

### Ladies of Charity Rite, Breakfast Attract 250

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Clouds blazed but the soft, unassuming rays of the morning sun triumphed on Sunday, March 18. The occasion was the Sixth annual observance of the Feast of St. Louise de Marillac, co-foundress and co-foundress of the International Society of the Ladies of Charity. The place was the Lady of Lourdes Church and the beauty of Our Lady's smile was very real.

Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10 a. m. was presided over by Most Rev. Bishop James E. Kearney, Honorary President. About 250 members and affiliates attended the Mass and received Holy Communion.

There was the privilege of receiving a plenary indulgence, applicable to the souls in purgatory — one of the many spiritual advantages of the Ladies of Charity.

The ceremony of affiliation at which Bishop Kearney was assisted by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, moderator of the Elmira Unit, was one of the most impressive in the liturgy of the Church. Standing at the front of the altar, His Excellency led the recitation of the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother, with the thirty affiliates repeating it in unison with him. The startling words — "I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart and my whole person" rang through the church with a

sincerity that indicated the seriousness of the obligations assumed by these prospective daughters of St. Louise.

Following the promise 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 silver crucifix from His Excellency. These crucifixes which are the emblem of the Society, are richly indulged, having been endowed with spiritual advantages by five different Holy Fathers.

The crucifixes which were blessed during the ceremony, by the Bishop, were presented with the words: "Accept the crucifix, wear it upon your heart, and bear it with you, to be your strength and protection, your consolation and salvation in life and in death. Amen."

The Communion Breakfast which was scheduled for 11 a. m. at the Mark Twain Hotel was attended by more than 250 members and friends. Mrs. John F. McCormack, President, presided and Bishop Kearney was the sole speaker. He was introduced by Father Schwab.

Tracing the history and the rapid growth of the Elmira Unit of the Society, the speaker, commented on the Christlike spirit, which supported the members and urged them on to a consecrated service.

He pointed out that the poor in

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#### BISHOP GREETED IN ELMIRA



Two outstanding events brought His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester to Elmira, Monday. At the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Mark Twain, he is shown with State Deputy Joseph M. Foley (left) and Grand Knight Thomas R. Burns (top photo) and at the Ladies of Charity Communion Breakfast with the Rev. Leo G. Schwab (left) and Mrs. John F. McCormack, Ladies of Charity president. (Story on page 2-B)

heart and spirit as well as those who lack material goods — are always with us. He challenged his listeners to persevere in their activity — and carry on even after years of membership.

His comparison of the organization brought out the seriousness of the obligations assumed

The greatest menace facing this country today is Communism which is opposed to God, to Church, and to country. Attorney Joseph M. Foley of New York City, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus declared at Elmira Council's St. Patrick's Day dinner.

His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney was honor guest at the dinner gathering of 655 laymen held Sunday evening at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Calling for militant Catholic action and leadership to oppose the Red menace, State Deputy Foley termed the Catholic Church "the strongest obstacle facing the Soviet Red and American 'planks'."

He attacked a statement broadcast by Prof. Howard L. Laski from London is a Communist gathering in Madison Square Garden in which the declared atheist denounced Catholicism as an opponent of democracy.

What kind of democracy? "But on what grounds" queried the speaker, "can he say that it is against democracy when the very country he favors is not only Godless but has not even held an election since 1936 and then there was only one party and one candidate?"

Previously he had paid tribute to Bishop Kearney, holding him up as an example and inspiration to Knights throughout the state.

He briefly reviewed the history of Ireland and Irish progress especially in its influence on this country, asserting that this was

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