

\$11,500 Gift For Chaplains Features K. C. State Meet

ALBANY—A check for \$11,500, together with a pledge of \$5,000 more to be paid within the course of the year by New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, was presented by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, state chaplain, to the Most Rev. Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate of the Armed Forces in a banquet to the state convention held here.

Presentations were made at a banquet in Hotel Ten Eyck at which the Most Rev. J. Francis A. McIntyre of New York, Supreme Knight Francis P. Matthews, Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb and Supreme Director Michael F. Walsh were among the guests of honor.

War Activity
The \$11,500 represented individual gifts to the chaplains by the various subordinate councils, which took place during a recent campaign of the War Activities Com-

mission headed by Judge Martin J. Fay of Yonkers, chairman. It was estimated that more than 25 per cent of the total amount from similar in the Diocese of Rochester. The \$11,500 pledge is a renewal of a grant which has been made by the State Council for the past two years.

In accepting the gift on behalf of the Chaplains Aid Association, Bishop O'Hara commended the Knights for their continued interest in the work of the priests serving with the armed forces. He noted instances of the deep faith being manifested by the men in service and said that they were helping the missionaries whom they had once provided them into many quarters of the globe.

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Bishop Burke, Buffalo Auxiliary, Will Be Consecrated June 29

BUFFALO—The Most Rev. Joseph A. Burke, Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo, will be consecrated in St. Joseph's Minor Cathedral on Tuesday, June 29, the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.

His Excellency the Most Rev. Francis O'Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo, will be the consecrator. The consecrators will be the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Archbishop of Newark, and the Most Rev. Edward P. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany. The sermon will be delivered by the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo.

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Supreme Secretary Lamb cited

Supreme Secretary Lamb cited Rochester Council for being worthy in the entire order in the recent War Bond Drive.

Buffalo State Warden Burke, others elected from the Rochester Diocese were Clement Murphy, Corning; Eugene J. Flynn, Rochester; alternate, Basil J. Vanlanen; of Elmira was not clerk at the election. On committees were "In Memoriam" George Shannon, Auburn; Men on Service Committee "Honor Roll" Branton Middleton, Danville; Resolutions, Thomas H. O'Connor, Rochester; Catholic Action, Franklin Allen, Newark.

Elmira was chosen for the 1944 convention.

NOW THEY CAN SAY MASS!

Have you ever been in an ordination? You'll never forget it! The sight of the youthful deacons in their snowy albs, carrying lighted candles, their vestments folded over their arms. How eagerly they press forward, their eyes alight with zeal, their faces glowing with fervor. Behind them, praying for them, kneel their fellow seminarians, next year's class, and next year's, and the next... And their families: mothers with tears streaming down their cheeks, fathers with rosaries clasped in tense fists.

The firm silent laying on of hands by the Bishop, standing magnificently tall in his mitre, the gradual vesting of the deacons, and the symbolic bestowal of their powers, one by one, until the young men stand priests of God, clad in the sacred vestments of the altar.

The joy of it all! Mothers press through the crowd to kneel at the feet of their sons, to receive their first priestly blessing. Fathers were waiting a condense in friendly sport, now draw to their knees in reverence and kiss the sacred chrism still glowing on his palm.

And the new priest—well, it has all been just too large for comprehen-

hension. He walks as one in a dream. He can say Mass now. He can hardly wait until tomorrow when he shall for the first time greet his Lord, resting now between his fingers. He can hear confessions. He thinks of the lines which will form outside his box on the eve of feast days. He can baptize, and marry, and anoint the sick. He can bless whatever is brought to him. It is too much; his mind staggers at the thought of the powers received this morning.

Wherever he goes, now, he brings gladness. "Have come the priest!" "Father, will you hear my confession?" "Father, will you say a Mass for my boy?" "Will you please bless this, Father?" "Our daughter is dying, Father."

Never has an ordination been so anxiously awaited and so eagerly received as this year's. The cry for army chaplains has been long and anguished. Service back home is being trimmed to the quick. There aren't enough priests to take care of the work. So pray for these new priests to hold on to their zeal and Christian ideals, and beseech Almighty God to raise up to His Church vocations by the thousands. We need them, and He'll supply them for the asking.

—Rev. Richard Glider.

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