

Plan Party At St. Peter And Paul's



COMMITTEE MEMBERS go over plans for the Desert Bridge scheduled Monday evening, April 21, in St. Peter and Paul's Parish Hall. The affair is being sponsored by the Immaculate Heart Society. Seated are: (from left) Mrs. Robert W. Ganser, Mrs. John T. Dowdle and Mrs. Joseph D. Woodhouse. Standing (from left) Miss Frances Battenby, Mrs. Marion A. Chalk and Mrs. Edward A. Elston.

Silver Tea, Day Of Devotion Set By Corning DCCW

Corning — Mrs. Edith Griffin was named chairman of the Annual Silver Tea planned for May 18 at the Knights of Columbus Home by Corning Deanery, National Council of Catholic Women, at the regular meeting of the Deanery last week. Announcement was also made that on April 26 a day of devotion will be observed in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, whose feast day it is. Miss Margaret Theresa Farmer was named chairman of the essay contest on the subject, "The Promise of Fatima," which is scheduled for May 1 in the three local parochial schools. The Rev. Daniel Hogan, propagator, gave a talk on the need for vocations following the business meeting.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester. Sunday, April 29 — Elmira Reformatory; Ithaca; Palmyra; Retsof; Spencerport; Waterloo.

Spain Pilgrimage To View Famed Toledo Monstrance

One of Spain's greatest treasures — the celebrated Toledo Monstrance — will be used during the 35th International Eucharistic Congress which opens in Barcelona, Spain on May 27. It was announced in that city. The Congress will attract pilgrims from the Diocese of Rochester led by the Rev. John E. Maney, D.D., Vice Chancellor. This group will leave New York City on May 17 on the S. S. Saturnia of the Italian Lines. THE MONSTRANCE, held to be the most valuable in the world, is largely the work of Henry Arze, a 16th century German goldsmith. It contains about 40 pounds of pure gold and some 140 pounds of silver. It is fashioned of 5,600 pieces, held together by 12,500 screws. The Toledo Monstrance, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, is more than 12 feet high and its construction occupied in all more than 100 years. The Monstrance is described as adorned with 260 statuettes, one of the largest of which is said to be made of gold brought by Columbus from the New World. At least 500,000 pilgrims are expected to take part in the Barcelona Congress. More than 40 countries of the world will be represented according to the committee. More than 30 archdioceses and dioceses in the United States are sponsoring pilgrimages.

Youth Choir Cantata Set

St. Anthony's Youth Choir of 80 voices will present, "The Life of Christ in Music," in a Sacred Cantata at Dunn Memorial Auditorium, Elmira, on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 27 and 28, commencing at 8:15. A special matinee for the school children has been arranged for Saturday afternoon, April 26, at 2:15 p. m. Tickets may be obtained at Lagonegro's Cigar Store, Doyle Marks, St. Joseph's Hospital and Columbus Center.

Monastic Life Sound Film Listed

A sound film, "Monastic Life in the Benedictine Order," will be shown in Columbus Center Elmira on Wednesday evening, April 23, at 8:45 p. m. The affair is being sponsored by Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and is open to all Knights, their Ladies and guests. The Rev. Dom Damasus Winzen, O.S.B., Prior of Mount Savior Monastery, will show the film and conclude with a talk on the Order. Frank Bellotti is chairman of arrangements and is being aided by John E. Strong and Joseph A. DeNunzio.

Niagara U. Men At Holiday Dance

First annual Spring Dance sponsored by the Elmira Area Chapter, Niagara University Alumni Association, will be held on Friday evening (tonight) at the Mark Twain Hotel. The affair will be held in the Showboat Room from 9 to 1. Music will be by Ed Ryan's orchestra. Richard T. Grace has been designated general chairman and will be assisted by Thomas F. Coggins, Francis Maloney Jr., Dr. Norman Baker, Michael Carnavale, John Stricker, William Osborne, Herman Cassidy, Atty. John D. Frawley, Atty. J. Vincent O'Brien. Guests are expected from Waverly, Sayre, Athens, Corning, Ithaca and Woodhull. This social event has been arranged to provide an occasion for the Alumni and area students to get together during the Spring vacation. There are over 20 students attending the University from the Elmira area.

St. Mary's Group To Attend Breakfast

Members of St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society, Elmira, will hold their annual Communion breakfast on Sunday, May 4, at the Mark Twain Hotel starting at 9 o'clock.

