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Chaplains Trained At St. Bernard's

"The Salvation of Souls Is The Supreme Law"—
In the harrowing existence of wartime as in the peaceful days of international amity—the Church's duty, as embodied in the motto of the great Bishop McQuaid, is plain.

Saving souls demands that a young man be so trained that he may become an "Alter Christus." That was realized by Bishop McQuaid when he established St. Bernard's Seminary and St. Andrew's Seminary for the better training in their own diocese of young men called to the Holy Priesthood.

During the first World War, St. Bernard's alumni distinguished themselves as spiritual counsellors to the men on the fighting front. When the annals of this present world-wide conflict are written, graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary will be high on the rolls of those courageous, conscientious and zealous Chaplains who have unselfishly answered the call to service.

In many camps, in many naval stations, at home and abroad St. Bernard's graduates are now serving. The Chief of United States Army Chaplains, and holding the rank of Brigadier General, Monsignor William T. Arnold is a distinguished alumnus. One graduate has already been under fire in the Battle of Midway, others will know the ordeal of battle.

Training young men for the Holy Priesthood has ever been also the concern of the laity since Bishop McQuaid first founded the minor and major seminaries in this diocese. The laity know that financial help in abundance must be forthcoming to enable these young men to complete the 12 intensive years of study.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney carrying on the great tradition of his predecessors comes again to you of the laity and asks for the necessary financial support. The Bishop's letter will be read at the Masses on Sunday, Sept. 20. The collection will come on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Throughout the Church's history have come ordeals which in perspective seemed crushing in prospect. The Church however inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit carried on. The darkness which now hovers over Christ's Church in other lands, and throws its shadows this way, will be dispelled to the extent with which the faithful meet the challenge. Our Holy Priesthood must not be weakened but strengthened in this hour of peril.

Catholic Pupils Granted Bus Service To School

Transportation by bus for Catholic students on the South Side of Elmira is being furnished for the first time this year. Thirty-one pupils attending St. Mary's Parochial School

benefit by a ruling of the state department of Education in Albany, based on a law requiring equal treatment for students of all schools, whether public or denominational; this includes transportation service whenever necessary.

The issue, two years old, was revived in the spring of this year when the Rev. John M. Duffy, superintendent of Catholic schools in the diocese of Rochester, stated that such transportation belonged to the students of St. Mary's by right. A committee representing the taxpayers appeared before the school board in May to state their claims, bearing letters from the parents of the children affected. The committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Chester D. Duval, Mrs. Glenn Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell, Andrew Matieski, Mr. Flak, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wigsten. They requested that children of St. Mary's Parochial School be per-

mitted to ride on the bus provided for public school students along the regular route. This would provide transportation for students, some of whom were obliged to come in from distances as great as two or three miles. Students of St. Mary's from the Pine City area had always received such service. The board meeting closed without any action being taken.

With the assurance of Andrew Van Hady of the Knights of Columbus that that organization backed their cause, and following an investigation by Atty. James Burke, also of the Knights of Columbus, as to the legality of their action, the committee members appeared to Commissioner George Stoddard of the Department of Education in Albany. As a result an order came through last week for the transportation of these students to be furnished by District No. 2.

On the Saturday before school opened, members of the committee attended the meeting of the school board in order to arrange the bus schedule. Of the 31 pupils benefiting by the ruling, 16 formerly attended Catholic school.

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Century of Catholicity To Be Commemorated By St. Patrick's, Owego

Bishop Joins In Marking Centenary

One hundred years of fruitful Catholic life will be reviewed and the Centenary of St. Patrick's Parish, Owego, will be solemnly and fittingly commemorated in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Marking the completion of a century of parish life and growth, Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most

An interesting review, comprehensive in scope, among persons and outstanding lay persons of St. Patrick's Church, Owego who had a part in the 100 year record of that parish appears on Page 3.

Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, assisted by priests of the Diocese. The Most Reverend Bishop will also preach on the occasion.

In preparation for the Centenary, under the direction and supervision of the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor, the exterior of the imposing church edifice has been entirely repaired and the interior has been beautifully redecorated.

A new cross rises atop the 110-foot steeple. New lantern-type Gothic lighting fixtures have been suspended from the lofty ceiling. The color scheme of the new decoration, the work of D. W. Lougher and Sons of Waverly, is light ivory, stippled egg-shell gray, blue and gold. The Stations of the Cross have been done in a two-tone ivory and gold. In keeping with the Church's beauty, the school interior, convent and rectory have been redecorated.

The pastor, Father Hynes, his assistant, the Rev. Alexander Steyer, and the parishioners are eagerly looking forward to the occasion, most rare in parish life, when they can fittingly celebrate the completion of 100 years of service to God.

The entire Diocese of Rochester will join in congratulations to all who had a part in the parish's development and in honoring those gone to their eternal reward whose names stand out in the annals of the parish.

Students Respond To Harvest Work Call

Catholic school children, 14 years of age and over, are answering the call to help in harvesting and in canning factories.

Instructions sent to the schools this week from the Superintendent's Office based on regulations from the State Department authorize absence for farm labor for a period not exceeding 15 days.

The school must certify that the child is physically able, is sufficiently strong enough in grade work so that his absence will not retard his school program and that the job is a bona fide one with adequate working conditions and safe transportation enforced. The child must receive the parental written permission and being back



CENTENARY RITES will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Owego, the beautiful Gothic edifice above. (Photo by Louis R. Funder, Otago.) Inset, the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor and director of the Centenary. (Photo by Mack.)

Laymen Plan To Attend Retreat On Sept. 25

AUBURN.—The Diocese of Rochester has a retreat house on the west shores of Seneca Lake on the outskirts of Geneva. The week-end of Friday, Sept. 25, has been designated for the men of the City of Auburn and the County of Steuben.

These laymen's retreats have been held at St. Bernard's Seminary for the past twenty years. The acquisition of the Retreat House at Geneva, as central a point as could be found in the whole diocese, marks an epoch of advancement in this very important work.

The new retreat house will accommodate 40 men. This limited number is a great advantage. In the Seminary, there was only one retreat of 40 the most low, and generally there were at least one hundred and fifty men in attendance. A more limited number

the purpose of these retreats is to enable the retreat master to have in closer contact with each of the retreatants. The Retreat House is in charge of the retreats.

Those making the retreat will report at the Retreat House in Geneva on Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 o'clock at which time supper will be served. The retreat will close in a Mass on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 27, at 4 o'clock. The morning of the retreat will close with Benediction. Applications should be made as soon as possible. They may be made with the pastor or with Mr. Frank J. Lutz, S.J.