

Golden Weddings Set For Brother, Sister Wed Same Day In N.Y.



GOLDEN JUBILIANTS, Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Altman, 253 Lark St. (top photo) and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Luppa, 87, 182 Charles St., who were married in New York 50 years ago will have celebrations Saturday. Mrs. Altman is Mr. Luppa's sister.

Fifty golden years of married life for a brother and a sister who were married to their respective spouses at the same church in New York City will be celebrated at two observances here in Rochester on Saturday, Jan. 12.

In 1898 Rosario Altman and Joseph Luppa, Sr., came to the United States. On January 12, 1902, Mr. Altman married the former Francis Luppa and her brother married the former Anna Marino in the Church of Mary Help of Christians. The two couples moved to Rochester immediately after.

BOTH COUPLES have been singularly blessed with children and grandchildren who will be with them in the celebrations.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Altman of 253 Lark St. will celebrate at High Mass at 10 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church Saturday at 9 a.m. to mark the golden jubilee. The Rev. Magr. Charles E. Shay will preside and will celebrate the Mass for their intention. The entire family will receive Holy Communion.

An anniversary dinner will be served at the Villa Maria. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Luppa Sr. open the home for the celebration. Relatives and friends will be invited to the Lark St. residence.

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Catholic Church Is Divine, Fr. Keller Tells City Club

By ARTHUR F. FARREN

The divinity of Christ and His divine establishment of the Catholic Church were defended before 500 persons of all faiths at a City Club of Rochester dinner last Saturday noon in the Chamber of Commerce building. Speaker was the Rev. James Keller, M.M., founder of the Christophers and one of the nation's best-selling authors, who forthrightly told his audience:

"If Christ isn't what He said, He was the greatest faker who ever lived. He is either true God, or a liar."

Holding that Christ is truly God, the Maryknoll missionary summarized his belief by stating that Christ established the Catholic Church through His Apostles. ("Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church"), gave a "program" to that Church. His grace through the Sacraments ("whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven") and promised to be with His Church "until the consummation of the world."

SPEAKING ON "What Catholics Believe" Father Keller said: "God made me to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world that I might be happy with Him in eternity." and added: "I believe this so much that I am ready to die for my belief." He then referred his listeners to



REV. JAMES KELLER, M.M.

"the simple little catechism" for "what Catholics believe."

Responsibility of the individual who knows and loves God to bring others to that knowledge and love was stressed by the priest.

Emphasizing that everyone, "even the worst of men, is created in the image of God," Father Keller said it is the obligation

of the believer "to do something, even though it be just one little thing, to bring out God's image in others."

"Joe Stalin—I pray for him," the New York priest declared to illustrate his point.

Christ came to redeem all men, Father Keller noted, adding that "that is the purpose of the Church—to reach all men."

"EACH ONE of us," the Maryknoll missionary maintained, "can do something big or little to help rectify the world situation. We must reach our love out as far as we can, to counteract the doctrine of hate that is threatening to engulf us."

That is one of the basic aims of the Christophers Movement, Father Keller said—"the individual's responsibility for the good of all." Christophers literature, he commented, now is being sent to a mailing list of more than a half million persons.

"People can change," declared the priest-author of "You Can Change the World."—"Just as St. Paul changed." Many of those who hate, he contended, can be brought to love through one little prayer or act.

Deploring the fact that "there are 600 million persons in the world who never heard of Christ, and 75 million persons in our nation who admit no church affiliation," Father Keller appealed particularly to Americans "as America goes in the next three or four years so may go the world" to recall Christ's command to go teach all nations all things.

Father Keller said Catholics "are not really living our faith until we suffer for it," and referred to Christ's counsel, "Take up thy cross and follow Me." In the first three centuries of Christianity, the speaker reminded his listeners, 11 million persons died for their belief.

Everyone, the missionary asserted, "despite his doubts believes in Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell."

