

# Bishop Appeals for Red Cross Drive Topic Set for 300

## Diocese Study Clubs

In gratitude for service during the war, support should be given the American Red Cross to carry on extensive post-war work, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney believes in endorsing the Rochester campaign opening March 1.

Calling for a sense of responsibility in helping to share the organization's burden, the Bishop has released the following letter:

My dear People:  
The war is not over for our American Red Cross. The post-war problems for this great organization may easily present a much more difficult problem than that which faced the Red Cross when we entered the world war. The American people should not forget the record of service which the Red Cross inscribed on the pages of the story of the fighting men of our various fields of service. A decent sense of gratitude had no other motive, would seem to demand our most generous support of the Red Cross Campaign which is now in progress.

Our local quota is large. It is based on the traditional generosity of our Community. We know that generosity will not fall the Red Cross Campaign this year. But we cannot lose sight of the fact that it will require the generous support of every available giver in order that this large amount of money may be realized. Lacking the enthusiasm generated by a state of war, the Campaign must depend upon the conscientious sense of responsibility of every citizen. Surely that motive will not be wanting in our community.

May I then ask your support for the Red Cross Campaign.

Your devoted Shepherd  
in Christ,  
\*JAMES E. KEARNEY,  
Bishop of Rochester

## Father Tormey Patient at Sampson Hospital

Chaplain Richard T. Tormey, lieutenant in the U. S. Navy is now a patient at Sampson Naval hospital recovering from a serious swimming accident in the waters on Jan. 13.

The former assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, had opportunity last Sunday of returning to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Tormey, 670 Seneca Parkway, on the day. Father Tormey is making satisfactory progress, his other said this week. He will be able to wear the cast until the middle of March.

A patient at the Naval Hospital at Sawa, Oahu Island, for two weeks, Chaplain Tormey was flown to Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland, Calif., after the accident. While a patient in the wall hospital he was visited by Father Leslie Whalen, also former assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and now chaplain with the Marines at Iul.

## Auburn K. of C. Unit Honors Former Heads

Auburn — The annual Old men's Night Program was held Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Home in Geneva Street. Past grand knights and charter members were honored.

City Judge Joseph J. Rooney is in charge of the program. Knight Edward F. Secant, ended words of welcome. Following an enjoyable program, a luncheon was served by Chairman Frederick Berry and his committee.

## COLLEGE 'QUEEN OF HEARTS'



Enthroned as Nazareth College 'Queen of Hearts' at the Valentine's Dance Saturday night in the college gymnasium was Margaret McDermott of Oswego shown here with Betty Cleaman of Syracuse, attendant.

## Servicemen's Supper Set By Geneva Men's Club

Geneva — The Holy Name Men's Club of St. Stephen's Church will sponsor a "Servicemen's Supper" on Wednesday evening Feb. 27 at Hotel Seneca.

William Beatty, president of the society and general chairman of the "Supper" has plans well underway with the assistance of the following: Timothy Buckley, chairman of supper arrangements; George Handan, in charge of singing and entertainment; John Connell, chairman of the ticket committee; and Charles Hickey, chairman of the servicemen's committee.

John Connell, assisted by a large committee of workers is contacting the men of the parish.

## Aurora Altar Society Elects

Aurora — The annual meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's Church, was held Feb. 12. A covered dish supper attended by 35 members of the Society preceded the business meeting. Rev. John Neary, pastor and guest speaker, spoke of the many spiritual benefits derived from membership in the Altar and Rosary Society.

Mrs. Dennis Fitzgerald, president, presided at the business meeting. Various reports were read and the society voted to hold a card party in the hall Feb. 27. Miss Agnes Parcell was appointed chairman.

Election of officers was held with the following elected: President, Mrs. Dennis Fitzgerald; vice president, Mrs. Clair Sullivan; secretary, Miss Sally Keough; treasurer, Mrs. George Beck.

Two new members were received into the society.

