

Diocesan NCCW Revises Rules at Geneva Meet

Revision of the constitution of the Rochester Council, National Council of Catholic Women, was effected at a conference which drew more than 250 women from all over the Diocese to Geneva.

The quarterly conference was the first meeting held in Geneva at a new Civic Center.

Early part of the program, which began at 4 in the afternoon, included reports of the various diocesan presidents of the N. C. W. who noted an increase of affiliations from the various women's groups, *Matrons*, *Daughters* and parish societies. Mrs. Frank T. Curtin, Diocesan president, presided.

Structure and program of the Council were explained and discussed in a panel presided over by the Rev. Albert J. Shannon, diocesan director. Taking part in the discussions were the Misses Gertrude Conte of Auburn, Madeline McNamara, Corning, Jeanette Anable.

Women's Bill Approved

In an address on "The Status of the Women's Bill" Mrs. Arthur P. Farren of Rochester pointed out that although there was opposition to the former bill because it did not give the professional rights of women, the new bill is more in accordance with Christian principles.

Miss Mary Rose Mailey, N. Y. of Rochester told the conference that the intentions of Planned Parenthood are the same as those of good Christians, namely "decrease of juvenile delinquency, divorce and sterility and the promotion of happy family life" but that their means are bad.

"We want the same objectives," stated Miss Mailey "but they must be achieved by good means. Parenthood are breaking God's and nature's law which makes their program wrong for Catholic Protestants and Jews."

Necessity of having trained leaders and spoke a and efficacy in programs in the organization was stressed by the Rev. John F. Callahan, Rochester diocesan director.

Leaders Needed

"Participation in the apostolate of the hierarchy requires leaders," Father Callahan declared. In his address at the dinner meeting in Hotel Seneca, Father Shannon emphasized a similar point calling attention of the women to their obligation of participating in parochial programs in answer to the call of the Holy Father, the bishops and their own

Festive Novena At St. Anthony

The Rev. Albert J. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, announces that a Festive Novena in honor of St. Anthony is now being conducted each Tuesday evening at 7:30 in St. Patrick's Church. The Novena will conclude on the Feast of St. Anthony.

Other speakers on the agenda were the Rev. Donald Cleary, Catholic chaplain at Cornell University and Miss Lina Bresette of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D. C., field secretary of the Catholic Conference of Industrial Problems.

Mrs. Mary Hall was in charge of the dinner arrangements.

McCann Heads Geneva Red Cross

Geneva Arthur J. McCann, vice-principal of Geneva High School and war time Red Cross field director, was elected chairman of Geneva Chapter, American Red Cross on Wednesday, April 22, at the annual meeting at the headquarters in Massie building. Mr. McCann is a member of St. Stephen's parish.

The new chairman succeeded Arthur J. McCann also of St. Stephen's who had been acting chairman since the resignation of Alfred Barnham early in his term.

4 K.C. Initiated

Coming. In an exemplification of the First Degree four candidates were received into the local Council of the Knights of Columbus on Thursday evening, April 17, at the R. C. Home.

The new members who took the degree under the direction of a local team were Roy Cowan, John McCarty, Maurice McMuray and Anthony Yorio. A buffet luncheon was served following the initiation.



PRISON CHAPLAIN HONORED

Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain at Elmira Reformatory and priest of Rochester diocese, is congratulated by one of the former inmates who returned to honor the priest on his 23rd anniversary as chaplain. Several former inmates had been discharged from the institution as long as 20 years ago. Many brought their wives, mothers, or sweethearts to meet the priest. (Religious News Service Photo)

Dedication of Newman Club Chapel at Cornell Slated

Ithaca — Dedication of Our Lady's Chapel, at the Newman Oratory, 611 Stewart Avenue, will take place on Saturday, May 3, at 10 a. m. The Most Reverend Bishop James E. Keane will officiate.

The dedication, an official rite of the Church for the consecration of a new building, is part of a program continuing about the Oratory.

At ten o'clock the Bishop will celebrate the dedication Mass and administer the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. A luncheon in honor of the Bishop will follow. At 2 p. m. the Oratory will be open for a reception for students and faculty members.

The chapel under construction since the beginning of the spring semester, will be called Our Lady's Chapel and will be dedicated to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. This shrine has been carried throughout the decoration of the chapel.

Stained glass windows bear inscriptions and pictures representative of particular devotions and scenes devoted to the Blessed Virgin. The altar suggests devotion to Mary and the entire

chapel is painted blue, Our Lady's special color. The ceremony officially opens the chapel to use by Catholic students at Cornell. Meant to furnish a continuously available place of prayer the Chapel will remain open at all times. A door directly connected to the Oratory is located on the south side of the Oratory and will always be open. Services, including daily Mass, weekly Novena Devotions, and daily confessions are tentatively planned for the future.

