Leader and Commissioner of Social Welfare.

Harper Sibley, President of the Rochester Community Chest.

L. Dudley Field, President of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

E. Allen Stebbins, President of the Rochester Savings Bank.

Officers and Members of the Rochester Hospital Service Corporation.

Officers and Members of the Rochester Hospital Council.

Coins of the day—penny, nickel, dime, quarter, half-dollar, silver-dollar.

Newspapers: Democrat & Chronicle, Times-Union, CATHOLIC COURIER, Telephone Directory.

1942 Calendar.

Statue of Our Lady, Infant of Prague.

Medals of St. Joseph, St. Vincent, St. Louise, Holy Agony, Mother Seton, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Benedict, Our Lord, Blessed Catherine Laboure, St. Patrick, Scapular Medal.

Set of Scapulars, Sacred Heart Badge, Relic of the Little Flower.

Bishop Kearney's Letter to Pastors in Regard to St. Mary's Hospital, which was read in all the churches on Sunday, Jan. 12, 1942.

Campaign Set-up, including the names of the workers, meetings, etc.

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