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CHARITIES ANNIVERSARY was marked by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney blessing St. Joseph's Villa Wednesday assisted by (from left) Msgr. Charles F. Shay, Msgr. William M. Hart and Msgr. William F. Berger and the Jubilee Dinner at Hotel Seneca where speakers (lower photo) were, Bishop Kearney right, Bishop Walter A. Feery, Syracuse and John L. Keenan, toastmaster.

Villa Blessing Highlights Charities Jubilee

Dedication of St. Joseph's Villa was called a "bright point" in the Silver Anniversary day's program of Rochester Catholic Charities climaxed last night by a brilliant banquet in Hotel Seneca.

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His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, president of Catholic Charities, and His Excellency, the Most Rev. Walter A. Feery, Bishop of Syracuse, were the two speakers at the banquet which was attended by outstanding prelates and priests in social work as well as pioneers, trustees and field workers in Charities, and prominent Catholic men and women.

To round completely out the cottage-home plant for dependent children dedicated that day, Bishop Kearney told of plans for the future including erection of a "Chapel of St. Thomas," as a memorial to the late Archbishop Hickey, the man who founded Rochester Catholic Charities.

Planners Participate

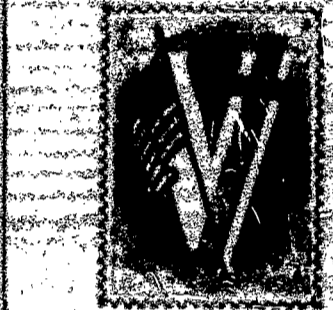
The Charities vice-president down through the 25 years, John L. Keenan, was toastmaster. Other charter members of the Board, Augustine J. Cunningham, Thomas H. Green, William T. Farrell and William F. Shafer and Staff Members Miss Kathleen D'Oliver and Miss Elizabeth McSwaney, were cited for faithful service.

A former director of Rochester Catholic Charities, His Excellency, Bishop Feery, in congratulating the Catholic Charities organization and commending its progress, said the agency could pause after twenty-five years and examine its "agency conscience" in the light of its incorporation.

Founder Lauded

That document, he declared, is a tribute to the "apostolic heart and mind" of the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, founder of the

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Bishop's Mass For Service Mothers, July 4

The Auxiliary Bishop Feery will celebrate the Holy Eucharist of the Mass for mothers of servicemen on Independence Day, Saturday, July 4 at 11 a. m. in St. Joseph's Church. The significance of the day and the necessity it imposed to stress the great length of absence of boys in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Corps and Coast Guard has inspired the Mass offered by the Bishop, last month.

Scores Planners

Cleveland—The Utopian planners who make hell on earth into no-heaven, so try to make me on earth, the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, U.S.C. Military Delegate, declared in an address at the annual convention of the Cleveland Diocesan Council of Catholic

Japs' Reception At Midway Described by Fr. Woloch

AUBURN.—Once more Auburn has some direct news from the men in the fighting forces and this time it comes from First Lieutenant John Woloch, Catholic chaplain at the U. S. Naval Air Station in the Pacific Ocean.

Mrs. Rose Woloch of 44 Pulaski St. received a letter from her son, Father Woloch, during the past week which said in part: "Here I am again, the same as usual, safe, well and healthy, and still on the job. I trust that you received my recent cable telling of my safety after the heavy raid on Midway. The losses which the Japs suffered off Midway and in the Coral Sea recently will keep them in their own backyard until our forces ar-

rive there to do the final cleaning up. It was an out of the ordinary experience for me but I feel sure the words from it. The Japs received a very, very unpleasant surprise and a terrific beating. And no doubt their faces must have been awfully red with shame and embarrassment as they fled with what little was left of their forces back to Tokyo and Tojo. They won't dare to come out this way again, because they haven't got much left to come out with. We are back to normalcy now and my only hope and prayer is that you are not worried about me. I will tell you more about my experiences when I see you and about the fine and brilliant operations that our boys did on the Japs. We are very proud of our boys, and can assure you that the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor was well avenged."

Father John Woloch was born in Auburn and was graduated from St. Hyacinth's School, St. John's Hasty College in Erie, Pa. and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester. During his ten years as a priest he has been assistant pastor in Rochester and Elmira. He volunteered as a Navy Chaplain last October and reached Pearl Harbor at Christmas time. He has been at Midway Island for the past two months.

For Sunday breakfast, try an AUNT JENNIE Kuchen. Variety of sixteen kinds at 25¢. AUNT JENNIE'S BAKE SHOP, 616 Monroe Ave.—Ady.

Msgr. Griffin Honored On 60th Anniversary In Holy Priesthood

St. Jerome's Parish Marks Pastor's 40th Anniversary

By 'A Parishioner of St. Jerome's'

St. Jerome's Parish, East Rochester, celebrated with jubilation on Sunday, June 21, the anniversary of the Rev. Bernard J. Gefell's ordination to the Holy Priesthood, forty years ago.

Father Gefell was graduated from St. Bernard's Seminary in June, 1902. He had appointments at Canandaigua and Fenfield before coming to East Rochester.

East Rochester, then Despatch, was in its infancy in 1905. Mass was said in the fire hall. There were only 400 parish families at that time. Joe O'Brien, our congressman, was one of his first altarboys.

In 1906, the cornerstone of St. Jerome's Church was laid. Father Gefell began his task of labor and love and devotion to his flock and the community, and he has never ceased to be interested in the spiritual welfare of each and all of us. The parish has grown to over 1,500 families. It has a record for large weekly attendance at Holy Com-

munion, excelled by no parish in the diocese comparable in size.

To show their love, loyalty and appreciation of Father Gefell's labors in St. Jerome's Parish, members of the congregation presented him with a spiritual bouquet of over 2,000 Holy Masses and 1,650 Holy Communion, offered Sunday, June 21.

A Communion Breakfast, attended by 500 parishioners, was given in the high school auditorium in honor of the jubilarian. Congressman Joseph J. O'Brien was toastmaster.

Those who spoke at the breakfast were Rev. John S. Whalen, assistant pastor of St. Jerome's; Fa-

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CORNING.—A High Mass of thanksgiving was sung by the Rt. Rev. James J. Griffin, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 21, at 8:30 A. M., commemorating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Monsignor Griffin was ordained June 21, 1892, by Bishop Ryan of the Buffalo Diocese in the seminary chapel at St. Bonaventure's, Allegany, N. Y. He was one of a class of 12 of whom he is the sole survivor.

Present at the Mass were the parochial school children, the members of the Sodality of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the members of the League of the Sacred Heart and the Holy Name Society. A large number of the congregation received Holy Communion.

Fellow Priests Attend

Joining in thanksgiving with Msgr. Griffin were fellow priests, present in the sanctuary. They were: The Rev. Louis Edelman, Pittsford; the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor of St. Mary's; the Rev. Joseph Guilfoill, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's; the Rev. Germaine Mc-

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