

# Mary's Day Program Set By IFC A Circle

Annual celebration of Mary's Day on Saturday, May 7, will be observed by members of the Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, with a Mass followed by luncheon.

## NC Aims Told At Diocesan Board Meeting

A discussion of the institution of the National Catholic Welfare Conference was presented by the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, Diocesan Moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, at the quarterly meeting in Elmira last Sunday.

The Bishops felt the need of reaching all Catholics, and to do this the two federations, the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women were formed, said Father Shamon. "Through these lay groups the Bishops of the United States project service to God and the Nation."

**HE EXPLAINED** how the Bishops, meeting in Washington, pass along to the laity through NCCM and NCCW, their official stand on spiritual, material and moral questions, and their solution to the difficulties. The progress of these official statements is from national council to diocesan council, deans and parish group.

This gives the Bishops a day to preserve Christian ideals in these troubled times.

Following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the presidents of the deaneries and districts of the Diocesan Council gave brief reports on their work in the last year. Reporting were Mrs. Leo Muehle, Rochester; Mrs. Joseph Cuddy, Auburn; Miss Mary Newson, Elmira; Miss M. St. Germain, Corning; Mrs. Arthur Cross, Ithaca; Miss J. Fitzgerald, Hornell.

Other features of the quarterly session were a reading of the history of the famed picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel by Mrs. John J. Murphy; Mrs. Daniel Kennedy sang the hymn "Our Lady of Good Counsel" accompanied by Carol Kennedy. A move to hold future meetings in the city of Geneva, the most central in the Diocese, was adopted.

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## As Public High Girls Make Retreat



Pausing for their photo these 23 public high school girls from Rochester and Newark took time out from retreat exercises at the convent of the Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle, 693 East Av. Wednesday last week. With them is the Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, assistant pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, who was retreat master. This was the first high school girls' retreat made at the Cenacle recently opened for women's retreat exercises.

## First Saturday Club To Mark First Anniversary

First anniversary of the founding of the First Saturday Luncheon Club will be celebrated at the monthly luncheon meeting May 7 at 12:15 in the Powers Hotel ballroom with the Rev. Francis Preagan of Blessed Sacrament Church as speaker.

Father Preagan's topic is listed as "Queen of May." The Rt. Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, P. A. V. G. will be chief guest of honor. Other guests will be the Rev. Arthur E. Katigan, First Friday Club moderator, the Rev. Paul G. Wohlrab of Holy Rosary Church, and the Rev. John T. Callahan, First Saturday Club moderator.

**MEMBERS OF THE** First Saturday Club have been invited to this first anniversary celebration of the women's group. The luncheons are open to any Catholic woman who receives Communion on the First Saturday, recites the Rosary and meditates for fifteen minutes on its mysteries. Reservations may be made by card to the First Saturday Luncheon Group, 30 Nicholson St. before May 2.

General chairman is M. A. Warren Mitchell and Mrs. Leo Muehle, president of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women which founded the Club, is honorary chairman.

## Pittsford Women List Dr. Hanna

Rev. Austin B. Hanna, chaplain of St. Joseph's Villa, will be guest speaker at the third annual Communion breakfast of St. Louis Guild of Pittsford to be held Sunday, May 1, following the 8 o'clock Mass at Howard Johnson's.

Mrs. Martin Dunsmuir, chairman. All women of St. Louis Parish are invited. The Guild will present an exhibition of movies on her native country by Miss Myra Leiby, a Hawaiian exchange teacher at Rochester's No. 1 School Monday evening, May 2 at 8 p. m. in the church rooms.

Mrs. George Lortzner, president, will preside at the business meeting, Miss Mary C. Callahan, secretary.

## Sacred Heart Scout Breakfast Slated

Boy Scouts of Sacred Heart parish and their mothers will hold their annual Communion Breakfast at 9 a. m. Sunday, May 1, in the parish hall. John Hoover of the men's scout committee is breakfast chairman.

