

Diocesan Holy Name To Meet in Elmira May 16

Fifteenth annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union will be held Sunday, May 16, in Elmira, it was announced this week by the executive committee. Proceedings will begin promptly at 3 p. m.

Retreatants Set Meeting

A meeting of parish representatives of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League will be held Friday evening, March 19, in St. Joseph's Hall, Franklin St., Rochester, at 8 o'clock, according to Frank E. Wolfe, president.

An invitation is extended by President Wolfe to all retreatants to attend the meeting. A resume of the 1947 retreat year will be given by the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., spiritual director of the retreat league.

Secretary George P. Schmidt reports that 906 men made 26 retreats in 1947.

Catholic Nurses Schedule Retreat

Rev. Dr. Maynard A. Connel will conduct a day of retreat for the Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses, Palm Sunday, March 21 at Sacred Heart Academy, Prince Street.

The exercises of the day will open with Mass at 9 a. m. and close with Benediction at 3:45 p. m.

Breakfast and dinner will be served by the sisters. Reservations may be made by calling any of the following before March 15. Rev. Charles B. Connel, Gen. 0001; Mrs. Charles L. Meng, Glen 1822M; Mrs. William J. Hickey, Char 6024M. Any Catholic nurse is welcome to attend.

AUXILIARY TO MEET AT ST. THEODORE'S

Regular monthly meeting of Ladies Auxiliary 260, Knights of St. John of St. Theodore's Church, Spencerport Road, will be held Wednesday, Mar. 17 in the parish hall after church services.

No lunch will be served at this meeting, and all members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Mrs. Ruth Hauck will be president at the meeting. Mrs. Raymond Reber is handling publicity.

Invitation to hold the conclave in the Southern Tier was extended by the Very Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V. F. dean of the Elmira Deanery and pastor of St. Patrick's Church; the Rev. William J. N. Lighton, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church and spiritual director of the Elmira Holy Name Deanery Union, and Cornelius J. Milliken, president of the Deanery Union.

Elmira had not had a Holy Name convention for several years and Milliken reported great interest there in the forthcoming session. Last year's diocesan conclave was held in Rochester.

Cooperating in plans for the meeting are the 15 members of the Diocesan Union executive committee headed by the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn and the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, spiritual director and assistant spiritual director; Lewis A. Schur, president, and the presidents of the five deanery Holy Name Unions, who are ex-officio members of the executive board.

DCCW Plans Added Affiliates

Organization and development of future affiliates in Rochester area towns will be discussed at the Deanery meeting of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Tuesday, Mar. 16 at 8:15 in Parlor A, Columbus Civic Centre.

Attending the meeting will be representatives of affiliated rosary, altar and alumnae groups, as well as any interested Catholic women.

Encouraged by returns from an appeal for soap for European relief, the Council is now asking for towels, new or used, to be sent abroad. Members are requested to bring the towels to this meeting.

Rev. Albert J. Shamon, and Rev. John T. Callahan, diocesan and deanery moderators, will address the session briefly.

Spiritual Bouquet to Pope St. Louis-1 (NC)—A spiritual bouquet of 856,833 Masses and 681,122 Holy Communions for the intention of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, offered by the Socialists of North America, was presented at the Vatican by the Rev. J. Aloysius T. Heeg, S.J., of the central office of the Sodality.

Heeds Pleas of Germany's Needy



With his pastor, Rev. William W. Hesel, (right), the Rev. William Lammers, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester holds but a small number of appeals received from the U. S. Zone of Germany for food, clothing and other creature needs. Father Hesel holds one of the boxes about to be sent overseas in answer to one of the pitiful pleas.

Relief Work Launched By Parish Society Brings Deluge Of Appeals From Germany

By MARY CAREY
A German relief agency which has mushroomed in one short year into a large-scale operation is fast becoming the major project of the Holy Family Parish Rosary Society.

More than 200 parcels of food, clothing and necessities have been sent into Germany, by this Holy Family group which does all the work of collecting, sorting, mending and packing.

According to the Rev. William Lammers, assistant pastor, the demand on the generosity of the women has grown out of all proportion to their ability to supply the need. On file are about 200 letters most of them translated from the German, by Father Lammers, who keeps the records.

Most significant and universal factor in these appeals from needy Germans is the information that in each family the husband or normal provider is either still imprisoned in Russia or has returned home a broken man, unable to work.

