

# Bishop Commends New Confraternity Center As Barrier To Delinquency

**HORNELL**—The new Confraternity Center of St. Ignatius Loyola was inspected and blessed by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James M. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 4 P. M.

This building was given to the parish by Francis M. Cameron, a brother of the pastor, the Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron and of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester.

Work of renovation and preparation of the building has been carried on for many months. The new center is now ready for occupancy.

Bishop Kearney was accompanied by the pastor and other priests of Hornell and vicinity, the parish trustees, F. Mansuet Donnelly and John Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Cameron and men of the parish.

After blessing the building, Bishop Kearney addressed parishioners in St. Ignatius Loyola Church, the ceremony closing with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at the beauty and suitability of the new building and said that this parish actively is the answer to the challenge of present day needs of the Church. "In these days when juvenile delinquency is so widely disseminated," said the Bishop, "young people must not be blamed for being wrong, if they have never been taught the difference between right and wrong."

"Recreation centers and instructors may be provided but they will never of themselves eliminate delinquency, the remedy of which is religious instruction and moral training." In thanking the people for their sacrifice and cooperation the Bishop said that "if this building serves no other purpose than to give your children this opportunity of training by their priests, it will have justified your efforts."

**Outright Gift**  
The building now to be used by St. Ignatius Loyola Parish was the home of the late State Committeeman, James M. Schwarzenbach. Property was acquired by Francis M. Cameron and was occupied by Hornell Council 544, Knights of Columbus from 1924 to 1940. The outright gift of the property was made to the parish, March 16, 1942. Located on the corner of Elm and Center Sts. in a residential section of the city, the new Parish Center is an imposing structure. The exterior is of solid brick and has large porches. In the interior, the two main floors are divided into spacious meeting rooms, library and other educational needs. A public address and sound system

has been installed, and arrangements are being made to provide kitchen and other equipment. The new center will then be among the finest of its kind in any parish.

In outlining the plan of operation, Father Cameron said that he feels the need of closer contact with his parishioners.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in its all-year program of study clubs is the agency best adapted to provide this closer contact, which should answer the social and educational needs of Catholic people. Groups of high school and younger children, as well as parish societies of men

and women can meet with their priests, in a social and educational way in a Catholic atmosphere and in pleasant surroundings. These activities need not be entirely restricted in form or in attendance, and much good can be done to the parish and to the entire community.

A reception was held in the new Confraternity Center Wednesday, Feb. 2 when the people of St. Ignatius Loyola parish welcomed all their friends in Hornell. Refreshments were served and the public was received from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and 7:30 to 9 p. m. in the evening.

No man is obliged to do as much as he can do. A man is to give part of his life to himself.—Samuel Johnson.

The thought of God fills me so full of life that I want to go and do something for everybody.—George MacDonald.

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## AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARIES ESCAPE FROM JAPANESE, REPORTED SAFE ON TARAWA

**NEW YORK**—The Melbourne radio reported Jan. 31 that the Mother Superior of Daughters of the Sacred Heart at Sydney had received word last night that a group of missionaries, unreported since the Japanese occupied the Gilbert Islands in December, 1941, had escaped from Japanese guards to reach Tarawa by native canoe shortly after United States forces occupied that island.

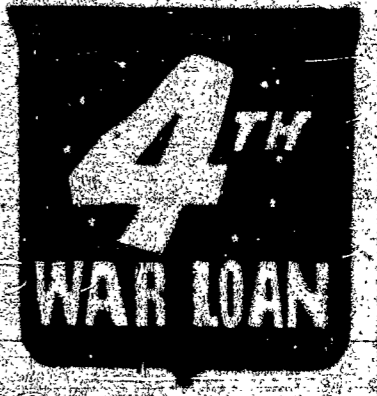
According to the Melbourne broadcast, as it was recorded by U. S. government monitors, the information received at Sydney explained that the missionary Sisters and Brothers, members of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, working in the Gilberts had been taken to Tarawa by the invading Japanese and kept there under close guard for about nine months, shifted then to another island for the next seven months and finally to a third camp.

"After the Americans landed in the Gilberts, Japanese guards released the missionaries of having been exchanged to the Americans to liberate the Japanese," Melbourne broadcast.

It was a native that the missionaries had wanted to kill them, but the help of the Americans and their prison guards saved them after a long struggle, the broadcast con-



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