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1,000 Holy Name To Hear Bishop At Elmira Deanery Meet

Elmira will be the gathering place for approximately 1,000 prominent Catholic laymen of the Southern Tier on Sunday, Oct. 12, when the Fall convention of the Holy Name Societies of the Elmira Deanery Council will take place.

Fifteen parishes in Chemung, Schuyler and Tioga Counties are expected to send delegations to the business session and church services which will be held at St. Patrick's School hall and church.

The convention will be featured by the presence of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who will officiate at Solemn Benediction. Bishop Kearney will also address the delegates and visitors.

THE CONVENTION will be the first formal assembly of the Holy Name Societies of the three counties since the Deanery Council was reorganized during the Summer under the direction of the Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira who was appointed Deanery spiritual adviser by Bishop Kearney.

A program of activities is now in the process of formation by the officers and Father Naughton. This program will be presented to the assembled delegates for discussion and ratification.

The program in line with the wishes of Bishop Kearney, is designed to develop and maintain an active and progressive Holy Name movement throughout the Elmira Deanery. The convention as well as the proposed program will stress the recent theme of Pope Pius XII before the men of Catholic Action in Rome.

"The time for reflection and planning is past. Now is the time for action. Are you ready?"

EACH OF THE 15 parishes in the Deanery Council will be represented by five official delegates. An invitation is also extended to all the members of the 15 parishes to attend both business meeting and Benediction.

The Council will use the facilities of St. Patrick's Parish at the invitation of the Very Rev. William J. Buen, V.F. head of the Elmira Deanery. St. Patrick's Church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:30 p. m.

Each of the parishes will be represented on the resolutions committee which will meet in advance of the business session. The report of this committee is expected to present the views of the Catholic laity on important issues of the day affecting the Church in this country.

OFFICERS OF THE reorganized Deanery Council, in addition to Father Naughton as spiritual adviser are: president, Cornelius J. Milliken; vice president, Paul M. Donovan; secretary, Charles J. Kromer; treasurer, Charles A. Hughes.

The Elmira Deanery Council comprises the following affiliated parishes: St. Anthony, St. Casimir, St. Cecilia, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Patrick, Our Lady of Lourdes and SS. Peter and Paul, all of Elmira; St. Charles Borromeo and St. Nicholas, Elmira Heights; St. Mary, Horseheads; St. John the Evangelist, Newark Valley; St. Patrick, Owego; St. James, Waverly; St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen.

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Church Builders Meet

Chicago (NC)—A four-day meeting and exposition will be held next summer in Chicago for persons interested in parochial and institutional building and remodeling.

Ladies Set Card Party on Tuesday

Plans for the Elmira Ladies of Columbus card party are being completed. The affair will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 30, commencing at eight o'clock in the ballroom at Columbus Center.

Mrs. Louis V. Smith and Mrs. Justin F. Romasser are co-chairmen and will be assisted by the following: Mrs. Francis Crowley and Mrs. Henry J. Kadlec, refreshments; Mrs. Samuel A. DeRenzo, awards; Mrs. Joseph Gorsky and Mrs. Leo J. McPherson, tickets.

An unusual feature of the party will be the awarding of hand-made favors provided by Mrs. DeRenzo.

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Joseph M. Cleary Given Editor's Post

Joseph M. Cleary, a former Elmiran has assumed the post of editor, Bradford Publications Inc., publisher of the Bradford Pa. Era announces.

A graduate of Elmira Free Academy and St. Bonaventure College, Mr. Cleary has been executive editor and general manager of Station WESB, the publication's radio station. He will continue as manager and as editor actively directing the paper.

The new editor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Cleary, 348 W. Fourth St., Elmira.

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30 St. Casimir Men Join Holy Name Unit

Thirty men of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira were received into the Holy Name Society at impressive services conducted by the Rev. Ladislaus J. Szczepanski, pastor on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Deanery Heads Map Holy Name Program

Activities for Catholic men in Elmira deanery churches to be presented at the Elmira convention Columbus Day are planned by the Rev. William J. Naughton, Holy Name Society Deanery Spiritual Advisor and Cornelius J. Milliken, deanery president.

St. John Groups Slate Activities

Sodality of Our Lady of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, held its first meeting of the fall season, Monday evening, Sept. 22.

Officers for 1947-1948 were installed. Mrs. Charles Krukow, who was re-elected, is President. Mrs. John Benjamin succeeds Mrs. Henry Budnick as Vice Pres., Mrs. Joan Bucek succeeds Miss Margaret Frederick as Secretary and Mrs. Edward Rehwinkel was re-elected Treasurer.

At the business meeting plans were discussed for a new membership drive. The Sodalists will also conduct a drive for black shoes to be sent to the Nuns in the Philippine Islands.

