

Laud N.D. Nuns At Centenary Pontifical Mass

"That you have preserved the spirit of your founders, that you are true religious," is the secret of the success of the School Sisters of Notre Dame during 100 years in the United States, the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Geffell, Nazareth College chaplain, told the jubiliarians on Saturday.

Marking the centenary of the School Sisters' coming to the United States in 1847, His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Joseph's Church Saturday morning, and added his appreciation of the Sisters' extensive work in Rochester diocese.

Trained as a boy by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Peter and Paul's School, Rochester, Father Geffell said he recalled in the 4th grade the coming of the Reverend Mother Caroline who founded the community in the United States.

"What is your fame, glory and distinction after 100 years? What is the secret of this marvelous success?" Father Geffell asked.

"Is it," he said, "that you have dotted the United States and Canada with schools, primary and secondary? Is it alone the real spirit of love of God and country manifested by your congregation?"

20 Nationalities
"Is it the fact that more than 20 nationalities are included in your community, that you have lived with the United States itself as a melting pot?"

"Is it that you have never questioned the color of your pupils but have established schools in Puerto Rico, among the Negroes and Indians?"

"Is it because you have molded your children for God and for country?"

The speaker said if letters received by these nuns during World Wars I and II could be read they would reveal the wonderful lesson learned by their former pupils who answered the nation's call.

Father Geffell said "The hand of God is evident in the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame's 100 years' work. Present in the sanctuary were

Sisters Felicitated on Order's Centenary



His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who pontificated at the Mass marking 100 years progress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States, congratulated Sister Mary Conrad, (left), superintendant of schools, and Sister Mary Edward, principal of St. Joseph's Commercial School.

the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., who was assistant priest in the Mass, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, chancellor of the diocese, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay.

Assisting also in the Mass as deacons of honor were the Rev. Charles Guttenberger, C.S.S.R., and the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, deacon, the Rev. William V. J. Geiger, master of ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, second master, the Rev. Edward M. Lyons.

Thurifier the Rev. William O. Lammer, acolytes the Rev. Robert Kress and the Rev. Walter Carron, book bearer, the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, candle bearer, the Rev. Charles V. Boyle, mitre bearer, the Rev. Francis Taylor, corner bearer, the Rev. Raymond Wahl and gremaine bearer the Rev. Jerome Schifferli.

Knights of St. John Set 30th Annual Field Mass

His Excellency, Supreme Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Kearney, will celebrate the 30th annual Military Field Mass of the Rochester Regiment Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary Sunday, June 8, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The Mass is held annually for 40 deceased members of both orders.

Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach, chairman of the Field Mass Committee, is urging relatives and friends of the deceased to join with the Knights and Ladies in this offering for the repose of the souls of their loved ones.

All captives have received their orders from headquarters and will soon notify all their members of time and place to meet. The quartermaster has requested the names of all deceased members from their commanderies since the last field Mass one year ago.

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Priest Cites Urgent Need For Housing Family of 13

Urgent appeal for a home for a veteran's family of 13, separated for the past four months because of the housing crisis, has been voiced by the Rev. Arthur E. Raligan, director of the Catholic Charities Family and Child Care Division.

Evicted from their home, the parents and their 12 children have been split up in six different residences in the city, Father Raligan reveals. "Each week as the parents make the rounds to see their children it has become a walking pilgrimage," states the priest.

Deplores Situation
In a statement released to the Courier-Journal the Family and Child Care director reported the deplorable situation.

Up until the latter part of February these were normal, happy people, but now the father is beginning to lose his self-respect. What explanation can be made to his homeless children?

"Just this week after - the youngest boy had been replaced in a foster home for the third time the mother at this family, a modern Rachel, broke down and through the three years of four months' fruitless search for a home voiced her protest: 'We were happy. We love our children. Our children love each other. We want a home. Some people do not want children. They do not love them. We want to be with our children, and take care of them.'

Veteran's Family
"The oldest boy in this family is a veteran, honorably discharged, with all a veteran's rights, and conscious of his responsibility to his family. He wants to help. With his mother he has looked at numerous homes. But he is either too late, or the inflated price of the home will not allow the applicants to approve his application for a GI loan. If this family is not soon reunited, the damage may be permanent. The bitterness engendered by four months of homelessness will harden this family to any appeal."

"Their patience cannot be bolstered much longer by comparing their plight to that of the Holy Family refused at the inn, or as refugees on the road to Egypt."

"Perhaps as true and sincere followers of Christ can express his sympathy for the homeless child by making available to this family at a reasonable price, or for a reasonable period, a home."