ONE SHOCKING example cited by Father Lammers was the case of a father of nine children whose working days were at an end because of injuries suffered in a Russian slave labor camp.

Another woman wrote of her family's plight following the death of her husband who succumbed to consumption within ten weeks after returning from Russia.

Unable to answer all the ever-increasing appeals, the Rosary Society has been forced to concentrate on institutions such as orphanages, parishes and schools, where the most equitable distribution may be secured.

Most often-requested item on the list are the staple foods such as grain and sugar, cocoa, fats and oils. Father Lammers has noted. There is a constant demand for candles which are used widely even for greasing pans.

ONE OF THE most singular pleas received was from a priest who, writing in the unfamiliar English language, phrased a request for "holy smoke"—from which the Rochester priest deducted he meant incense.

Upon receiving some soap in a package, one German mother wrote that she was able to give the whole family its first bath since the war.

Another family had its first real Christmas in years, a grateful informant wrote, thanks to a gift of candles from the Rochester women. They were the first Christmas tree decorations which the family had been able to secure.

THE HOLY FAMILY Rosary Society also operates a kind of missing persons bureau. A number of American relatives have been located in Rochester for people in Germany and two families were found within a stone's throw of the rectory.

Many of the Rosary Society women also provide packages and gifts from their own private means in addition to the articles shipped by the group as a whole.

One member, who asked that her name be withheld, recently provided fine clothing for an entire First Communion class of 60 children.

The hard-working group would welcome any kind of help, material, financial or manual, from persons interested in the project. Used clothing and shoes, regardless of condition, are a particular need.

Renew Prayer To St. Joseph Asks Bishop

An earnest plea for renewed devotion to St. Joseph was voiced by Bishop James E. Kearney at a solemn celebration in honor of the patron saint of the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Pittsford Motherhouse, Thursday, Mar. 4.

Never in all its history, declared Bishop Kearney was the Church of Christ more in need of a powerful advocate before the throne of God.

"We have seen the banner of Christ lowered on one bastion after another. We have seen the vestments laid aside in one chapel and church after another in the countries of Europe. God knows we need Saint Joseph in this year and during this crucial time."

The Bishop celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass, assisted by the following:
Assisting priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., P. A.; assisting deacon, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay; deacon of the Mass, Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert; sub-deacon of the Mass, Rev. Charles V. Boyle; master of ceremonies, Rev. John A. Morgan; acolytes, Rev. Michael J. Tydings, Rev. James F. O'Connell.

Thurifer, Rev. Raymond J. Walsh; book-bearer, Rev. Elmer Holmstrom; candle-bearer, Rev. Roy B. Murphy; crucifer, Rev. Thomas Manly; mitre bearer, Rev. James F. Slattery; sub-deacon Cross bearer, Rev. William Shannon; scutifer, Rev. John J. Nacca, Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy.

Also present in the sanctuary were the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Casey, the Rev. Joseph H. Gezell, Rev. Francis W. Luddy, Rev. George Schmitt, Rev. Louis Edelman, Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Rev. George J. Weidmann, Rev. George M. Kalb, Rev. Albert J. Golger, Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Rev. Henry E. Misag, C.S.S.R., the Rev. William C. Treanor, C.S.S.R., the Rev. John T. Callahan, Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, Rev. George S. Wood, Rev. Edward J. Lintz, Rev. John E. Roach, Rev. Walter Carron, Rev. Donald J. Murphy, Rev. John D. Malley, Rev. Francis J. Taylor, and Rev. John S. Maloney.

A congregation of 350 sisters sang the Mass in Gregorian chant appropriate to the feast; the proper parts of the Votive Mass honoring St. Joseph were sung by a schola of some 200 voices.

Rosary from Jew South Bend (RNS)—Samuel Brown, South Bend Jewish official who has just returned from Europe and Palestine, brought back to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Gallo, dean of the South Bend Catholic deanery, a rosary blessed by Pope Pius XII.

Pontifical Mass Opens St. Patrick Day Events

The traditional Solemn Pontifical Mass in the patronal church will open the observance of St. Patrick's Feast Day on Wednesday, March 18 with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney as celebrant.