At the September meeting of the Altar Society of St. John's Church plans were started for a series of five card parties to be held in the Church hall beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1. Mrs. Ray Marshall is Chairman of the first party. Assisting are Mrs. Anthony Kinley, Mrs. Martha Dombrowski and Mrs. Thomas Rohrer.

Euchre, Bridge and Five Hundred will be played and prizes will be awarded. Following the games, refreshments will be served by the Committee. These card parties will be held every Wednesday night at 8:00 in the Church Hall and they are open to the public. Tickets are Forty Cents and may be obtained at the door.

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Jesuits to China

Montreal (NC)—Ten Jesuit priests have left Canada to join 50 other Canadian Jesuits now engaged in missionary work in China under the direction of Bishop Philippe Cote, S.J., of Souchetcou. They are the Revs. Maurice Garneau, of Quebec; Georges Etienne Beauchesne, of St. Damase, Que.; Jean Paul Larcheveque, of Montreal; Jacques Arpot, of Edmonton; Charles Poliquin, of Montreal; Celestin Coulombe, of Quebec; Eugene Audet, of Chicoutimi; Arthur Berube, of Capistan, Ont.; Maurice Lamarche, of Montreal; and Guy Pacheland, of Quebec.

Rosary Novena Set Sept. 27 At Dominican Monastery

Fourth Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary will open at the Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, Elmira, on Saturday evening, Sept. 27, at 7:30.

Services each evening will be at 7:30 o'clock and Mass each morning will be at seven o'clock. The closing ceremony will be held out of doors if the weather permits on Rosary Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4:30.

This efficacious devotion was attended by a capacity crowd last year and many favors, both spiritual and temporal, were received by those who participated in it. An invitation to attend is extended to each Lady of Charity and to every man, woman and child who has been a friend to the Dominican Sisters and especially to those Elmirans who have not visited Rosary Paradise.

Petitions may be written and signed. Mail or leave them at the Monastery or at The Ladies of Charity office. They will be placed on the Rosary Altar during the Novena Services.

Many favors were reported after the Novena last year. Miraculous answers to the petitions of the Dominican Sisters during the three years that they have been in Elmira, have been reported.

The Sisters would appreciate a telephone call, a note or a message in person, from anyone who wishes to let them know that their prayers have been heard.

The Novena this year is an opportunity to say Thank You to the Queen of the Rosary and to ask her powerful intercession for yourself and your dear ones for all that you wish for them at present and in the future.

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Police Justice Unit Elects A. J. Byrne

Seneca Falls—Alexander J. Byrne, police justice here, was elected honorary president of the New York State Association of Magistrates, at the 38th annual convention of that group held recently at Saratoga Springs. Mr. Byrne is 79 years of age and is believed to be the only surviving charter member of the organization.

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Corning Weddings

Plaquadie - Keough

Corning — Miss Sylvia Plaquadie of 72 Germania St., Galeton, Pa., became the bride of Jerome M. Keough of Sly Ave., Corning in Galeton recently. The Rev. Raymond Simendinger, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Attending the bride were her sisters, Miss Louise Plaquadie and Mrs. Grace Lappa, both of Corning. David Cook of Corning, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man and Michael Plaquadie, brother of the bride and Daniel DelGrosso, her cousin, ushered.

A reception for about 200 guests at the Galeton Moose Home followed the ceremony.

The bride has been employed at Corning Glass Works and Mr. Keough is manager of the meat department of the Market Basket on Bridge St., this city. Mr. and Mrs. Keough will live at 94 Ontario St.

Warren - Serge

The marriage of Miss Helen Jane Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren of 336 Pennsylvania St., Buffalo, and Francis T. Serge, son of Mrs. Mary Serge of 161½ W. First St., took place Saturday, Sept. 13, in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Earl M. Tobin, assistant pastor, performed the ceremony.

The bride's attendants were Miss Erma Warren of Painted Post, Miss Eileen Coe and Miss Agnes Kosty, both of Corning. Annette Festa was best man for Mr. Serge and James Negri and Edward Bonanzo ushered.

After a dinner was served the wedding party a reception for 200 guests was held at Union Hall. Later the couple left for a week's trip to New York City. Upon their return they will live at 161½ W. First St.

The bride, who attended Painted Post High School, has been employed at the Corning Glass Works. Mr. Serge, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, is a veteran of three years service with the Navy. He is employed at Corning Glass Works.

