

Seminary History in the Making



An impressive moment in diocesan history is this scene showing His Excellency Bishop Kearney breaking ground last Sunday for the new St. Andrew's Seminary at the St. William's House grounds, Buffalo Road. The day also marked the Bishop's Fortieth Anniversary in the priesthood. With the Bishop are (left to right): Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, St. Andrew's rector; Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Courier-Journal; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfrid T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

ON GUARD

About Weddings
Ala Hollywood
Confetti and Camera

According to the papers, a Lutheran minister told a group of his colleagues at a meeting this week in Buffalo that the "Hollywood embrace" was no legitimate place in church marriage ceremonies.

NO DOUBT the minister is hitting at the silly antics of those bridal couples who, even before they depart the sanctuary, climax the wedding ceremony in the same morose fashion that Hollywood producers climax their insipid films — with dramatic and even prolonged ecstasies.

The minister is right and his complaint will find a hearty echo among many Catholic priests who have been startled at the conclusion of a wedding to see newswriters stage an amateurish imitation of Hollywood lovers right in the sanctuary.

If the priest in such a situation makes no protest it is only because his shock and disgust renders him speechless.

It should be plain to anyone with a sense of modesty and normal intelligence that the spirit of the corner movie house and the cheap magazine has no place in church.

MARRIAGE is a serious thing. For Catholics marriage is something sacred. It is a sacrament — an action which brings the grace of God into the souls of the bride and groom. All this calls for dignity and decorum on the part of the bridal couple. But there is no dignity in decorum when the bride and groom and their friends act in such a way as to betray the fact that they have wasted too much time going to movies.

The "Hollywood embrace" which is only one of the abuses which offend the propriety of the wedding ceremony.

Still with us, of course, are those nuptial handgrenades whose high moment comes when they can hurl rice and confetti all over the church vestibule. Some even have been bold enough to throw confetti up the church aisle.

The confetti throwers might think twice about littering up their own homes with debris but they see no impropriety in desecrating the House of God.

PARISH priests have fought a long and hard battle against the confetti marriages who haunt church weddings. The battle is not over yet as any church janitor can assure you. But we hope that sooner or later, and the confetti marriages will pass the way of the dodo.

And a priest should pass that (Continued on page 6)

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Bishop Breaks Ground For Saint Andrew's Seminary

Another chapter in the progressive history of seminary education in Rochester Diocese began Sunday when His Excellency Bishop Kearney broke ground for the erection of the new St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary building on Buffalo Road.

Noting that the day was the 40th anniversary of his ordination, Bishop Kearney told the nearly 400 persons:

"I wanted to mark my anniversary today in a very special way. And I know nothing that pleases me more than to start the building of a seminary for the training of priests."

THE BISHOP was ordained to the priesthood in New York City Sept. 19, 1908. On Nov. 11 he will mark his 18th anniversary as a bishop and the 11th anniversary of his installation as Bishop of Rochester.

After the Bishop turned the first shovel of dirt for the new building, he was followed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons, rector of the St. Andrew's Seminary; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfrid T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; Raymond Gugel, president of the St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity; and Joseph Brennan, a seminary student. Monsignor Lyons felicitated the Bishop on his anniversary.

The ceremony began with the celebration of Mass by the Bishop on the east porch of the St. William House, a residence hall for 90 St. Andrew's students whose homes are outside the city of Rochester. Assisting were Monsignor Lyons and the Rev. John E. Maney.

A PROCESSION to the new school site, some 800 feet north of the St. William House on the diocese property, followed. Included in the procession, besides those mentioned, were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence R. Casey, pastor of Holy Cross church; the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Catholic Courier-Journal; several priests, the more than 200 St. Andrew's Seminary students, and members of the Lay Fraternity.

Revision of original plans for the seminary buildings will delay construction. It was indicated. Plans first were prepared to build on a proposed lower Dewey Avenue site and are being changed to suit the Buffalo Road property, west of the site.

Changes include elimination of faculty quarters from the new building, as the priest who staff the seminary will reside in St. William House.

Funds for the new institution, which currently is located in the Old Cathedral High School in Plymouth Ave. North, were raised in a diocesan wide drive last year. A total of \$82,000 was pledged of which some \$40,000 has been paid. Monsignor Lyons said.

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ND Head Hits Views On Schools

South Bend, Ind.—(RNS) — "Deliberate exploitation" of the public school system at the expense of the private, religious school was deplored here by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame.

Speaking at the opening of the school year at the university, Father Cavanaugh said such exploitation was the "natural corollary of the campaign to exclude God and religion from American life."

HE ASSERTED that a mistaken impression had been given that the public school system was established by the founding fathers in 1776, with the Declaration of Independence, and that all great Americans worth mentioning have been products of the public school system.