Speaker will be Joseph R. Klein, district executive of Otsego Council, who will discuss "The Philosophy of Boy Scout."

## St. John Knights To Parade At Albany State Convention

A large delegation from Rochester will attend the annual New York Grand Commandery, Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary Convention in Albany, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 29, 30 and May 1.

Headed by Colonel Joseph F. Wendt, the Rochester contingent will leave on a special train, Friday, April 29 at 11:11 a. m. EDT or 12:11 p. m. EST, arriving in Albany at 4:11 p. m. EDT. Convention will open with a joint session Friday, April 29 at 8 p. m. at the Hotel Ten Eyck headquarters.

On Saturday at 1:00 p. m. will be the Grand Street Parade in which several Commanderies and Capt. Edwin Morris, Guard, A. Auxiliary drill teams from Rochester will take part. At 2:00 p. m. Arms.

# Bishop Sails For Rome Visit; Sets Radio Reports On Return

Two personal radio reports on the highlights of his trip to Rome will be made to the people of the Rochester Diocese on May 22 and 29 at 1 p. m. over Station WHAM, His Excellency Bishop Kearney promised today as he prepared to sail for Italy.

The May 22 address will be made from Vatican City and will be rebroadcast for the diocese by transcription, air-mailed from Rome. In this first talk the Bishop said he would discuss his first impressions in the Eternal City and his observations of religious and political affairs in Italy.

**THE DAY AFTER** his return to the United States the Bishop will broadcast a further account of his activities in Rome and a full description of his personal visit with Pope Pius XII.

The program, an informal interview entitled "Report to the Diocese," will also be broadcast on WHAM from 1 to 1:30 p. m., May 29.

Bishop Kearney left New York at noon today (April 28) on the SS Saturnia bound for Naples. Accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward M. Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary and the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, the Bishop will reach Naples on May 6 and drive to Rome with the Very Rev. Magr. Richard K. Burns, a Rochester priest now vice-rector of the North American College in Rome.

**DURING THEIR 10-day stay** in Rome the Bishop will personally present a complete written report of the activities of the Rochester Diocese for the past five years to the Congregation of the Council, a Vatican department responsible for the supervision of all dioceses throughout the world.

The Bishop disclosed that on one morning of his visit to Rome he is required to say Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter where the first Pontiff of the Church is buried.

Then he will formally report

## Good Shepherd Guild Dance Set

Reservations are being taken for the annual supper dance of the Good Shepherd Guild scheduled Saturday, April 30 at Locust Hill Country Club.

Mrs. Francis S. Maloney is chairman and Mrs. Harry J. Kolb is in charge of arrangements. Reservations go to Mrs. Walter Groth and Mrs. A. E. Grate, who is also handling tickets, assisted by Mrs. Harold Davin.

Hostesses are Mesdames Howard Miller, Clayton Gallagher, Carl Martin, Vernon Halloran, Edward Dieke, Bernard McCarthy, C. R. Palmer, Walter Gaeser, Eugene Klee, Edwin Kinsky, Samuel Gove, Joseph Dalloy, Vincent Sullivan, Walter Kolb, Charles Scott, Fred Belmont, George Schwab, Charles Holman, George A. Conway, E. J. Herlihy and the Meses Hortense Clancy, Violet Rowe and Dorothy Letson.

## Church Slates Supper Saturday

Sacred Heart League of the Most Precious Blood Parish is sponsoring a Ham Supper to be held Saturday night, April 30, at the church hall located at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Stenson Street, to be served at 5:30 p. m.

Chairmen are Mrs. Irving Volkmar and Mrs. Michael Juzwiak, who will be assisted by the members of the League. Every-one attending is assured "a delicious and savory supper."

## Cenacle Retreat Held For First High School Unit

First retreats for girls from public high schools in the Rochester area attracted thirty-nine students to the Cenacle Retreat House for women, 693 East Avenue during Easter week. Each group spent two full days and one night in silence, prayer and spiritual conferences.

The Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, conducted the retreat exercises for 23 freshmen and sophomore girls from Newark and Rochester public schools from Wednesday morning through late Thursday afternoon. Sixteen junior and senior girls spent Saturday and Sunday in retreat devotions directed by the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, chaplain of Nazareth Academy.

**IT WAS THE** first formal retreat most of the girls had ever made, according to Rev. Mother Angela Murphy director of the house. "For many it was the first time they had ever met a nun or talked with one personally," she said. "We were delighted to have such fine groups of girls for our first effort at offering the facilities of the retreat house to the girls of Rochester."

Elmira public high school girls will hold a closed retreat at the Cenacle on June 28-30 under the direction of Father McFarland.

This weekend members of the Catholic Women's Club will make a retreat from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon under direction of the Rev. Benedict Ehrmann, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen.

## Sacred Heart PTA To Name Officers

State of officers for the coming year will be presented by the nominating committee at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Sacred Heart School Monday, May 2 at 8 p. m. in the school hall.

Thomas J. Meagher, judge of the Children's Court, will be the speaker.

## New Fatima Novena Set

A new novena in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima for the conversion of Russia and world peace will begin in St. Francis of Assisi Church next Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 P. M.

This is the seventh in a series of novenas begun in January, 1948. Services will consist of Rosary, Novena Prayers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Nazareth Girl Wins Ohio Scholarship**

Sally Catherine Ganley, Nazareth Academy Senior, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ganley, 37 Wilcox St. has been awarded one of the Saxton Tuition Scholarships to St. Mary's of the Springs College, Columbus, Ohio as a result of competitive examinations on April 2.

Miss Ganley is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School.

Eighty-eight contestants from forty different schools took the examination. Other winners include students from Charleston, West Virginia and Toledo, AK.

## Bl. Sacrament Group Sets Annual Dinner

Annual dinner sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Rosary Society will take place in the church hall from 5:30 to 7 p. m. Tuesday evening, May 10. Mrs. Leo Loughney is chairman and Mrs. Joseph B. Nihan is co-chairman.

A parishioner is invited to this dinner. The membership in the parish Rosary Society is 1300 and according to the leaders is increasing with more new members joining at each meeting.

## Police, Fire Holy Name Men Set Breakfast

Annual Corporate Communion Masses and breakfasts of the Rochester Police and Rochester Fire Department Holy Name Societies are scheduled for the next two Sundays, May 1 and 8. Both events have similar aspects. The Masses will be at St. Joseph's Church — the Police at 6:30 a. m., the Firemen at 7:30 a. m. Members of the societies will march from the church to Hotel Seneca for the breakfasts.

The Very Rev. Magr. John S. Rancall, chaplain of the Police HNS, and the Rev. Donald E. Lux, Firemen HNS chaplain, will celebrate the Masses.

Top Holy Name Society and city officials have been invited to both breakfasts. The Rev. Matthew Tobin, C.S.S.R., of St. Joseph's Church, former chaplain of the Anchor Club, K. of C. Colporters' organization in New York City, will address the policemen, and the Rev. Albert J. Shamon of Aquinas Institute faculty will be principal speaker at the firemen's breakfast.

William A. Lang, vice-president of the Rochester Transit Corporation and former deputy commissioner of public safety, will be co-master at the policemen's breakfast while Harry B. Crowley will act in similar capacity for the firemen. Nomination and election of officers for both departments also is scheduled.

Scout Climes Set  
Oetlian's big Scouting Circus is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 20-21 at the Armory. Evening performances will be given Fri. and Sat. with a Matinee on Saturday afternoon. Cub Scouting (for boys 8 to 12 years) will be well represented with over 1000 Cub Scouts taking part.

Two other Bishops of New York State, Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. of Buffalo and Most Rev. Edmund M. Gibbons of Albany are already in Rome completing their official report to the Vatican.

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