

A Look at Labor - Are UE Leaders 'Red'?

By A. C. Tuohy

Several months ago a member of the United Electrical Workers—CIO from Cleveland inquired of this correspondent concerning the Communist leadership of the UE. He had a...

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UE

If we may speak of it in that manner, it is more in accord with Soviet declarations than those of the American State Department.

After the Nazi-Soviet Pact in 1939 the UE, in union with other Soviet mouthpieces in this country, branded World War II as an "imperialist" war...

After the attack on Soviet Russia (June 22, 1941) the leadership of the UE along with all Communists, changed their opinions once more on Hitler, Roosevelt, and the War.

As a result of these Communist sympathies, the followers of the Party Line ditched James Carey as president of the UE. They found Carey too much of an American...

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A Century of Grace

100-Year Struggle, Growth of Historic Corning Parish Reviewed in New Book

By MARY M. CAREY

One hundred years of Catholic progress in Corning, southern-tier city of the Diocese of Rochester, is reviewed in a new book published this week in connection with the centennial celebration of the city's historic mother parish of St. Mary's.

TITLED "A Century of Grace" and published by the Christopher Press, the centenary history records the struggle and growth of St. Mary's Parish and the material and spiritual life of the once poor immigrant village, which is now the prosperous Corning community.

The author, the Rev. Robert F. McNamara, is a native of Corning, a former St. Mary's parishioner, and a member of one of the pioneer Catholic families of Corning.

Now on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary, Father McNamara produced his book after eight years of research, for the purpose of giving "a little glory to God and honor to Our Lady" and a "little pleasure to those who know and love St. Mary's Church."

BEGINNING with the record of the first Catholic settler ever to visit the area, a Stephen Brule, who came in 1615, the book unfolds the early settlement of Corning and the establishment and development of St. Mary's, its school, and its people.

A striking precedent to current disputes over use of public funds in Catholic schools and wearing of religious garb in public schools is revealed in an account of the early history of St. Mary's School.

During the last century, when public school boards often accepted local parochial schools as members of the tax-supported school system, Corning adopted such a plan in regard to St. Mary's School.

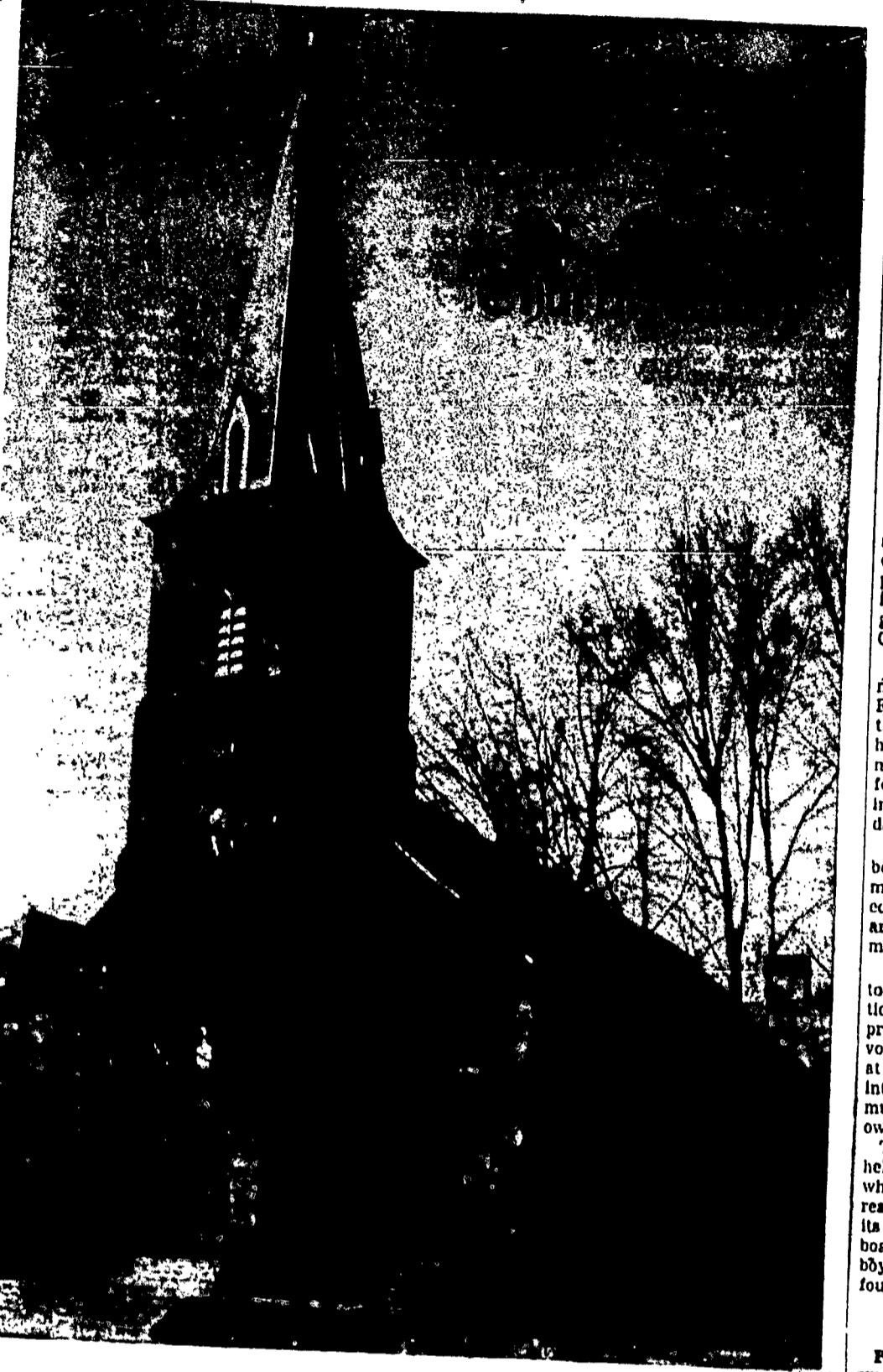
In 1866, the first faint echo of the cry to deprive the parochial school of support was raised, and the Corning Board of Education was called on to justify its allotment of funds to School No. 2.

