

# 'City of Kings,' Play About Bl. Martin, Opens Saturday at Mercy Auditorium

Blessed Martin de Porres, Negro Dominican Brother known as the "Wonder Worker of Peru," will "come to life" on Mercy Auditorium stage Saturday, March 25, in the prize-winning play, "City of Kings."

More than 6,000 adults and 4,000 children are expected at the 12 performances of the religious drama which will have evening performances at 8:30 p.m. each night next week from Sunday March 26 through Sunday April 2 (only exception is Monday night, March 27 when there will be no show).

Reserved seats, priced at \$1.50, are obtainable from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily at the Holy Name Office, 33 Solo St., Hamilton 5450. General admission tickets, priced at \$1.25, are available in most parishes of the county. They may also be obtained at Brennan's, Pedemora's, Tran's or Tucker's religious goods stores or at Columbus Civic Center.

"CITY OF KINGS" was written by the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., Dominican priest of New York, author of the play, "Lady of Fatima," which showed to nearly 10,000 persons at Mercy Auditorium last Spring.

Heading the cast will be Elwood Smith of New Orleans, who created the role of Blessed Martin in the play's 98-performance run on Broadway last Spring. In the female lead is Miss Jacqueline Levy of New York, who played Martin's mother in the Broadway show. Supporting them will be 23 local actors under the direction of Wilford H. Scott.

General admission tickets are good for any evening performance, on a first come first served basis. Reserved seats, at 60 cents additional, will be set aside for those telephoning the Holy Name Office, and may be picked up any day prior to the show.

Two parishes thus far have planned "theater parties." They are Sacred Heart, for Sunday night, March 26, and St. Andrew's, for Sunday night April 2. Special buses will take parishioners from the church to the auditorium and back.

Regular "Main East to Blossom" buses will go directly to the auditorium for each performance.

FOUR MATINEES are planned for school pupils only. (Continued on Page 2-A)



Major roles in the play, "City of Kings," opening Saturday at Mercy Auditorium, are being taken by Thomas McAviney as Mateo Pastor; Fern Huber (center) as Francisca Velez Miguel, and Ariene Jackson as Juana de Porres, sister of the principal character, Blessed Martin.

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## National KC Leader Due At 4th Degree

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will take place in Rochester on Sunday, April 16 with the ritual work to be conducted in Columbus Civic Center at 2 p.m. and a banquet to follow in Sberalon Hotel at 6:30 p.m., according to Basil J. Vallancourt, of Elmira, Master of the Fifth District.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will be guest of honor and speaker at the banquet.

Two national Knights of Columbus officers are coming to Rochester for the ceremony. Principal lay speaker will be Supreme Director William E. Burke of Utica, past state deputy, and widely known to knights in the Rochester diocese.

COMING ON his first visit to Rochester Assembly is William J. Mulligan, supreme master of the Fourth Degree whose home is in Hartford, Conn.

Supreme Master Mulligan practices law in Hartford and is a member of County, State and American Bar Associations. Pope Benedict XV made him a Knight of St. Gregory in 1910 and Holy Cross College and Fordham University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws in the same year. He has an extensive record of church and community service.

Arrangements are being made by wives of Rochester Assembly members to entertain visiting ladies during the afternoon while the degree is in progress.

Rochester Assembly, host to the degree which will bring some 125 candidates from assemblies in various parts of the diocese will have Faithful Navigator Warren J. Hill and Faithful Admiral Frank J. Gress in charge of arrangements and Joseph Fantaci as banquet chairman.

## Corpus Christi Unit Sets Day's Devotions

Rosarians of Corpus Christi Church will sponsor a Day of Recollection, Thursday, March 30 at the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle, East Ave. at Oxford St. Conferences will be under the direction of the Rev. Leo V. Smith.

Members are asked if possible, to assist at Mass and Communion at Corpus Christi before the Day at the Cenacle begins at 10 a.m.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. John Kost, CVLW 5937 R.

## Nightly Rosary Broadcast on WSAY Leads Family Prayer for World Peace

The evening Family Rosary for Peace broadcast nightly on WSAY, currently unites more Rochester groups in home-prayers for world peace than any other devotional medium

ever attempted in this area, the Family Rosary Guild stated today in surveying the first three weeks of their radio apostolate.

THE VOLUMES of appreciative mail received by WSAY, the general word-of-mouth commendation from hundreds of family groups, and the requests for tickets to attend the broadcasts prove the program's widespread reception in Rochester family life, according to the Guildmen who sponsor the nightly service.

Broadcast from the Parish Center of St. Francis of Assisi Church on Orange St. the Rosary is heard without cost on WSAY at 10 p.m. through the week Friday and at 10:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Inaugurated March 4 as a Lenten devotion, the nightly Rosary broadcast will continue indefinitely, "thanks to constant popular approval," WSAY announced.

INVITED LAYMEN from all seven Rochester parishes lead the nightly prayers, which last week night around a shrine in the Blessed Mother in the Center. The Rev. Joseph Christensen, pastor of St. Francis, introduced the Mysteries and opened the concluding words.