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Corning Deaths

John F. Bierwiler

John F. Bierwiler, 73, died at his home, 173 Chemung St., Monday, Sept. 8. He was born in Syracuse, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bierwiler and came to live in Corning at the age of 12. He married the former Miss Katherine De Silva of Corning, who survives.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Charles Bierwiler, a granddaughter, Gloria, both of Corning; three sisters, Mrs. Altha Petrie of Elmira, Mrs. Carrie Meyers and Mrs. George Bissop of Corning; a brother, Frank of Corning, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the home Thursday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Bishop Kearney to Bless Babies In Elmira Church Columbus Day

The Bishop's Committee of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ladies of Charity have received word from His Excellency, The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester that the third annual babies day will be observed in Elmira on Sunday, Oct. 12 at SS. Peter and Paul's Church at 3 p. m.

At this ceremony all Catholic babies—pre-school children registered during the year by the committee, and their parents will receive individually the Bishop's Blessing.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will act as guard of honor at the church.

Mrs. John F. Murphy committee chairman has appointed Mrs. Samuel Terwilliger and Miss Jane Wyllie, General Chairmen of the arrangements. Mrs. John O'Leary is Honorary Chairman.

THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE was organized in April, 1942. It is a group of Catholic mothers appointed by the Reverend Moderator of The Ladies of Charity with the approval of His Excellency. These mothers act as messengers of the Bishop to each mother of a new born baby. The mother is visited while she is in the hospital at the request of the Bishop to welcome the new baby and to invite the mother to enroll her baby into the fold. If the mother desires the services of the Committee she signs a card. The baby is then given a pamphlet describing functions of the Committee.

After the mother is home from the hospital about three weeks the visitor makes her first call and presents the baby a medal of Our Lady of Good Counsel mounted on a card bearing the Bishop's Episcopal coat of arms and personally blessed and autographed by him.

Once a year the Bishop comes to one of the Elmira churches to impart His Blessing. Over 700 babies have been enrolled during the year. Each child will be taken to the altar rail where the Bishop will personally administer the blessing.

Officers of this committee are: Chairman, Mrs. John F. Murphy; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Myron Cole; Secretary, Mrs. James Flaherty; Treasurer, Mrs. John J. Murphy.

Other Committee members include—Miss Loretta Hollis, Mrs. Mary Caporello, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Samuel Dellerba, Mrs. Paul Donovan, Miss Frances Kessel, Mrs. Frank Fanucci, Mrs. Edward Frawley, Mrs. Ed French, Mrs. Marie Galser, Mrs. Leo Hallett, Mrs. Marvin Johnson, Mrs. James Kerwan, Mrs. Jerry Kesler, Mrs. Kathryn Lynch, Mrs. James Malkin, Mrs. Eugene Mulloy, Mrs. Joseph Milliken, Mrs. Leo Norton, Mrs. Peter Shields, Mrs. Patricia Stopinsky, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. Henry Sweeney, Mrs. Charles Stevens.

Catholic Highlights

By HELENE MILLIKEN

Freshmen Pep Dance

A school dance was held by students of Elmira Catholic High for the purpose of introducing the Freshmen and helping them to get acquainted. The dance was held recently in the assembly room. Sammy Rossi's orchestra was engaged. Chairman for the dance was Thomas Agan with co-chairman Ann Reilly and Ralph Reid assisting.

Sodality Notes

The Sodality of Our Lady of Elmira Catholic High will hold the first general meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 30. The new officers for the Sodality are: Thomas Agan, Prefect; Alfred Shalvi, Vice Prefect; Helene Milliken, Secretary; Ann Reilly, Treasurer. Theresa Morgan is in charge of refreshments for the meeting.

Scholarship Awarded

Richard Vinesky, 823 South Ave., a graduate of Catholic High and valedictorian of the class of 1947, has received a letter from the State Department in Albany, informing him that he has received a State Scholarship. Richard was also awarded the Knights of Columbus State Scholarship. Both awards were given as a result of competitive examination.

Elmira Deaths

Miss Mary Fahey of 102 W. Hudson St. Monday, Sept. 15, 1947. Survived by sisters, Kathryn, Mrs. Archie B. Heidemeier, Mrs. John T. Clark, all of Elmira. The body was removed to Frank O'Dea Funeral Home, where funeral was held Thursday at 8 a. m., E. at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. Burial was at St. James Cemetery, Waverly. The Rosary Society of SS. Peter and Paul's Church met at the funeral home Wednesday night at 8 for recitation of the Rosary.

Alfred S. De Maio of 702 Park Pl. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1947. Survived by wife, Rose; mother, Mrs. Anna De Maio; brothers, Anthony of Elmira, Robert at Cornell; sisters, Mrs. Leonard Snow of Au Sable Forks, N. Y., Mrs. Paul Cassetta, Mrs. Martelli, Miss Rena De Maio of Elmira; several nieces and nephews. The body was at Francis T. Nugent Funeral Home and was removed to family home. Funeral there Friday, 8 a. m., E. at St. Peter and Paul's Church. St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

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