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Harvest Dinner Slated By Elmira Parish Women

Commemorating the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin, a harvest dinner has been planned by the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's Parish for Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Harris Hill, Elmira.

Convert Class Opens Sept. 12

Another in the series of adult instructions for persons interested in the Catholic faith will begin on Sunday evening, Sept. 12 at SS. Peter and Paul's, according to "The Chimes," parish publication. Parishioners are asked to pray for the work and to extend a word of welcome and encouragement to non-Catholic relatives and friends.

"The duty of spreading the Catholic faith," the publication states, "rests not only on priests, but on every person in the parish. We feel sure that none of the people in SS. Peter and Paul's would want to face Our Lord in Judgment and tell Him that in all their life they did not win even one single soul for Him, Who shed His blood for every human being."

Mercy Sister Visits Home in Corning

Corning—Sister Mary Raymond Joseph, who was professed in the Order of the Sisters of Mercy on Tuesday, August 24, at the Lady of Mercy Convent, Rochester, spent the past weekend in Corning at St. Mary's Convent. On Sunday she greeted many old friends at the home of her mother, Mrs. Edith Griffin, 163 W. Third Street.

A graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Free Academy, Sister Mary Raymond Joseph is the former Miss Marjorie Griffin. She entered the Order of Mercy in September, 1944, and was received into the Order in June 1945. For the past year she has been teaching music at St. Ann's School, Hornell.

Henrietta Parish Has School Bus



Grouped with the Rev. Albert J. Schnacky, diocesan director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine who assists at Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta are some of the children of that and of St. Joseph's Parish, who make use of this school bus, a gift to the parish. The bus is for any occasion required, according to the Rev. George Vogt, pastor.

Mrs. Laughlin, Mother of 16, Dies in Corning

Corning—Mrs. Alexander Laughlin, 66, of Corning, R. D. 4, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, in Corning Hospital. She was born in Geneva, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peck. She had been a resident of Corning since 1903 and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

Besides her husband she is survived by eight sons, Benjamin of Watkins, R.D., Walter L. Bernard, John, Olin, and Eugene E., all of Corning; Alexander E. of Gibson, and James L. of Erie, Pa.; eight daughters, Mrs. Mary Merthwe, Mrs. Carl Sonner, Mrs. Harry Travis and Mrs. Harry Phillips, all of Corning; Mrs. Alexander Rooney of Philadelphia, N. J.; Mrs. Albert Fink of California, Mrs. Everett Hawley and Miss Theresa Laughlin of Erie, 48 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday at 8:15 a. m. and at 9 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Corning—Miss Mary Kennedy, 70, died Wednesday, Aug. 25. She was born in Corning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kennedy and spent most of her life in this city. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church and the League of the Sacred Heart.

Funeral services were held from the A. W. Belys and Son Funeral Home Friday at 7:45 a. m. and at 8 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Spiritual Practices Urged Before Ithaca Centenary

Ithaca—The program outlined by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII is recommended to parishioners of Church of the Immaculate Conception Church here for their Centenary celebration.

The parish's triple anniversary celebration is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 17 through Wednesday, Oct. 30.

"The year 1948 may be considered a Holy Year in this parish," the Rev. William Byrne, pastor, states in a centenary letter to the parishioners, "and we hope that everything possible will be done to increase the religious and spiritual life of all our people."

Father Byrne suggests more frequent reception of the Sacraments and greater fidelity in attending Mass on Sunday. He urges more interest in church societies with an increase in membership and greater religious activity.

"I entreat parents to give more attention to the instruction and training of children," states Father Byrne. He urges that all infants of four weeks or more who have not been baptized be brought to the church without delay stating that the matter should be attended to before the centennial celebration Oct. 17.

The pastor issues instructions on the First Communion Class and on preparation for Confirmation. "The graces and blessings which we enjoy today have come to us through the unwavering fidelity of those who have lived during the century that has passed," Father Byrne declares. "Let us do everything possible to insure the transmission of this precious heritage to those who are to follow us. This is the overall purpose of our jubilee observance."

Officers' Forums To Launch Fall Season of Diocesan HNS

Kickoff in a busy fall schedule of Holy Name Society activities will be a series of eight Officers' Forums starting Monday, Sept. 13, and extending into October.

