Holy Father Sends Blessing To F. C. Pohl Completing 50 Years At Church Organ

Concluding 50 years as organist of St. Michael's Church, Professor Frederick C. Pohl was the recipient on Sunday evening of a special blessing from the Holy Father and the personal congratulations of the Apostolic Delegate and His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney.

A hundred guests, including clergy and laity, attended the Sunday evening dinner in St. Michael's Hall at which the jubilarian was the guest of honor.

'Priesthood of Choir'

Congratulating Professor Pohl on his notable record of service to the Church, Bishop Kearney also extolled the dignity of sacred music. "Because of the close intimacy of the church choir and church organist with the priest who celebrates Holy Mass, we can describe the service of Church music as the 'Priesthood of the Choir' even as we call the service of the sanctuary the 'Priesthood of the Altar,'" the Bishop stated.

Bishop Kearney read the letter from the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, who announced the papal blessing to Professor Pohl.

"I am indeed pleased to inform you," the Apostolic Delegate wrote the jubilarian, "that on this memorable day on which you are completing fifty years of devoted service as organist and choirmaster of St. Michael's Church, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has very graciously deigned to impart to you his special Apostolic Blessing. I wish to assure you likewise of my own personal congratulations and good wishes."

Join in Tributes

Words of tribute were also extended to the St. Michael's musician by the Rev. Arthur G. Florack, pastor; the Rev. J. Emil Cefell, S.T.D., a boyhood friend, and the Rev. Francis J. Hoefen, a former pupil of the jubilarian.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, 71 years ago, Professor Pohl came to Rochester when he was 15 years old.

Appointed organist of St. Michael's Church when he was only 21 years of age, the musician has missed only six Sundays in his 50 years at the Clinton Avenue church.

In 1912 he joined the Hermann Dossenbach Orchestra, or Rochester Orchestra as it was afterwards known, and remained a member until 1918. He also played for two seasons with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Knights of Columbus Choral Society was under his direction from 1925 to 1927.

He is a graduate of the College of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Professor Pohl and his wife, Mrs. Celia Staub Pohl, live at 393 Clifford Avenue. Their only daughter, Sister Mary Fabiola, is a member of St. Mary's Convent, Buffalo.

FAITHFUL SERVICE over half-a-century as organist and choirmaster at St. Michael's Church brought congratulations to Frederick C. Pohl (right) shown with his pastor, the Rev. Arthur A. Florack and Mrs. Pohl at testimonial dinner, Sunday.

Holy Cross Parish Boy Gives Life In Italy

Friends and relatives of Pvt. Theodore Demchock who was reported killed in action in Italy on Oct. 16 assisted at a High Mass at Holy Cross Church, Nov. 28.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Alexander J. McCabe. Prof. Leon Ashen was at the organ. Children of the parish school received Holy Communion in a body.

Private Demchock attended Holy Cross School and was the first pupil from the school to make the supreme sacrifice in action. He was inducted last December and was sent overseas in May.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; a fifteen-month old daughter, Gale Ann; several brothers and sisters including Stephen Demchock who at present is with the army in Africa.

Children's Play Next At Eastman

Next play in the annual series of Clare Tree Major productions for young people at the Eastman Theater will be given Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11.

It will be the enjoyable story of the "Nuremberg Stove," written by Ouida. She is a novelist known best for her romantic works. But, in her later years, she turned to children's stories and turned out four of the best, including "A Dog of Flanders," "Bimbi" "Two Little Wooden Shoes" and "The Nuremberg Stove."

Her experience in writing is much like that of other famous creators of important works for children. They wrote successful books for children only after they had acquired a sure technique writing adult works.

Examples are Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," Barrie's "Peter Pan," Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" and many others in the same group.

Mrs. Major senses this fact in her plays. She goes on the theory, "If the play is not good enough for adults, it is not good enough for children."

Bowling

Catholic League

St. Boniface				Holy Ghost No. 2			
Gaudiosi	197	201	176	Welch	142	170	127
Anderson	148	138	161	Kellner	168	191	148
Gerke	154	144	154	Stout	144	118	132
Hartmann	171	180	180	Rosenthal	148	139	138
Ulmer	181	124	167	Caulfield	144	154	161
					+ 48	15	46
Totals	851	827	798	Totals	798	735	797

Holy Ghost No. 1				St. John's, Geneseo			
Stark	159	197	171	Berryson	156	201	192
Roach	156	119	98	Frohnin	158	132	127
Bleckley	141	156	171	Dudley	199	142	196
Hunter	179	127	146	Bucher	178	200	170
Dain	126	224	158	Perkins	152	203	161
	+ 73	73	73				
Totals	786	871	820	Totals	989	1010	919

St. Michael's				St. Mary's			
Sweeney	188	191	176	Sprague	188	156	145
Fox	157	155	153	Cook	156	149	155
Carroll	162	184	200	Overbaker	179	159	160
Hennessy	182	194	202	Gardner	154	214	176
Burke	170	186	154	Fink	162	168	147
	+ 79	79	79				
Totals	938	973	964	Totals	839	846	783

Cathedral				Our Mother of Sorrows			
Hoffman	177	168	168	Kelly	153	178	154
Kelly	157	155	157	Cunningham	157	144	144
Ryan	178	178	178	Ryan	157	188	140
Hoffman	178	178	178	Hoffman	160	161	
Fitzpatrick	171	170	202	Kelly	162	169	171
				Gaudiosi		201	172
					+ 96	96	96
Totals	859	849	883	Totals	829	947	794

St. Patrick's				Immaculate Conception			
Hoffman	181	181	181	Hoffman	144	172	168
Hoffman	178	178	178	Hoffman	115	157	168
Hoffman	178	178	178	Hoffman	178	157	155
Hoffman	178	178	178	Hoffman	178	151	155
Hoffman	178	178	178	Hoffman	178	178	178
					+ 54	54	54
Totals	893	893	893	Totals	825	869	878

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On Dec. 7, Immaculate Conception Sodality will hold its annual reception of new members. There are about thirty girls to be received. His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney will receive them.

