

## Recalls Bishop's Tribute To Late Lewis J. Valentine

A tribute to the late Lewis J. Valentine, Police Commissioner of New York, by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester, when state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, was delivered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 15, 1940 at the age of 81.

Knights' Mass for Mr. Valentine, New York City's "greatest cop," who was the city's police Commissioner for 12 years and who recently passed away after three big heart attacks.

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The late Lewis J. Valentine, Police Commissioner of the City of New York, died at Catholic Hospital in Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1940 at the age of 81.

In addition to the Mass in the Cathedral, Rev. Michael J. Keane, former Mrs. Mr. Valentine,

was a royal member of the Knights of Columbus which presented him its Catholic Action Medal at convocation in 1940 at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville.

He presented the award, Rev. James H. Kearney, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, who is the chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, paid tribute to him as a man who has served, sacrificed his faith in his steady advance in the public service.

Bishop Kearney said further:

"I think that the supreme tribute to the Commissioner who has been honored here this afternoon is this public expression on the part of the Knights of Columbus for recognition which we know will stand, and which we are ready to submit to the most reverent recitation of those in the order or outside the order. That we have honored him this afternoon a man who, knowing the teachings of the Church and the God of Jesus Christ, has gone step after step in his chosen vocation in life; never for a moment, for any cause or any purpose, has he sacrificed the least of his ideals."

The things he did during the day, Bishop Kearney said, were

of a type that never could bring a blush to his face when he kneels before his God at night or speaks his known at others on Sunday. It is for this consistency that the Knights of Columbus are prone to acknowledge this afternoon, that he is well worthy of the honor that has come to him today."

Commissioner Valentine follows in death another distinguished public servant in a similar field, the late Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh, one of the most exemplary Catholics New York has ever seen in a public position.

"Like Commissioner Walsh, whose service in the Fire Department practically paralleled his Commissioner Valentine was a Catholic in public life of whom all his co-religionists may well be proud, and for whom all citizens irrespective of creed should be grateful." R. R.

"With all the people of Rochester could be here to share the honor accorded me in attending the commissioning of this great ship. May the Goddess be a guardian of peace. May she fill with grace ready and God willing through peaceful waters wherever she may go."

As her words echoed over the ship's public address system, the national anthem resounded with the pennies of Rochester parishioners and public school children whistled merrily in the bases from deck up on the main of the warship.

Following the commissioning ceremony, Capt. Gilchrist, former officer aboard the battleship, addressed the Rochester delegation.

"The Rochester delegation went aboard the battleship and those of the crew for the many gifts given us by the kind people of Rochester."

Among those attending the ceremonies were Herbert Altmeyer, Capt. J. Hallinan, Frank Smith, Mrs. Richard Chamberlain, Mrs. Henry Moore, Alan Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy, Fred O'Connell, James C. Corcoran, William D. Connell, and Frederick Horvat and Otto Rosenthal, who worked aboard the old battleship.

After the Mass, the delegation

## Climax of Pageant at Cathedral



The organ loft is flanked by the "angels" as the Christmas Pageant in the presence of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, came to an impressive close on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Altar servers and students joined with the Bishop and clergy in concluding the services of the pageant.

## ROSARIAN YULE BANQUET LISTED AT ST. PATRICK

Annual Christmas banquet sponsored by the Rosarians of St. Patrick's Church will be held Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Rev. Charles Connell, chaplain of St. Mary's hospital, will serve as toastmaster. Guests of honor are Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor and Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien and the Rev. Nicholas P. Allitto, assistant pastors.

Officers of the society which include Miss Marcella L. Sigler, Mrs. Christopher Delaney, Miss Josephine Fagel and Miss Mary E. Monroe will act as a reception committee.

Miss Richard Allen, Mrs. John Nugent and Miss Naomi Nash will be in charge of arrangements.

Programs and decorations are the charge of Miss Angelina Cucinelli and Miss Mary Randella.

Parishioners and friends of St. Patrick's are invited to attend.

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