

# Knights of St. John Hear Bishop in Buffalo

Buffalo — The Church needs "intellectual, consistent and conscientious fighters," His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester declared at Solemn Pontifical Mass formally opening the 49th International Convention of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary, here Monday in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Bishop Kearney, supreme spiritual adviser of the fraternal organization, said that wearing a uniform is not enough to prove that one is a soldier in Christ's army. His Excellency said that "the follower of Christ is always fighting the powers and principalities of evil."

Celebrant of the Mass was the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Bishop of Buffalo. Assistant Priest was the Rev. Ludwin E. Winter, chaplain of the Buffalo Regiment, Deacon, the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Gofell, chaplain of Rochester Regiment and Subdeacon, the Rev. J. J. Paulus of Cleveland.

**ROCHESTER MARCHING** units won international honors and commendation for participation in the street parade Monday night and the prize drills Tuesday.

In the competitive prize drills of the Knights of St. John, St. Boniface Commandery was first and won \$350; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Commandery was second, winning \$250 and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Commandery, fourth, for a \$100 prize.

Ladies Auxiliary marching companies from Rochester also finished in the money. Winners were Auxiliary 232, Rochester, \$350; Auxiliary 47, Rochester, \$250; Auxiliary 45, Rochester, \$150.

Headed by Colonel Joseph S. Wendelgass, Rochester Regiment and units of the Ladies Auxiliary marched in the colorful street parade, Monday night witnessed by 25,000.

The women's drill companies wore natty outfits of bright colors. "Outstanding were units from Rochester with members garbed in combinations of gray and maroon and blue and white," the Courier Express of Buffalo reported.

**HIGHLIGHTING THE** convention was a banquet attended by 1000 members of the two organizations in Hotel Statler at which the principal speaker was Justice Joseph A. Wechter of the Supreme Court. He maintained that the Catholic Church has always "inculcated respect for and obedi-

ence to lawfully-constituted authority.

The Catholic Church has "recognized monarchies, oligarchies, aristocracies, democracies, republics and all other forms of government—demanding only that the civil law shall never contradict the supreme norm imposed upon all mankind," said Justice Wechter.

He declared "the greatest single factor in the growth of our country has been religious tolerance" and contended there can be no loftier ideal "than is contained in the title—Catholic American citizen."

Gen. Andrew O. Zink of Detroit, supreme president of the Knights of St. John, described the five-day convention as "the outstanding event in the history of the Knights of St. John" and urged the organization and auxiliary to expand and become the "leading Catholic lay organization in the country."

Mrs. Clara Renner of Columbus O., supreme president of the auxiliary, told the group the organization she headed was "going forward to better and bigger things than ever before."

## 2 Masses Set At Bay Chapel

Two Sunday Masses are scheduled at St. Rose Chapel, Sodus Point, until further notice, according to the Rev. Ralph J. Meyer, pastor of Church of the Epiphany, Sodus and of the Sodus Point chapel. Masses will begin each Sunday at the Point at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

## Rosarians To Hold Picnic At Lake

Holy Rosary Society will hold its annual picnic Tuesday, July 13 at Ontario Beach Park Grounds No. 2. Dinner will be served at 12-30.

In the event of rain, arrangements will be made to hold the picnic in Holy Rosary school hall. Rev. Paul G. Wohlrab will be in charge of sports. Chairman Mrs. Lillian Terhara will be assisted by Mesdames Clarabelle Sullivan, Sarah Magee, Clara Haungs, Alice McCarthy, Ella Eber and Mary Considine.

## Awarded Ph.D.



REV. J. P. O'MEARA, C.S.B.

## Basilian Father Wins Doctorate

Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., an Aquinas Institute alumnus, and former member of the Aquinas faculty has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in historical studies from the University of Ottawa.

A native of Rochester and member of the Congregation of St. Basil, Father O'Meara received the degree June 6. He is the son of Mrs. Patrick J. O'Meara, 92 Hobart St.

Father O'Meara was ordained a Basilian priest Aug. 13, 1942 at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto by His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan. A graduate of Corpus Christi School, and Aquinas Institute, he holds a Master's degree in Education from Wayne University, Detroit.

