

Outdoor Crib in Downtown Setting



St. Joseph's Church yard on Franklin St. presents this life-size Nativity scene in downtown Rochester. The crib was erected outdoors for the first time this year under the direction of the Rev. Charles Guttenberger, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's Church.

Families to Hear Bishop's Appeal for Communion

In a direct appeal through the pastors, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will call upon each family in the Diocese of Rochester to receive Holy Communion as a family group, on Sunday, Jan. 12, Feast of the Holy Family.

The Bishop's appeal will be read at all the Masses, Sunday, Jan. 5.

Parents and children are being urged to ask God's blessing on their homes and families by assisting at Mass as a family and by approaching the Holy Eucharist as a family and then joining together at a Communion Breakfast "which we have made a traditional tribute to the Mother of the home."

"We have suggested each year New Sacred Heart Provincial (N.S.H.P.) as the sponsor of the Novices at the Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart House of Formation here, has been appointed United States Provincial Superior.

that she be the honored guest of her household on this special feast," the Bishop states.

There will be no special children's Mass on Jan. 12 so that the children can join with Mother and Dad in this family act of Faith and Love.

Begun on the Feast of the Holy Family in 1940, the Family Communion has seen throngs of families throughout the diocese going to the altar rail and going out after breakfast together. This year with the return of so many more veterans the families will be enlarged at the Communion rail.

As in other years sermons on the Holy Family as the ideal will round out the observance in this diocese of a practice that has drawn nationwide attention and has been started in other Sec-

FATHER SMITH WELCOMED TO GOOD COUNSEL

Rev. Leo V. Smith, newly appointed pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, was entertained at a reception and tea Sunday when a large number of parishioners turned out to welcome the new pastor.

The affair was planned jointly by the Good Counsel Altar Society and the Men's Club. Members of both parish organizations cooperated in the preparations, with assistant pastors the Rev. Edward J. Waters and the Rev. Leo Matuzewski.

Attending the reception with Father Smith was his brother, the Rev. Martin J. Smith, S.J., of Fordham University. The brothers are former members of St. Ann's Parish in Hornell.

The school hall was decorated with flowers and candlesticks in the traditional holiday spirit.

Throw rugs were laid on the floor to complete the decorations. At the tea tables, past presidents of the Altar Society presided and poured tea and coffee. Decorated cookies and small cakes were served.

Expect Throng of Holy Name Men at Mass

Pontifical Rite Arrangements Made by Union

First wintertime Solemn Pontifical Mass for members of the Holy Name Society in the history of the Diocesan Union will bring a great outpouring of men to St. Michael's Church, Sunday, January 6, 11 a. m. The Mass will begin at 11 a. m.

Celebrating the Pontifical Mass will be His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester with the following assisting: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G.; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. F. William Stauffer and the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, Deacon of the Mass; Subdeacon, the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, diocesan Holy Name Union director; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney.

Fr. Aylward to Speak
Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Augustus Aylward, C.S.S.R., director of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, and nationally known as a Redemptorist missioner.

A student choir of St. Bernard's Seminary under the direction of the Rev. Benedict Ehmman, professor of music will furnish the liturgical music for the Mass and students of St. Andrew's Seminary will fill the minor offices.

Officers of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union headed by President John W. Matile will attend the Mass. Arrangements for seating and attendance are in the hands of the Deaneary Union of which Lewis A. Schur is president.

Other officers of the Diocesan Union: Vice President, Schur; James V. Taylor, Gerald R. Barrett; General Secretary, Frank Davis; Financial Secretary, Edward M. Lorscheider; Treasurer, William O'Donnell and Marshal James Osterman. Joseph Wiedman is treasurer of the Deaneary Union.

Mass arrangements have been made by Father Florack who is assistant Diocesan Director.

The Pontifical Services will bring together Holy Name men from 30 churches in the Rochester deaneary. They will be accompanied where possible by their individual society spiritual directors.

Previously the wintertime activity for the union of Holy Name Societies have been afternoon services. This will be the first Pontifical Mass to be celebrated especially for the united members in Rochester, deaneary officers state.

COMMEND LONG SERVICE



The 24th anniversary of Miss Mary Fitzsimmons, intake secretary of Rochester Catholic Charities, Family and Child Care Division, is being celebrated at her desk on the eve of her retirement. Commendations from the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, (left) diocesan Charities director and Miss Katherine O'Leary, executive director, Family and Child Care Division.

Charities Aid 25 Years Honored On Retirement

Retirement of Miss Mary Fitzsimmons, intake secretary of Rochester Catholic Charities Family and Child Care Division for nearly 25 years, was announced yesterday.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will be host to a gathering Saturday, Jan. 4, at the Rochester Club when fellow workers of Miss Fitzsimmons will gather to congratulate her upon completion of her service to the Diocese of Rochester.

Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, and the Rev. Arthur E. Raligan, Diocesan Director of the Family and Child Care Agency, will also honor the retiring secretary.

