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Nocturnal Adoration Move Lauded At Annual Communion

"You are making a very definite contribution to your own sanctity in the sight of God and are helping to preserve the spiritual power that went out from the old Cathedral parish."

This was the message of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, to members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society at their annual Corporate Communion Breakfast held at Powers Hotel, Sunday, Apr. 5. The breakfast was preceded by Holy Mass celebrated by the Bishop in St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Ave. North, where the men assembled one night a month in bands of eight to keep all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed.

Assisting His Excellency in the Mass and in the Corporate Communion which brought close to 250 men to St. Patrick's were the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Moderator of the Society, and the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien.

Faith in the Real Presence, as demonstrated by Nocturnal Adoration men, was dwelt upon by the Bishop. His Excellency pointed out at the breakfast is gauged in the final analysis by the number of people who get to Heaven as a result of the spiritual activity in the diocese. The great influence in the community and among their fellowmen that can result from increased spiritual living was emphasized.

Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, the Bishop declared, are keeping alive the tradition of old St. Patrick's parish. Coming from various sections to spend your hour with Our Lord continues to send the same spiritual powers through the diocese that emanated from the old Cathedral.

"You have brought into being a spiritual Cathedral, the influence of which is just as strong, just as powerful as in the past." The foundation laid by the eminent Bishop McQuaid is being built upon spiritually and the tradition of the founders is being kept alive.

Two other spiritual activities in the diocese were emphasized by His Excellency, the First Friday Luncheon Club, sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Diocesan Retreat House movement.

The Bishop said that a tremendous amount of spiritual power is being generated at Our Lady of the Lake Diocesan Retreat House on Seneca Lake, Geneva, conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. There, over the week-end, twenty or thirty young Navy men from Sampson Naval Training Station were making the retreat.

Redemptorist Fathers in charge are conducting the retreats for the Navy recruits with expenses being borne by the congregation. There at the home-like retreat houses gather Navy officers, nurses, and recruits or "boots" at various times to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament and to confer with the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.B., director.

Bishop Kearney explained that the First Friday Luncheon Club and the closed week-end retreats offer opportunity for self sanctification. These movements bring the soul closer to God and bring greater assurance of eternal salvation.

The First Friday Luncheon Club meets on the First Friday of the month at the Sagamore Hotel and the daily requirement is that a Catholic man has received Holy Communion that morning. A priest-speaker is heard on a doctrinal subject.

President Clarence R. Fiebler who presided at the breakfast, urged members to sign cards for the First Friday Luncheon Club. Choral numbers were sung by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Men's Choir with Raymond J. Hasenauer directing. The program was opened with "Ecce Sacerdos" arranged by Mr. Hasenauer and dedicated by him to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

Silent prayer was offered for the late William G. Wynn, one of the founders and most active in the beginning of the Nocturnal Adoration Society throughout the diocese and for the other members who died during the year.

Secretary Joseph W. Beon reported 1,935 hours of adoration for the year, 81 members in the armed forces and a roster of 700 members. Many of the members are working nights in war plants, he stated, and present members were urged to bring in new members. Benedict Khaman was general chairman of the Corporate Communion and breakfast.

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80th Birthday Finds Merchant Walking Daily To His Work



William F. Shafer

William F. Shafer's birthday on Tuesday, April 6, recorded him as 80 years old, but it seems walking to work, these days, the observer would say he is "80 years young."

The Past Grand Knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, faithful member of the Regimental Staff, Knights of St. John, and pioneer member of Maza Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, rarely misses walking to work each day.

Affiliated with Shafer Company, furriers, 51 East Ave., he is believed to be Rochester's oldest active merchant. His experience goes back to 1870 when only 13 years of age, he went to work for Charles Mang, furrier. Seven years later the firm of Mang and Shafer was formed, with Mr. Shafer as the junior partner.

The Mang and Shafer firm prospered for many years with Shafer eventually rising to the presidency which post he held when the firm was dissolved in 1930. He has since been in business with one of his four sons, E. George Shafer, and their business headquarters is at 51 East Ave.

His present clientele, Mr. Shafer observes, still includes representatives of families originally served by Mang and Shafer.

A native of Rochester, Mr. Shafer attended St. Boniface School. Fond of travel, he has made many trips to Europe, where he combined scenic and historical excursions with tours to foreign fur markets.

An exemplary Catholic layman, he is widely known for his activities in various fields of Catholic endeavor. He lives with his wife, several years his junior, at 88 S. Union St.

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- Third Grade — Paul George, Gladis Deschamps, Diane Bernard, Ruth Tolson.
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- Sixth Grade — William Brooks, Rose Scudette, Jerry Hall, Louise Gull, Theresa Macchibello.
- Seventh Grade — John Lee, Thomas Casper, Thomas Kane, Nancy Deschamps, Anne Telford.
- Eighth Grade — Elaine Hall, Jean Telford.

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PHILADELPHIA—Awarded a citation for service under fire at Pearl Harbor, Miss Laurate Egan, of Newark, a U. S. Navy nurse, is one of five daughters who are nurses of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Van, of St. John the Baptist Parish, Newark. Three of the daughters are graduates of St. Mary's School of Nursing, Newark, and three are in the armed forces of the nation.

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