LAYMEN who will lead the Rosary for the next week next Saturday, March 25—LARRY A. Mohr, St. Andrew; JAMES J. MOHR, St. Anthony; JAMES J. MOHR, St. Ann's; MORTIMER W. MOHR, St. Bernard; CARLOS CHAVEZ, St. Elizabeth; WALTER MOHR, St. Francis; ROSEMARY MOHR, St. Joseph; and MORTIMER MOHR, St. Margaret Mary's.

FAMILY GROUPS or individuals as well as personal organizations and clubs who wish to attend the broadcast in a body and share the radio-broadcast of the Rosary, may apply for tickets to Station WSAY, Taylor Building, Rochester 4.

Applications should include a stamped self-addressed envelope and specify what night they wish to attend.

Catholic War Veterans posts and Holy Name Societies have already arranged with the Family Rosary Guild to participate in a new broadcast which will be inaugurated next week, it was announced.

When Haffert resigned, Brown was appointed editor of the magazine and associate director of the Apostolate. He has traveled extensively in Europe visiting Fatima, Rome and many famous Marian shrines.

Brown's lectures have attracted large crowds wherever he has spoken.

## Bishop's Mass Marks Patron's Feast For Nuns

Gratitude for the blessings Saint Joseph has obtained for the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph should be the primary motive in celebrating their patron's feast, Bishop Kearney told members of the Community at the Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated last Monday in the Nazareth Convent Chapel, Pittsford.

"It is also an opportunity to thank the individual Sisters as well as the Community," the Bishop said, "for their part in laying the foundations of the Catholic life of this diocese."

"WITH OUR gratitude," he concluded, "there is also the petition that through Saint Joseph's intercession, his Divine Son may inspire many young women to recognize the nobility of a religious vocation."

A congregation of more than 450 Sisters sang the Mass of the Feast in the beautiful Gregorian Chant of the Church, as well as the supplementary offertory, "The Joseph Celebration," and an occasional, the hymn "Hail, Holy Joseph, Hail!" The Proper of the Mass was sung by a Schola Cantorum of 250 voices.

ASSISTING THE Bishop were Assistant Priest, Rt. Rev. Magr. William M. Haffert, P.A., V.G.; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Eugene A. Cullinan, C.S.B., the Rev. John J. Prosser, C.S.B.; Deacon of the Mass, the Rev. Arthur E. Haffert, Subdeacon, the Rev. Charles V. Boyle; Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Dr. John E. Maney; Second Master, Rev. William H. Shannon.

Acolytes, Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, Rev. Francis E. Heister, Thurber, Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Rev. Joseph J. Schneck, Rev. Albert H. Schneck, Candelbearer, Rev. Ernest E. Davis; Cross-bearer, Rev. Edward J. Foy; Miter-bearer, Rev. Edward A. Shanon; Grenville-bearer, Rev. Francis R. Davis; Cross-bearer, Rev. Edward J. Lintz; Scuffler, Rev. Michael J. Tydings, Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy.

Also in Sanctuary were: the Rt. Rev. Magr. Joseph S. Cameron, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles F. Shay, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward Byrne, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Wilfred Craugh, the Very Rev. Magr. Gerald C. Lambert, and the Rev. Joseph H. Giffel.

Also the Reverend Fathers Michael J. Krieg, Leo V. Smith, Frank J. Hoefen, George M. Kalb, Albert J. Geiger, Walter J. Kohl, Leo C. Mooney, Francis W. Luddy, Gerald T. Brennan, Charles J. Mahoney, Roy B. Morphy, Austin B. Hanna, Harold F. Rogers, George B. Wood, Donald J. Murphy, John D. Malley, William J. O'Brien, James P. Stattery, John A. Morgan, Robert Kress, Francis J. Taylor, Leo D. Ward, John P. Norris and George A. Cocuzzi.

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## Debate Slated By St. Helen's Youth

Five members of St. Helen's Youth Club will be heard in a debate on "The Voting Age" at the club's regular meeting, Sunday March 26 at 7:15 p.m. in the school hall, Hinchey Road.

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## Final Tribute To Mercy Nun Paid At St. Andrew's

Solemn Requiem Mass for Sister Mary Geraldine Healey, a teacher at St. Andrew's parochial school who died unexpectedly Saturday, Mar. 18, 1950 were held Tuesday, Mar. 21, in St. Andrew's Church.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. George W. Eckl, pastor, celebrated the Mass, assisted by the Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, deacon, and the Rev. John LeVeque, subdeacon.

Sister Geraldine, who had been serving the Sisters of Mercy for 43 years, appeared in good health Saturday morning as she left the convent to assist at Mass, but was stricken with a heart attack on the way.

HUNDREDS OF sorrowing friends and former pupils of the veteran teacher from Rochester and Elmira area offered their prayers at the Mass. The children of St. Andrew's sang the Mass.

In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Magr. Joseph Cameron, Rt. Rev. Magr. Lawrence Casey, and the Reverend Fathers John Bauman, S.V.D., Joseph Dooley, S.V.D., Edmund O'Brien, Elmer Heindel, William Lammers, Francis Kleehammer, Emmett David, Raymond Wuest, Albert Schnack, Joseph Donovan, Raymond Wahl.

A native of Elmira, Sister Geraldine attended St. Patrick's School there and Elmira Free Academy, before her father, a chief dispatcher on the Railroad, was transferred to Hornell. There she entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1905.

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