

## Nine Young Women Receive Habit of Sisters of Mercy

Nine young women received the habit of the Sisters of Mercy, Monday afternoon at an impressive ceremony presided over by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse chapel, Rochester.

The young candidates interrogated by the Bishop expressed their desire to receive the habit and to begin their religious life. They then retired from the chapel to be clothed in the habit of the order.

Taking the feast of the day, the Visitation of Our Blessed Lady, as the theme of his address, the Bishop brought out the words of Elizabeth to the Blessed Virgin, Blessed art thou among women. The words were indicative of the blessedness of the young women receiving the habit. "All generations of those whom you instruct and minister to shall call you blessed," declared his Excellency.

Those receiving the habit were: Gertrude Skelly of St. Patrick's, Owego who will be known as Sister M. James Edward.

Marjorie Griffin of St. Mary's, Corning, Sister M. Raymond Joseph.

Mary Jane Weyand, of St. Ignatius', Hornell, Sister M. Barbara.

Gertrude Burns of St. Mary's, Auburn, Sister Mary George.

Kathleen Milliken, St. Patrick's, Elmira, Sister Mary Corneilus.

Patricia MacDonald, Blessed Sacrament, Rochester, Sister Mary Jonathan.

Eleanor O'Hanlon, St. Patrick's, Elmira, Sister Mary Leo.

Ann Miller, St. Ambrose, Sister Mary Joseph.

Margaret Byrne, St. Monica's, Sister Mary Kieran.

The ceremony closed with solemn Benediction given by the Bishop. The Sisters' choir furnished the musical program.

In the sanctuary were the Rev. William J. Egan, St. Patrick's, Elmira; Rev. Leo C. Schwab, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; Rev. Michael L. Hynes, St. Patrick's, Owego; Rev. Hubert A. Baky, Rev. Joseph McCarthy, St. Mary's, Corning; Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron, St. Ignatius', Hornell; Rev. Andrew Dasset, St. Ann's, Hornell; Rev. William J. Burns, St. Patrick's, Elmira; Rev. Joseph Hogan, St. Patrick's, Elmira; Rev. John Hedges, Immaculate Conception; Rev. Leo M. Manus, St. Mary's, Auburn; Rev. Lawrence Casey, Vice Chancellor; Rev. John T. Callahan, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy; Rev. Patrick J. Smyth, Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse; Rev. John Morgan, Blessed Sacrament; Rev. Charles V. Boyle, assistant superintendent of schools; Rev. Leo V. Smith, St. Bernard's Seminary; Rev. Francis E. Hester, St. Mary's and Rev. John O'Leary, C.S.S.R. of St. Joseph's.

## Catholic School Growth in South Reported

New Orleans — (NC) — With a total enrollment of 47,148, the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, exclusive of universities and colleges, recorded a gain of 1,941 students during the 1944-45 term over the previous year's attendance.

The distinction of the highest enrollment among the elementary schools went to the Corpus Christi Parochial School for Colored, with 1,430 students.

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## 20 Received, 6 Make Vows In Sisters of St. Joseph

Holy Family Chapel at Nazareth Convent in Pittsford was the scene of two impressive ceremonies Monday, July 2, when His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, assisted by the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey and U. S. Army Chaplain John S. Maloney, presented the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph to a group of 20 young women and received the Perpetual Vows of a class of six Novices at the completion of their six years of novitiate training.

In congratulating the Novices and their parents, the Bishop said:

"This is a great vocation — a call from God. Any call that takes one away from her home, leaves a void in the place she left. If the presence of these young women meant nothing in your homes, if they were insignificant in your hearts and eyes, their life would mean nothing in the work of God; they would be insignificant in the heart and eyes of Christ.

"The things that have made them so important and so necessary in your life and in your homes are the very things that have made them so in the eyes of Christ. As you, their devoted fathers and mothers, have watched them grow in your homes and have been contributing towards their characters, God has not been blind that you were preparing for Him people to do great work for Him.

"When the moment comes for God to take action and to say that this flower that you have nurtured is now ripe for My garden — it is hard to say 'Thy will be done.'

"The time has passed when the Church can afford to send into her classrooms indifferent material — the Church must have the very best. If she is to hold her place in the world in the years to come, you have not given your money, time or talents, but you have given us the very best — you have given your own flesh and blood, these fine cultured women who are able to stand beside Christ.

"It is an honor and a great blessing for your home and long after you have left this world, and have passed out of the picture of life, these daughters will be carrying on the work of Jesus Christ. They will be building monuments to your faith, hope and charity, more enduring than any granite. Therefore, may I congratulate you."

The following young ladies received the Habit: Mary Moylan, Sacred Heart, Rochester, Sister Mary Kevin; Irene Dougherty, St. Bernard, Scipio Center, Sister Paul Marie; Elizabeth Hart, St. Patrick, Corning, Sister Mary Shamus; Miss Holland, St. Anthony, Grotton, Sister Mary Colette; Beverly Jones, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, Sister Agnes Louise; Jeanette Glechant, St. Monica, Rochester, Sister Grace Noel.

Eleanor Maloney, St. Mary, Elmira, Sister Stephen Mary; Pamela Alderman, Blessed Sacrament, Rochester, as Sister Marie Albert; Rosemary Deoley, Sacred Heart, Niagara Falls, Sister Anne Mary; Rosemary Hellman, Holy Apostles, Rochester, Sister Mary Sharon; Mary Ellen Cragan, St. Patrick, Corning, Sister William Margaret; Catherine Foss, Holy Rosary, Rochester, Sister Barbara Ann; Dorothy Carwood, St. Ambrose, Rochester, Sister Marie Jeanette; Mary C. Davis, St. Alphonsus, Auburn, Sister Raymond Mary.

Mary Maloy, Sacred Heart, Rochester, Sister Anne Joseph; Marie Barrett, Immaculate Conception, Rochester, Sister Mary Dorothy; Grace Mitras, St. Anthony, Rochester, Sister Cara Marie; Mary C. Shay, Sacred Heart, Rochester, Sister Marie Gregory; Mary C. Edwards, SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira, Sister

Julia Clare; Marie Berwind, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, Sister Rita Mary.

The following Novices pronounced Perpetual Vows:

Sister M. Eamon Wiseman, Sacred Heart, Rochester; Sister M. Louise Leinberger, Holy Redeemer, Rochester; Sister M. Xavier Maus, Holy Family, Rochester; Sister M. Cornelia Cloonan, Immaculate Conception, Rochester; Sister M. Agatha Gorgel, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Sister M. Concetta Mitras, St. Anthony, Rochester.

## Evidence Library Hours Changed

During July and August the Catholic Evidence Library will be open only in the evening, 7 to 9, except Saturdays and Sundays. It is located in the lobby of the Columbus Civic Centre, 59 Chestnut St.

## 80,000 Hear Plea To Preserve Family

Chicago (NC) — An inspiring and colorful religious drama was enacted here when approximately 80,000 persons crowded into Soldier Field to join in public prayer at the fifth annual Holy Name Holy Hour.

The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, presided and delivered two meditations. Choosing as his subject the preservation of the Christian family, he urged all to pray for the return of sound Christian concepts of family life. New theories of birth control, divorce and broken homes will result in disaster for our country, the Archbishop said.

## St. Prosper of Aquitaine

— was born in the year 403. His works show that he had happily applied himself to all branches of sacred and secular learning. St. Leo the Great invited St. Prosper to Rome and made him his secretary. The date of his death is uncertain.

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