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Aides Named To Plan Diocesan Holy Name Day

The Elmira Deanery Union in conjunction with the parish Holy Name Societies is preparing to entertain a record gathering for the annual diocesan Holy Name Convention in Elmira Sunday, May 16.

The business session of the convention will be held in St. Mary's Church hall at 3 p. m. Benediction will follow in the church.

St. Mary's Church is located on Elmira's south side on Franklin St. at Fulton. The school is situated on Fulton St. at the rear of the church.

During the past month officers of the Deanery Union, including the Rev. William J. Naughton, spiritual director; Cornelius J. Milliken, president and Atty. Paul M. Donovan, vice-president have visited the Holy Name Societies in Owego, Elmira and Watkins Glen with the view of promoting interest in the forthcoming convention.

They report an enthusiastic response from the different societies with the prospect of full official delegations from all societies. A large representation of members from each society is also anticipated.

St. Mary's Society under the leadership of its president, Cornelius Sullivan, is completing arrangements to handle hundreds of visitors.

HALL—Edward McDonald, Edward Connelly, John McBenett, Louis Saxe, Leo Pint, Sr., Carl Broschart, Salvatore Salafia, Raymond Schultz.

RECEPTION—John Richardson, Owen P. McCarthy, Frederick Mulcahy.

REGISTRATION—Samuel Turner, James O'Connor, Eugene Golden.

FARKING—Thomas Whitford, James Smith, John Strong, James Rouse.

A committee of the Deanery Union under the chairmanship of Vice-President Paul M. Donovan is also making arrangements for a reception and social hour to be held at the Mark Twain Hotel following the convention sessions. All Holy Name men and their ladies will be welcome at the reception.

Prelate Leads Elmirans In Rosary



Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., on outdoor platform in Wisner Park as he led the more than 2,000 present in a prayer tribute to Mary's Day. To extreme left is Cornelius J. Milliken, general chairman, who explained the service's significance. Color guard was furnished by St. Anthony's Post, Catholic War Veterans.

Outdoor Rally Draws 2000 Elmirans In Rosary Tribute to Blessed Mother

Public recitation of the Rosary brought more than 2,000 persons to Elmira's Wisner Park at noon on May Day, Saturday, May 1, as thousands of others in the area listened to the program over Station WELM.

Leading the assemblage in the recitation was the Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V. F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church and dean of Elmira's Deanery. Monsignor Brien was introduced by Cornelius J. Milliken, president of the Elmira Deanery Holy Name Union and general chairman of the May Day observance.

Pointing up the reason for the observance, Milliken declared: "NO PRAYER is more appealing or more effective to Mary, the Queen of Peace, than the Rosary. It is particularly fitting

that we prefer to her, Our Lady of Fatima, who predicted the sad state of present affairs, a Rosary of our hopes, our fears, our petitions for a happy era to come."

Noting that "we are prevented from sending food, clothing and medicine to the vast multitude of human beings crushed and subdued under the yoke of Red tyranny," Milliken continued:

"It is in the power of each of the millions of followers of Christ in this country to render effective and immediate aid to every person in every Communist-dominated country. We can do this principally by prayer. And certainly prayer is the all-powerful means to unite us as children of God. Each of us can participate, personally and individually. . . . May Day may have a different meaning in other groups in other places today. To us it is a day of prayer, of hope of love, of peace."

Singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," with Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne Bacon at the portable organ, opened the demonstration, which was closed with mass singing of the hymn, "Holy God."

SPECIAL PRAYERS were recited between rosary decades by John Woscheyzn of St. Nicholas

600 Children Are Blessed By Bishop Kearney

Coming from all parishes in Elmira an estimated 600 children, with the youngest only 10 days old, were solemnly blessed by His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Sunday afternoon.

Sponsored by the Ladies of Charity of Elmira, the annual ceremony brought a steady line of pre-school children and their parents through the church for 1 1/2 hours.

The parents and their children were greeted as they entered the church by Ladies of Charity and Elmira Knights of Columbus and ushered to the sanctuary where Bishop Kearney sat awaiting them at the altar. The Bishop individually blessed each child and its parents as they came before him.

Bishop Kearney was attended by four pages, boys from the First, Second and Third Grades of St. Peter and Paul's Church.

The blessing of the children was preceded by a procession of Bishop Kearney, priests of the parish and the pages from the rectory to the church. A like procession followed.

After the St. Peter & Paul's ceremony, Bishop Kearney went to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Elmira where at 4:30 p. m. he confirmed a class of 68 children.

Bishop, Mayor Join In Tributes As Elmir a Parish Notes Triple Jubilees

Parishioners of St. Mary's Church in Elmira were in the religious spotlight of the community all this week as they marked a glorious march of spiritual progress by celebrating triple anniversaries — the 75th year of the parish, the 50th of the convent and school and the 25th of the pastor.

Highlighting the ceremonies was a banquet Monday night, May 3, which drew the largest crowd ever to assemble in the Mark Twain Hotel.

More than 700 persons packed the ballrooms and adjoining rooms to hear messages of tribute from His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, Elmira's Mayor Emory Strachen and other distinguished church and lay leaders.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT pupils of St. Mary's School were to present an operetta, "Kathleen," Thursday and Friday night, May 6 and 7, in the Southside High School auditorium. At 8 a. m. Saturday is scheduled a Mass for the living and dead who served in the wars during the 75-year history of the parish. The week-long program will conclude Sunday, May 8, with a Communion Breakfast for all men of the parish following Corporate Communion at the 7:30 Mass. Joining the men at the 9 a. m. breakfast in the Mark Twain will be men of St. Patrick's parish.

