



**HONORING FATHER FOX** at testimonial dinner marking his eleven years as Spiritual Director of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union were His Excellency Bishop Kearney diocesan officials pastors and priest directors of Sodalities (top photo) The honored guest the Rev Robert J

Fox and his mother Mrs Elizabeth Fox (left photo) were at the speakers table in Powers Hotel Nov 19 with (from left) the Rev Roy B Morphy, Miss Dorothy Willmann Bishop Kearney the Rev Francis P LeBuffe, S.J. and Monsignor William M Hart (in photo to right).

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## ELMIRA CATHOLIC HIGH

By Kathleen Milliken

A Book-Week Assembly was held by the Freshmen and Juniors on Friday, Nov. 20. The first half of the program, conducted by the Freshmen, consisted of two monologues, songs and dialogues by talented members of the class. The announcer was Mary Woodhull.

The Juniors carried off the second half of the program, beginning with a humorous feature by John Foley. Other numbers included a book week selection, a play written by Robert Sullivan and songs by the Junior girls. The Assembly was concluded with a talk by Father Burns. James Collins, president of the Junior class was Master of Ceremonies.

The annual Oratorical contest, sponsored by the American Legion was held in St. Patrick's Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, Nov. 24. The participating students zealously prepared their talks and competition was very close.

John Kerwan, president of the Mission Society, was in charge of the Thanksgiving party which was held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Profits realized on

## CHAPLAIN SAYS SOLDIERS WORRY MORE ABOUT FAMILY THAN FOLKS DO ABOUT HIM

LOS ANGELES. Asserting that letters, next to religion, are the best morale builder for soldiers, a Catholic chaplain speaking here said that the letters should not dwell on the petty family problems, because men in service worry enough about home as it is.

"The young man in service," declared Father John S. Kelly, chaplain at the West Coast Flying Training Center, "does a lot of high-powered worrying about father, mother, sister, wife and fiancée more about the folks at home than the folks at home do about the soldier. If he thinks they are having financial troubles or are up against it in other ways he worries himself sick and obviously cannot be a good soldier. The greater the distance the more apt this is to be so.

"Therefore, the first thing to be done in aid gives to the men in service is to write letters regularly. They need not be Pollyannish, but they should not dwell, as too many of them unfortunately do, on the petty problems of the family."

## Join Navy En Masse

BOSTON. At a ceremony at Boston College, 48 second and third-year students were sworn in to the Navy. After the oath was administered en masse, the Service Roll of Honor for the college was unveiled.

## FORTY HOURS

Devotion of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester

Sunday, Nov. 29—St. John Evangelist, St. Patrick's, Rochester, St. Mary's, Auburn, St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira.

## Reports NCCS Now Operating 291 Clubs

WASHINGTON. The rapid expansion and growth in influence of the National Catholic Community Service, official agency of the

Catholic Church for welfare work among servicemen and industrial war workers, is reviewed in the second annual report released by

the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, Secretary of the NCCS Board of Trustees.

Established by the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States as a member agency of United Service Organizations for National Defense, the NCCS now manages 291 service clubs out of a total of 1041 "operations" established under USO auspices. Of these 209 are maintained for servicemen, and 82 for industrial workers at war production centers throughout the country. Included are 22 operations serving members of the Colored race.

"The ultimate aim of the NCCS educational and recreational program is to provide an opportunity and an incentive for every serviceman and war production worker to participate in some activity in which he or she is interested," Monsignor Ready states. The agency attempts to combine up-to-date recreational activities with such traditional leisure facilities as the radio, motion pictures and informal audio visual education.

For the year ending June 30, 1942 attendance at NCCS clubs totaled 8,012,374. Registration for group activities conducted at NCCS clubs was 3,750,456 during the same period. Invitations were extended by the clubs to 115,881 servicemen to be guests at "hospitality dinners" at private homes, and overnight sleeping accommodations were found for a total of 114,232 persons.

The agency has 2,000 employees of which 1,209 are classified as non-professional. Selective Service and enlistment of NCCS employees cause a considerable turn-over in the personnel, and present indications are that it may be "necessary before long to make greater use of women workers in our operations for servicemen."

Catholic literature distributed through the NCCS includes 687,000 missals and prayerbooks, 1,159,000 religious pamphlets, 678,300 pocket crucifixes, rosaries and medals, and 31,100 Catholic books and magazines.

The agency to date has received \$2,783,098 from the USO and is spending at the rate of about \$300,000 monthly. Monsignor Ready reported his statement pays tribute to Chairman Francis P. Matthews, NCCS representative on the USO general policy committee for "unflinching and conscientious service."

