

Lay Retreat Record of 973 Set at Geneva

A new all-time attendance record of 973 with 81 parishes represented, was set during 1948 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, C.S.S.R., director of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva.

Year	Number	Parishes
1942	182	33
1943	326	39
1944	477	50
1945	579	65
1946	780	78
1947	906	78
1948	973	81

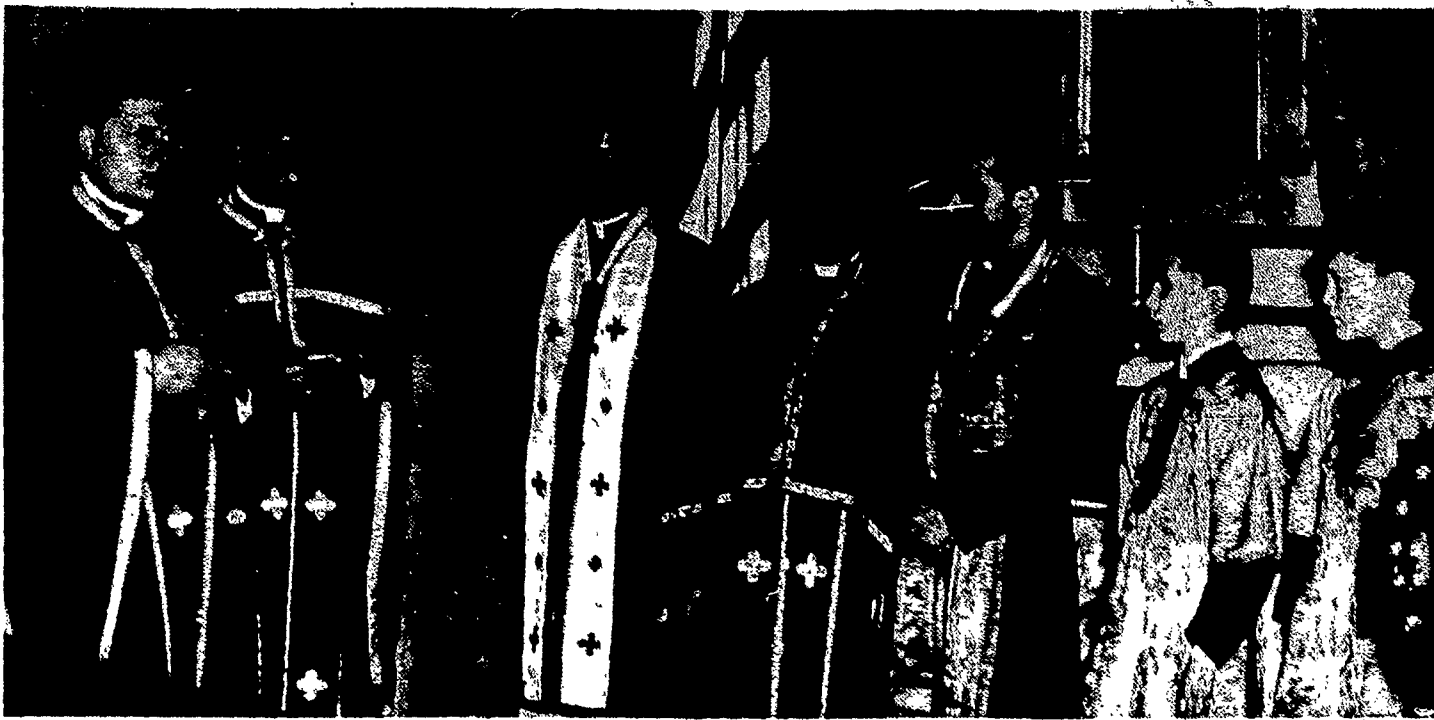
St. Ambrose parish, Rochester with 63 men attending led all other parishes in attendance during the past year. Second was Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester with 60 and Sacred Heart Cathedral, 57 third.

Parishes also with ten or more men present were St. Margaret Mary's, Rochester 37; St. Monica, 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, Ithaca, 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 for 1949 and plans for making the total attendance over 1,000 will be announced shortly, according to President Wolfe.

As Plaque Honoring Four War Heroes is Dedicated



Priests of the Eastern and Latin rites joined in a ceremony dedicating a plaque in memory of four members of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, Elmira Heights on Sunday, March 6. Principals, shown above were: Rev. Basil Ostas, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Auburn; Very Rev. Waldimir B. Dowhovitch,

pastor, St. Nicholas Church, Elmira Heights; Rev. James C. Lane, assistant pastor, St. Mary's Church, Hamill, former army chaplain and speaker at the rites; Rev. Eugene Bachalowsky, pastor, Ascension Church, Sayre, Pa.; and Rev. Ignatius St. George, assistant pastor, St. Anthony's Church, Elmira.

St. Patrick's Dinner Set By Elmira K. of C. Unit

The annual St. Patrick's banquet sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday evening, March 20 at 6:30 in the Mark Twain Hotel.

The Rev. Augustine P. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Our Lady of



FATHER AYLWARD

the Lake Retreat House, Geneva will share the speaking program with the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

Cornelius J. Sullivan and Thomas J. O'Connor are co-chairmen of the affair and will be assisted by a large committee. Charles F. Kennedy will be toastmaster.

A fine musical program will be provided. It includes Tom Johnson at the Marimba, Harry Springer on the Hammond organ, Raymond Devlin and Joseph J. Brennan, vocalists and James Tress and Co. in feats of magic.

Pioneers' Head Listed At Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name men and Rosary Altar Society ladies will receive Holy Communion in a group at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

Following Mass the Holy Name members will hold their regular monthly Communion breakfast meeting in the church hall.

