

St. John's, Greece Tops Goal By \$13,125 In Expansion Drive

Report of a total of \$88,125 pledged for school and convent expansion in St. John's parish, Greece, brought jubilant cheers from more than 200 men of the parish at a Victory Dinner on Monday night.

The report was made by Sarto Stallmecht, chairman of the campaign, goal for which was \$75,000. The workers went over the top by \$13,125.

REV. JOHN J. BAER, pastor, congratulated the workers and thanked the parishioners for their generosity which was written, as he said, "one of the most successful chapters in our parish history."

As a result of this campaign, the priests and people hope that the school now be wholly completed, rather than erecting a new partial addition. More than 400 children are presently enrolled at St. John's and 700 are expected within the next five years.

Construction of a convent addition will begin as soon as school vacation begins.

Division Chairmen John Dorschel, Henry Cohlé and Edwin Wegman reported the totals attained by their Bureaus. Special Gifts and Parish Divisions. Wegman distributed appropriate gifts to several of the campaign workers. Women of the parish, directed by Mrs. Sarto Stallmecht, served three dinners to the workers in the course of the campaign.

Special envelopes for convenient pledge payments will be distributed within the next few weeks to those who made pledges.

SINGERS FROM 3 SCHOOLS



THESE HIGH SCHOOL students will sing with their Glee Clubs at the Catholic Schools Music Festival to be held at Eastman Theatre, Wednesday, May 14. Students and their schools are: (from left) Nancy Deller, Our Lady of Mercy High School; John O'Brien and Raymond Frenz, both of Aquinas Institute; and Barbara Gardner, St. Agnes High School.

School Music Festival To Present Cast Of 1300

Approximately 1200 students and pupils of the Catholic Schools will demonstrate their musical ability in the annual Catholic Schools Music Festival to be held at Eastman Theatre, Wednesday, May 14, at 8:15 p.m.

The festival is sponsored by His Excellency Bishop Kearney and will be given under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of schools.

Music education in Catholic Schools at all levels from St. Bernard's Seminary and Nazareth College down through the kindergarten, will be presented.

TO BE HEARD will be Glee Clubs from Our Lady of Mercy High School, St. Agnes High School, St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing and Aquinas Institute together with the Perolan Choir from Nazareth Academy and the Choir from the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Aquinas Institute Band will play selections and also for the musical intervals in the program. Presentation of Folk Dancing and Singing will be introduced for the first time this year by the Elementary Schools section.

Chairman of the program committee is the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan coordinator of music. Arrangements for the Music Festival are in charge of Raymond J. Hasenauer, music director at Aquinas Institute.

Tickets are on sale at the schools, Columbia Civic Center, Trant's and Tucker's.

Mass For Chest Campaign Success Set At St. Monica's

Catholics in Rochester will note the opening of the 1952 Chest Campaign by assisting at a Solemn High Mass to be celebrated in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney at St. Monica's Church, Genesee St. on Sunday, May 4 at 11 a.m.

The Mass, traditional at the beginning of the city-wide appeal for the agencies participating in the Chest, will be offered to "ask God's Blessing on the workers and contributors of the Rochester Community Chest Campaign."

SERMON WILL be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene A. Loftus, director of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Buffalo. Monsignor Loftus in April directed the most successful fund-raising campaign in the 29 years of existence of Catholic Charities. A total of \$1,408,148 was raised. He also directed the Eucharistic Congress in Buffalo attended by many from Rochester diocese, a few years ago.

The Mass will be celebrated by the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, director of Rochester Catholic Charities assisted by the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, Deacon; the Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, Subdeacon; the Rev. John V. Loughlin and the Rev. Bartholomew L. Quinn, deacons of honor and the Rev. John E. Maney, D.D., master of ceremonies.

OFFICIALS of the Rochester Community Chest as well as representatives of participating agencies will have prominent places in the church.

St. Monica's Choir will be under the direction of Hugh Dodge. Prayers at the Mass in St. Monica's and in other churches of Rochester will be offered that generous financial assistance which will be given the nine Catholic agencies and the others in the Chest appeal to carry on the work of giving adequate aid to the aged, the ill, dependent youth, and others suffering from misfortune.

(Chest campaign details on Page 1)

Bishop Commends Foster Parents

My Dear People:

Sunday, May 4, has been designated by the authorities of Rochester and Monroe County as Foster Parents' Day. I would like to take this occasion to express the appreciation of the Church for the generosity of Catholic parents in opening their homes to children in need of help.

I learn that there are approximately one thousand Catholic parents who have the satisfaction of helping to form Christ in little ones who are not their own.

I am also aware of the continuing need for more foster homes due to the fact that foster parents are unable to continue because of illness or age.

May I ask Catholic parents to consider this service as one of the best forms of Christian Charity — opening their homes and hearts to children.