The forums will be held in the Rochester Diocese, and one each in the Dioceses of Auburn, Corning, Geneva and Elmira. Invited to participate are all officers of every parish Holy Name Society. Also urged to attend are chairmen of any HNS committee.

SPONSORED BY the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union through Central Office, the forums will feature down-to-earth discussion or organizational problems. To be studied will be methods of increasing membership, and attendance at meetings; better ways to conduct meetings; the problems of constitution; the duties of officers; the question of speakers, entertainers and so forth.

Following the presentation of brief messages from the Diocesan spiritual directors, two members of the Diocesan Union executive committee and the executive secretary, the meetings will be thrown open for discussion. Each Society will be given an opportunity to present its own difficulties, according to Lewis A. Schur, Diocesan Union president.

FIRST IN THE series of forums will be at St. Michael's Church, Rochester, on Monday, Sept. 13. Other forum dates for the Rochester Diocese will be Sept. 17, 20 and 24.

Tentative dates for forums in the other Dioceses (all subject to confirmation) are the first four Friday nights in October.

While Holy Name officers from any parish may attend any of the forums, it is expected that most will be represented at the meetings in their particular area. Parishes listed for representation in the first of the four Rochester forums on Sept. 13 are:

St. Michael's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Holy Redeemer, St. George, St. Bridget, St. Theresa, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales Chapel, Our Lady of Victory, St. Philip Neri, St. Stanislaus, St. Josephat, St. Margaret Mary, Church of the Annunciation, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, Holy Trinity in Webster and St. Salome in St. Pleasant.

St. Anne's Church will be host for the second forum, Sept. 17, for parishes in that area.

5 Waterloo Girls Graduated By RBI

Waterloo—Five young Catholic people are listed among the 385 graduates of Rochester Business Institute, via. Miss Catherine V. Letta, Miss Lois O'Connor, Miss Patricia Nary and Catherine McNary, who completed secretarial science courses, and James Lynch, who completed a business administration course.

They are all graduates of St. Mary's School and Waterloo High School.

Vaillancourt Reappointed 4th Degree K. of C. Head

Reappointment of B. J. Vaillancourt of Elmira as Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus for a second two-year term is announced by Supreme Master William J. Mulligan of Hartford, Conn.

In making the appointment, the national Fourth Degree leader commended Vaillancourt's first term and urged him to begin preparations for the nation-wide observance of the Fourth Degree's Golden Jubilee celebration in 1950.



B. J. VAILLANCOURT

Vaillancourt who is the Courier-Journal representative in Elmira is the first to hold the Master's office outside of Rochester since the district was reorganized to comprise the area in the diocesan limits. Under his direction exemplifications of the patriotic degree of the K. of C. have taken place in Rochester, Elmira and Corning. The Fifth New York District is in the Calvert Province of the Fourth Degree. Vaillancourt's term began Sept. 1.

Parents Mark Jubilee As Children Wed

Auburn—In an unique triple ceremony, Bernard Druzynski of Rochester and Miss Helen Naja of Auburn will be married Saturday in St. Joseph's Church and their respective parents will celebrate their silver wedding jubilee.

The young couple will pronounce their wedding vows and assist at nuptial Mass at the high altar.

At the Blessed Virgin's altar, the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Naja, 204 State Street, Auburn, will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary by assisting at a low Mass.

Parents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Bronislav Druzynski, 378 Weaver St., Rochester, will assist at their silver jubilee Mass at the Sacred Heart altar.

The triple ceremony will commence at 10 a. m. A wedding breakfast for all three couples will be served at the Polish Home.

Friday Supper Club Awaits Dr. Stapleton

Auburn—A large turnout is expected to hear Dr. Thomas Stapleton, World War II veteran of the Pacific campaign, address members of the First Friday supper group in the Knights of Columbus home, Friday, Sept. 25.

Sponsored by the K. of C. Catholic Activities Committee, the First Friday supper group is open to all Catholic laymen of the city. William Murley is chairman.

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'Give The Kids A Brake'

A warning on school time traffic is issued by Elmira Police Department in the September Traffic Bulletin. The Bulletin states:

Vacation is over—School is open!

Watch out for the kids. Let the school bells remind you to devote time and thought to training your children for life-long life. Show them how to cross streets—Don't just tell them—Remember your good example is their best lesson—Give the kids a brake.

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