St. Mary's Sodality Members Hold Dance

A dance sponsored by St. Mary's Sodality of Elmira will be held tonight in the gymnasium and auditorium from 8 until midnight. Music will be furnished by Tommy Sheeder's Orchestra. Gloria Richardson and Edward Golden are co-chairmen. The committee chairmen include Sandy Saxe and Jack Flynn, posters; Pat Callahan and Mary Frances Crowley, check room; Margaret Good and Bill Guslick, publicity; Tom Good and Tom Eaton, refreshments; Doris Flynn, orchestra.

Cana Session Listed By Kilmer Club Unit

The second group from the Joyce Kilmer Club will attend a Cana Conference at the Notre Dame Retreat House, Sunday, Apr. 29. The Rev. Louis J. Hohman will conduct the conference which is being arranged by Mrs. James Connolly, chairman.

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Easter Egg Hunt For 200 Children Held By Parish

One of the highlights of the Easter vacation period at St. Peter and Paul's parish, Elmira, was the annual Easter Egg hunt for all the children of the parish from the Kindergarten through the sixth grade. The affair was held in the parish hall Easter Monday afternoon from 2:30 until 4. Co-chairmen Avery B. Ryan and Daniel J. Coletta were assisted by members of the Immaculate Heart Society and a group of Sisters of St. Joseph from the school faculty. Nearly 200 kiddies were present and enjoyed the splendid rewards of the hunt as well as a general good time.

Rochester Priest Imparts Traditional Easter Blessing To Families In Rome

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN — Rome, April 12 — (Radio, N.C.W.C.)—"Fades, bless it well, please, and everywhere, and all of us—we have been battered for nine long years and we are still taking it."

This was the greeting of a careworn mother of seven, old before her time, when this correspondent entered her family's half of what used to be a school room, to give the traditional blessing of the Roman Ritual for homes on Easter Saturday. In the other half of the same large room — separated by a couple of wardrobe cabinets and blankets strung over a wire and rope — lived a smaller family of five.

(Father Sullivan, National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service Correspondent in Rome, is a priest of the Rochester Diocese.)

The school stands across the piazza from the parish church of St. Francis Xavier in the Garbatella district — one of Rome's poorer and more densely populated neighborhoods, not far from the Esquilina of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

The quality of the neighborhood does not matter today. Everywhere, from top to bottom — and the bottom is more important — the traditional rite must be carried out to bring God's blessings into the homes.

THROUGHOUT ITALY, and especially in Rome, hundreds of "extra" priests have been enlisted to volunteer for service in distributing this Easter blessing. At St. Francis Xavier's parish Holy Saturday morning six "extras" labored — Belgians, Italians and two Americans. The other American was Msgr. Celestino Damiano of Buffalo, an official of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith.

The school, with a broad approach, an imposing entrance and four wings, each three stories high, must have been quite impressive 20 years ago. But today, four large proud stone Roman eagles above the facade resembles more giant vultures, jutting above the blackened, faded, uncared for bulk, most of whose windows have forgotten the feel as well as the look of glass. The only remainder of life inside was shirts and bits of underwear, drying in the window openings.

The interior fulfilled what the outward prospects promised. From cellar to roof, wherever space permitted, people were managing to live and, somehow, to preserve at least a semblance of family organization. My little altar boy had not led me very far when I had an informal procession to escort me: 15 delighted boys and girls, from three to seven years of age, for whom the visit of the padre was an event of prime interest. TIME AND again, there was a plaintive cry from a distraught mother for an "extra strong" blessing, for a special prayer because her husband needed work, or "all my kids were boys," or because "I must enter a hospital, the baby is not well, the husband is out of work." And even where the father was employed, there was the universal hope: "perhaps there is a chance that we shall find a home soon."

These prayers, and dozens more, gave a fervor as well as an understanding to the priest who brought Christ's own greeting to those His own poor: "Peace to this house and all who live therein."

It was not much of a house, (Continued on Page 18)

Rehearse For Sacred Music Concert



A SEKTET of the famed St. Bernard's Seminary choir rehearses a special number for the public concert sponsored by Bishop Kearney and to be given in Our Lady of Mercy High Auditorium, Rochester, on Tuesday, April 22, at 8:15 p. m. Directing is the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, director of music at the seminary. (Courtesy: Saint Photo.)