Director's Tribute
In a public statement Father Lambert declared:

"It is difficult to pay fitting tribute to one who has spent a quarter of a century in the faithful service of Christ's poor and distressed. Any words of mine would fall far short of the esteem which we of the Rochester Catholic Charities have for the devotion to duty, the sympathetic understanding and the willing assistance which characterized the labors of Miss Fitzsimmons.

"We merely note the fact of her generous contribution to the cause of Catholic Charity and confidently await the greater recognition and the ample reward of Him who said, 'As long as you did it to one of these, my least brethren, you did it unto Me.'"

"The Board and Staff of the Rochester Catholic Charities will miss the kindly presence of Miss Fitzsimmons and wishes to express the hope that God will bless and lengthen the days of her life."

Miss Fitzsimmons entered the field of Catholic Charities on June 1, 1922. During the quarter-century of her service she has met and helped more than 40,000 fellow Catholics. She has aided in solving a variety of problems arising from the impact of two World Wars and a depression on the Christian home.

Assisted Thousands
She was instrumental in welcoming to this community thousands of Catholic immigrants by helping them to become affiliated with local parishes. For a number of years also, parolees from State Correctional Institutions began their readjustment to life under her direction. Homeless transients are among those whom she befriended.

Her job of Intake Secretary, according to Father Raligan, is a key one in the Social Agency for it is the Intake Secretary who first meets the person in need who is seeking help.

"Since a person's problem may vary from financial need to family struggle," states the priest, "the sympathetic kindness and the charitable tact of the Intake Secretary is most necessary to overcome the fear and bewilderment of the person in need."

The Catholic Social Agency was set up to supplement the

British Beneficence Miss London (N.C.) — Viscountess Encombe, a prominent British Catholic laywoman who distributed more than 1,000,000 crucifixes to British and Allied Servicemen during the war, has died at the age of 77.

\$225,000 Fund Drive Slated in Ithaca for New Parochial School

Ithaca—A \$225,000 campaign for materials to build a new parochial school, damaged Immaculate Conception School, will be conducted in the parish Jan. 22 to 30.

Bishop to Greet Lally On Sunday

Catholic lay organizations are planning to attend in a body, the annual reception of Bishop Kearney for the lally at the Episcopal residence, 847 East Ave., Sunday afternoon, Jan. 5.

Members of the lally and their families will attend the reception of greetings at 5 p. m. The lally includes representatives of all Catholic people, young and old will continue until 8 p. m.

Among the groups going for the first time this year will be members of the Catholic War Veterans, headed by County Chaplain, the Rev. W. Henry McGee and County Commander, Dr. Wally Feller. The veterans will meet at 2:30 at the service of Harrison Ave. and East Ave.

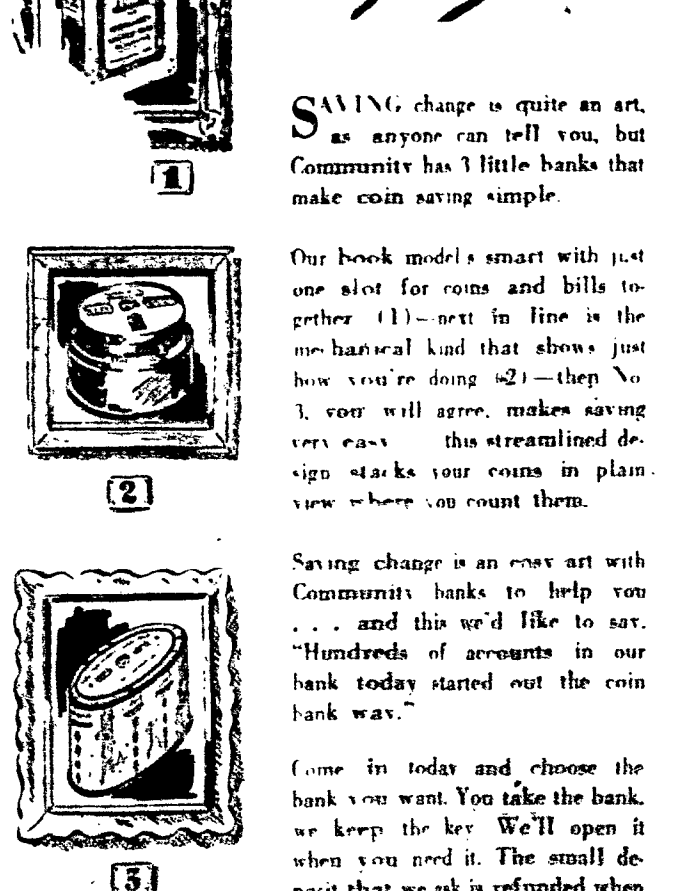
Members of the Catholic Central Union will meet at 4 p. m. at the service of Harrison Ave. and East Ave. and the Rochester Knights of St. John will assemble at the Bishop's home at 4 p. m.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus headed by Father Lambert, will also be present. The Bishop will greet the lally at 8 p. m.

Religious Art Exhibition
Where — (R.N.S.) — An exhibition of religious art will be opened here by Thomas C. O'Leary, Archbishop of New York, on Jan. 2.

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