QUESTIONS by a person in the audience as to "why, if Christianity brings light into darkness, conditions are not better in Catholic Spain?" Father Keller first expressed the hope that his questioner would "read more than one version" of the Spanish situation.

The priest then stated that nothing governed by the hand of man is perfect, and that the history of the Church shows it to have been "in poor condition" several times through the ages due to human frailty. He then drew a parallel by indicating that the worth of the United States "constitution cannot be judged solely by the fact that last year 48,000,000 American citizens failed to vote."

The Church has weathered centuries of criticism, heresy, scandals, abuses and persecution, Father Keller added significantly.

REPLYING to other questions from listeners, the priest said that (1) Hell might be described in one sense as separation from a lover, and that because of (Continued on Page 3)

KC To Raise Fund For Priesthood Education

The bishop's fund for the education of future priests is the objective of the Columbian Guild organized for 1952 by the Knights of Columbus councils in the Diocese of Rochester, according to Raymond L. Nary, past grand knight of Rochester Council and chairman of the bishop's fund.

The project is one of Central New York Chapter, K. of C., and Nary, was appointed to direct the raising of the funds among the 14 councils in the diocesan area by chairman Francis J. Welch of Canastota.

ENROLLMENT in the Columbian Guild with memberships at \$500 each will be the purpose of the campaign. Men, women and children may join the Guild and it is not necessary to be a member of the Knights of Columbus or of its auxiliaries. Proceeds will be turned over to His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Ask God's Blessings On Eucharistic Congress

A prayer imploring God's blessings upon the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Barcelona, Spain, May 27 to June 1 is being recited in all churches of the Rochester diocese according to Francisco de Luis in the N.Y. News Service.

Added to this prayer, which was written by Bishop Gregorio Modrego of Barcelona, is another recited by children in their catechism classes and in their homes. The general prayer expresses hope that the Congress may be a high tribute to Christ in the Holy Eucharist and an effective prayer for peace.

All European nations except those behind the Iron Curtain, have promised to send pilgrims to the International Eucharistic Congress at Barcelona. Bishop Modrego of that See has announced in Madrid that the diocese is in Madrid to do preparatory work for the Congress.

THE CONGRESS, he said, has awakened great enthusiasm also in the United States and the services of two transatlantic liners, the Constitution and the Independence, both of more than 30,000 tons, have been arranged. He said they will also serve as "hospitals" for the pilgrims during the Congress. Ships from other countries are also expected to provide lodgings.

Although no pilgrimages will be forthcoming from the other side of the Iron Curtain, many prelates and faithful of those nations living in exile will be in Barcelona, Bishop Modrego added.

Lodgings are being prepared not only in Barcelona, but in nearby cities. Camps for young people are also being considered. Transportation means are to be coordinated.

The ordination of a number of priests from Spanish dioceses and abroad will be one of the outstanding ceremonies of the Congress. Two ordained Negro priests will also attend.

RUIN The road to ruin is always in need repair, the travelers pay the expense of it—Proverbs.

Diocesan Tour To Spain Outlined In New Folder

A six-page attractive folder giving detailed information on the official diocesan tour to the International Eucharistic Congress in Barcelona, Spain, May 27 to June 1, 1952 is out this week.

The folders are available at the Chartered Travel Agency, 17 Church Ave., or at the Knights of Columbus Agency, 17 Church Ave.

THE FOLDER outlines the pilgrimage under the leadership of His Excellency Bishop Kearney with the Rev. Dr. J. M. Maney, vice chairman of the diocese as postmaster and local director.

Under a photographic of the Bishop appears a description of the pilgrimage which declares it is a most interesting trip and combines most interesting religious experiences with active travel plans.

Three itineraries are listed with full details. Itinerary "A" will take the pilgrims to Barcelona, Spain, Italy and France 30 days by the new air ground route and 30 days by air. Itinerary "B" will cover 40 days by the sea and ground route and 38 days by air.

ALL PILGRIMS going by sea will sail on the *Marina Vesuvio* "Saturday" on May 17 from New York. Those flying on either itinerary will leave New York on May 22 by Flying Clipper of the Pan American World Airways.