## Lima Parish Paid Tribute On 100th Anniversary

The Holy Sacrifice performed in its most elaborate and solemn ceremonial, the Pontifical Mass, climaxed the celebration in St. Rose Church of the Centennial of the First Mass in the Lima parish.

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester was the celebrant of the Mass. He was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.C., as assistant priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, as Deacons of Honor. Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, of Nazareth Academy, as Deacon of the Mass, and Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Danville, sub-deacon.

Rev. Lawrence B. Casey of Rochester and Rev. Edward Lyons, President of St. Andrews Seminary, were first and second Masters of Ceremonies, respectively. The minor offices of the Mass were performed by the students of St. Andrews Seminary.

The music of the Mass was furnished also by the students of St. Andrews Seminary under the direction of Rev. Benedict Elman, St. Bernard Seminary.

The spacious church edifice, the beautiful interior of which was enhanced by floral decorations in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion, was filled with a congregation for the most part composed of the members of the parish. The devoted loyalty of St. Rose parishioners was manifested in the great numbers of former members of the parish who came from Rochester and the adjoining towns of Geneva, Danville, Rush, Canandaigua, Stanley, Hornell, Genesee, East Bloomfield, Mt. Morris and Honeoye Falls, to participate in the event. A guard of honor of thirty members of the Nautical Adoration Society of St. Rose Church added to the impressiveness of the ceremonies.

After the Mass, a class of forty children received the Sacrament

of Confirmation from the hands of the Bishop.

In his jubilee sermon Bishop Kearney referred to the sacrifices and the faith of the organizers and builders of the parish, and paid tribute to the present generation for having retained the spirit of the early parishioners and for having preserved to the present the gifts that were handed down to them.

He said that the history of the parish can not be measured by physical developments or material possessions, but must be judged solely on the relationship of each individual, be he priest or parishioner, to his God. His Excellency declared that in this relationship the real beauty of parochial history is created and is known only to God, for as the most beautiful inspirations of the poet cannot be expressed in words, the most beautiful mental images of the artist cannot be transferred to the canvass, the most touching harmony and melody in the mind of the musician cannot be translated to music, so the most beautiful part of parochial history escapes the chronicle of man but lives forever in the records of heaven.

The Bishop said that the dominant spirit of a centennial is undoubtedly one of thanksgiving, and that while we are thankful to God for the gifts of one hundred years, that at present, especially, we are appreciative of the gift of freedom of worship for which our nation is warring today, for which all of the citizens of the United States are sacrificing, with the hope that the speedy coming of peace will establish securely and firmly a nation where man may follow his conscience and perform his duties, as God and his reason dictate.

## Sodality Union Honors Father Fox, First Director

More than one hundred sixty Sodality directors attended the testimonial dinner last Thursday evening at the Powers Hotel in honor of the Rev. Robert J. Fox,

the first director of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union, who has served this organization during the eleven years of its existence.

Guests of honor at the dinner included Father Fox and his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, to whom His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, in his address, paid glowing tribute, declaring that "these tributes that you have given him tonight, he can lay as a bouquet at her feet."

Other guests included Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.C., Rev. Francis J. LeBuffe, S.J., of New York and Miss Dorothy Willmann of St. Louis. The Rev. Donald Cleary, who was one of Father Fox's right-hand men in the early days of the Sodality Union, and who is now Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University was toastmaster.

Speakers for the testimonial were Monsignor Hart, Miss Florence Dietrick, president of the Sodality Union, the Misses Helen Guntert, Mary Leary, Rita Doolin and Mrs. Margaret McMahon, former presidents of the Union, Rev. Roy B. Morphy, recently appointed to succeed Father Fox, Miss Willmann, Father LeBuffe, and Bishop Kearney. Each in his turn spoke of the outstanding work Father Fox has done in Sodality and organization work, and more particularly of his undying "interest in souls."

Miss Betty Keegan, accompanied at the piano by Miss Francis Ennis, rendered two vocal selections, and Father Morphy, ably assisted by Miss Willmann and Father LeBuffe, led the group in community singing.

Mrs. Fox received a floral tribute from the Sodality and Helen Guntert presented Father Fox with the jeweled Sodality pin and a war bond.

In expressing his admiration of the Sodality work in general and of its benefit to the people of Rochester in particular, Bishop Kearney stated that it was his fervent hope that "the chapters that follow may present as pleasing a picture in the sight of the Mother of God as the chapter that closed tonight."

## Jesuit Educator Dies

WASHINGTON. Funeral services for the Rev. Charles J. Hennessy, S.J., Minister of Carroll House, Catholic University of America, were held in Dahlgren Chapel, Georgetown University, with the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons,