

Pontifical Requiem Mass Set For Father Kettell Saturday

(Continued from Page 1) ... which have had wide attendance. Many persons from throughout the city went there often to hear him preach.

A decade ago he supervised complete redecoration of the church interior, and recently completed remodeling of the exterior, providing new entrances to both the main church and the basement chapel. Some years ago he installed the famed "Bells of St. Mary's," electric chimes which are heard daily in the downtown section.

A NATIVE OF St. Catherine's, Ontario, he moved as a child to Hammondsport, where he completed grammar school. After graduation from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, he was ordained in the former St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey on June 6, 1914.

He served as assistant pastor in Davisville and Bath until 1915, when he was appointed professor of fundamental and moral theology at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Father Kettell was one of the youngest chaplains to enter service in World War I. Inducted Mar. 3, 1918, he

served first with the 72nd Artillery, later transferring to the 50th Artillery. He served in France from Aug. 6, 1918, to Apr. 26, 1919. After his return from the war he became the first chaplain of the Yerkes-Couchman Post, American Legion, and later was appointed its permanent chaplain.

Returning to his teaching post at St. Bernard's, Father Kettell was chosen in 1921 by Bishop Hickey to study in Rome. After two years at the Pontifical Bible Institute there, where he was awarded his degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology, he returned to teach Sacred Scripture at St. Bernard's.

In 1925 Father Kettell directed a tour of a number of Rochesterians through the battlefields of World War I. The party also visited Italy and the Vatican.

IN JANUARY of 1928 Father Kettell was named in charge of the department of Sacred Scripture and sociology at Nazareth College. He remained on the faculty until May 28, 1929, when Bishop John F. O'Hern appointed him pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon.

Father Kettell was appointed pastor of Old St. Mary's by Archbishop Bishop Edward Mooney in 1938. In 1939 the priest-soldier marked his silver jubilee of ordination. Added to the pageantry of the church ceremony were tributes from civic, Army and Legion dignitaries.

During the last 10 years Father Kettell remained active in civil, military and fraternal circles. He regularly conducted memorial services for the Rochester Lodge of Elks and served in similar capacity for several other organizations.

Father Cullinane Explains Aquinas Financial Crisis

(This is the text of statement on the financial condition of Aquinas Institute issued by Rev. Eugene Cullinane, C.S.B., principal.)

The formal opening of Aquinas Institute's Silver Jubilee Year was proclaimed at a general assembly of the students on Friday, October 14th. Impressive ceremonies commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the school will be held in the new Aquinas Memorial Stadium next spring.

The history and traditions of the old Cathedral High School, which was replaced by Aquinas Institute in 1925, will be prominently featured on this occasion since Aquinas is merely a continuation of the old school under a new name.

MUCH COULD be written about the spiritual, educational and social significance of these twenty-five years of Aquinas history. At the Jubilee celebration next spring these aspects will be given their proper place and emphasis.

At the present time as the Jubilee Year opens, I feel it is my duty to present to the students and their parents, to the alumni and friends of Aquinas, a clear picture of the grave financial crisis in which the school is now involved.

Many people, observing the great crowds that patronize Aquinas football games, have received the mistaken impression that football revenues have long since solved whatever financial problems may have existed. This is not the case.

THE NEW stadium has cost approximately \$500,000. Only \$140,000 was realized through the stadium fund campaign. Therefore, Aquinas is in debt for the stadium alone, to the extent of \$360,000.

Assuming that attendance at

football games continues at present high levels, it will require from six to nine years to retire the debt. As a potential source of revenue for financing the school, football is therefore out of the picture for some years to come.

When the Baillian Fathers were assigned to Aquinas Institute in 1927, the debt on the school was more than \$300,000. During the following nine years, this debt was reduced to \$210,000. It still stands at that figure today. It has been impossible to repay any of the principal during the past three years. More serious still, Aquinas went in the "red" last year by failing to meet operating expenses to the amount of approximately \$25,000.

The main reason for this critical state of affairs is the inflation. Prices, wages and salaries skyrocketed to an all-time "high" Aquinas had to pay more and more for everything it purchased.

Lacking any revenue from taxes or endowment, the school has had to depend almost exclusively on tuition fees to meet its costs of operation. Throughout the inflation, right up to last month, tuition fees remained the same as in 1936. Only recently have they been increased from \$75 to \$88 a year. The result was that Aquinas had no additional revenue to meet the additional costs.

ANOTHER POINT that needs to be clearly understood particularly by the Catholics of Rochester is that Aquinas operates as a Catholic school, not simply as a business organization. This means that no boy is barred from Aquinas because his parents cannot afford to pay his tuition in full. By special arrangement, reductions in fees are granted to poor and deserving families. As unemployment and family distress increase, Aquinas revenues suffer a proportionate decline. Such is the case this year.

To understand the present financial position of Aquinas, the Catholic of Rochester should keep in mind the following points:

1. Even after the recent increase in tuition from \$75 to \$88 a year, Aquinas has the lowest tuition fee of any Catholic boys' high school in New York State.

2. Last year it cost the people of Rochester \$284.16 per student to operate the public high schools of the city. Aquinas, for \$75, has for years offered its students the advantage of a Catholic education at the same time maintaining one of the highest academic standards of any high school in New York State.

