

# Mercy Sisters Take Vows in New Motherhouse Chapel

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on of the world's pleasures and onora, the novices then lay prostrate on the chapel floor while the Sisters' choir chanted the "Veni Creator Spiritus" and the Bishop prayed that God would defend these holy servants from every worldly and secular impediment and arnal desire, that they may pre-serve devoutly in their holy in-tention.

This impressive ceremony of umility is similar to the pro-scription in the ritual of ordination of the priesthood.

IN HIS sermon Bishop Kearney told the girls' parents "God has asked a precious flower from the garden of your home. In calling your daughter He has paused to knock at your door as a tribute to your faith."

Pointing out that these vocations were evidence of fond parental guidance, the Bishop said, "No school gives vocations. Rather the nobility of soul and concern for the things of God which we honor here today have been developed through a mother's love and a father's devotion."

CHALLENGING THAT stubborn parental opposition which hawks many young vocations early, the Bishop called it a serious offense against God. "Such interference," he declared, "leaves the girl unfairly torn between love of God and love of parents."

There is nothing more tragic than for a young girl filled with grace and zeal to serve God, to have her hopes dashed to pieces for lack of parental consent and support," he stated.

Names of the new Sisters received into the Sisters of Mercy community are:

- Sister Marietta (Mary Ann Hans), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Hans, St. Salome's Parish, Summerville.
- Sister Mary Chrysothem (Jean Marie Schreiner), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Schreiner, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Majella (Margaret Mary Mattie), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mattie, St. John Evangelist Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Esther (Katherine Bertha Carstater), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Carstater, Precious Blood Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Declan (Patricia Anne Donovan), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Donovan, St. Monica's Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Conrad (Ruth H. Ostertag), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Ostertag, St. Ambrose Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Dominick (Jeanne Marie Reichart), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Reichart, St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Lucia (Mariene Francis Buhler), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bona, St. Boniface Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Lambert (Anne Elizabeth Cullen), daughter of Mr. John Cullen, Holy Family Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Carmelita (Mary Louise Rood), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Rood, St. Monica's Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Dennis (Maureen O'Byrne), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Byrne, Corpus Christi Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Constance (Julia Marie Norton), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Norton, St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira.
- Sister Mary Agnita (Barbara Anne Zimmer), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Zimmer, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester.
- Sister Mary Melchiora (Melchiora Micali), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Micali, St. Patrick's Parish, Rochester.



## Mercy Sisters

Mother Mary Edna, Superior of Northern adjuin, presided over the ceremony. (The left) are the novices, Sister Marietta (left) and Sister Mary Chrysothem (right) kneeling in prayer at the altar. (Right) are the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Esther (left) and Sister Mary Declan (right) kneeling in prayer at the altar. (Bottom) are the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Conrad (left) and Sister Mary Dominick (right) kneeling in prayer at the altar. (Bottom right) are the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Lambert (left) and Sister Mary Carmelita (right) kneeling in prayer at the altar.

# Czech Reds Issue New Decree Hemming Religious Activities

London — (RNS) — A new decree has been issued by the Czech Communist government giving local civil authorities the right to control all religious activities in their areas, including those of religious societies, orders and monasteries.

Signed by Deputy Premier Zdenek Fierlinger, newly-appointed head of the State Office for Church Affairs, the decree extends to local officials the powers which the government assumed under church control laws passed last November.

The decree entrusts the local authorities with the task of controlling religious education, managing religious schools, appointing religious teachers, and supervising religious broadcasts.

ONE OF THE stipulations of the decree is that no religious pilgrimages may be held without express authorization from civil authorities.

According to the decree, local authorities will have full discretion in all matters concerning the nomination or dismissal of clergymen. They will determine the salary and other income of each priest, as well as allowances granted him on the basis of grade and rank. In addition, the authorities will have power over priests' vacations and leaves of absence.

# Columnist Urges Holy See Envo

Chicago — (NC) — "The Vatican is a fact. The Holy See is a state. It differs from other states in certain ways. But it has territory (Vatican City) and a government. Why shouldn't the greatest power on earth recognize it?" asked Irving Pfaffman in his column in the Chicago Sun-Times.

"State and church are one in many countries," the author of the article continues. "In some the church rules. And we have recognized these nations without assaulting our Constitution, or undermining the loyalty of those Americans who happen to belong to the particular church."



# Governments Jailed Cardinal's See

Budapest — (NC) — The Eastern archdiocese chapter has elected Bishop Zoltan Meulenyi, Auxiliary of Eastern-gom, as vicar capitular of the archdiocese following the death of its vicar general, Magr. John Drabos.

# Maryknoll Superior Asks Korean Aid

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (RNS) — A call for all Christians to unite in prayer for the people of Korea was made here by Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, Roman Catholic missionary group.

# South Korea Will Be 'Served' by Catholics

Bishop Lane urged American Catholics to be prepared to give relief assistance here.

# Black Man's Past

Wichita, Kan. — (NC) — The first Negro native of Wichita to be ordained, the Rev. James M. Wiley, offered his first Mass Sunday night here in Holy Family Church, where he was baptised 25 years ago.

# STATEMENT

Of Condition As Of June 30, 1950

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,333,301.94
United States Government Bonds	20,693,203.36
State, Municipal and Other Bonds	3,781,682.88
Loans and Discounts	11,632,221.88
Mortgages	2,395,470.55
Genesee Valley Trust Building	1,099,171.29
Cost	2,208,619.55
Depreciation Reserve	1,109,148.26
	\$1,099,471.29
Other Real Estate	None
Other Assets	303,942.45
	\$17,239,253.55
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	42,758,125.23
Capital Funds	3,856,484.21
Common Stock	1,750,000.00
Surplus	1,750,000.00
Undivided Profits	356,484.21
	\$ 3,856,484.21
Common Stock Dividend Payable July 1, 1950	30,000.00
Reserve for Taxes, Interest and Other Liabilities	589,644.11
	\$47,239,253.55

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