Open At All Times

Because of the chapel's limited facilities, the guests at the dedication will be restricted to groups consisting of two representatives of the faculty, two representatives of the University administration, the elected officers of the Newman Club, and two student representatives from each of the various colleges.

On December 1, 1945, with the advice of Bishop Keane, the house was purchased by the Rev. Joseph M. McNamara, then Counselor of Catholic students during the Rev. Donald M. Cleary's service with the Army Air Corps. The dedication of Our Lady's Chapel completes the Newman Oratory for its use by the Catholic student body at Cornell.

With this final step a long cherished desire to have a center for Catholic activities has been realized in the Oratory. Although the Oratory serves primarily as a residence for the Counselor of Catholic students and graduate student priests, its numerous facilities enable it to supplement those available at Barnes Hall.

The Chapel will furnish a place for meditation and prayer at all times, with the Blessed Sacrament always present. The Oratory will fulfill the needs of Catholic students at Cornell for many of their activities.



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Elmira Sodality Plans Mother's Day Breakfast

Members of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. John's Church, Elmira, are making plans for the Society's eleventh annual Mother's Day Breakfast which will be held Sunday, May 11.

Sodality members and many other women of the parish, who plan to attend, will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 9:30 o'clock Mass and go to the Mark Twain Hotel, where the breakfast will be held at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Sarah Byrne and Mrs. Gertrude Miller are co-chairmen of the breakfast committee. Assisting them are Mrs. Joseph Fischer, Mrs. John Benjamine, Mrs. John Blume, Mrs. Edward Rehwinkel, Mrs. Charles Krackon, Mrs. Henry Buchnik, Mrs. Mary Mathew and Mrs. Margaret Fredericka.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Joseph Fischer, telephone 2463 or Miss Mary Mathew, telephone 2560.

Plans for the speaker are incomplete but further announcements will be made in the local papers and in the Catholic Courier Journal next week.

Flood-Damaged Church Repaired

Repairs in the sanctuary of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, heavily damaged in the Southern Tier floods, last spring have been completed, according to Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor.

Pieces of marble which make up the altar steps had to be removed and a solid foundation covering the area under the steps installed. With the addition of the new supports, the marble slabs were then replaced.

Steps of the communion rail were given a similar treatment. The marble, which had been supported by a wood foundation weakened and rotted by the flood, now rests on a solid foundation of masonry.

Corning Holy Name Men Entertained

Corning — The Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish were hosts at a party held Tuesday evening, April 22, in the parish hall. Following the entertainment, which was in the form of a broadcast, dancing was enjoyed.

Taking part in the program were: Jack Ward, pianist; Tobias Ross, violinist; Mark Crowe, soloist; Curtis Oakley, pianist; Son Current, electric guitar.

The general chairman for the affair was Richard Grady who was assisted by the following: Karl Krist, entertainment chairman; Albert Lynch, Edward Hart, John Clark, Clarence Fern, Arthur Brown, Perry Bradley, Paul Reibeck, food chairman, William Gibbons Jr., Arthur Kramer, Fred DeMuth Jr., John Young, Joseph Healy, Louis Neale, George Veith, Raymond Cunningham, Robert Driscoll, Hugh Cunningham, Adrian Bellby, Francis Moran, John R. F. Osborne, publicity chairman, Joseph Madigan, John Grady Jr., Joseph Gibbons, Edward Fanning, Gerard Gillon, John Griffin, The Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, music chairman, Edward Fitzgerald, Walter L. Poland, Francis Crowe, Gerald Carleton.



Grandpa Gallup is the old fellow who leaps out from between two parked cars with the speed of a frightened gazelle, then slows down to jay-walk across the street at an unnecessarily arthritic pace.

Elmira Police Department Traffic Bureau issues the following advice:

"May—the month of flowers and natural beauty—the beginning of vacation time—live and enjoy it by abiding by a few simple rules: When walking on the highway or on the city streets don't let outside distractions cause you to be careless, cross at the intersections only — cross with the green light—when driving and admiring the beauties of the countryside, stop your car off the road. When your car is in motion, keep your eyes and mind on the road. "THINK." Keep alert for hazards and sudden emergencies. Live up to the rules of the road. Obey all signs and signals. Be courteous to all other drivers and pedestrians. "Be a good sport and a safe driver."

50 Workers Rally to Reduce St. Casimir's Church Debt

To reduce the present \$11,000 mortgage on St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, an enthusiastic group of 50 workers launched a parish-wide campaign, this week.

Inaugurated by the pastor, the Rev. Ladislav J. Szecpanski, the drive is headed by Chairman Edward M. Kamas and Stephen J. Bedzinski.

While the present indebtedness is \$11,000, the total amount has been reduced by \$3,000 since the pastor's announcement.

Father Szecpanski is honorary chairman and treasurer of the campaign with the Rev. John E. Ciesinski as general chairman. Assisting the exchequer as captains are Matthew Fredericka Sr., Edward Wieteczek, Mrs. John Lepkowski and Mrs. Cecilia Duffy.

