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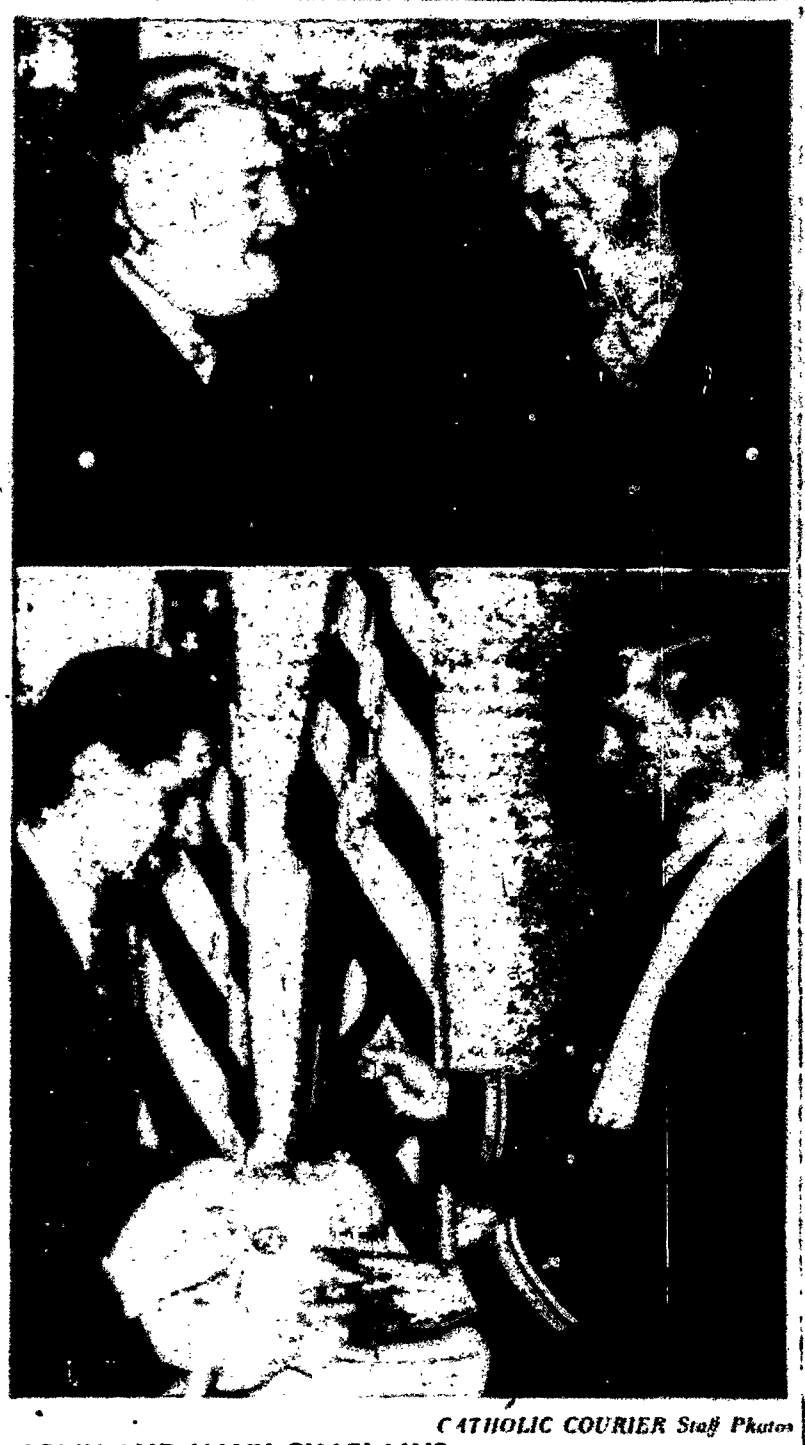

CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photos

ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS continue to leave from the Diocese of Rochester. (Upper Photo) Commissioned a First Lieutenant, Chaplain W Darcy Bolger, (right) bids goodby to a veteran chaplain of the last war, Rev. Charles J. Bruton, now State Guard Chaplain. Father Bolger ordained June 6 served as Father Bruton's assistant at St. Margaret Mary's Church and at Blessed Sacrament. He reports at Harvard Chaplains School today. (Lower Photo) Lt. (Jr. Gr.) Leonard A. Kelly, U. S. N. baptizes grandnephew H. Theodore Kelly II, son of H. Theodore Kelly, (left) nephew of the Chaplain. Father Kelly left last week for Norfolk.

Rites To Mark Diamond Jubilee of St. John's Parish, Spencerport

The Diamond Jubilee of St. John the Evangelist Church in Spencerport will be celebrated by a series of festive events during the week of Oct. 4.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will pontificate at Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday

An historical account of the 75 fruitful years of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, citing the outstanding work of pastors and people appears on Page 2, this issue.

evening, Oct. 7 at 8 o'clock with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese as Deacons of Honor. The Most Reverend Bishop will deliver the sermon on that occasion.

