

75th Anniversary Noted of Pope Pius XI's Death

Anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XI. A solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Shrine Chapel for the repose of the soul of the late Pope, immediate predecessor of the present Pontiff.

CHARITY IN ELMIRA— Jottings Here and There

By MARY E. FITZGERALD

March 17 is the date of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the place! The observance of the Feast of St. Louise de Marillac is the occasion! His Excellency, the Most Reverend James E. Kearney will be the celebrant at the Mass.

The Bishop will also receive the new affiliates, presenting each one with a small silver crucifix the emblem of a Lady of Charity.

There is still time to file your application for an Honorary Membership. This may be done on a permanent basis or for a six months' period, after which you become an Active Member.

That means, of course, that during the interim you have served your probation period.

Great News! So read the bulletins distributed at the last meeting of the Central Executive Council by the Big Sister Committee.

The occasion is a Card Party to be held Feb. 27, at 8 p. m. in St. Louise de Marillac Hall. The donation is only 50 cents. There will be "delicious" refreshments and a prize for each table. The proceeds are to be used for the Committee Projects, including the Dominican Monastery.

Welcome Home! Ladies of Charity who have been non-residents, may upon returning to Elmira resume their membership upon payment of the current year's dues.

It is hoped, however, that in the future members who leave Elmira will take advantage of the privileges of a Corresponding Membership.

Ladies, who have lived in a Community, where there is not a Charities unit — may pay their dues, perform, in conscience their own private Charity — and thus participate in the prayers of the society, and the many spiritual advantages attached to a membership in this organization.

There is a need of Catholic Boarding Homes. Are you interested? This time, the request concerns, young men, who are newcomers in our city and elderly people, alone, but having the financial means to pay their way. Dial 2-6363 between nine and five o'clock — if you are interested.

Attendance at Council Meet.

ings is the duty of each and every member of this governing body. Sending a substitute does not cancel your obligation unless your excuse is legitimate. Each Committee officer in accepting her election, assumes this obligation. Let's carry through! We need the help of each one of you.

Babies Day will be on May 5 this year with Bishop Kearney officiating. His Excellency is allowing enough time so that any Catholic baby who is registered may be blessed by His Excellency.

To avoid being overlooked why not call now and request an invitation — Call Mrs. Wittigschlager — Dial 2-4164 — or Mrs. Sullivan — Dial 8907, if you have not been visited by a member of the Bishop's Committee.

Elmira's first Baby Day, held on Mothers' Day in 1945 was a red-letter day in the history of Elmira. More than two thousand parents and children were individually blessed by Bishop Kearney.

A special Orphan from the Catholic Charities Staff to the members of the Sewing Committee. Faced with the necessity of supplying warm clothing for the children in several large families, we would have been helpless in these days when it is impossible to find many of the necessary articles in our local stores.

Dainty cotton dresses, warm pajamas, "cuddly" flannel robes, cozy quilts — all these and much more have come from the nimble and capable fingers of these particular Ladies of Charity.

Friendly Visiting! The primary purpose for the organization of the Ladies of Charity by St. Vincent de Paul.

Do you know some elderly man or woman who is ill or lonely? Is there a newcomer, a busy mother who doesn't have time to seek out friends? You may give the names to the Ladies of Charity Office — Dial 2-7197 or to Mrs. Charles Sullivan — Dial 7771.

The result! A kindly thoughtful Lady of Charity will visit that mother, convalescent or lonely man or woman — bringing in the name of the Great Visiter — friendly understanding and gay cheerfulness.

Sedality Meeting Held at Lourdes Hall

Members of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, last night for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a business meeting at the church hall.

A program of music and prayer was followed and a social hour was arranged by Miss Ellen Decker. Refreshments were available.

The annual Triduum in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes was solemnly closed last Sunday night with a capacity attendance. Those at the closing services were blessed with a relic of St. Bernadette and were afforded an opportunity of venerating the relic.

The Rev. Lawrence Tully, S.P.M. of New York City, conducted the Triduum.

Indian Catholics Renew School Policy Protest

Bombay, India — (NC) — A mass meeting of Bombay Christians presided over by Mayor Alben D'Souza, has appealed to the Maharaja of Travancore to reverse the proposed new educational policy of that state which would place all primary education under government control and withdraw grants-in-aid to private schools.

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