## 8 Auburnians Leave Service

Auburn — Honorable discharges were granted the following Auburnians this week:

Garold J. Wilson, PC 174, 174 Main St. Ft. Michael Street, 1000 Ave. Technical Sgt. Joseph P. Gandy, U. S. N. C. Camp Street Corp. John A. Keadwell, 106 Cottage St.

Thomas F. Truett, 48 South St. Lt. Col. Charles Shuman, Auburn R. D. No. 5.

Pvt. Carmelo Marcollo, 2 Jefferson St. Pte. James F. Gault, St. No. Division St.

## Mothers Discuss Aid In Girl Scout Work

Auburn — A group of mothers of members of Girl Scout troops sponsored by St. Mary's Parish met with leaders and representatives of the local Girl Scout Council at the home of Mrs. Joseph Barry this week to consider ways in which they could be of assistance to the several troops.

Mrs. Barry has been a member of the Cayuga County Girl Scout Council since 1938 and chairman of the Council's Training Committee. She was a troop leader for six years.

Also attending the discussion meeting was Mrs. H. F. Allen, executive director of the Girl Scouts in Cayuga County.

Also present were: Miss Mary Anne Walsh, Mrs. Hal Baker, Mrs. John Deegan, Mrs. Edward Leinen, Miss Stella Leonard, Mrs. Raymond Conley, Mrs. Homer Bryant, Mrs. Charles E. Pease, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Ryan, Mrs. Alice Petrus and Mrs. Eugene Kelly.

More than 300 Discussion Clubs are expected to gather throughout the Rochester Diocese during this Lenten season, the Rev. George C. Vogt, Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, announces.

These clubs will begin sessions in the individual parishes the week of Ash Wednesday, March 5, and conclude activities on Palm Sunday, April 14.

The subject matter will be "The Sacramentals," by Charles J. McNeill, one of the Catholic Action Series of Discussion textbooks published in the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas.

Written in popular style, the text contains informative articles covering various sacramentals from the Sign of the Cross to those used on the farm and in industry.

Emphasizing the importance of knowing the answers to attacks on the Church, Father Vogt urges the necessity for discussion clubs and suggests conversion of card clubs to this purpose.

"With attacks against the Church growing bolder every Catholic owes it to himself and to his Church to know the answers and to know how to answer. A discussion club gives both."

Every person of high school age and over regardless of his degree of formal education is eligible for membership in a discussion club, Father Vogt explains. "The discussion club is for busy men and women who come together to obtain exact information, a readiness in expressing it, and an opportunity to translate it into action."

Pointing out that the importance of study groups is recognized by Pope Pius XII, he quotes from a Papal encyclical: "The needs of our times then, require that the laity . . . procure for themselves a treasure of religious knowledge, not a poor and meager knowledge but one that will have solidity and richness, through the medium of libraries, discussions and study clubs."

## Altar Awards Given Five Auburn Scouts

Auburn — Five Boy Scouts of Troop 12 and 21 received the Ad Altare Dei Award at a ceremony held in St. Alphonsus Church on Sunday evening, February 18. This is the highest award presented to boys of the Catholic Faith. Rev. John S. Crowley, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church made the presentation. He was assisted by Rev. John Wideman. The sermon was preached by Rev. Robert Dobbertin. Scouts in uniform were in the sanctuary and the ceremony was attended by more than 80 acouters.

The boys receiving the Ad Altare Dei Award were Robert Mayer, Troop 12; James Waters, Troop 12; William Burns, Troop 21; Joseph Cimpl, Troop 12; Russell Nolan, Troop 21. The Scoutmasters are Harold E. Ide in charge of Troop 12 and Henry T. Clifford of Troop 21.

## Genevans at Legion Dinner in Rochester

Geneva — A large delegation of Genevans attended the Seventh District American Legion dinner in Rochester last week when John H. Seale, national commander, pledged all efforts to supplying aid to veterans with claims.

Among those attending were: County Commander F. J. Heaney and Mrs. Heaney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fillingham, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gales, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Malley, Ira Murdock, John Reichsteiner, Charles Kleinhaus, Magnus Laram, Mrs. Anna Marshall, Robert Cairns, Bud Lauer, Richard Sweney and Captain Robert Bolton.

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