

New Notre Dame Retreat House For Men Of Diocese Preparing For June Opening



Knotty Pine Paneling For Foyer

Main Entrance Altered

Stations Of Cross For Chapel

See Home-Coming Journal Photo

RETREAT OFFICIALS, ELMER BLOOMER, PRES., RIGHT IN FIRST PHOTO, AND FRANK WOLFE, PAST PRES., CENTER, INSPECT RENOVATIONS AT NEW NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE, ALEXANDER ST., ROCHESTER.

Diocese Asked To Aid \$100,000 Cost Of Retreat House

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Financial assistance for the remodeling of the new Notre Dame Retreat House in Rochester is requested by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a special collection this Sunday (Apr. 23) in all churches of the diocese.

In a letter asking the collection, Bishop Kearney noted that the laymen's retreat house "is undertaken entirely for the service of the diocese," and declared:

"THE REDEMPTORISTS have not asked for any help from us but I am personally ashamed to stand idly by and see the Community spend over \$100,000 without making some gesture of assistance."

An automatic elevator servicing the five floors in the recently-purchased brick building at 246 Alexander Street is one of the modern features workmen are installing in the center, slated to open for men retreatants in June. It will replace the former laymen's retreat house in Geneva.

Announcement of the purchase of the former Baptist seminary building was made by the Bishop in November, when he termed the proposed year-round retreat house "a tremendous contribution to the religious life of the community."

PURCHASE OF the building and two houses on Tracy Street adjoining the Alexander Street property was made at a price of \$35,000. It is located next to Geneva Hospital. Interior of the building is being completely remodeled to serve a total of 75 men.

The same group of Redemptorist priests who have conducted Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House in Geneva, headed by the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., will operate the new center. Principal reason for the move is to provide retreat facilities for groups and individuals throughout the year.

WHEN AT capacity, the Geneva house which operated only during mild weather, provided for only some 50 men, and it was necessary for several men to sleep in the same room. The Rochester center has individual quarters for the Redemptorists as well as each retreatant. It includes a lobby dining room, assembly room, chapel, kitchen and library.

Members of the Diocesan Laymen's Retreat League, headed by President Elmer Bloomer, have been working to raise funds for the remodeling. Approximately 1,000 men yearly have been making weekend retreats at the Geneva house. One of the principal gains in the new building, according to Bloomer and Frank E. Wolfe, past president of the league, will be its availability for retreats at any time during the year.

Daylight Time Set April 30

Daylight Saving Time in areas of the Diocese of Rochester, where wintertime begins Sunday morning, April 29 at 2 a.m. Pastors in areas affected will be able to announce the change on April 23 for the following Sunday. Clocks should be set ahead one hour on April 29 and church services will be scheduled on Daylight Saving Time, April 30.

Wedding Gifts—Give the new-lywed a lifelong gift of Sterling Silver from Thorne's—Wm. S. Thorne, Jeweler, 315 Main Street, Rochester, N.Y.

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Holy Year Pilgrims Sail Saturday

Twenty-five pilgrims representing the Diocese of Rochester will sail from New York harbor this Saturday noon on the giant "Queen Mary" on the first leg of the official Diocesan Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome.

Headed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, three priests and 21 lay-people will spend 29 days in the round-trip journey to the Eternal City. Prime target of their pilgrimage will be Vatican City where during the first week of May they will meet His Holiness Pope Pius XII and fulfill the spiritual obligations ordered for obtaining the Holy Year indulgence.

Fourteen other Rochesterians will also be aboard the "Queen Mary" Saturday bound for Rome independently and with other groups.

RESIDES VIEWING fabulous religious shrines and historic scenes of Rome the Rochester group will also visit ten major cities of Italy: France and Switzerland, which are famed as centers of devotion and culture.

The majority of the diocesan delegation will return to New York on the "Queen Elizabeth" on May 30 while a small group will make an extension tour to Great Britain, Ireland, Belgium and Holland before returning to the U.S. on June 14.

Priest-members of the diocesan pilgrimage accompanying Bishop Kearney are Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester; Rev. George M. Kaib, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Webster; (Continued on Page 6)

Bp. Kearney To Preach At Syracuse Consecration



Syracuse Catholic Sun Photo

BISHOP WALTER A. FOERY of Syracuse congratulates MONSIGNOR DAVID F. CUNNINGHAM, newly elected Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, who will be consecrated June 8 by Cardinal Spellman. Both Syracuse Bishops are alumni of Rochester's St. Bernard's and both were ordained to the priesthood in Rochester's former St. Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop-elect Cunningham is the thirteenth St. Bernard's alumnus to be elevated to the Episcopal rank.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will deliver the sermon at the consecration of Bishop-Designate David F. Cunningham in Immaculate Conception Cathedral of Syracuse on June 8.

of Ogdensburg will serve as co-consecrators with Cardinal Spellman.

THE 40-YEAR old Bishop-elect, Vicar General of the Syracuse Diocese and pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Syracuse, was educated for the priesthood by Rochester's St. Bernard's Seminary and ordained here at the old St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 12, 1926.