Itinerary "C" covers 37 days. Includes visits to England and Ireland. This lists a tour of 45 days by air. Rates and registration information are also in the folder.

Bring Holy Name Men Together



LEADING ROLES in the rally of Holy Name men in the Rochester area Sunday which centered in a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Holy Name Society.

Guests at the feast were: His Excellency Bishop Kearney (center), Very Rev. James T. Connolly, C.S.S.R. (right), speaker, and Frank E. Davis, Deanevery Holy Name Union president. (Clarke Staff Photo.)

Holy Name Men's Pontifical Mass Brings Out 1000

"It is up to you as individuals to put into practice the principles of Christ. Put them into your home life and your work."

This was the antidote for current life given by the Very Rev. John T. Connolly, C.S.S.R., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, Pontifical Mass sponsored by the Rochester Deanevery Holy Name Union on Sunday marking the Society's 50th anniversary.

HIS EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney celebrated the Solemn Mass in St. Joseph's Church, assisting were: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Wilford T. Coughlin, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; Assistant deacons to the Bishop, the Rev. Arthur P. Yorack and the Rev. Robert A. Seicher; Deacon, the Very Rev. Magr. Gerald C. Lambert; Subdeacon, the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn and Master of ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney. Father Flynn is diocesan director of the Holy Name Society.

Also present were the Rt. Rev. Magr. J. William Kinsler, founder of the Deanevery Union of Holy Name Societies; the Rev. Patrick J. Grace, spiritual director of the Firemen's Holy Name Society and the Rev. Matthew Tobin, C.S.S.R., spiritual director of the Postoffice Employees Holy Name Society. A delegation of firemen in uniform was headed by Chief John Sialitry.

FATHER CONNOLLY in urging the men to put Christ's principles into practice explained that this is the answer for those beset by the moral breakdown in the world and the threats that paganism is making into family life.

Frank R. Davis, president of the Deanevery Union sponsoring the Pontifical ceremony headed deanevery officers and Martin Q. Moll, diocesan union president attended with officers of the diocesan wide organization.

Auxiliary To Meet At St. Theodore's Ladies Auxiliary 260 Knights of St. John of St. Theodore's Church will meet Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the church hall.

Mary VerWiere will preside. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Catholic Deaf Club Will Mark Feast Day Of Patron

Tribute to the Universal Patron Saint of the Deaf, St. Francis De Sales will be paid by St. Francis De Sales Deaf Club and Auxiliary on Monday evening, Jan. 28, the club decided at a January business meeting.

Highlighting the celebration in St. Francis DeSales Chapel, Franklin St. will be a Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRANT WILL be the Very Rev. James T. Connolly, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's Church assisted by the Rev. John Crowell, C.S.S.R., and the Rev. Mark Cleary, C.S.S.R., recently returned from chaplain service in the Army.

A choir formed of the parents of the deaf children will provide the singing assisted by Miss Rita Schur at the organ.

The church services will be followed by a "Polka Night" in St. Joseph's Hall. The hall will be gaily decorated in the native colors of Poland. Young men and women of Polish descent will entertain with Polish folk dances.

AN ENCOUNTER featuring Polish songs and other popular

Reset Alumni Dinner Jan. 30

Nassau College Alumni Association has proposed its annual Alumni Dinner originally scheduled for Dec. 5, in the Rochester Hotel.

Walter Connor, chairman, has announced that the dinner will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30.

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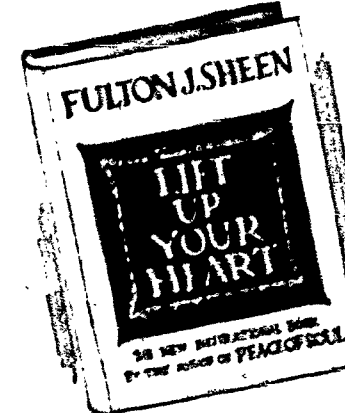
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