

New Convent For Perpetual Help School Nuns Is Opened

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Diocesan-Wide Triduum To St. Joseph Set April 22-25



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Blessing New Convent—For Sisters of St. Joseph of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Wednesday, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney officiating is assisted by Rev. Francis J. Hoefen (left) and Rev. Lawrence B. Casey. (Story on Pages 12-13)

Bishop Asks Special Prayers For Nation To Patron Of Church

Asking that every "church, oratory and chapel" in the diocese conduct special prayers to St. Joseph in the form of a Triduum to open on the evening of the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, April 22 and to close with the Mass of St. Joseph on Sunday, April 26, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney has sent a letter to all his congregations which will be read on Sunday at all the Masses.

The intercession of St. Joseph is one of the most powerful forms of prayer and the dangers which confront the Universal Church from totalitarian states will surely draw his paternal solicitude to our needs.

It was St. Joseph who saved the Infant Jesus from the tyrant of his day. He is equally concerned about the welfare of the Church founded by that Infant.

The Services of the Triduum will be announced in each church, next Sunday, April 19.

K. of C. 3rd Degree For 'Bishop Kearney Class' Set Sunday

Elmira Knights of Columbus are preparing for one of the greatest days in the 50-year-old history of Elmira Council this coming Sunday, the climax of which will be the exemplification of the Third Degree on the Bishop Kearney Class of approximately 225 candidates, the largest number ever to receive the honors of the Major Degree in this city.

Elmira Council, concluding a most successful selective membership invitation program, will be represented in the class by about 175 members. The remainder of the class will represent Councils in Auburn, Binghamton, Corning, Endicott, Ithaca and Sayre, Pa.

The day will have an auspicious opening with reception of Holy Communion by old and new members at their respective churches to be followed by a Communion Breakfast at the Mark Twain Hotel at 9 a. m.

Bishop Kearney, patron of the membership movement and of the class to be initiated, and State Chaplain, will be present at the breakfast and will give the principal address. State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle will make his first official visit to Elmira and will speak at the breakfast.

The afternoon schedule calls for the candidates to report at Columbus Center at 1 p. m. The class will be organized and will march in a body to St. Peter and Paul's Hall for exemplification of the ritual. Arrangements have been made to accommodate what is expected to be the largest crowd ever to witness the Third Degree here. Councils throughout Southern and Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania have notified the local Council that delegations will be present.

At the conclusion of the degree supper will be served in Columbus Center. Eugene F. Agan and Deputy Grand Knight E. J. Vallanceur

World Must Cooperate Or Get Deluded Peace

NEW YORK.—Broad international cooperation in economic, social and political fields as the only way to avoid the "ruin of a frustrated and deluded peace" and as a responsibility of all peoples but of the Christian world especially, was urged yesterday by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Donald A. MacLean, of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., in an address at the sixteenth annual conference of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

The American nations are destined to play a special role in the construction of a world order and world peace based on the principles enunciated by Pope XII, Monsignor MacLean said. These principles, he said, are the only basis on which such a world order can be constructed.

"As partners, not merely as good neighbors," the Americans have pledged their loyal and undivided forces to resist totalitarianism and barbaric attacks on any front where "freedom, democratic institutions and Christian civilization may be imperiled," Monsignor MacLean stated.

'Bill of Rights' Essay Contest Opened By C. D. A. For High School Students

Mrs. Raymond C. Marks, grand regent of Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, announces that the local court will sponsor an essay contest for high school students on the topic, "What the Bill of Rights Means to me."

The contest will be announced at all the high schools of Elmira and Chemung County. All students under 18 years of age are eligible to compete. Essays must be submitted not later than May 25.

Prizes will be awarded by the local court and the prize-winning essay will be entered in the national contest of the C. D. A.

The annual banquet of the Elmira Court will be held Apr. 29. Mrs. Josephine Elias has been named general chairman.

A Day of Cards will be conducted by the court in the near future, the proceeds to be given for the benefit of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Miss Elizabeth Holleran is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The Red Cross sewing guild under the chairmanship of Mrs. Theodore Doran and Mrs. Josephine Elias meet every other Wednesday in the court rooms. Members of the court who wish to knit at home may secure yarn from the committee. All interested are urged to communicate with the chairmen.

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Clyde Woman Walks 73,000 Miles Attending Daily Mass For 20 Years

CLYDE.—Attendance at Holy Mass every day for the last twenty years has meant that Rosa Mary Iocco has walked a distance of almost three times the circumference of the earth, or 73,000 miles. Mrs. Iocco, widow of the late Michael Iocco, lives five miles east of Clyde, near Savannah, and by her daily trek to Mass at St. John's Church, Clyde, she covers a distance of ten miles.

At the age of 62, Mrs. Iocco is enjoying the best of health to which she attributes the many hours she has spent out of doors. Undaunted by rain, sleet or snow she has become known to every resident of that area by her faithful attendance at the 7:30 Mass. She is not in the least upset by the present auto and rubber shortage, and feels that by walking she can reach any desired destination.

'And Down The Days' Is April Book Choice

NEW YORK.—"And Down the Days," a novelized biography of Lizzie St. John Eckel, daughter of Maria Monk, is the April choice of the Catholic Book Club here. It's author is the Rev. John L. Bonn, S.J., of Boston College, and it is published by the Macmillan Company, this city.

Saying that in the book Father Bonn has shown Catholic authors "how to write a novel," Francis X. Connolly, in the Book Club's Newsletter, says "its theme, God's pursuit of a recalcitrant soul, is at once essentially dramatic and absorbingly real" and is "subtly constructed, admirably paced, skillfully emphasized."

Flays Unrestricted Contraceptive Sale

LONDON.—A challenge to the Government to interest itself in the country's falling birth-rate is made in a letter printed in The Times here from Charles E. Macbeth, secretary of the Catholic Pharmaceutical Guild.

Mr. Macbeth points out that the sale of contraceptives is unrestricted by the orders which limit the supplies of many other goods, and that they bear no tax.

Mr. Macbeth adds: "It is to the eternal shame of pharmacy in England that it has engaged in this trade, though it is also true that very many have refused to do so. The whole sordid business is one with our pleasure-seeking way, which we are now learning must be rejected for the hard realities of life."

YOUTH CONGRESS.—San Francisco. The first Regional Catholic Youth Congress in this city has just been held at the San Francisco College for Women.