Revered for his personal holiness, the first pastor exerted great influence on his parishioners, many of whom firmly believed that he could work miracles, and they brought their sick children to him for his blessing.

THE REV. Peter Colgan, who succeeded Father Cunningham in 1860, served St. Mary's continuously until 1896, except for a brief intermission due to ill health. During his absence of a year, the Rev. Charles D. McMullen was pastor.

Active in church and educational functions, Father Colgan was a capable administrator and builder and a public minded citizen. He built the present stone St. Mary's Church dedicated in 1871.

While the Rev. James M. Bustin, successor to Father Colgan, was serving as administrator, the division of the Buffalo Diocese occurred in January, 1897, with the four southern tier counties being transferred to the Diocese of Rochester.



lengthening of the church, building of a new convent and a new school wing.

THE OUTSTANDING role of St. Mary's parishioners through the years is brought to light in the book's recording of parish social histories. Oldest of these parochial groups was the Temperance Society, which originated as the Father Mathew Society in the 1870's.

THE PRESENT pastor, the Rev. John A. Smith, who was appointed in June, 1940, spent the first five years of his service directing patriotic parochial activities during the war period.

WITH THE SAME spirit which prompted self-sacrifice for their Church, Corning's Catholics offered themselves to their country in four wars.

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Pittsburgh Parents Study Ways To Promote Vocations

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Because many vocations to the priesthood of religious life have been killed by parental objections, a group of adults in the South Hills district of Pittsburgh is studying what the Church teaches about vocations and what part parents and the laity are supposed to play in fostering them.

IT ALL STARTED with the St. Anthony Vocational Club for young men interested in the priestly or religious life. With two meetings a month, the boys soon began to have some very clear ideas about vocations.

BUT THEIR PARENTS were still bringing up the standard objections: "They're too young," "They should see some of the world first," "It's just a childish whim." Finally, a meeting of six honest but unconvinced fathers and mothers was called.

WHEN THE NUMBER of members increased to over 20, Father Loneragan offered to let the society meet in the parish hall. He personally attended many of the meetings and spoke forcibly of parental obligations in the matter of vocational guidance.

At present, the society numbers about 40 members. The meetings are conducted by elected officers and special problems are handled by chosen committees.

THE MEMBERS pledge not only to study the problems of vocations but also to say a daily prayer for priestly and religious vocations, to receive Communion at least once a month for this intention, and to go to Communion every Sunday for their own sanctification.

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Coming Church Opens Centenary Week Observance

Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

AN OFFERTORY "Kathleen" will be presented Sunday and Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the school hall by children of St. Mary's School.

THE REVEREND Mgr. William J. Hart, R.A., V.G., will preside at Solemn Requiem High Mass in St. Mary's Cemetery Monday at 10 a.m.

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