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A day of retreat is going to be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, by St. George's Sodality of our Lady. This is a very commendable project and we hope that more Sodalities will try it.

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On Sunday, Nov. 7, 23 members of St. Ambrose Sodality of Our Lady got up in the wee hours of the morning and sang the Mass at the County Home. This is certainly a remarkable number to attend from one Sodality. Congratulations!

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We would like to express our thanks to the Sodalists of St. Jerome's Sodality in East Rochester. At nearly every Union meeting, there are some representatives from this Sodality. Certainly, if they can come in all the way from East Rochester, Sodalists from Rochester should not find it difficult to attend the meetings. We hope to see a larger group at our next meeting on Dec. 30.

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The schedule of Sodalities for the singing at the County Home for December is as follows:

December 5 — St. Boniface's Sodality.

December 12 — St. Michael's Sodality.

December 19 — (this day still open).

December 26 — St. Patrick's Sodality.

All-Girl Council

New Orleans.—The Loyola Maroon, weekly student newspaper of Loyola University of the South, has its first all-girl executive council. The members of the council include Miss Marion Schlosser, editor; Miss Doris McCutchon, managing editor, and Miss Pat Keenan, executive editor.

Christmas Seal Sale Mounts

The first day's returns of the Christmas Seal Sale of the County Health Committee of the Tuberculosis and Health Association were "highly encouraging," according to officials of the Association. Christmas Seals were received in the mail by Monroe County citizens on Monday. Tuesday's mail of last week brought letters to the Association's headquarters with contributions totaling about $600.

"These prompt responses to our appeal show that the post office authorities did an excellent job of handling the Seal mail and that the people in Monroe County recognize the Association's work as vital to the health and welfare of the community," John C. Malloch, chairman of the County Health Committee, said today.

"I understand that tuberculosis is now on a dreadful rampage in certain European and Asiatic countries," he said. "I think the fact that, although tuberculosis has increased in the United States in certain areas, there has been no general increase throughout the entire country is a great verdict on the value of the tuberculosis associations. However, there is no room for complacency. For the first time in twenty years there has been a slight upward trend in the tuberculosis death rate in New York State. That trend can be reversed only by extra effort now."

PARISH PLANS BARN DANCE

Arrangements have been completed for a Barn Dance to be held at St. Charles Club Casino, Davey Road, Saturday evening, Dec. 4.

Music will be furnished from 8:30 to 12:30 P. M. by Bill Sweet's orchestra, with William Shiplick [illegible]

Tickets may be obtained at the [illegible] present at 50 cents.

Britons Repatriated Include No Chaplains

LONDON. — No Catholic chaplains have returned with the 5,000 repatriated men and women who have arrived in this country from German prisoner of war and concentration camps.

Eight nuns were with one of the parties. They include a Dominican, Mother Benedict, an Adoration Reparatrice nun, who was released on the plea of the Swiss Council in Trinidad that she might resume her work among the lepers.

Is the soul which is united to God it is always Spring.—St. John Vianney.

Final Tribute For Nun 48 Years In Religion

Sister M. Anthony Dalton

Funeral services for Sister M. Anthony of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph were held in Holy Family Chapel at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford on Thursday morning, Nov. 25, at 9 A. M. Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. John Murphy, C.S.B. of the Faculty of Aquinas Institute, assisted by the Rev. James O'Connell, assistant of St. Lucy's Church as Deacon and the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, Assistant Director of Rochester Catholic Charities as Sub-deacon. The Rev. Edward J. Lintz of the Faculty of Nazareth College was Master of Ceremonies. The Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, chaplain of Nazareth Convent was present in the sanctuary.

Interment was made in the Sisters' Plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and the last blessing was given by the Rev. Thomas Brennan of the Faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Death came to Sister Anthony on Nov. 23, 1943.

Sister Anthony was born in Phelps, and was in the 48th year of her Religious life. She was instructor in sewing at St. Patrick's Girls' Home for many years before her assignment to Nazareth Convent, Pittsford.

She is survived by three sisters; Mrs. Ellen Tobin of Clifton Springs, Mrs. J. J. Griffin and Miss Julia Dalton of Buffalo and several nieces and nephews.

FORTY HOURS

Devotions of the Forty Hours scheduled in churches of the Diocese of Rochester follows:

Friday, Dec. 3—SS. Peter and Paul's, Rochester.

Sunday, Dec. 5 — St. Mary's, Rochester; Nazareth Convent, Pittsford.

Library Grows

NEW YORK.—Twenty years ago Manhattan College pointed proudly to a collection of books in excess of 25,000 volumes, housed in a wing of Manhattan Hall. Today in the spacious building on the campus, named in honor of its distinguished alumnus Cardinal Hayes and dedicated by him on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the College, the book collection has not only trebled in size, but is rapidly approaching the 90,000-mark.

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