

Pastor Home, Recalls Red Strike In Italy

A special audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII and witnessing of a general strike directed by Communists were contrasting highlights of his three-month stay in Italy, the Rev. Benedict Maselli, pastor of St. Lucy's Church, Rochester declared this week.

Father Maselli was given a testimonial welcome home dinner at the church rectory, Troop St. on Monday. He was welcomed home in name of the parishioners by the Rev. James O'Connell assistant pastor.

ONE OF the objectives of Father Maselli on his tour of his native Italy was his birthplace in Pescocostanzo. He also visited famed shrines, Naples, Florence and Monte Cassino and other points of interest.

Privations being endured by the Italian people were stressed by the pastor. While many are working and earning money, the money is insufficient to purchase the required amount of food. American aid, however, he declared is helping the Italian people to make progress.

He was an eyewitness of the terrific strike which was Communist directed and which paralyzed the nation. Father Maselli told of the attempted assassination of Palmiro Togliatti, the Communist leader who after falling wounded cried "My God, my God, help me."

Taking a prominent part in the reception was Anthony Taddeo, prominent layman of St. Lucy's Parish.



Greeted on his arrival home after 3 months in Italy, the Rev. Benedict Maselli, pastor of St. Lucy's Church, Rochester is shown with his assistant pastor, the Rev. James O'Connell, (left) and Anthony Taddeo, prominent layman of the parish.

'French' Church Slates Novena

A new schedule of services at Our Lady of Victory Church, the little French church on Pleasant Street, has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. Stephen Couturiaux, S.S.C.

Devotions will be as follows: Monday in honor of St. Joseph, Tuesday, St. Anthony and St. Jude; Thursday, Immaculate Heart of Mary; Friday, Sacred Heart.

Location of the Pleasant Street church is convenient for downtown workers and shoppers. Father Couturiaux pointed out He recalled the words of Pope Pius XII "only prayer can save the world."

Bishop To Address Friday Club on 6th Anniversary

Entering its seventh year, the First Friday Luncheon Club will have as speaker His Excellency, Bishop Kearney on Friday, Dec. 3, at Sheraton Hotel at 12:15 p. m. Bishop Kearney was state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus when the club was formed in 1942.

Any Catholic man who has that morning received Holy Communion is welcome at the First Friday Luncheon Club sessions, according to Rudolph C. Schwenzer, chairman.

The Bishop will be presented by the Rev. Arthur E. Batigan, chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, sponsor of the club and the club's moderator.

MEMBERS of the First Saturday Luncheon Club sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and headed by Miss Leo Muckle, deanery president, will attend the anniversary meeting of the First Friday Group.

A state project of the K. of C. the First Friday Club was organized with the encouragement and approval of Bishop Kearney. The Rev. Raymond G. Heisel was first moderator and first chairman. George L. McKay was appointed by the then Grand Knight Thomas H. O'Connor. Chairman McKay was largely responsible for the continued progress of the club. Eugene McFarland has handled tickets since the club's beginning.

First speaker was the Rev. Dr. John F. Dwyer of St. Bernard's Seminary. Down through the six years, the Bishop and priests of the diocese have been speakers. The Rev. William J. Schiffer followed Father Heisel as moderator.

Native Clergy Curbing Reds, L.C.B.A. Told

Increasing role of the native clergy in foreign lands in resisting communism was stressed by the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall managing editor of the Courier Journal and director of the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office, speaking before members and guests of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, Webster branch.

More than 150 persons heard Monsignor Randall at the annual LCBA banquet held Wednesday, Nov. 17 in the Powers Hotel.

THE EDITOR emphasized the menace of the spread of communism to the work of the Church and its missionaries in China. There is a tremendous need for the development of an adequate native clergy in every foreign land in order to cope with the onrush of communistic forces, he said.

A baked ham dinner was served by the committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Yaeger, assisted by juvenile members as waitresses. Miss Mabel Smith, music director and recreation leader of Monroe High School, led the group singing. Instrumental duets were furnished by Clarence and Robert Berkowitz. Three numbers were sung by Miss Teresa Mascarelli who was heard recently in broadcasts from Rochester radio stations.

Miss Agnes H. Hosenfeld, president of the LCBA, presided and expressed the appreciation of the officers for the work done by the committee. Guests present included: the Rev. Thomas Lochren of Ontario, Rev. Francis J. Hoelen, Rev. George M. Kalb and Rev. Francis Donoghue, and Mrs. Rose Croston from the Central LCBA office.

