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973 Lay Retreats In 1949 Set Record

A new all-time attendance record of 973 with 81 parishes represented, was set during 1949 according to the Rochester Laymen's Retreat League president, Frank E. Wolfe in a report on the year's closed retreats at the diocesan retreat house in Geneva.

The 973 total does not include days of recollection made by priests and other groups of lay people.

Growth of the laymen's retreat movement is shown from the summary of attendance released this week by the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, CSS.R., director of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva.

Year	Number	Parishes
1942	162	33
1943	326	39
1944	437	50
1945	579	65
1946	760	78
1947	906	78
1948	973	81

St. Ambrose parish, Rochester with 63 men attending led all other parishes in attendance during the past year. Second was Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester with 60 and Sacred Heart Cathedral, 57 third.

Parishes also with ten or more men present were: St. Margaret Mary's, Rochester, 37; St. Monica's, 36; Holy Rosary, Rochester, 36; St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester, 32; St. Augustine's, Rochester, 31; St. Andrew's, Rochester, 28.

St. Stephen's, Geneva, 24; St. Mary's, Auburn, 23; St. John the Evangelist's, Rochester, 20; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, 20; St. Thomas, Rochester, 20; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, 18; St. Jerome's, East Rochester, 17; St. Rose, Lima, 17; Holy Cross, Rochester, 15; St. Ann's, Rochester, 14; Immaculate Conception, Lima, 13; Holy Family, Auburn, 13; St. Boniface, Rochester, 12; Our Lady of Good Counsel, 12; Immaculate Conception, Rochester, 10.

New officers of the Laymen's Retreat League, the schedule of retreats for 1949 and plans for making the total attendance over 1,000 will be announced shortly, according to President Wolfe.

CWV Medal Presented Papal Knight.



His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (left) took part in presentation to James P. Duffy, R.S.G., K. M. of the 1949 Catholic War Veterans medal by Edward W. Esso, county commander, with The Rev. Giles Webster, O.F.M., of St. Bonaventure College participating, at St. Joseph's church.

Bishop to Open St. Patrick's Observance with Solemn Mass First Triduum Scheduled To Ireland's Patron Saint

Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Ave. North at Brown St. beginning at 10 a.m. with representatives of Irish-American societies in attendance will open the annual observance of the Patronal Feast, next Thursday.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass.

The Bishop will preach the panegyric. Assisting His Excellency in the Mass will be: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G.; Deacon of Honor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons and the Very Rev. Gerald C. Lambert; Deacon, the Rev. John D. Malley and Subdeacon, the Rev. James O'Connell; First Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. John E. Massey. Minor offices will be filled by students of St. Andrew's Seminary. The seminarians will attend in a body.

A special musical program under the direction of Miss Virginia M. Bogdan, organist and choirmaster of St. Patrick's, will be presented. The public is invited to the Mass by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor.

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary and of the Knights of Equity will assist at the Mass. In the evening they will mark St. Patrick's Day at events in downtown hotels.

BISHOP KEARNEY will be principal speaker at the annual Knights of Equity banquet in Powers Hotel ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Toastmaster will be Harry B. Crowley and William T. Nolan is general chairman. The traditional dance will follow the banquet.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dance and entertainment program will present Miss Phyllis Overhill, harpist; Miss Maryann Whiteley, soprano and Charles J. Sullivan, tenor.

TRADITIONAL IRISH songs in charge of Miss Vera O'Brien, will round out the entertainment program of the Hibernians at the Sheraton. Both modern and traditional Irish square (Continued on Page 2-A)

1,012,248 Childhood Seals Sold

Children of the Diocese of Rochester sold 1,012,248 Christmas Seals for the Holy Childhood Association during the annual campaign, results of which have just been released by the Very Rev. John S. Randall, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The amount of money raised through the sale of seals exceeded \$10,000, according to Monsignor Randall. The campaign was under sponsorship of the Holy Childhood Association which is the Pontifical Mission Aid Society for Children.

The proceeds from the sale of seals are used for the support of orphanages in mission fields, and also for the promotion of the work of the Holy Childhood Association.

The schools selling the greatest number of seals are Holy Family, St. Andrew, St. Charles Borromeo, Sacred Heart, and St. Peter and Paul, all of Rochester. Those selling the most "per capita" are St. Joseph, leading with \$2.04 per child, followed by Nazareth Hall, St. Mary of Rochester, St. Cecilia, Elmira, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael of Rochester.

400 CWV Members Urged To Pray As During War

Calling for a deep sense of gratitude for a safe return from the war, His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney urged the Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary to continue their devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help now as they did during the war.

"Your coming here," he said "as an organization, is not only representative of yourself but of all those for whom we prayed month after month during the war." Four hundred attended this third annual Communion breakfast at St. Joseph's Church Sunday.

James P. H. Duffy, chosen as the outstanding Catholic layman, was presented the Catholic War Veterans Medal by County Commander Edward W. Esso in recognition of Judge Duffy's thirty years of public service and especially for his work on the District Prisoners Committee.

REV. GILES WEBSTER, O.F.M., Head of the Religion Department of St. Bonaventure College and former Navy Chaplain, as principal speaker at the breakfast cited the confusion that exists in the minds of people today as to the major cause for our complacency in the fight against Communism.

Father Giles pointed out that Attorney General Tom C. Clark has given up his talk of "witch hunt" and is now asking for drastic measures. He noted that President Truman is unlikely to use again his famous "red herring" phrase.

He pointed out that while the Communist leaders of France, Italy and the U. S. leaders Foster and Dennis have all come out with their loyalty to Russia talk Senator Propper and Henry Wallace have openly denounced such treason.

Father Giles said that a technique for the control and development of the mind that has been developed here is a discipline that is a problem here, we've got to face it. We have been fumbling with this problem for some years. We don't want any totalitarian dictatorship, we want our freedom. (Continued on Page 1-A)

Msgr. Kirk, Native Here, Dies On Pacific Coast

Word of the death in Los Angeles of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Raymond Kirk, 62, a native of Rochester and frequent visitor home, Thursday, March 3, 1949, brought sorrow

to the diocesan director of Church music and as treasurer of the Diocesan Relief Association.

He attended the old Cathedral School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, and Niagara University. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in Rochester June 9, 1909.

He was named a Papal Chamberlain with the title Very Reverend Monsignor in 1934, the same year he returned to Rochester to mark his Silver Sacro-Dotal Jubilee. Later Pope Pius XII raised him to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor for his work in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

In the forefront in archdiocesan activities, Monsignor Kirk was a leader in the four-county Archdiocesan-wide campaign for \$3,500,000 with which to build immediately more Catholic public schools.

The Monsignor was an archdiocesan consultant, a synodal examiner, a member of the Commission on Scout activities and of the Board of Home Missions at the time he was stricken.

Previously he had served as a member of the Building Commission.

Alumnae List Jesuit As Retreatmaster

Rev. Raymond Anable, S.J., of Canisius College, Buffalo will be retreat master for the weekend retreat of members of the Merit Alumnae Association March 25 to 27. Miss Edna Hasselwander, chairman, has announced.

The retreat will be held at the Jesuit Retreat House, East Avenue at Oxford Street. Facilities of the Canisius, including newly furnished bedrooms, adjoining baths, garden and grounds will be opened to the retreatants. A fee of \$15.00 covers six meals, personal expenses and those of the retreat master. Reservations may be made by calling Miss Hasselwander, CUI-ter 3470.

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