Before he joined the Aquinas teaching staff he taught in Basilian schools in Detroit and Toronto.

## Officers Installed

Mrs. J. A. O'Connor was installed as president of St. Mary's Hospital Staff Auxiliary and committees for the year 1948-1949 were appointed at the closing meeting last week.

Taking their posts with Mrs. O'Connor were Vice President, Mrs. Alvah Remington, Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Hallett and Secretary, Mrs. Edward Callahan. Committee heads are: Ways and Means, Mrs. Montgomery Leary; Membership, Mrs. Ray Sommers, Work, Mrs. George Burns, Sick, Mrs. Robert Schanz, Auditing, Mrs. Joseph Loder, Library, Mrs. Walter Riley, Mrs. Robert Corcoran, Hostesses, Mrs. Frank Valvo and Publicity, Mrs. John Kammer.

## Msgr. McNiff Heads Air Tour To Vatican

A private audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII on Tuesday, July 27 will climax a Rochester diocesan air pilgrimage to famed shrines of Europe which is headed by the diocesan Chancellor, the Very Rev. James C. McNiff. The pilgrims will leave for New York Sunday night via American Airlines.

The party is planning to spend four days in London, three days in Paris and eight days in Rome. Visits will be made to the famed Lourdes shrine and Lieux, Amsterdam, Brussels and the hill country of Italy.

Monsignor McNiff who made his theological studies at the North American College in Rome will be returning to scenes of those days. He will take the pilgrims through the Vatican, widely travelled, the Chancellor will be familiar with many of the other places to be visited.

The party is going to Europe under the auspices of the European Catholic Shrines Tour and arrangements were made by the Kalbfleisch Travel Agency of Rochester.

## Bishop At Rites For J. E. Cuff

A Solemn High Funeral Mass for James E. Cuff, prominent Catholic layman and attorney, with His Excellency, Bishop Kearney imparting final absolution was held Friday morning in Old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park, Rochester.

Arrangements for services to be held in Mr. Cuff's native Watertown were changed Thursday. Mr. Cuff, 58, died Wednesday, June 23, 1948. Following the Mass in Old St. Mary's the body was taken to Watertown for burial Saturday.

Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell was celebrant of the Mass assisted by the Rev. Albert J. Shannon as Deacon and the Rev. Leslie G. Whalen as Subdeacon.

In the Sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G. the Very Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director of Rochester Catholic Charities and the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic Chaplain, Cornell University. Also attending were the Reverend Fathers, George J. Weinmann, Arthur E. Raligan, Camiel A. Vander Meulen, S.S.C., George C. Vogt, Arthur F. Flack, Francis Mahon S.V.D. and Eugene Golding.

Bearers were Eugene R. Cusker, Caryle B. Newcomb, Frank Joyce J. Paul Brennan, Jacob Arb and Stephen Pollard.

A Knights of Columbus Choir, directed by Raymond J. Hasenauer of Aquinas Institute faculty sang the responses.

A larger delegation of members of organizations to which Mr. Cuff belonged served as honorary bearers. Grand Knight John J. Kinney headed the Knights of Columbus Vice Supreme Commander Norman A. O'Brien represented the Order of the Alhambra and Daniel F. Fitzgerald, past president of the Rochester Bar Association was in the delegation.

At the Trent Funeral Home, 683 Main St. East where the body lay Wednesday night, a delegation of the Knights of Columbus headed by the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall and Grand Knight Kinney held brief services.

Mr. Cuff was a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus a member of Musa Caravan Order of the Alhambra and other organizations.

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## Mt. Morris School Awards 9 Diplomas

Mt. Morris. The graduating class of 1948 of St. Patrick's School received their diplomas at the graduating exercises held Friday evening, June 25 at the school auditorium. The Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor awarded the diplomas and the Rev. J. F. Woloch of Livonia Center delivered the address to the class. This year's class was the 36th to be graduated from the school.

Officers of the 1948 class are: Ruth Twiss, president; Diane Baunard, vice president; Natalie Donovan, secretary; Donald Truby, treasurer. The class motto is "Preserve in us the Faith of Our Lord" and the class colors green and white.

Preceding the graduation exercises a program of entertainment was given by the children of the various grades.