Also, he said, there is a mistaken idea that the philosophy of Americanism in its "pristine vitality and beauty" is preserved and communicated chiefly in the public schools, and that, "in other words, the public school system is the exclusive and necessary melting pot of the races and colors and creeds that make up American life."

FATHER CAVANAUGH emphasized that he was not attacking the public school system itself, but only "those who would use support of the public schools as an argument against the support of private schools."

"Many modern voices," he said, "would have us think that a family has a duty to send its children to a public school, and that only by a kind of privilege or dispensation may it commit them to a private, religious school."

"I should like to know that a religious part of the American freedom is the freedom of the family to select the school to which its children are to be sent. The state can justly make demands only when the family fails to provide for its children the kind of education which will make good American citizens."

THE NOTRE DAME head stressed that American Catholics alone spend about \$400,000,000 annually to maintain their own schools. At the same time, he added, Catholic parents pay many millions of dollars in taxes to support public schools.

"I would like to have some one show me the reasonableness of this double taxation for Catholics," he declared, "if, by American law, the parents' right to choose their children's school is guaranteed, provided the school chosen is capable of training good citizens."

Father Cavanaugh said that for the first 70 years of American history there were no public schools and pointed out that such great men as Washington, Jefferson, Madison, the Adamses, Franklin and Carroll were graduates of private religious schools.

St. Mary's In Corning City Opens Rites

Corning — Three Solemn Masses, a parish reception and an operetta by the school children will mark the 100th anniversary of St. Mary's Church here on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 26, 27 and 28 according to the official program published this week.

A Solemn High Mass coram Episcopo with His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester presiding at the throne will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The Bishop will preach the sermon.

(A review of the parish's 100 years of service appears on Page 5).

ASSISTANT PRIEST will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund A. Rawlinson; Chaplains to the Bishop, the Rev. Robert F. McNamara and the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney; Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney.

Others assisting the Bishop will be Cross Bearer, the Rev. William Burns; Book Bearer, the Rev. Joseph Merkel; Candle Bearer, the Rev. Philip McGhan; and Train Bearer, William Cassidy Jr.

REV. JOHN A. SMITH, Pastor of St. Mary's, Corning, will be celebrant of the Mass assisted by: Deacon, the Rev. Thomas J. Brady, S.J.; Subdeacon, the Rev. Gervase C. McMillen, O.F.M.; First Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. John P. O'Brien; Second Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Dennis W. Hickey; Alcolytes, the Rev. James Lane and the Rev. John Murphy; and Censer Bearer, the Rev. Dr. J. Edmund O'Brien.

The reception, scheduled on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m., will be in charge of a committee of parish women under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leo McKinney and Mrs. Joseph Krebs.

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Wall St. Back Of Cologne Rite, Say Reds

Frankfurt, Germany — (NC) — Wall Street was behind the observance of the recent 700th jubilee of the Cologne Cathedral, according to the Soviet-controlled Tagliche Rundschau, Berlin daily, which terms the celebrations "a reactionary demonstration of the alliance between American capitalism and the Holy See."

Behind it all, says the paper, stood "the spirit of a man who was not personally present, but who probably today is among the closest advisers of the Roman Pontiff: Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative at the Vatican, and who in private life is a magnate of the American steel industry and a partner of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan."

Mr. Taylor, the paper adds, has made "a solid alliance of the partnership which has existed so long between Wall Street and the Holy See, the latter itself being one of the most powerful forces of capitalism on earth."

Plot Against Czech Priests Disclosed in Red Documents

Pastors Named To Hornell, Mt. Morris

His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney has named two diocesan priests to new pastorates and another to a seminary professorship, the Chancellor announced today.

REV. LAURENCE GANNON, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris, is appointed to the pastorate of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, to succeed the late Rev. Andrew T. Dissert who died July 31.

REV. THOMAS F. BRENNAN, M.A., professor of English and Latin at St. Andrew's Seminary, will succeed to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris.

REV. JOHN F. CAVANAUGH, a graduate student of English at Cornell University, is appointed to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary.

Father Gannon has been pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris since Oct. 1944. A native of Auburn, he was educated in Auburn High School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and ordained June 12, 1926.

His first appointment was as assistant pastor at St. Bridget's Church, Rochester. In 1928 he was named assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Corning, and, twelve years later became the pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport, and St. Patrick's Church, Prattsburg. In 1944 he was transferred to the pastorate of the Mount Morris Church.