Joseph V. McShane, newly designated business manager of the Elmira Base Ball club, will be the guest speaker. Mr. McShane will speak on the value of sports and outline plans for the coming season in Elmira. He is a graduate of St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

Instruction Class Slated

Another class for persons interested in the Catholic religion will be started in SS. Peter and Paul's rectory, Sunday, March 13 at 8:45 p.m., according to the Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor.

Classes will be held every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evening for about 10 weeks. The Chimes, parish publication states: "Again we urge all to canvass their friends. Someone may be just waiting for your word of encouragement to join."

Convent Benefit Shower Slated At St. Anthony Hall

The annual Benefit Shower for St. Anthony's Convent, Elmira is scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 20 following the evening Mission services.

This worth while project is being resumed after a lapse of two years due to fire that destroyed the church and school.

Mrs. Rose Caporiccio and Mrs. Sue Rose are co-chairmen and are being assisted by Mrs. Mary Rossi, Mrs. Cavalluzzi, Mrs. Lena Stefan, Mrs. Marian Rossi, Mrs. Theresa Ciulli, Mrs. Lena Cieri, Mrs. Julia D'Annunzio, Mrs. Mae Forte, Mrs. Mary Annuzzi, Mrs. Mary Mayumber, Mrs. Philomena Fierro, Mrs. Stella D'Alaisio, Mrs. Jennie Antenore, Mrs. Rose Turnour, Mrs. Josephine Rocchi, Mrs. Celia Lisi, Mrs. Mary Monise, Mrs. Mary Sarcione, Mrs. Rose Liquiri, Mrs. Lena Maddalena, Mrs. Beatrice, Piscioto, Mrs. Anna Malandra, Mrs. John Kuzak, Mrs. Lena Bernabei, Mrs. Concetta Fierro, Mrs. Mary Salsano, Mrs. Lena Cambio, Mrs. Frances Cesari, Mrs. Mary Cieri, Mrs. Josephine Taggi and Mrs. Lena Muffe.

St. Anthony's Youth Group Breakfast Set

Members of St. Anthony's Boys Club and the Daughters of Mary will receive Holy Communion in a group at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday in St. Anthony's church, Elmira.

Following Mass a Communion breakfast will be served in the Annex on College Avenue.

On the committee are Concetta Della Rocca, Selma Vischi, Frances Robihera, Joseph Di Santo, Nicholas Anuzzi and John Corsi.

Plaque Ceremony At St. Nicholas Honors 4 Heroes

A plaque in memory of the four members of St. Nicholas church, Elmira Heights, who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II was dedicated in an impressive ceremony last Sunday before an overflow congregation.

The four members of the parish who gave their lives were William E. Peshoh, Joseph J. Hoodak, Andrew Macekur and Nicholas M. Ruszack.

The Rev. Waldimir B. Dowhovitch, pastor conducted the services and was assisted by the Rev. Ignatius St. George of St. Anthony's Church; Rev. Basil Ostas of SS. Peter and Paul's, Auburn and Rev. Eugene Bachalowsky of Ascension parish, Sayre, Pa.

The Rev. James C. Lane, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church and a former Army Chaplain, preached the sermon. Father Lane urged the members of the Catholic War Veterans to rededicate themselves to the primary objective of the organization, namely, to combat Communism and explained that these ideals of the Catholic Veterans were more urgently needed today than at any time since the founding of the organization.

Miss Edith Dean Wed In Boston

Corning - The marriage of Miss Edith M. Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Dean, 62 Steuben St., and Chester Brock, 120 St. Charles St., of Boston took place Saturday Feb. 26, in Boston. The ceremony was performed in the rectory of St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Father Murray.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Miss Lucille Dean of Corning. William Rogers, uncle of the bridegroom, was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Hotel Statler, after which Mr. and Mrs. Brock left for New York City. They are living in Boston.

The bride, a graduate of St. Patrick's School, Corning Free Academy and the Kathleen Dell Secretarial School of Brookline, Mass., has been employed by the Mutual Broadcasting Company in Boston. Mr. Brock attended Brighton High School and Boston College before entering the Army Air Force where he served for three years. He is an employe of the Agnes Chemical Company in Boston.

Ladies of Charity To Hear Dr. Connell At Affiliation

More than thirty Elmira women will be solemnly affiliated in a Ceremony at which His Excellency the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of the Rochester Diocese, will officiate on Sunday March 27. The Affiliation marks the Organization's annual observance of the Feast of its Patroness, St. Louise de Marillac.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 8:45 and will attend the Communion Breakfast at the Mark Twain Hotel at 10:00 o'clock.

Principal breakfast speaker will be the Rev. Maynard A. Connell, M.A., Ph.D., of St. Bernard's Seminary, Mrs. John F. McCor-

mick, President, will preside as toastmistress.

IRIS AND VIOLETS will be worn by the Elmira Ladies in honor of the Miracle at St. Louise's tomb, one of which was vouchsafed for by many witnesses at the time.

"There arose from the tomb a cloud which exhaled a perfume like that of violets and iris, and so strong was the fragrance that those who prayed at the tomb, while it lasted, carried it away in their clothes, and the Sisters, taking it thus to those who were sick in the infirmary."

"I might add," says the Abbe Cobillon, "that after having taken every possible precaution to examine if this was not the effect

of some natural cause, I have failed to find any to which it can be attributed."

This quotation is taken from "The Life of Saint Louise de Marillac," arranged by a Sister of Charity at St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Two hundred and seventy-four years after her death in 1680, St. Louise's body was removed from its original resting place, a short time before her canonization, and the fragrance of violets still permeated her tomb. It was the miracle of the violets which suggested the plan for making her name better known.

In our national capital and in several other cities including Elmira, the observance of the Feast (Continued on Page 4)

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