# Bishop at Graduation Rite Lauds Hospital Staff's Work in Epidemic

By Dolores E. Hanrahan

HORNELL.—The Most Rev. Bishop James E. Kearney, speaking at graduation ceremonies of St. James' Mercy Hospital School of Nursing at St. Ann's Church Sunday, reminded the ten graduates that their success will be truly measured by the part God plays in their lives.

Congratulating the nurses on their generation's magnificent record of achievement, Bishop Kearney said: "Just as me nin the uniform of the country's armed forces dedicate their lives to the saving of ideals, so do those in the white uniform of the medical profession consecrate their lives to the service of others."

The Bishop contrasted the philosophy of the spirit of nursing, that of making life more worthwhile for others, with the philosophy of rationalism which is "every man for himself." This false teaching, propagated in the universities of Germany, said Bishop Kearney, led to the evils of Nazism.

While the nursing service necessarily is not always rewarded in this world, he continued, the consciousness of knowing one was lightening the cares of another was sufficient compensation for the ingratitude of the world.

**Guide To Success.**

"It is most appropriate that these ceremonies be held in the House of God," His Excellency said, "to implore His blessing all the difficult way. God will stay with us as long as He feels welcome." He urged the class to pattern their lives according to the Will of God to attain a real and lasting success.

At the conclusion of his address, Bishop Kearney advised nurses to give wholeheartedly of themselves along with their services, for in so doing they will serve threefold — themselves, their patients and their God.

The class was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. Andrew T. Dissett, who also addressed the group, congratulating the entire hospital staff on its zealous and heroic work in the polio epidemic.

Music for the ceremony was in charge of the Sisters of Mercy choir. During Benediction, the class of graduates recited a solemn nurses' prayer, imploring God for patience and dedicating their lives to His service.

Members of the graduating class are: Sister Mary Virginia, Sister Mary Andre and the Misses Norma Ruch, Wileen Matthews, Evelyn Klees, Doris Spencer, Ruth Wormley, Pauline Custic, Mary Kenyon and Onalee Hunt.

## Steve O'Rourke Rites Held in Kansas

Funeral services for Steve O'Rourke, nationally known figure in major league baseball, scout for the New York Yankees and highly esteemed in his native city of Rochester were held last week in St. Mary's, Kansas.

O'Rourke died on Sept. 22 in Denver, Colo., where he went after being hospitalized here in Rochester. He was a frequent visitor to the Knights of Columbus clubrooms on trips home and often visited with Joseph J. Garin, manager, Columbus Civic Centre alleys, a long-time friend.

Born in Cole St., where his mother still lives, Steve went to St. Bridget's School, St. Michael's College in Toronto and Holy Cross College, Worcester. He played at Holy Cross on the same baseball team with Jack Barry, later an Athletics star and played football under Major Frank Cavanaugh at Holy Cross.

Playing minor and major league baseball after leaving college, he later took up coaching and was in turn head coach of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.; St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., and St. Mary's, in St. Mary's, Kans., where his baseball teams became nationally famous.

O'Rourke later became a scout for the Detroit Tigers in the American League and then took a job with the Yankees as scout. He is said to have been the original of a character in Father Finn's famous books for boys.

He is survived by his wife and a son, Jack, in Topeka, Kans., and two sons in service, Pvt. Steve, Jr., of Camp Fannin, Tex., and Sgt. Jimmy O'Rourke in Italy.

## Home on Leave

Lieut. (j.g.) John A. Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Mooney of Oxford St., has returned from overseas for a ten-day leave. He will return to Providence, R. I., for reassignment.

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## 2 Savings Banks Sponsor 'Life Insurance Month'

Two savings banks of Rochester have designated the month of October as "Savings Bank Life Insurance Month." The Rochester Savings Bank and the Community Savings Bank, the two savings banks in Rochester that issue life insurance, are launching an educational program to make known the advantages of Savings Bank Life Insurance to the people of the community. The banks issue policies in amounts of $250.00 to $3,000.00 for men, women and children. It is bought on a direct-to-buyer basis. The applicant applies at the savings bank in person or by mail.

Several years ago the members of the New York State Legislature decided that the savings banks should make this service available to the people. They felt that the savings banks, with their large number of depositors, were the logical institutions to offer voluntary life insurance. Since the purchase of life insurance and the practice of thrift are strongly woven together, it has been directly in line with the work of the savings banks.

The October promotional program for Savings Bank Life Insurance Month will consist of newspaper advertising, radio programs and bus advertising on a joint basis with the two banks. In addition, depositors of each bank will be contacted through various channels within the banks. Each bank will have a life insurance booth in a prominent place on the bank floor. Information and literature will be available at these booths.

## Waking the Dead

There is, to American ears, something shady and reprehensible in the term "wake." It is believed, in some quarters, that all the mourners spend the night in drunken revels. Perhaps my lot was cast with particularly sober Irish, but, in my three decades of wake-going, I never saw anyone the worse for liquor. Whiskey there was to be sure, and wine and beer and tobacco, and food aplenty, for an Irishman is never so hospitable as when he's dead . . . And while no undue levity would be tolerated, a good story-teller or a wit is a welcome addition to the waking party, especially during the heavy-eyed hours just before the dawn.—Jill O'Nan in The Commonweal.

## '40 Hours' Held In Corning Church

CORNING.—Forty Hours Devotions opened Sunday at the 11 A.M. Mass of St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Sunday evening the Rev. Peter Jankowski, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Addison, gave the sermon, and the Rev. Francis Harding of Hornell and the Rev. Lawrence Gannon of Hammondsport were the speakers on Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively.

The recitation of the Rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament were held each evening at 7:45 o'clock.

## When All Seemed Well

During the 1880's and 90's, when humanely disposed men and women were congratulating themselves that, with labor and capital engaged in new and colossal economic enterprises, with the solidarity of the working classes foreshadowed by the rise of socialism, humanity could at least be placed above nationality, a turning point was reached. Peacefully disposed peoples were being drawn, almost in spite of themselves, toward war.

## Have No Right To Dictate To God

—the manner in which He shall forgive our sins. It is God who has been offended, and His privilege to indicate how He shall restore us to His favor. If you offend another, you have no right to tell him what way he will pardon you. A sinner should be glad to obtain God's forgiveness on any terms. God's ordinary way is by confessing our sins to a priest. John 20, 23: "Whosoever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whosoever sins ye retain,

## Nazareth Mothers Will Meet on Tuesday

The Mothers' Club of Nazareth Hall will hold its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1944 at 2 P. M. in the school auditorium.

The atheist or agnostic may be likened to the man who silences the radio when it carries a program which he prefers not to hear.

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