A Solemn High Mass requested by the children of St. John's School will be offered on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in thanksgiving to God for all the spiritual and temporal blessings which have come to this parish during the past 75 years. The former beloved pastor of St. John's, the Rev. George V. Predmore will be celebrant assisted by the Rev. Emmett Magee, present pastor, as Deacon and the Rev. Alfred Horr, assistant pastor, as subdeacon.

Thursday morning at 8:30 a. m., a High Mass of Requiem requested by the Holy Name Society will be celebrated for the deceased pastors, sisters and parishioners of St. John's.

A High Mass requested by members of the Rosary Society will be offered on Friday morning at 8:30 a. m. for all the living of the parish with a special memento for the men who have been called to serve their country in this time of crisis.

Everyone, not only of the parish but likewise of the community, is cordially invited to attend these solemn services.

DIAMOND JUBILEE celebration of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, will center in the beautiful edifice above. Inset, the Rev. Emmet Magee, pastor of St. John's who is directing the jubilee celebration.

Spread Faith Among Others Urges Father Merklinger

By Maryrose Barron

AUBURN—"One of the saddest truths today is the ignorance of our Catholic people and to have a Catholic mind and intelligence is more than to know the facts of theology and of history" were two statements made by Rev. John Merklinger newly appointed spiritual director of St. Alphonsus Catholic Action League at the first get together of the 1942-1943 season.

The opening meeting was in the form of a supper served Swedish style and held in the Parish house on East Genesee St. The affair attracted 75 members and the guests present were St. Alphonsus' assistant pastors, the Rev. Gerard Gefell and Rev. Gerard Amann.

Miss Athleen Reid assumed her duties as president of the league and she will be assisted by Rita Watkins as vice-president, Marie Meehan as secretary and Pauline Davie as treasurer. Miss Carline Rattigan will be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; Miss Marjorie Lewis of the Apostolic Committee. Miss Genevieve Cahill of the Red Cross and Miss Catherine Ryan will be in charge of publicity.

The rummage sale sponsored by the league under the leadership of Marie DeLorenzo and Helen McDonald was a huge success. Miss Carline Rattigan was appointed chairman of a card party to be held in October and Miss Dorothy Carmody will be in charge of the October meeting which will be held on Oct. 28.

NOTES FEAST DAY

Father Merklinger said in part "I am very happy to speak to you for the first time, upon the eve of a great Feastday in the Church's Calendar. Tomorrow for millions of people will be just another Thursday, the 24th of the month. For us Christians, it is the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom.

"You recall that it was in the thirteenth century the Virgin Mary appeared to three men. To Raymond of Pennafort, Peter Nolasco and to James King of Aragon, the Mother of God brought the same appealing message. It was a plea that these Christian gentlemen establish an Order of men who would ransom Christian captives from the Mohammedans, who were overrunning Spain at that time.

"Gathering a group of loyal and devoted men about them, these three leaders established the Religious Order of Our Lady of Ransom. This pious work produced

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Catholic Listeners Number 9 Million

ST LOUIS — The Sacred Heart Program, Catholic daily broadcast which originates at Station WEW here, numbers 9,000,000 listeners and is heard over 85 stations from coast to coast and in Alaska, the Rev. Eugene P. Murphy, S.J., National Director of the Program, announces.

Mission Radio - Programs Set

Radio programs to be heard on the Missions will be as follows:

October 4

Rochester WSAY, 5:30 p. m. Coast to Coast Mission program. Speaker — Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati.

Rochester WHEC, 8:45 a. m. — "The Explorers," — Mission Drama.

October 8

Elmira WENY, 4:15 p. m. — "The Explorers," — Mission Drama.

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Radio Mission Talk Set By Archbishop

A coast-to-coast broadcast under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will usher in a series of mission programs. The talk on this occasion will be given by the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati. This is being carried by transcription over Radio Station WSAY in Rochester at 5:00 P. M. on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The Story of 450 Years of Service rendered to the Americas is told in a group of four 15-minute Radio Programs to be carried by Radio Station WHEC in preparation for Mission Sunday as announced by the Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The first of these programs will be carried over WHEC on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 8:45 A. M., and Thursday, Oct. 8, at 4:00 P. M. A distinguished cast of artists whose names appear in some of the leading favorite radio productions was assembled to depict in music and drama the part played by missionaries of the Catholic Church in the discovery, expansion and development of the Americas from 1492 to 1942.

Highlights in the early Catholic life of the South Americas and in the Southland are dramatically told in the first of the broadcasts under the title, The Explorers. With Inter-American relations to the fore

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Archbishop McNicholas