Sunday morning, June 27 the graduating class attended the 9 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Church and received Holy Communion in a body.

## Names Omitted

Because of the thousands of Catholic high school and grammar school graduates in the entire Rochester diocese, and in fairness to all, the policy of omitting names of graduates in commencement stories will again have to be maintained this year.

# 1,078 Catholic High Diplomas Conferred



This scene typical of high school graduations in Rochester diocese shows His Excellency Bishop Kearney conferring a diploma on Richard Delmonico, salutatorian at Holy Family High School, Auburn.

## Bishop Kearney Urges Graduates To Write Christianity History

More than 1,000 Catholic high school graduates were commissioned to write a new chapter in the history of Christianity by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney at commencement ceremonies throughout the diocese.

A group of 1078 students, jagged in diocesan history, received their Catholic high school diplomas before their parents and friends in graduations at 10 diocesan schools.

Sounding the keynote of the commencement season, Bishop Kearney described the occasion as "your valedictory to priests, sisters and parents," but not to God.

He described the passage of the high school years as "chapters in a story," adding, "that chapter is now closed. Now you go out to write a long and much more serious story. We hand you the pen. All of the other chapters must be written by you. May they make as beautiful reading in the sight of God and the angels, as the chapter we now close."

The Bishop warned that America is confronted with the twofold spectacle of a deliberate and unconscious endeavor to undermine the foundation of Western culture or Christian civilization. "To destroy beliefs in those realities is to underwrite barbarism and open the door to chaos in human living," he said.

Aquinas Institute's graduation at the auditorium theatre June 27 was the occasion for congratulations to the biggest class in the diocese, a group of 337. Rev. William J. Duggan, C.S.E., Aquinas principal, presented the young men and Gerard H. Tucker gave the valedictory. The Bishop presided and handed out diplomas.

## 3 Scholarships Awarded By Holy Rosary Knights

Continuing a practice inaugurated last year, Holy Rosary Commandery 106, Knights of St. John, again awarded scholarships for one year to the members of the graduating class of Holy Rosary School who attained the highest averages.

This year, due to a tie in scholastic standings, three scholarships were given at the commencement exercises held last Friday. Two boys, who finished with equal standings were each awarded a one year scholarship to Aquinas Institute and a girl graduate was given a one year scholarship to Nazareth Academy.

Those receiving the scholarships and their averages are: To Aquinas George C. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Green, 108 Kislisbury Street and Neal J. O'Brien, son of Norman A. O'Brien, 263 Lexington Avenue.

Both boys had an average of 88. To Rita Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buckley, 16 Lake View Terrace, was given a one year scholarship to Nazareth Academy as her reward for diligent application and scholastic achievement in attaining an average of 97.3.

These scholarship awards have been established by Holy Rosary Commanders as a part of their planned Catholic Activity Program. "to instill in the minds of the young a serious desire for a realization of the true

value of a Catholic education," the officers state.

The plan also acts "as a stimulus to those students just entering their teens, to apply themselves more earnestly to their studies in a spirit of friendly competition with their classmates to receive an award enabling them to continue their higher education in the same Catholic atmosphere experienced during their days at Holy Rosary School."

Awards went to the following: Jerome Moriarty, Catholic Doctrine; Ralph King, French; Eugene F. Urban, Rensselaer Science and Mathematics Award; James P. Burns, Bausch and Lomb Science Award; Francis J. Zientara, Stouber German Award; James H. Ryan, Paladin Mission Award; John R. Haag, History Award from the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly; Gerard H. Tucker, Rochester Gas & Electric Essay Award.

One of the most honored classes in Nazareth Academy's history was this year's group of 308 graduates which received diplomas from the Bishop at exercises June 28 in the Eastman Theater. Valedictorian of the class was Joan E. Popp.

Recipients of awards were: Lois Hannelora Beyer, St. Augustin's; Lois Arlidge, Good Counsel; Eleanor Spencer, St. Monica; Cecilia Bonjorno, St. Michael; Ann Redman, Good Counsel; Joanne Garey, St. Rose; Liliq; Mary Lou Neary, Holy Apostles; Leona Farrell, Holy Cross; Eleanor Miller, St. Michael; Rita Webber, Sacred Heart; Marlon Miller, Sacred Heart.

