

Monastery Rite Outdoors Will Close Novena

Corning Parish Observes Centenary

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Distribution of Blessed Roses and a Solemn Benediction at an outdoor altar at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 3 will mark the closing of the fifth annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary at the Dominican Monastery, West Church Street, Elmira.

Prayers at the novena, which opened Saturday, Sept. 26, are being offered for a just and lasting peace, and for the help of those Elmiraans who are suffering in mind, heart or body.

K. of C. Honor Clergy In Ithaca

Ithaca—Eleven priests of Ithaca and surrounding area were honored at a "Clergy Night Dinner" sponsored by Ithaca Council No. 27, Knights of Columbus on Sept. 23.

Presiding as toastmaster, the Rev. Dr. William Byrne, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, commended the various activities of Ithaca Council which he said had helped to lighten the burden of the clergy over many years.

Father Byrne cited the fact that all of the priests in Ithaca during many years had been members of or soon became affiliated with the Knights of Columbus.

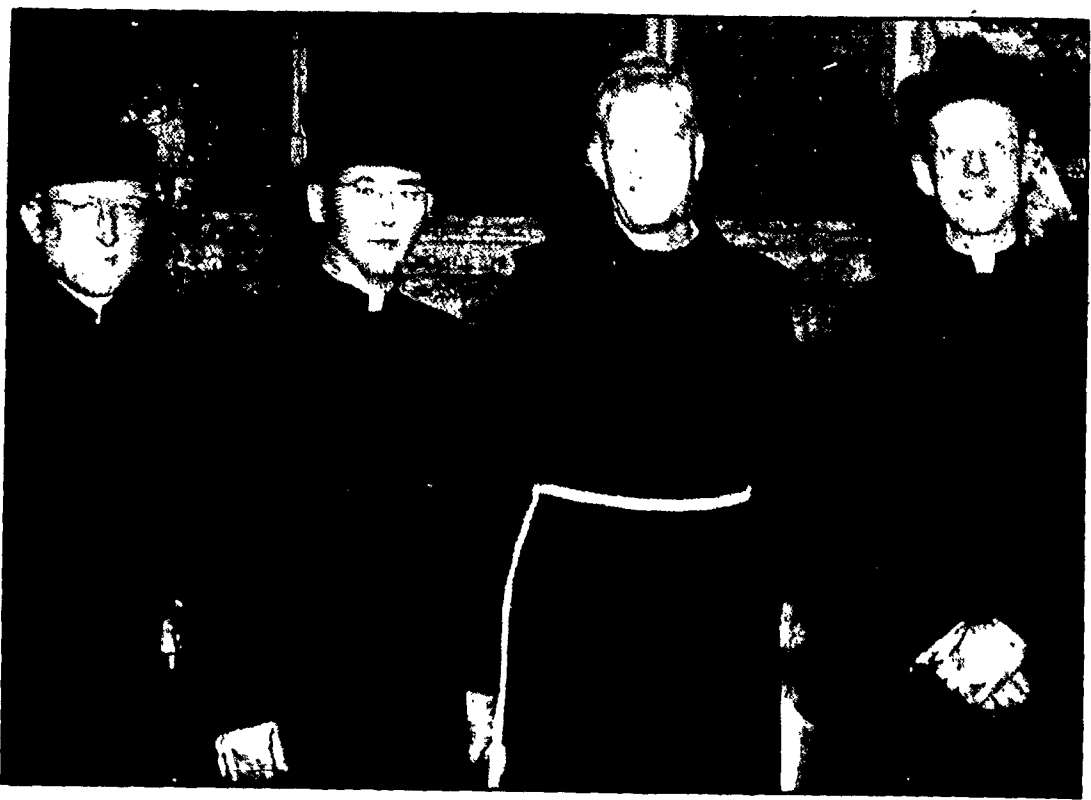
All priests present were presented and some were heard in extemporaneous talks. Speakers were the Rev. L. John Hedges of Brockport, the Rev. Leonard Kelly of Trumansburg and the Rev. Fred L. Daly of Ithaca.

Present also were the Rev. John Walsh, the Rev. John S. Maloney, the Rev. James Baker, the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, the Rev. Leopold Krul, the Rev. Walter Kern Jr., all of Ithaca and the Rev. Vincent Collins of Geneva.

Rejoins Labor School
Rev. Benjamin L. Masse, S.J., labor editor of "America" who spoke in Rochester in January has rejoined the faculty of Xavier Labor School, 30 West 16th St., New York City.



Photographed at the Centenary of St. Mary's Church, Corning, Sunday in left photo, Rev. Robert F. McNamara, author of "Century of Grace," centennial book and his mother Mrs. Helen McNamara who was born in St. Mary's parish in 1868 and has lived there since. On right is the oldest and youngest Sister of St. Joseph attending, Sister Mechilde of Rochester (left) has been professed for 34 years; Sister Raymond Joseph of Hornell, 1 year.



Four of the St. Mary's of Corning boys who returned as priests for the 100th anniversary Sunday are: (from left) Rev. Thomas Brady, S.J., Buffalo; Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, Rochester; Rev. Gervase McMillen, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure and Rev. Robert T. McNamara, Rochester.

Immaculate Heart Group Sets Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Immaculate Heart Society, SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira is scheduled Monday evening October 4 commencing with Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament in the church and followed by the business in the school hall.

Movies of the recent parish picnic will be shown and refreshments served.