Born in Walkerville, Ontario, the new Bishop was a student at Orwigo High School and St. Michael's College, Toronto, before entering St. Bernard's Seminary.

FIRST APPOINTED as assistant pastor at St. Ambrose Church, Endicott, N.Y., he was named secretary to the late Bishop Daniel J. Curley in 1930, was reappointed secretary to the late Bishop John A. Duffy from 1933 to 1937 and spent two years in the same office under Bishop Foery from 1937 to 1939.

In 1939 he was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Syracuse and succeeded to the office of Vicar General of the diocese in 1946. Named a Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII in 1941 he was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in 1946.

Holder of a Ph.D. and Licentiate in Canon Law from Catholic University of America, Monsignor Cunningham taught Apologetics in St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Syracuse from 1939 to 1946.

In addition to receiving the title and duties of the Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, Monsignor Cunningham will be consecrated as Bishop of Lamapour, an ancient diocese in Mysia of Asia. (Continued on Page 6)

Reds Seize Monasteries In Prague

Vatican City — (NO) — Czechoslovak authorities closed the houses of both the Jesuits and the Salesian Fathers in Prague, according to a dispatch from Rome, Switzerland, carried in *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily.

On being taken from the religious, the houses were immediately occupied by members of the Czech youth organization, the dispatch said. The religious themselves were arrested, it reported.

THE DISPATCH also stated that on the night of April 14 communist police occupied the convents of the Jesuits, Redemptorists and Franciscans in Bratislava and deported the religious to unknown places.

Another report estimated at 40 the number of religious removed from their monasteries in Prague over the weekend. The report said the ousting of religious from their convents took place in a number of other towns in the communist-dominated land.

Meanwhile Rude Pravo, the communist party organ in Prague, reportedly set the pace in the vicious attacks directed at monasteries and religious by the communist press.

"THERE ARE only a few monasteries in the whole republic which did not indulge in anti-state activities, the main task of these orders being espionage for American imperialists by way of the Vatican," the paper charged.

"The monasteries have become nests of subversiveness, centers of anti-state activity and asylums for anti-state criminals. The state cannot passively watch this criminal activity. The monasteries have served as dumps for firearms and hiding places for conspirators."

Another Prague paper, *Svobodne Slovo*, declared that the recent trial of 10 prominent priests-religious in Prague gave proof that the monasteries are "organs of the Vatican" and "a relic of the past, which is, to say the least, unnecessary."

Rome Uninformed On Reported Polish Church-State Pact

Vatican City — (NO) — The Vatican Press Office has issued a statement declaring that "nothing is known here" regarding the reported agreement between the Church and State in communist Poland. The statement adds that "no arrangements have been made for the agreement in question, demonstrating the report's lack of foundation."

All Polish papers gave little heed to a story released by the Vatican Press Office. Agency associates in Moscow reported that the Polish government and the Polish Ministry of War reported.

THE COMMUNIST government of three members of the government and those bishops, in an agreement to be signed in March, 1948. It stated that the pact was the result of a long process of negotiations between the Church and the State.

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of the beloved pastor, The Rev. Leo V. Smith, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, also a classmate, will deliver the eulogy.

Burial will be made in the priests' plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The body lay in state Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Office of the Dead was celebrated by priests of the diocese at 8 in the evening.

WALTER NEWMAN was appointed pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on March 15, 1941. He succeeded the Rev. Joseph H. Gebel, now (Continued on Page 6)

Press Honor Awarded To Times Editor



NEIL MACNEIL

New York — (NC) — Neil MacNeil, assistant managing editor of The New York Times, has been named to receive its Annual Award for 1949, the Catholic Institute of the Press has announced here.

The award is bestowed for distinguished service in promoting a better understanding of Christian principles in the secular press. Presentation will take place at the Institute's annual communion breakfast at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on April 29.

Mr. MacNeil has been associated with The New York Times since 1918, as telegraph editor, foreign editor, night city editor and, since 1930, as assistant managing editor. He is a native of Boston.

Vandalism -- Desecration -- Sacrilege!

Vandals or malicious desecrators broke into St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, on Monday evening for the third time in three weeks and caused considerable damage to statues, vestments and altar furnishings.

The unknown intruders violently smashed the crown on a statue of the Infant of Prague, broke off the toes of one statue and the fingers of two others, sliced the large Paschal Candle in two, ripped an altar cloth, tore pages from the altar Missal, ransacked two of the vestry vestment cases, and bent the crosses on vigil light stands near the side altars.

ALTHOUGH REPAIR of the damaged property will cost several hundred dollars, nothing was stolen from the church but a wooden crucifix taken from a side altar.

Police investigating the case, said the church was probably entered through a tunnel which leads from the parish school. The vandals are believed to have hidden in the school building during a meeting of the Knights of St. John and then gone into the church when the meeting was dismissed.



The smashed crown on the Infant of Prague statue, the broken Easter candle, and torn altar cards pictured here are part of the desecration committed by unknown vandals who broke into St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, Monday night. This was the third such vandalism in this church in three weeks.

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