FATHER BRENNAN will come to his Mt. Morris pastorate after nineteen years of teaching English and Latin on the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary. Born in Rochester and educated at the former St. Patrick's Cathedral school and Rochester Cathedral High, he studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained June 8, 1929 and served two years as assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester. Before joining the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary, Oct. 4, 1931, he was professor and school librarian. Father Brennan pursued graduate studies at St. Bonaventure's College, St. John's University, Brooklyn, and obtained his Master of Arts degree from Niagara University in 1938.

Father Cavanaugh, a native of Rochester and a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, has been doing graduate work in English at Cornell University since his ordination in June, 1947.



FATHER GANNON



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Benes Received Last Rites From Archbishop

Prague — (NC) — Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague as well as two other Czech Bishops and a number of priests took part in the state funeral accorded to Edvard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia.

Accompanied by Bishop Stefan Trochta of Llomeric, the Prague Archbishop went to the memorial chapel of the Resistance Movement where the late President was lying in state and prayed at the coffin. Before leaving the Archbishop blessed the earthly remains of President Benes.

IN THE FUNERAL procession through the narrow streets of the Czechoslovak capital, which were packed with hundreds of thousands of people, Archbishop Beran and Archbishop Josef Macha of Olomouc, accompanied by priests, had a place of honor, walking close behind the members of the Benes family.

Finally, Archbishop Beran officiated at the burial services in Selmovo Usti, where Dr. Benes was interred in the garden of his country home. The Archbishop blessed the ground and recited prayers. He departed after bidding goodbye to Mrs. Benes.

It has been learned that Archbishop Beran gave Extreme Unction to the former President shortly before his death.

The circumstances surrounding this act are understood to have been as follows:

At a time when Mr. Benes was lying in a state of coma at his country home in Selmovo Usti, a telephone message was received at the Archbishop's residence in Prague saying that Mr. Benes was in need of a priest.

Archbishop Beran drove to Selmovo Usti but when he arrived he found that the patient was unconscious and unable to make a Confession and receive Holy Communion. The Archbishop then proceeded to administer Extreme Unction.

London — (NC) — Confidential documents which have come to light here indicate the extremely grave situation faced by the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia in its relations with the communist-dominated Prague regime.

These documents contain instructions to local communist organizations regarding the attitude to be taken toward the Catholic Church, which comprises about 70 per cent of the people in Czechoslovakia.

THE DIRECTIONS issued by the communist regime deliberately aim at driving wedges between the Holy See and the Church in Czechoslovakia, between Bishops and clergy, and between priests and people. The final aim is the creation of a Czechoslovak national church wholly subservient to the state.

One of the most deplorable features of the plan is an attempt to launch a campaign against the Church similar to the "immorality" charges fabricated by the Nazi regime in Germany in its anti-Catholic campaign 14 years ago. Women are to be used to "frame" priests, thus creating public scandals, and all cases of alleged misconduct are to be reported to headquarters.

THE FIRST move in this campaign was on the Church in Czechoslovakia are the increasingly numerous arrests of priests and religious on charges of "antistatist activity." A legal pretext for these arrests was furnished by the newly ratified law for the defense of the people's democracy, designed according to Prague radio, to suppress this "democracy" and "to facilitate its transition to socialism." Among the crimes listed as punishable are "the misuse of Church office or similar religious functions to influence the political life of the country."

One of these documents revealed that the Czechoslovakian government has ordered the Lander National Committee in Prague to "toil tirelessly to destroy the ties between the new conditions and the Protestant churches, and the Czech National Church are recognized by the State and enjoy full sovereignty under the law governing religious bodies."

THESE RELIGIOUS bodies are granted this preferential status, the memorandum declares, because they have avowed full loyalty to the new "people's democratic regime." The Catholic Church, on the other hand, has not given a satisfactory declaration of loyalty, the memorandum continues, and is therefore, so considered disloyal.

Another communist document — instructions issued last July by the Action Committee of the National Front to local organizations — is summarized as follows:

- (1) The loyalty of the people to the Holy See must be undermined by all available means, such as attacks in the press and compromising articles.
- (2) The solidarity of the Catholic clergy must be broken by driving a wedge (a) between the Bishops and priests, and (b) between the clergy and laity.
- (3) The clergy is to be influenced by means of personal contacts. This is to be done by persons specifically authorized for this action and well acquainted with these matters.
- (4) As a matter of principle, the higher clergy is not to be contacted. Dealings with them are reserved to the Secretary General of the Action Committee (Minister of Justice Alexej).