Workers to the men's division are George Koznick, Edward Christastle, Stanley Wieteczek, John Rohde, Joseph Rostinski Jr., Joseph Rostinski, Clifford Benedict, John Resaraz, Benjamin Resaraz, Thomas Paluszkevich, Jan Lotomski, Albert Janicki, Frank Lotomski, Peter Rostinski, John Kluge, Thomas Rostinski, Michael Baker, John Wronkowski, Leo Sutowski and Stanley Drzewiecki.

Women's division campaigners will be Mrs. John Ciolek, Mrs. Paul Rodzki, Mrs. Eva Tagg, Mrs. Clarence O'Brien, Mrs. John Rohde, Mrs. Lucille Dodson, Mrs. John Wieteczek, Mrs. Alex Dzikowski, Mrs. Anthony Marrell, Mrs. Veronica Lepkowski, Mrs. Matthew Federt, Mrs. Joseph Garczynski, Mrs. Joseph Rostinski, Mrs. Thomas Wieteczek, Mrs. Margaret Stula, Mrs. Rosa Stula, Mrs. Frank Kamas, Mrs. Constantine Guback, Mrs. Sophia Zomlek, Mrs. Anthony Strolinski.

Church societies' contributions will be handled by Mrs. Charles Kujawski, Stephen Wieteczek and Frank Jurisik.

Founded in 1880 St. Casimir's Parish was founded in 1889 by the late Rev. John Pitts of Buffalo. Up to that time the spiritual needs of the Polish families in Elmira had been provided for by the pastor of St. John's Church.

A small frame church was erected in 1890 on property at Davis St. and Roe Ave. which the congregation purchased. At that time Elmira was under the jurisdiction of Bishop Ryan of Buffalo. Pastors were the Rev. D. Zwinski, the Rev. Theophilus Mackinowski, the Rev. V. Zalowski and the Rev. Anthony Ptasinski.

The Rev. John Gutcz, who is still active in parish work in the occasion.

Cuba Feature Hobby Exhibit

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church will hold a picnic supper in the church hall, Elmira last Monday evening for the members and

Following the supper the April meeting was held and conducted by Chairman William Resner. In the recently conducted paper drive Donald Turner was the winner with Robert Gaylord second and William Upjohn third. Awards were given to the Cuba and presented by the Chairman.

An outstanding feature of the meeting was a cleverly arranged hobby exhibit placed on the stage. This work represented the project for the month of April. Winners in this event were: Albert McGowan for an excellent display of Army medals; Paul Gonski, married son from St. John's, assistant master of St. Mary's school, Elmira; was the speaker. Father Scherach described his experiences in Cuba work and pointed out the value of keeping before the minds of the club the theme of the month and the great advantage of "Round Table," the Cuba publication.

Stories of the supper and presentation of the awards were given by the members and guests. Mrs. Helen Upjohn and Mrs. Francis O'Hara, who were in charge of arrangements and were assisted by other members of the boys. The supper was served by a committee of Society boys.

Attend NCCW Meet

Coming — In addition to Miss Madeline Hoffman, who took part in the past session of the National Council of Catholic Women at Geneva on Sunday the following from Corning Diocese attended the meeting: The Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, moderator; Mrs. Fred Dobson, president; Mrs. Thomas Resner, Mrs. Lynn Cooper, Mrs. Nellie Sevin, Mrs. Margaret Madigan, Mrs. Gerard O'Brien, Mrs. J. J. Sutherland, and the Misses Madeline and Julia Stenger, Marian Burral, Florence Wondolish, Mary Melnyak, Ruth Warner, Julia Melny, Mary Arthur, Mary C. Hart, Lory Melley, Betty Paul, Dorothy Dea, Helen Camalery, Marylynne Cooper and Helen Sokis.



Rev. Ladislav J. Szecpanski

by the Rev. Ignatius Kiehn, who was pastor for 14 years. He was transferred to St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, in 1910.

With the late Rev. S. M. Rozdal as pastor, the present church was built. When he died in 1915, he was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph A. Balcerak. During his pastorate, many improvements and additions were made. More property was bought and playgrounds laid out for children.

A convent was built in 1923. Six years later a modern school was built.

Father Balcerak was transferred to St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, in 1933. He was succeeded by Father Szecpanski, who had been appointed assistant pastor in June 1925.

The following priests have served as assistants to Father Szecpanski: The Rev. Stanislaus H. Balcerak, the Rev. Alexander Mee, the Rev. August Baranowski, and the Rev. John Woloch. The present assistant pastor is Father Ciesinski.

Picnic Supper Set By St. Mary's Group

A picnic supper will provide the installation of newly elected officers of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society, Elmira on Tuesday evening, May 6, in the church auditorium.

Mrs. Louis V. Smith and Mrs. John Murphy are co-chairmen of the supper. A program of entertainment has been arranged for the occasion.

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