Public To Hear Famed Seminary Choir

A well-balanced program of Sacred Music including hymns honoring the Blessed Mother has been prepared for the Sacred Concert to be given by the famed St. Bernard's Seminary Choir on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:15 p. m. THE 40-VOICE VESTED choir will make one of their rare public appearances at Our Lady of Mercy High School Auditorium on Blossom Road, Rochester. The concert is sponsored by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Work of Palestrina, and of the late Rev. Dr. John M. Fetter, Gregorian Chant and a selection from Felix Mendelssohn's Mass dedicated to the St. Bernard's choir are on the program. The seminarians will be directed by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, director of music at the major seminary. Thomas Donohue will be at the Hammond organ.

A large number of patrons are cooperating in the concert and tickets are available to the public at Frant's and Tucker's religious stores.

PROCEEDS WILL be used to establish a fund for a new organ in St. Bernard's Seminary Chapel. It was announced at the Seminary. The choir was recently heard in solemn liturgical ceremonies of Holy Week at Sacred Heart Cathedral and over the facilities of family organization.

Development of the choir at the seminary started with the late Father Fetter, continued with the Rev. Benedict Ehmman and then Father McCarthy. The concert will demonstrate why this choir has been heard on national broadcasts and was recorded at the School Music Festival on a 12-inch record by the Kendall Recording Company, last year.

Mission Benefit Set At St. Andrew's Hall

A mission benefit card party will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 8:15 p. m. in St. Andrew's Hall and donations will be \$75 each. Proceeds will go to the Rev. Michael Heinele, O.S.B., who is building a chapel in Tanganyika, East Africa. Friends of his are sponsoring the party. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are being made with Mrs. Leonard Nickel, 42 Del. Amaine Drive, Hamilton 2777.

St. Bernard's Choir Concert Program

Program of the concert to be given by St. Bernard's Seminary Vested Choir at Our Lady of Mercy High School Auditorium, on Blossom Road, Tuesday, April 22 will present the following:

- Part 1
Veni Creator Spiritus—Mode I..... Gregorian Chant
Tollite Hostias..... C. St. Bernard
Justus Et Dominus—Mode I..... Gregorian Chant
Kyrie Eleison—(Missa Choralis)..... Lichia Moller
Gloria In Excelsis Deo—(Missa Choralis)..... Lichia Moller
O Heart of Mary Pure and Fair..... J. Singsberger
- Part 2
Alleluia: Adomptus Rex Maria—Mode V..... Gregorian Chant
Jesu Redemptor Omnium..... Jose Bonaventura
Sanctus—Mode V (Missa IX)..... Gregorian Chant
O Bone Jesu..... Palustris
Factus Est Repente—Mode VII..... Gregorian Chant
Justorum Animas..... Francis Witt
In Paradisum—Mode VII..... Gregorian Chant
Per Unum Hominem..... G. Marconi
- INTERMISSION
- Part 3
Ingenitum..... Eusebius
Christus Factus Est—Mode V..... Gregorian Chant
O Vos Omnes..... Victorio
Hosanna Filio David—Mode VII..... Gregorian Chant
Veni Sanctus Spiritus..... Gregorian Chant
Benedictus—The Cantata Of Keckly..... J. Singsberger-J. M. Fetter
Tristis Est Anima Mea..... G. B. Martini
Jesu, Thy That Shuddering Dread..... Cardinal Newman-Father Fetter
- Part 4
Haeo Dies..... Hugo Stein
Salve Regina—Mode I—Antiphon to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tantum Ergo..... Jose Bonaventura
Sanctus Sanctus Sanctus..... Philip Heindel
(From composer's Mass dedicated to St. Bernard's Choir)

Tea Honoring New Affiliates Set By Ladies Of Charity

Officers of Elmira Ladies of Charity with Mrs. Francis Preston as Chairman, are planning a tea to be held Sunday, April 20, at three p. m. in the Dunn Memorial Park in honor of the new affiliates.

At that time, the duties of each committee will be explained by Miss Francis M. Battenby, President, and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Secretary, with Rev. Hubert A. Biskay, Moderator, explaining the spiritual benefits. Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Battenby will preside at the tea table. Mrs. Preston will be assisted by the other officers of the society; Mrs. James Goodwin, vice-president; Miss Nora McDonald, mott. secretary; Miss Helen Gahay, assistant secretary and Mrs. Mary McDonald, assistant treasurer.

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