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Holy Sepulchre Graves Will Be Blessed Sunday

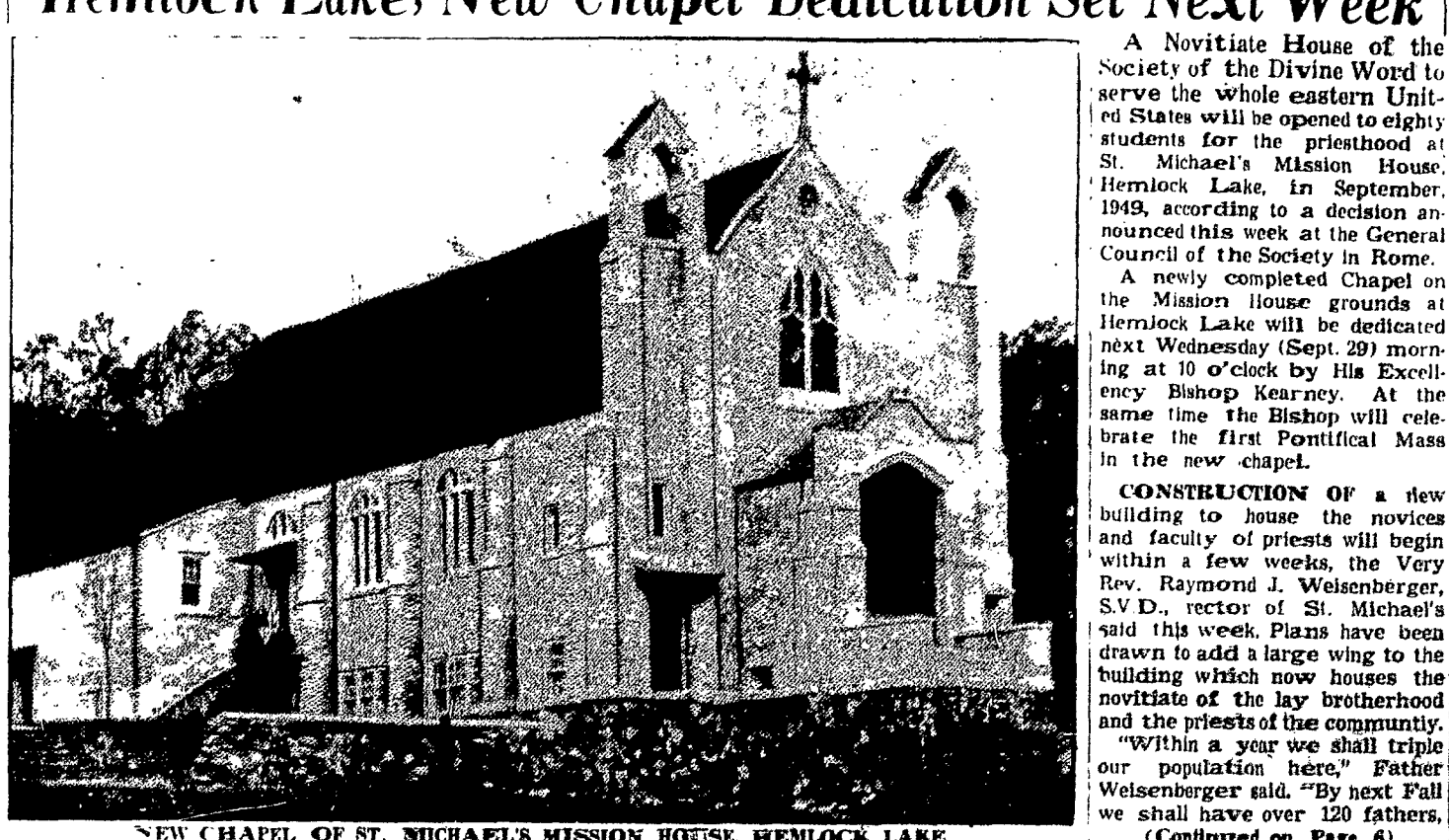
His Excellency Bishop Kearney will lead hundreds of friends and relatives of this faithful departed in prayers at the annual Blessing of the Graves at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The Bishops will be attended by priests of the diocese, and in the procession will be students of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries.

Coleman Welsensberger, rector of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, St. John, has requested all communicants to assemble in full dress uniforms at 2:30 p.m. to form a solemn escort for the Bishops.

The procession will pass through lanes of the cemetery and conclude in All Souls Chapel, where an extraordinary will address the assembly.

Divine Word Fathers Will Open Novitiate House at Hemlock Lake; New Chapel Dedication Set Next Week



NEW CHAPEL OF ST. MICHAEL'S MISSION HOUSE, HEMLOCK LAKE.

Religious Study Set 'After School' Time

St. Louis — (RNS) — In accordance with a court decision here last spring, the Inter-faith Committee, sponsors of religious education for public school students, will divorce its program from the school system entirely and will sponsor a program of classes after school hours, starting Oct. 4.

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