WE AT AQUINAS faculty and students have confidence in the future. We are not afraid. The reason is because we operate not on a cash basis, but on a faith basis. Under God's loving providence this school came into being, and under that same providence it will continue to do its work and to prosper. We take great pride and joy in the fact that the Holy Mother of God is Queen of Aquinas. We know she will see us through.

Placing all our confidence in Mary's loving care, we will make no appeal for funds. We ask only for your prayer. You can help us also by renewing your magazine subscriptions each year through our students. This week and next, the students of Aquinas are sponsoring a Magazine Subscription Campaign to aid their school in its present financial crisis. If you are a subscriber to any popular magazine, please help the students and their school by renewing your subscription through them. If a student does not call at your house, please phone the school (Glenwood 0075) and leave your name and address. A boy will call at your house to receive your subscription.

Rites Slated For Saint's Relic

(Continued from Page 1) St. Francis Xavier, will preach the sermon.

Students of St. Andrew's Seminary will assist in the Mass. Delegations from Nazareth College and our Catholic high school Mission Units will be present. Members of St. Monica's Guild, mothers of priests and students for the priesthood have been invited.

Two public veneration services will follow the Mass during the Friday noon period. These services will begin at 11:15 a. m. and 12:40 p. m. Another public devotion will take place at 3 p. m. Children of St. Patrick's parish will gather in the church at 3:45 p. m. for their veneration of the Holy Relic.

ANOTHER PUBLIC veneration service will be conducted at 4:45 p. m. and throughout the day between services the public is invited to visit St. Patrick's and to witness and venerate the hand which is estimated to have baptized more than 1,000,000 pagans in the Far East.

At 5:30 p. m. on Friday, the Relic will be reverently transferred to the patronal church of St. Francis Xavier on Bay St. A public veneration will be held at 7:30 p. m. according to the Rev. Patrick Moffatt pastor.

In that church Saturday Oct. 29 His Excellency the Bishop will celebrate Low Mass at 9 a. m. Preacher will be the Rev. Aloysius F. Coogan, editor of the Catholic Missions. The public is invited.

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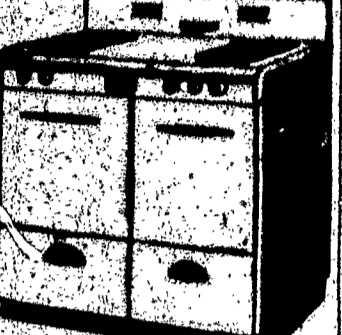
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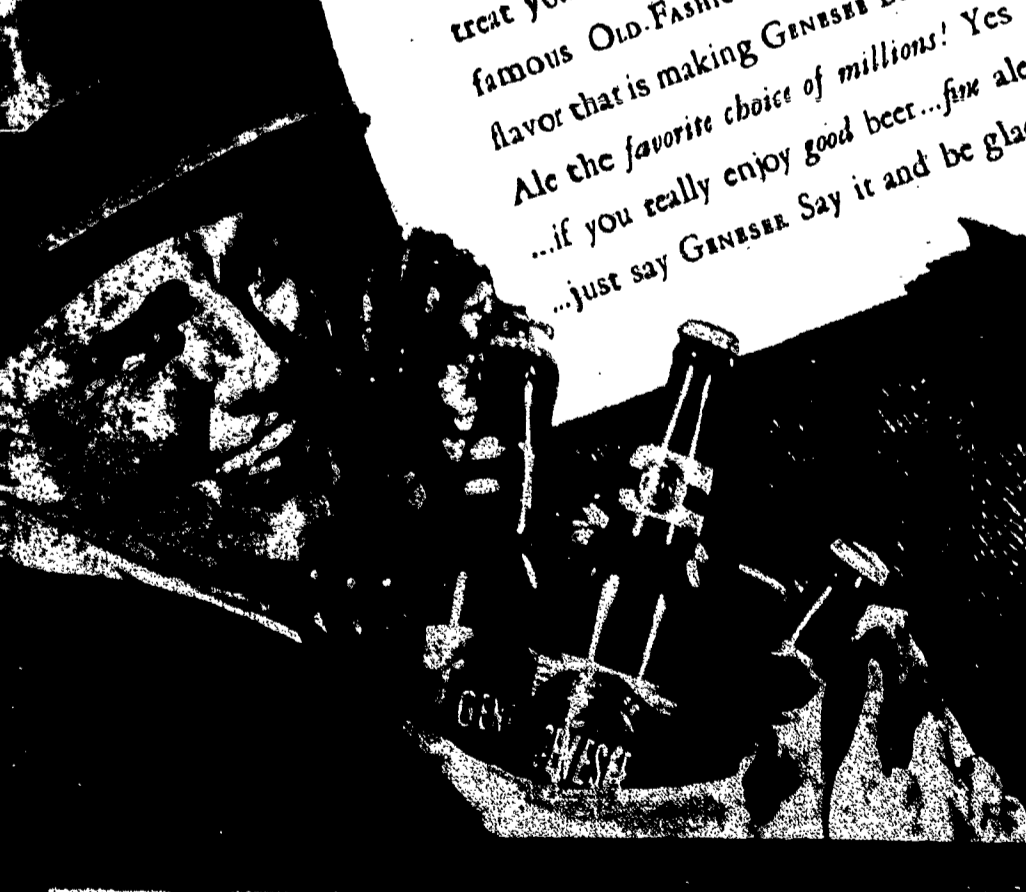


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