Scholarships to Nazareth College were mailed by Arin Redman, Shirley Keenan of Sacred Heart parish and Mary Ann Miller of St. Helen's. St. Mary's Hospital also offered a year college course with 1 year internship as a preparation for its diabetic department to Lois Ann Hasenauer.

Our Lady of Mercy High School graduated its largest class, a group of 18 girls, June 28 in the Holy Family auditorium at exercises presided over by Bishop Kearney, who also presented diplomas and gave the commencement address. Student speaker was Marjory Belter.

Prize-winners were: Mary Wilbur, of St. Monica's, Religion, Honor Latin and Stouber German awards; Jacqueline Behn of St. John's, Bausch & Lomb Science Award; Patricia O'Brien of Good Counsel, French, Latin and Journalism awards; Jean Coughlin, alias of Good Counsel, Mathematics Award; Joan Reichart, St. (Continued on Page 3)



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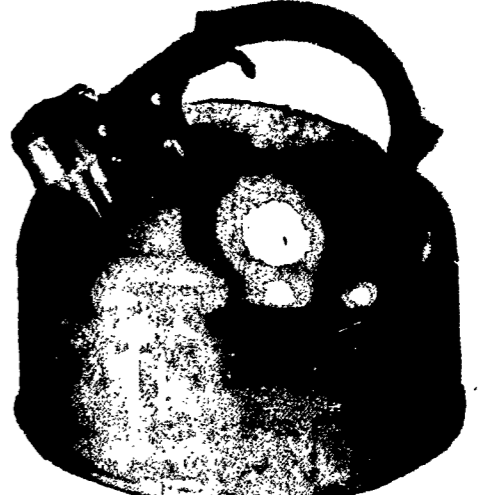
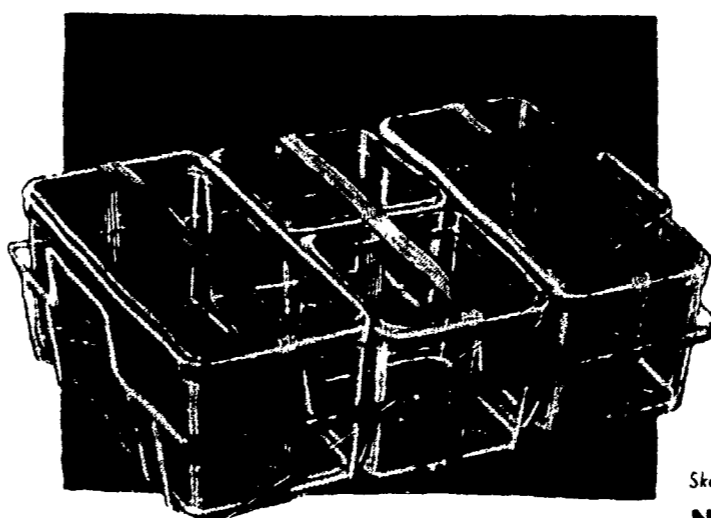
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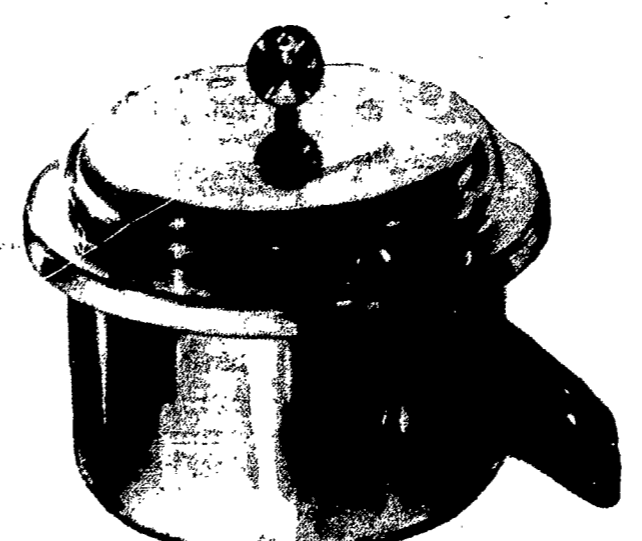


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