

## Elmira Board Approves Public School Prayer

Elmira Board of Education unanimously accepted the State Board of Regents proposal that each school day be opened with a prayer as well as the pledge of allegiance.

### 30,000 Vocation Prayer Leaflets Sent To Schools

Thirty-thousand copies of the "Prayer for Vocations," printed below, were distributed by the Diocesan Education Office to be recited every morning with teachers in the high school home rooms and elementary classrooms.

#### Prayer for Vocations

O GOD, Who wouldst have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Thy truth: send, we beseech Thee, laborers into Thy harvest, and grant them grace with all boldness to speak Thy Word; so that Thy Word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know Thee the only God and Him Whom Thou hast sent Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Father, world without end. Amen.

(From the Collect of the Mass for the Propagation of the Faith.)

Send, O Lord, workers into Thy Vineyard (from the Roman Missal). Indulgence 500 days. Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions providing that the prayer will have been recited every day for a month (S. Paen. Ap. 22 nov. 1934).

Imprimatur: + Most Reverend James E. Kearney, D.D.

Don Riccadone, Turin, Italy. (N.C.) Don Pietro Riccadone, superior general of the Salesian Society since 1932, died here (November 25).

## Bishop To Lead Nativity Pageant At Pro-Cathedral

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will conduct the Annual Christmas Pageant in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity, on Friday, Dec. 21 in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral at 7:45 p.m.

The traditional procession of the school children attired as angels escorting the Blessed Mother and Child into the Cathedral and to the Sanctuary will take place. The Sanctuary will be transformed into a replica of the stable of Bethlehem and the crib will be spotlighted.

THE NARRATIVE of the Nativity will be related and traditional hymns will be sung led by the Pro-Cathedral Men's Institute faculty.

As the program nears its ending lights will be dimmed in the Cathedral and all present will worship the newborn Babe of Bethlehem.

The pageant has been carried out prior to Christmas at the Pro-Cathedral under Bishop Kearney's direction since his coming here in 1947.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. George V. Burns, pastor and priests of the

Superintendent of Schools Oscar F. Kirin said the resolution is not a mandate but gives teachers and principals permission to institute the Regents "statement of belief."

This would protect the teachers by assuring them of the "backing of the board."

THE PRAYERS that met the favor of clergymen and educators, throughout the state is this "act of reverence to God."

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

Kirin, in asking endorsement, read the Regents statement adopted in Albany Nov. 30.

He commented: "Many of us have felt for a long time that although schools devote time to basic skills and fundamentals, every educational system is going astray from its purpose if it does not help children to answer that most important question: What is the Good life?"

THE SUPERINTENDENT said he believes "any school system is falling short of its purpose if it does not help answer that question. For this reason, Kirin added, he "welcomed" the action of the Regents and asked endorsement by the Board.

He commented later that the Regents "for many years leaned over backward to carry out the literal meaning of the separation of Church and State." They have become "increasingly concerned with sweeping over America of a purely materialistic point of view, he added.

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## Chemistry Lab Draws Highschoolers



OPEN HOUSE at Nazareth College, Sunday for high school seniors and parents brought representatives of many area schools. Here in the chemistry laboratory, Miss Marie Antonacci, chemistry instructor, (left) explains equipment to Beverly Luck, Merry High and Norma Provenzano, Nazareth Academy. Anne Vogt, alumna of Nazareth College (right) acted as a guide to the two highschoolers.

## Genesee Carolers To Sing At Columbus Civic Lobby

Genesee Settlement House Child Carolers will be heard on Sunday, Dec. 16, as guests of the Young Stars of Tomorrow Program on WHEC and on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. in the lobby of Columbus Civic Center. They will sing for the Center residents from the lobby mezzanine.

These young singers are widely known in the city according to the Settlement staff.

(Photo on Page 1)

They have several other engagements. On Thursday, Dec. 20, the vested choir will go to the Delco Company to sing during the various lunch hours to enable all employees to see and hear them.

The carolers on Friday, Dec. 21, will go to Kodak Park for the fourth year to sing for the employees. This is their way of saying "Thank You" for donations made by employees to Rochester's Community Chest, the staff said.

A CHARTERED BUS will take the singers to Sampson Air Force Base on Sunday, Dec. 23, for a full day with the men of the 3670 Basic Military Training Group. The carolers will entertain with Christmas Carols bringing Christmas to men away from home.

This group is considered one of the most popular activities at the Genesee Settlement. The children clamor to be admitted to the Carolers and admission is permitted to those who attend the Settlement House regularly.

The group is composed of 40 children, boys and girls with the youngest being three years of age and the oldest, 15.

Mrs. Frank Villone of the Settlement House is a willing volunteer and gives many hours at the piano for the children. The group is supervised by the Settlement House staff. This year the children's mothers spent many hours making robes and white stiff collars for the singers.

Response to the carolers' singing four years ago was so enthusiastic that they sang with the children from Charles Settlement House at the residence of Bishop Kearney after being heard at Kodak Park.

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## Bishop Listed At Youth Hour

The monthly city-wide Holy Hour for Catholic students in the high schools will be held Sunday, Dec. 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and address the highschoolers, according to the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, moderator.

## Carmelite Mission Held In Ovid Church

Ovid - A Carmelite Mission in honor of the Immaculate Conception for Universal Peace was conducted at Holy Cross Church, Ovid, for one week, ending on Dec. 8.

The Mission was conducted by the Rev. Father Bernard J. Daly, O. Carm., Whitefish, Auburn, assisted by the Rev. Thomas J. Florack and the Rev. Thomas P. Stafford.

## Bishop Kearney Lists Christmas Eve Radio Address To Families

A Christmas Eve talk by His Excellency Bishop Kearney addressed to all the families of the Rochester Diocese will be broadcast on the radio from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday night, Dec. 24 on WHAM.

ST. BERNARD'S seminary choir, singing from the seminary chapel, will share the musical portion of the broadcast with the Glee Clubs of Our Lady of Mercy High School and Aquinas Institute. The seminarians directed by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy will sing "Let the Rose Tree Bloom," "Adagio Fugue" and two liturgical melodies of the Christmas season.

The Aquinas songsters under the baton of Raymond J. Hennessey and broadcasting from their own school concertroom, will feature "Come to the Manger" and "Angels We Have Heard on High," while the Mercy girls directed by Sister Mary Margaret RSM, will sing such favorites as "Silent Night" and "To a Virgin Meek and Mild."

The Courier Journal's regular Sunday program, "The Morals Behind the Headlines," produced 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. on WHAM by Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Mercy High School, will also feature the Mercy Glee Club on Sunday, Dec. 23.

Father Torney will tell the touching and dramatic story of the writing of "Silent Night" against a musical background of favorite carols.

Members of the Altar Society of St. Helen's Church were to hear the Liederkreis Choral directed by J. Alfred Casad in a program of Christmas music Thursday, of this week in St. Helen's school hall.

Serving on committee were: Entertainment, Mrs. James Celly, Mrs. Eugene Alwood, and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien; Refreshments, Mrs. Lawrence Fitzgerald, Mrs. Leon Nickerson, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Joseph Arnold, Mrs. Theodore Hebler, Mrs. John Malone, Mrs. Vernon Chandler, Mrs. James Berry and Mrs. Richard Masters.

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## Dr. Bapst, Noted Educator Ordained In Buffalo at 71

Rev. Dr. Robert T. Bapst, who completed his studies at the Holy Priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary, was given up his position two years ago at Buffalo, where he had been superintendent of the Holy Trinity parish.

His ordination, the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo and Archbishop designate of Philadelphia, presided at the ceremony in the Church of the Most Sacred Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

FATHER BAPST will be 71 on Jan. 2, 1952. He entered the seminary here on Jan. 11, 1950 to complete his studies for the priesthood of the Diocese of Buffalo.

When he entered it was "the fulfillment of a long-standing desire which had to be abandoned earlier in life," seminary officials said.

Father Bapst was known to have been for many years a student of Catholic philosophy and theology pursued on his own initiative. He is Rev. Mrs. W. J. Craig, St. Bernard's Seminary rector, said when the former school superintendent was asked.

A NATIVE of Buffalo, Dr. Bapst was graduated from Canisius College in 1909, received his Doctorate of Philosophy from St. Louis University in 1909 and an honorary LL.D. degree from Niagara University in 1939.

He had been a teacher in English and mathematics for 40 years, serving at Canisius High School, Canisius College and in the Buffalo school system. He was superintendent of all Buffalo schools from 1905 to 1909.

His seminary work was accelerated taking less than the two years because he holds several scholastic degrees.

He gave the Consecration Address at Nazareth College in ceremonies on the old campus on Augustine St. on June 12, 1949.

St. Theodore's Auxiliary, Knights of St. John will hold a Christmas party and dinner Thursday, Dec. 20 in the church hall at 7 p.m. A business meeting will follow. Mrs. Dorothy Vogel is chairman.

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## Area Attorney Leaves Practice For Trappists

First to be accepted in the newly established Trappist Foundation at Piffard will be a Geneva and Clyde attorney, Philip Lanasa, 29, who has given up his law career to enter the monastic life.

Lanasa, eldest of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lanasa, 100 Oak St., Geneva, had talked about entering the priesthood since a child. He was received at the Piffard Monastery near Genesee, last week.

Formal name of the order is Cistercian Order of Strict Observance and also named for La Trappe, France, where a famous monastery was founded in 1098.

AFTER graduating from St. Francis de Sales grammar school, and De Sales High school, the young Geneva was graduated from Canisius College and Albany law school. His education was interrupted by service in World War II during which he saw service in the South Pacific.

A wound in the left arm on Easter Sunday at Okinawa put him out of active duty and sent him to the hospital in Virginia for a couple of months. Then he returned home. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Before opening his law office in Clyde a year ago, he was for about a year in the law office of M. Maurice Chacchia.

The young man has two brothers, Michael, at Camp Dix, and Charles is in high school. He also has three sisters, Miss Frances Lanasa, Miss Claudina Lanasa at home, and Mrs. Marina Guarini of Webster Ave., Rochester.