Bishop Kearney charged the Monday banquet listeners with preparing for another 75 years in the parish. "It was the presence of Christ in the church," His Excellency declared, "which gave the priests the inspiration necessary when they took their places in the pulpit or confessional."

Speaking of his association with Father Toole, the Bishop termed him "a credit to the community" who "knew he could be called away from his tasks by God but didn't hesitate an instant in carrying out his long range programs. On behalf of the Diocese I extend to him our thanks for his zeal. As far as we in the priesthood and parishioners can determine, we think the words spoken of him in the Courts of Heaven will be: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

IN A STIRRING message on behalf of the parishioners, David V. Sheehan reminded the audience that "Father Toole . . . doesn't sit here alone tonight. As great and as deserving as the merits of his achievements, he must share the evening's honors with the good shepherds who have gone before him." Sheehan then spoke glowingly of "Father James McManus, founder and builder and first pastor of St. Mary's Church . . . Father Michael O'Dwyer, who built St. Mary's School and the Convent for its Sisters . . . and the well-remembered figure of Father J. J. Moran."

lark, who for 40 years offered Holy Mass from St. Mary's altar."

"Today, as never before," the speaker continued, "there is a crying, desperate need for more and more St. Mary's Schools all over the land. There are voices, both challenging and insistent, voices whose clamor and roar are swelling daily, demanding that we do more."

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Turn to God in Atomic Age, Warns Reformatory Speaker

Having discovered the secret of our own destruction, it is evident that only One can save us.

This was told to the staff of Elmira Reformatory and Reception Center at a Communion Breakfast Sunday by Rev. John W. McDonald of Cornell University, Law School.

The breakfast in the Reformatory officers' restaurant followed Mass in the institution chapel. Celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain at the Reformatory.

Professor MacDonald said in part: "Only a few months ago, the Holy Father felt called upon to warn us against what he termed the overwhelming indifference, a jaded attitude of 'I don't care.'"

"What can we do? It is becoming clearly evident that we can do nothing by ourselves. It has come to pass that our generation has perpetrated a veil which no human ears safely penetrate."

"We have discovered the secret of our own destruction. We have it within our power to commit suicide. Not a suicide of our kind but a suicide of our species. Who can be indifferent in face of such a peril? Does it not become evident that only One can save us?"

"Does it not become evident that at least the supreme humility of those who are in imminent peril must finally be acknowledged?"

"Save us Lord, else we perish" are not idle words these days. Who can look at the cities of the nation without feeling that possibly He is looking at doomed cities. Who, in looking, can feel independent of the overwhelming power of the Almighty, who alone can save?"

Sharing the speaker's table with Professor MacDonald were Msgr. Lane, the Rev. James V. Loughlin, Catholic chaplain at the Reception Center; Col. Leroy Weisen, Reformatory superintendent; Col. W. H. Dunn, assistant superintendent; Dr. Glenn M. Kendall, Reception Center director, Asph. B. Hall, member of the Board of Visitors.

Elmira Police Dept. Traffic Bureau.

'Check Cars' Police Urge

In their May traffic bulletin, Elmira police admonish motorists to have their cars checked.

The Bulletin states: "Check your Car — Check Accidents."

Maytime is the beginning of vacation time. Have your car checked. After having gone through the rigorous winter it will need it.

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Elmira Police Dept. Traffic Bureau.

Sodality Honors Mothers Sunday

The Sodality of Our Lady of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, has completed its plans for the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast which will be held in the Mark Twain Hotel on Sunday morning, May 9.

Miss Mary E. FitzGerald, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Charities will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

Members of the Sodality will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 o'clock Mass and are asked to assemble in the vestibule of the Church by 8:20.

All women of the Parish are invited to attend the breakfast and are asked to make their reservations by Friday by calling Mrs. John Benjamin 415 or Mrs. Charles Kruckow 2-8003. Mrs. Mary Karl and Mrs. John Benjamin are co-chairmen of the breakfast.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of the Rochester Diocese:

- Sunday, May 9—Precious Blood, St. George, Rochester; St. Patrick, Mt. Morris; Bath; Cato; Cayuga; Chili; Clifton Springs; Honesty; Marion; Moravia; Mumfords; Newark Valley; Pittsford; Romulus; Rush; Savannah; West Bloomfield.

Speaker Named for Sodality Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Sodality of Our Lady, St. Patrick's parish, Elmira will be held in the assembly room Thursday evening, May 12.

Miss Catherine Connelly will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be, "Irish in America."

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at this meeting.

Archconfraternity Rite Adds 100 Elmira Members

More than one hundred members of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's parish, Elmira, were received into the Archconfraternity of the Immaculate Heart.

The ceremony of the Archconfraternity of the Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the services in the church.

From the church the ladies proceeded to the newly decorated Hall for a business meeting, in the course of which the present officers were elected to serve another term. The officers are: Miss Frances Battersby, president; Mrs. Leonard Sullivan, vice president; Miss Stella Jones, treasurer and Miss Anastasia Rosinski, secretary.

Ithaca NCCW Hears Cornell Physician

Ithaca—"Euthanasia" was discussed by Dr. Ann Maloney, resident physician at the Cornell Infirmary before 80 members of Ithaca District, National Council of Immaculate Conception Parish hall.

Mrs. R. Leo Sullivan presided at the quarterly meeting. Reports were given by various committees and refreshments were served.

Editor Gives Invocation Washington (NC)—The Rev. Paul Eusebius, editor of The Catholic Digest, in a prayer opening a session of the House of Representatives, asked God to "enlighten the minds of this Congress so that His will in respect to the relation of man to his fellow man may also be followed by the art of government."

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