2 SVD Priests To Be Raised To Bishopric

Two of the Society of the Divine Word "native sons," both veteran missionaries, will be consecrated Bishops in the newly-decorated Holy Ghost Chapel at St. Mary's Seminary, Techy, Ill., Tuesday, Nov. 30, according to the Very Rev. Raymond J. Westsenberger, S.V.D., rector of St. Michael's Mission House at Conesus, N. Y.

To be elevated are the Most Rev. Stephen Appelhans, S.V.D., Vicar Apostolic of East New Guinea and the Most Rev. Leo Arkfeld, S.V.D., Vicar Apostolic of Central New Guinea.

They will be elevated to the Episcopacy by His Eminence, Ep. Appelhans Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago with the Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and President of the Catholic Church Extension Society and the Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop of New York and National Director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith Co-consecrators.

The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston will preach the sermon.

Attending the ceremonies will be the Very Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Bishop-elect Appelhans of Kansas will succeed the late Bishop Francis Wolf, S.V.D., who met death on a Japanese destroyer in 1943 which also had aboard the late Sister Therese (Inez Malar) of Rochester, a Missionary Sister of the Holy Ghost.

Bishop-elect Arkfeld of Iowa, was ordained in 1943. He was the first Catholic missionary to work in the rugged territory of Laos in Central New Guinea. He is ranked as one of the best flying missionaries in the Pacific. He will be the youngest Bishop in the Society of the Divine Word.

Bishop Offers Jubilee Mass At N.Y.C. Church

With His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman presiding, a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in St. Cecilia's Church, New York City, Sunday commemorating the church's seventy-fifth anniversary.

The church at which Bishop Kearney served as assistant pastor has been in charge of the Redemptorist Father since 1935, 1935.

Cardinal Spellman recounted the growth of the church and praised its priests and members of religious orders for their "inspiring work" among students in schools of the parish.

Children from parochial and public schools in the parish led a procession that included forty men of the Spanish and English Holy Name Society who formed an honor guard for Cardinal Spellman.

A former pastor, the Rev. John J. Hasey, delivered the sermon.

IN HIS MESSAGE Cardinal Spellman singled out members of the order of Redemptorist Fathers who have been in charge of St. Cecilia's since the influx of Spanish-speaking Catholics from Puerto Rico began in 1933.

"The fact that we have 2,400 boys and girls in the schools of this parish is in itself the most eloquent tribute and most encouraging sign of the faith that is being practiced here," he said. "Here, as in all our Catholic schools of this land, children are learning that if you are a good Catholic, you cannot help but be a good American."

Father Hasey pointed out that the parish school facilities were enlarged in 1945 when Cardinal Spellman dedicated the Corndi John J. Shea School on East 111th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues. A second Catholic school is on 106th Street, between Second and Third Avenues.

He referred to the Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers of Ireland who staff the two schools and declared that "among all those connected with

Sodality Lists Fr. O'Connell

The Sodality Union of Rochester Diocese will hold its monthly meeting in Sacred Heart Hall, Flower City Park, Monday, Nov. 29 at 7:45 p. m. with the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell as guest speaker.

After the meeting entertainment will be provided by the Social Life Committee of Sacred Heart parish headed by Shirley Heffernan.

Holy Childhood Mass Set By Bishop Kearney

In recognition of the work done by the children of the Diocese of Rochester in the Holy Childhood Association, the Pontifical Mission Society for children, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will celebrate Mass at St. Michael's Church, Rochester on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 9 o'clock.

St. Michael's Church was chosen because of the outstanding work done by the children of that parish for the missions for the school year 1947-48.

Schools so honored in previous years and still maintaining leading places in Holy Childhood Mission activities are Holy Family, Nazareth Hall Academy, St. Andrew, St. Boniface, St. Joseph, St. Margaret, St. Mary, St. Peter and Paul, all of Rochester, St. John, Clyde, and Holy Trinity, Webster.

Cabin Party Listed Annual Fall Cabin Party of St. Helen's Youth Club will be held at Powder Mill Park, Friday, Nov. 26.

Lucille Gaelens, president, has appointed the following to head committees: General Chairman, Mary Ann Entwiss; Refreshments, Bob Ervin; Jimmy Oliver; Don Craig; transportation, Carl Hartz; George Craig and Recreation, Ted Case; Bob Brassie.

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Catholic U. Appeal Set

The annual collection for the Catholic University of America is designated to be taken in all churches of Rochester diocese, Sunday, Nov. 21.

In a letter read at all Masses, last Sunday, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney asks generous response to the appeal for "the Pope's university in the United States." (Bishop's letter is on Page 4)

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