

## Cornerstone Of St. Anthony's School Blessed

Twenty-one priests and close to 800 lay persons were present for the cornerstone laying of St. Anthony's new school, Sunday afternoon in Elmira.

Officiating at the blessing and placing of the stone was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and dean of the Elmira Deanery.

Gratitude of the parishioners of St. Anthony's was expressed by Monsignor Brien to Elmira College, the Elmira Board of Education, St. Casimir's and St. Patrick's parishes for assistance to the people who lost their church and school in the disastrous fire of Feb. 26, 1947.

A letter from His Excellency Bishop Keane who expressed regret that a previous engagement prevented his attendance was read by Monsignor Brien.

When the parishioners of St. Anthony's began their rebuilding campaign last spring, Bishop Kearney urged them on with "Andiamo" (Italian for "Let's Go") and he concluded his letter Sunday with the same expression. The word was used as a slogan in the successful drive for funds during the past year.

The Bishop wrote:

"May I congratulate your pastor and yourselves on the progress of the new school and pray God's blessing on the work."

"I trust you will continue to give Father (Albert L.) Simonetti, who has worked so tirelessly, the generous help you have given so far; that you may soon be back in church and school in the new St. Anthony's."

"God bless you."

"Andiamo."

Following the blessing of the cornerstone, the mortgage and copper container with mementos of the fire and rebuilding drive, Monsignor Brien placed the mortar on the stone with a silver trowel.

Purpose of Catholic education, was also explained by Monsignor Brien.

Father Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, thanked his parishioners and others who contributed to the reconstruction campaign.

Assisting Monsignor Brien in the blessing were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain of the Elmira Reformatory, Father Simonetti, deacon; the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, subdeacon, and the Rev. Ignatius F. St. George, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, as master of ceremonies.

A procession from St. Anthony's rectory to the building site preceded the ceremonies. An honor guard was furnished by St. Anthony's Post, Catholic War Veterans, and the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

Contained in the copper case placed in the cornerstone were a copy of the blueprints, a history of the fire and the rebuilding campaign, newspaper stories and editorials from Elmira newspapers and the Catholic Courier Journal, plans for the entire parochial unit, lists of the campaign workers and contributors and the contents of the original cornerstone.

Father Simonetti reported Sunday that last week's moderate weather aided progress in work on the school. Laying of bricks has advanced well part of the second floor having been constructed in the rear of the building.

Present for the ceremonies were also the priests of St. Cecilia's Church: Leo G. Schwab.

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## School to Rise Out of Fire Ashes



Marking the rebuilding of St. Anthony's school, Elmira, after the disastrous fire of Feb. 26, 1947, cornerstone is laid with impressive ceremony. Adolph Cirulli, trustee, stands ready with copper container in which historical documents were placed to be enclosed in cornerstone. Participating (from left) Rev. James C. Lane, Rev. William J. Naughton, Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's; Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., dean and officiating prelate; Rev. Thomas J. Toole; Monsignor Francis J. Lane, Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth and Rev. Leo E. Lynch.

## Corning Knights At Communion

Corning—Members of the Corning Council, Knights of Columbus received Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 a. m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 15, at St. Mary's Church. Assembling at the school, the Knights, led by the color guard of the Fourth Degree Assembly, marched to the Church.

Following Mass a Communion Breakfast was served at the K. of C. Home under the direction of the Ladies of Columbus. Special guests at the breakfast were Eugene Agan, Elmira, district deputy of the 52nd New York District, and Basil J. Vallancourt, also of Elmira, master of the 5th New York district of the Fourth Degree.

Introduced by Attorney Jacob Welch, who acted as toastmaster, Mr. Agan spoke briefly. Mr. Vallancourt in his talk stressed the benefits to be gained through membership in the Mutual Memorial Chalice Association. Such an association had already been formed by the local Fourth Degree Assembly.

Joseph J. Sweet was chairman in charge of Sunday's activities. He was assisted by Francis Giblin, Anthony Gall, Matt Richardson, J. Colton Marx and Arthur Kramer.

## Book Review Heard By Corning CDA Unit

Corning—Miss Gertrude Hannah and Miss Eileen Hultzman were co-chairmen in charge of the Valentine social held Monday evening, Feb. 9, by Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America.

A feature of the program was a book review given by Miss Madeline McNamara who chose "When the Mountain Fell" by C. F. Ranuz as her subject.

Assisting the chairmen were Mesdames Lucille Gall, Louis Hart, Fred Haynes, William Miller, Elinor Post, Martha Symon, Joseph Schroeder, William Yost, and the Misses Lucy Bisvotto, Marjorie Fleming, Margaret Cragan, Mary Symon, Elsie Semski and Gertrude Cunningham.