Vote American Urges CWV Head At Colors Banquet

An appeal to exercise by voting the privileges for which the United States flag stands was made by Paul J. Dolan, in a mass gathering of the CWV and other persons at the Mark Train Hotel, Elmira, Sunday.

MR. HUGHES presented the edicts of my devotion to my dear parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hughes who loved me as I love them.

By registering and voting we insure our choosing only the best candidates and women to direct our destiny.

"The U. S. Flag denotes the noblest way of life and the fairest of our nation's traditions. We have responsibilities. We have duties to perform."

"NOWHERE ELSE have I found so genuine devotion to our best interests as is shown here in this country," he declared.

The opening prayer was given by the Rev. James C. Lane, chaplain of the county chapter. The welcoming address was given by Post Commander Peter J. Healy.

Miss Barrett Again Heads CDA District

Corning—Announcement has been made of the reappointment of Miss Margaret Barrett as district deputy of the Courts of the Daughters of America, Elmira, Hornell and Addison.

Corning—For 100 years the people of Corning have heard priests preach the Gospel exactly as it was preached by Christ Himself. His Excellency Bishop Kearney declared at ceremonies Sunday highlighting the centennial observance of St. Mary's Church here.

Hundreds of parishioners, former parishioners and friends participated in the three-day program, which included three Solemn Masses, a reception and an operetta by the school children.

In his sermon during the Solemn High Mass on Sunday, Bishop Kearney urged the congregation to carry on the traditions of the parish for the glory of God and of the Blessed Virgin in whose honor the church is named.

"ONE HUNDRED years," said the Bishop, "is a long time, but not once during that period has any priest ever dared to introduce his own concept of Scripture."

The original has been preserved intact since the very beginning. One hundred years ago the Church was just as modern as it is today, and today it is just as old-fashioned as it was 100 years ago.

Declaring that "there is something majestic and beautiful in the story of old generations," His Excellency stated that "they laid the foundations, and it may well be said of us now that never did so many owe so much to so few. The thought of them should make us strive to measure up to those who came before us."

Bishop Kearney paid high tribute to the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor of St. Mary's, and to those who helped him plan the jubilee program.

REFERRING to the centennial book, "A Century of Grace," the Bishop noted that it was authored by "one of St. Mary's own his paternal and apostolic blessing." Father McNamara, the Bishop said, dedicated his work to the person dearest to him, his mother, Mrs. Thomas A. McNamara, a lifelong parishioner.

The Bishop opened his sermon with the reading of a congratulatory message sent to Father Smith by the Acting Secretary of State of Vatican City, which said "His Holiness was pleased on this happy occasion to send the sidewalka from the rectory to the members of the parish."

Members of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, and St. Mary's Holy Name Society lined the sidewalks from the rectory to the church. Uniformed St. Patrick's Cadet Corps marched ahead of Bishop Kearney and the officers of the Mass.

Members of the K. C. Fourth Degree Assembly stood at attention throughout the Mass, which was celebrated by Father Smith.

The Bishop's attendants included the Rt. Rev. Magr. E. A. Rawlinson, pastor of St. Patrick's Church; the Rev. Robert F. McNamara, chaplain to the Bishop; the Rev. John E. Maney, master of ceremonies to the Bishop; the Rev. William A. Burns, cross-bearer; the Rev. Joseph Merkle, book-bearer, and 13-year-old William Cassidy Jr., train-bearer.

Officers of the Mass, in addition to Father Smith, were the Rev. Thomas J. Brady, S.J., dean; the Rev. Gervase McMillen, O.F.M., subdeacon; the Rev. John P. O'Brien, first master of ceremonies; the Rev. Dennis W. Hickey, second master of ceremonies; the Rev. William Reed and the Rev. John A. Murphy.

Corning K. C. Released Time Study Set For 28,000 Children

Corning—Eugene F. Agan of Elmira, district deputy, was in charge of the installation of officers of Corning Council Knights of Columbus at a recent meeting of the organization at the K. of C. Home. He was assisted by Past Grand Knight Frank Rhode of Elmira and Robert Roche, Joseph Ambrosone, Dudley McLaughlin, Fred Carbis and Leslie O'Reilly, all members of Corning Council.

Installed as Grand Knight for his second term was J. Colton Marx. Others installed were Joseph Sweet, deputy grand knight; Michael Bonady, chancellor; Arthur Kramer, recording secretary; Anthony Paton, warden; Albert Lynch, financial secretary; John Dougherty, treasurer; Matthew Richardson, inside guard; Joseph Roche, outside guard; Norman Hultzman, out-guard.

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Religious instruction classes for public school pupils are being outlawed in many sections of the country, but nearly 28,000 Catholic pupils of public grammar and high schools throughout the Rochester Diocese are resuming on schedule their regular fall program of released time religious instruction. This announcement was made today by the Rev. Albert H. Schneck, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, in clarifying the legal status of the diocesan program.

Despite the April ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Chaparral, Illinois, school case, there has been very little change in the picture of our diocesan program of instruction for children in public schools, Father Schneck said. "The national con-

troverly" has barely touched New York State.

RELIGIOUS instruction classes for approximately 4,000 public school children began this week in Rochester. Grammar school classes will be established in city parishes and the other deaneries within a few weeks and the whole diocesan program will be underway by mid-October.

Admitting that a group of New York City freethinkers have brought suit in the U. S. Supreme Court demanding an official prohibition on released time instruction, both in and outside

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