Sincerely Yours,
James E. Kearney,
Bishop of Rochester

Mt. Carmel School To Be Rededicated By Bishop

Rebuilt throughout, a modernly constructed and equipped Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, Rochester will be ready for dedication and blessing by His Excellency Bishop Kearney 7:45 p.m. on Monday, May 5.

ALL PARISHIONERS and friends are invited to the dedication ceremony by the Rev. Charles J. Azzi, pastor. After the ceremony all may inspect the building throughout. Visitors will be escorted by members of the Mt. Carmel Men's Club, the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary and the Catholic War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary.

Work on the reodeled school building began last July and according to Father Azzi, will cost approximately \$150,000.

Completely fireproof throughout and will all modern conveniences installed, the basement and two floor structure at 55 Ontario St. is practically a new school for the 471 children currently enrolled.

THE IMPROVED facilities and expansion will enable us to provide for more pupils when necessary," Father Azzi said today. The school is staffed by 11 Sisters of Mercy.

Parish needs as well as school facilities were considered in rebuilding the structure.

The foyer has been made attractive and features a five-foot statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel from the Studios of Dapra, New York. The newly enlarged auditorium in the basement accommodating 500 persons includes a stage, a modern kitchen and a cloakroom. The auditorium is equipped with a public address system and has a motion picture projector.

The former auditorium on the second floor has been transformed into five new classrooms. Included are a library, principal's office, the pastor's office and audio-visual room.

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Improvements Set For Pro-Cathedral Parish Announced

Planned and completed improvements in the entire parish plant of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral were announced Sunday by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Casey, pastor, in the pulpit and in the parish bulletin.

Beautifulization of the church, "a lasting tribute" to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, pastor emeritus and founder of the parish; erection of a needed convent; building of an adequate rectory; establishment of a playground for small children's safety and easing of the parking problem are included in the plans.

In announcing the plans, Monsignor Casey paid tribute to Monsignor Burns under whose direction of the parish plant was built and to the untiring efforts of his two assistants, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor and the Rev. Edward J. McAniff.

NEW LIGHTING fixtures have been installed in the church and give a more cheerful tone to one of the most beautiful churches in the city.

The bulletin announced that within six to eight weeks, the Communion ralling will be doubled in width. This will necessitate removal of the front pew across the church, a loss of 50 seats. In the Fall, this will be compensated for when the church organ will undergo major repairs.

A new arrangement of the pipes, bellows, blowers and wind-chests will permit the choir loft to be enlarged to twice its present size. Enlargement of the choir loft will provide seats for 80 persons at the crowded Masses.

A beautiful crimson, silk-velvet drape will completely frame the historic high altar which came from the old St. Patrick's Cathedral. Confessionals will be remodelled.

Growth of school attendance and increasing number of Sisters of St. Joseph at Sacred Heart School has resulted in the convent on Lake and Clay Avenues being inadequate for the 20 nuns residing there.

LOOKING FORWARD to a faculty of 25 Sisters, plans are in the making for a new convent. The house and lot at 283 Flower City Park (adjacent to the three houses adjoining the parking station and to be razed, has been purchased. A square of land at the rear of this property, owned by the parish will serve as the convent garden and cloister. The new convent would be closer to the school than the present one.

Need of a new parish administration building and rectory to administer the spiritual affairs of well over 2200 families was announced. The present outmoded rectory will be razed and a modern rectory with sufficient offices and consulting rooms erected at the same site. The present rectory is at 286 Flower City Park.

The parish has purchased the double house at 264 Flower City Park (two doors from the rectory). This will be used as a temporary rectory while the new one is being built.

With the old school yard being used for parking, the need for a safe place for the children to play is cited in the announcement. The brown house at the corner of Raines and Flower City Parks, owned by the parish will be razed and the playground with swings, and slides for small children will be erected.

The problem of parking especially on Sunday is the concern of Monsignor Casey, the bulletin said. Besides razing the three gray houses adjoining the parking station, a square of ground at the south end of the parking area has been purchased to provide more parking space.

C. J. Staff Grateful For Press Aid

Gratitude of the entire staff of the Catholic Courier-Journal was expressed in the Gannett newspapers in Rochester last week, for the latter's ready cooperation in finishing the diocesan paper's press run.

A press failure threatened last Thursday night to prevent completion of printing of the final third of the Courier-Journal's 35,000 circulation.

Gannett executives gave the go signal and stereotypers, pressmen and rollers of The Rochester Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle rallied to turn out the Courier-Journal on the Gannett presses after completion of the regular D. & C. run.

"Voicing the Courier-Journal staff's feelings, the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor, said he is "deeply indebted to the Gannett newspaper organization for helping us out of a very serious situation."

Barn Dance Stated By St. Rita Group

William S. O'Brien, president of St. Rita's Holy Name Society has announced a round and square dance at St. Rita's Barn, West Webster, Saturday, May 2. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Nadig have been named to the arrangements committee for this final dance of the current season.

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