Evening observances are planned in various hall with the Ancient Order of Hibernians scheduling a program on the Sheraton Hotel Starlight Roof and the annual Knights of Equity banquet set in Powers Hotel.

The Panegyric at St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Ave. North near Brown St. will be reached by the Very Rev. Bernard J. Daly, O. C. M., rector of Whitefriars, the Irish Carmelite Fathers monastery in Auburn. Father Daly came from Los Angeles last year to succeed the Very Rev. Patrick J. Russell, O. C. M., now provincial.

ASSISTING BISHOP KEARNEY will be Assistant Priest, the Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., P. A.; Deacons of Honor, the Very Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, Chancellor of the diocese, and the Very Rev. Gerald C. Lambert; Deacon, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Sub-deacon, the Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, Students of St. Andrew's Seminary will fill the minor offices.

A special musical program will be presented by St. Patrick's Choir under the direction of Miss Virginia M. Bognett, according to the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's. Students of St. Andrew's Seminary, members of St. Monica's Guild composed of mothers of priests and students, and members of Irish American organizations are invited to the Mass by Father Mooney.

THE 12TH ANNUAL St. Patrick's Day dinner of the Knights of Equity at Powers Hotel will have Bishop Kearney and Mayor Dicker as speakers with Charles E. Callahan, toastmaster according to General Chairman Gerald R. Barrett of Webster.

Honored at the banquet will be Rochester Court's four supreme officers, National Chaplain, Rev. Roy B. Murphy; Supreme, St. Knight, Michael T. Ryan; Supreme Secretary, Charles Tolper; A. DeSantis and Supreme Treasurer, J. J. Barrett.

A guard of honor for the Bishop and consisting of Nanticoke College girls will escort the Bishop, Father Callahan, Father Farrell, Patricia Gorman, Margaret Nugent, Cathy Schmitt and Natalie Fenevy. Sodality will be Miss Cecelia Chang in a Chinese program accompanied by Miss Virginia Dwyer, and Miss Mary E. Brown in Irish.

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Notre Dame Band Coming

Members of Rochester Notre Dame Club and Rochester Council Knights of Columbus are planning to attend the concert to be given by the Notre Dame University Band in the New York State Armory, Medina on Tuesday, April 6.

The Medina concert will be the only appearance of the famed musical organization in New York state, this year, according to Grand Knight John P. Kennedy of Medina.

The band is the same group which appeared between halves at the football games last fall and was heard in the broadcasts. The musicians will stop off in Medina after a concert in Hartford, Conn. on their way back to Notre Dame University.

Two concerts will be given, one at 4:15 p. m. and the evening concert at 8:15 o'clock.

President William R. Bell of the Rochester Notre Dame alumni and Grand Knight John J. Kinney of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus are supporting the concert.

Tickets are on sale at the Catholic Courier-Journal office, 35 Sco St., Rochester and at the K. of C. Clubrooms, Columbus Civic Center.

Dansville Christian Mothers at Communion

Dansville—Seventy-four members of the Christian Mothers' Society of St. Mary's Church, Dansville, received Holy Communion in a body at the 9 a. m. Mass, Sunday, March 7. After the Mass breakfast was served at Old Madrid.

During the breakfast hour, piano selections were played by Mrs. Nicholas Hemmer.

College Alumnae List Devotions

In keeping with the Lenten season, the March meeting of the Nazareth College Alumnae Association will be held as a Day of Recollection on Passion Sunday, March 14.

Rev. John S. Maloney, spiritual director of St. Bernard's Seminary and former Army chaplain, will be the retreat master.

Exercises will open with Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel at 9 a. m. followed by talks, spiritual reading and devotions at the College. The day will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 p. m.

All alumnae are urged to attend this spiritual exercise. Chairman Eileen E. McInerney is being assisted by the Misses Lucille McMahon, Betty Keegan, Mary Elizabeth Meisenzahl, Catherine Foley. Reservations are being taken by Miss Rosemary Welch and Miss Mary J. McInerney and the library will be handled by Miss Rosemary Schifferl and Miss Barbara Davis.

Catholic Duty to DP Set For Worker Talk

Catholic responsibility toward displaced persons will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Catholic Worker Group at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 16, in St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave.

Speaker will be Miss Virginia Croston, secretary of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and a member of the DCCW Speakers' Bureau. Her subject will be "Where Are the 70 Per Cent Catholic DPs?"

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