Father Raligan states any person who can help this family to get in touch with Miss Catherine Wobus at Rochester Catholic Charities (Main 536).

While this family is large and presents an extraordinary problem, housing is becoming an everyday problem for the staff of the Family and Child Care Division, Father Raligan points out.

"Recently in one day we were faced with the problem of placing 22 children, homeless because of housing shortage. It is our sincere opinion that a housing authority is needed to meet this difficulty. An overall planning body would have recognized that the old system of passing along 'hand-me-down' second-hand, sub-standard housing to underprivileged groups would eventually catch up with us so that there is not enough housing for the population of the city."

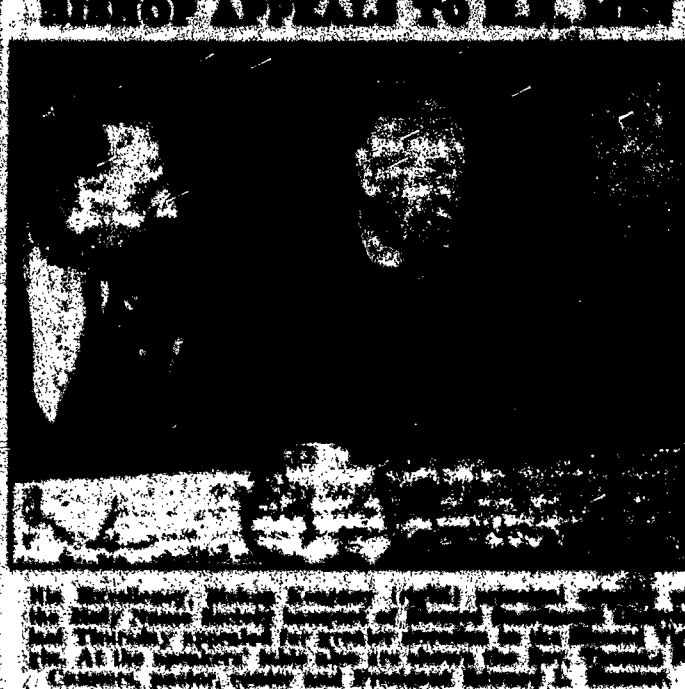
Nun, 86 Years, Dies
Newton, Mass. — (NC) — Funeral rites for Mother Louise O'Neill, 83, who was a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart for more than 60 years, were held in Sacred Heart Church here, followed by burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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The Holy Name Men, gathered at the Holy Name Men's Club, at the annual banquet of the Holy Name Society of St. James' Church, Thursday, May 13.

Appearance of the Blessed Virgin to the children of Fatima, Portugal, were explained by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at the annual banquet of the Holy Name Society of St. James' Church, Thursday, May 13.

Noting that May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, the bishop revealed that he had committed the month to spread the five First Saturdays devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Author Slated
By Rotary Unit
The Rotary Club of St. Charles, St. James' Church will hold its annual Communion breakfast in the parish hall on Saturday, June 3, after the eight o'clock Mass.

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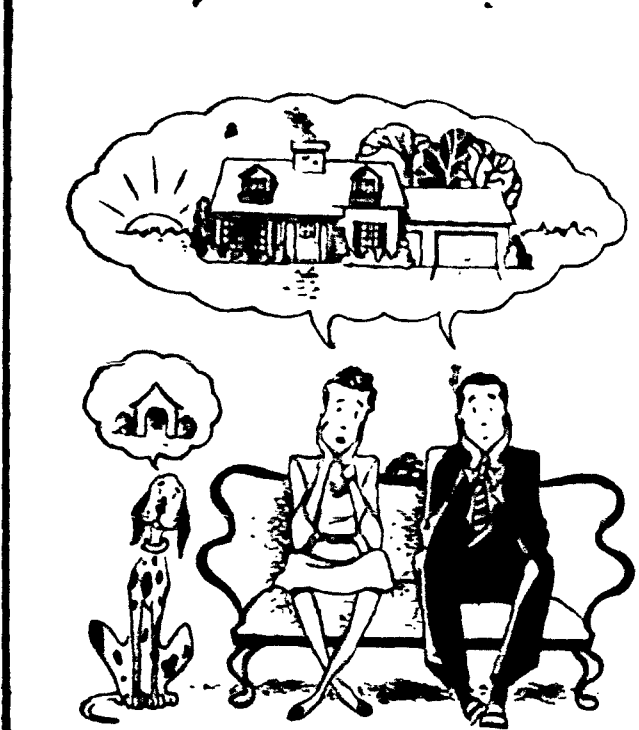
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