

Chaplains Praised at K. of C. Dinner; Rite Enrolls 45 New Ladies of Charity



THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, (center, top photo) came to Elmira Sunday morning for Ladies of Charity Patronal Feast Mass. With the bishop in photo are Mrs. John F. McCormack, President, Ladies of Charity (left) and Lady Armstrong, guest speaker from New York. In the evening the bishop addressed the Knights of Columbus. At right present at the K. of C. speaker's table were: (lower photo from left) Chaplain Leslie C. Whalen, Chaplain Raymond E. Nolan, Grand Knight Eugene P. Agan and Chaplain Frederick P. Gehring.

Bishop Officiates At Patronal Feast Affiliation

By MRS. MARY E. FITZGERALD
More than 200 members and affiliates attended the Mass marking the Fifth Annual Observance of the Feast of St. Louis de Marillac, co-Patroness of the Ladies of Charity, Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira. At the Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, the members received Holy Communion in a body. The bishop officiated at the affiliation ceremony for 45 following the Mass. Assisting was the Rev. Leo G. Schwarz, Reverend Moderator of the Elmira Unit, Ladies of Charity. Following the Act of Canonization which they repeated after Bishop Kearney, the 45 new members promised to dedicate themselves as far as circumstances permit, to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ in the care of His poor. Each Lady received a small crucifix from His Excellency. In the sermon at the Mass, His Excellency commented on the observance of the Feast of St. Louis and inspiration of the relationship of each Lady of Charity to this great spiritual Mother. Speaking to the new affiliates, he reminded them that they should as serve that they might bring the fruits of their labor as their share of the offering to be made at the Mass next year. The Communion Benediction which was celebrated for half an hour at the Mark Twain Hotel was attended by more than 200 members and friends. Lady Armstrong, president of the New York Ladies of Charity, gave one of the principal addresses. She urged her listeners to consecrate themselves to personal service to Our Blessed Mother, the model of all virtues and to St. Louis de Marillac, co-Patroness of the organization. Giving a brief summary of the life of the saint who was selected

500 Attend St. Patrick's Dinner of Elmira Council

That "the Captain is a link with the home" for boys in the armed forces was emphasized by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in extolling service chaplains, at the seventeenth annual St. Patrick's banquet of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus in Mark Twain Hotel, Sunday night. Bearing out the Bishop's invitation of service chaplains was the stirring account given by Lt. Oswald, Frederick P. Gehring, Senior Catholic Chaplain at Surgeon Naval Training Center and named on the "Catholics' Padre." Nearly 500 Knights of Columbus, their ladies and guests, representative Elmira citizens, attended. Bishop Kearney in his address stressed the debt owing to the heroes of Irish descent, many of whose grandfathers are now fighting in defense of this nation. His Excellency recalled that these boys had been with their parents at other St. Patrick's dinners and "with God's Grace" will be with "us in the future." "But I do not think that we will ever have a meeting as blessed as this one we have had tonight, because it has been blessed with the presence of three men who represent our three great armed forces, the Army, the Navy and the Marines," the Bishop continued. "There are men who are trying to save the spirit of the men of the armed forces, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. They are trying to be the link of a national unity, to preserve and build up the spiritual values in all of their men." "It is this spiritual link which is our hope for the future and which is our hope for the preservation of all that we hold dear in these United States." Drawing from his own experience in the South Pacific, the bishop stressed the importance of the spiritual link in all of our men. "It is this spiritual link which is our hope for the future and which is our hope for the preservation of all that we hold dear in these United States." Drawing from his own experience in the South Pacific, the bishop stressed the importance of the spiritual link in all of our men. "It is this spiritual link which is our hope for the future and which is our hope for the preservation of all that we hold dear in these United States." Drawing from his own experience in the South Pacific, the bishop stressed the importance of the spiritual link in all of our men.

of Christianity that they now enjoy. Those at the speaker's table included: Bishop Kearney, Moderator Leo G. Schwarz, Gehring, Lt. Raymond G. Nolan, Lt. Leslie C. Whalen, Rev. Leo G. Schwarz, Chaplain of Elmira Council, Mayor Eugene Struckman, Rev. William J. Moran, Albert M. Lynch, Grand Knight Agan, Joseph G. Bucher, Faithful Navigator of Elmira An-

sembly, Mrs. Theodore A. Deane, president of the Ladies of Charity, Thomas R. Deane, Deputy Grand Knight, David Whalen, Elmira, Chairman; John T. Whalen, treasurer; Paul J. Whalen, court, trustee; Robert L. Padden, recording secretary and banquet chairman; and Frank E. Rhoads, Lecturer and archbishop. Attorney Anthony W. Chert was toastmaster for the occasion.

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