## Lourdes Society Rite to Admit 75 New Members

Seventy-five new members will be received into the Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, on Sunday evening at 7:45 p. m. The Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's church will be the speaker at the ceremony.

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of the Rev. John D. Hurley, Society Moderator will officiate at the reception services.

Mrs. Thomas J. Leahy, chairman will be aided by the following committees: Hostesses, Mesdames: Francis T. Woods, William Donovan, C. A. Mowrey, John R. Garey, Clarence J. Beckerman, Daniel F. Kennedy, Homer J. Shearer, and Miss Clara McCanna. Ushers: Mrs. A. Wil-

## Plans Press Exhibit For Corning NCCW

Corning—Miss Madeline Stenger, chairman of the literary and literature committee of Corning Deanery, National Council of Catholic Women, arranged a collection of books and magazines as part of the program for the meeting of the Stella Maris Society of St. Patrick's Church recently. The exhibit was planned in connection with Catholic Press month.

Also included on the program was the showing of a movie in technicolor, "New York State, the Vatican Empire," and a report of the quarterly meeting of the Rochester Council, NCCW, held in Ithaca, Jan. 18.

Preceding the meeting devotions were held in the Church.

## Mrs. DeMuth Concludes Terms as NCCW Leader

Corning—At a recent meeting of Corning Deanery, National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Fred DeMuth, who has served as president of the organization for nearly seven years, announced her resignation.

Mrs. DeMuth, who was elected in the presidency in September, 1941, has given generously of her time and talent during these years. A nominating committee is preparing a new officers' slate.

## Family Life Forum Tuesday to Bring Two Nationally Known Radio Priests

A Holy Cross Father who has made family prayer nationally acceptable and a Redemptorist Father nationally known for his pronouncements on the family will be in Rochester Tuesday evening, March 2 to conduct a family life forum under sponsorship of Rochester Circle, I.F.C.A.

This family forum is open to the public, and all Catholics of the diocese are invited to participate.

Other speakers on the forum, which is entitled "The Crisis in Family Life," will be His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney and the Rev. Edward Lintz, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Nazareth College, who will preside.

The Rev. Patrick J. Peyton, C.S.C. of Albany, now widely known for his founding of the Family Theatre on a nationwide radio hookup, "The Family Talks To God" in the forum beginning at 8 p. m. in Columbus Civic Center. The Very Rev. Francis S. Connell, C.S.S.R., professor of theology at Catholic University of America, Washington will have for his topic "God Talks To The Family."

Father Peyton is called the most persuasive man in radio today. The 38-year-old Irish-born priest for nearly a year now has persuaded Hollywood to donate time and talent to advertise, not soap, or soup or cigarettes, but prayer. In his Family Theater, heard on 350 stations of the Mutual Network each Thursday night at 10 p. m., he presents a radio play about home and family and good Christian living.

SCREEN STARS who offer their talents free take the leading roles and act out the story which proves the theme of the Family Theater. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The radio story always shows the truth of Father Peyton's slogan, "The Family that prays together, stays together."

The story of Father Peyton's success has become widely spread and Coronet in the January (Continued on Page 8)

## St. Patrick's Dinner Planned



Arrangements for the annual St. Patrick's Banquet are discussed here by Dr. Louis J. Lodi (center), Grand Knight of Elmira Council, K. of C., and Co-chairman Paul St. Donovan (left) and James L. Kerwan. The feast is scheduled Sunday, Mar. 14, at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira.

## Fatima Statue Draws 50,000

Covington, Ky.—(NC)—More than 50,000 persons took part in services in St. Mary's Cathedral here to honor Our Lady of Fatima statue, on its five-day visit here.

Some 40 special services with prayers for the conversion of Russia and for world peace were conducted in the cathedral to give the faithful the opportunity to view the statue. Highlight of these services was a special ceremony for the sick at which many were in attendance on stretchers and in wheel chairs.

## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER SET

The annual St. Patrick's Banquet sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday March 14 at the Mark Twain Hotel. Paul M. Donovan and James L. Kerwan have been named co-chairmen.

A gala program of entertainment will be presented, including Harry Springer at the Organ, Henry Van Dyne's Barber Shop Quartet, solo by Jay Parker and Henry Williams as master of ceremonies. Daniel J. Donahue is in charge of this committee.

A large delegation of Knights will attend from the various

Councils in the Southern Tier and Northern Pennsylvania.

Jesuit, Alton Monahan, Shanghai—(NC)—The Chinese Government has awarded the Victory Medal to five members of the faculty of Aurora University, conducted by the French Jesuits here. Four of those decorated are priests, the Revs. Georges Germain, Andre Gaudier, Michel Villant and Joseph Audic, all of the Society of Jesus. The fifth is a layman, Dr. Hoang Tchang-fong, professor of physics.

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