

U. S. Catholics Exceed 29 Million Mark

Nazareth College Lists 79 Seniors For Degree Awards

Nazareth College will award degrees to 79 members of the senior class at the twenty-fifth annual Commencement rites scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon (June 4) at 4 o'clock on the college campus.

Degrees and scholastic honors will be conferred by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The Rev. Harold C. Gardner, S. J., literary editor of America, will deliver the commencement address.

TRADITIONAL exercises of Commencement Week will be inaugurated this Sunday (June 1) when students and faculty attend the Baccalaureate Mass at 11 o'clock in the morning at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel.

The Rev. William Shannon, college chaplain, will celebrate the Mass and Bishop Kearney will preside. Sermon at the Baccalaureate Mass will be preached by the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., director of the Notre Dame Retreat House.

Baccalaureate day ceremonies will begin with a procession of the entire student body and faculty from the college auditorium to the Motherhouse chapel.

OFFICIAL OFFICERS of the Sunday Mass will be the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, assistant priest to the Bishop; the Rev. Edward J. Lintz and the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C. S. B., chaplains to the Bishop; the Rev. Francis R. Davis, deacon; the Rev. James Emser, subdeacon. Minor offices will be filled by students of St. Andrew's seminary.

Nazareth College choir, made up of the entire student body, will sing the ordinary of the Mass. The proper will be sung by the Liturgical choir, under the direction of Sister Rose Gonzaga.

Following the Mass on Sunday, Bishop Kearney will bless the newly erected statue of Our Lady of Grace on the college campus. Funds for the six-foot high statue were raised during the past year by the Sodality of the college.

BACCALAUREATE DAY activities include an Alumnae Tea in the social room of St. John Fisher's dormitory from 3 to 5 p.m., and the Boarders' Banquet at 6 p.m. Prospective graduates will be received into the Nazareth College Alumnae Association at the afternoon affair. The banquet, given in honor of resident seniors, is being arranged by Jean Battaglia of Buffalo, next year's resident president. Toastmistress will be Mary Egan Cullivan of Avon.

A Junior-Senior class breakfast at 11:30 in the Sheraton Hotel will begin Monday of Commencement Week. Chairman of the breakfast is Irene Kiodzinski, assisted by Jean Mullen and Josephine Cristanillo, all of Rochester.

Enter on campus at 1:30, all (Continued on Page 6)

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Converts 100,000 For Year

New York (NC)—Catholics in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands now number 29,407,520 according to "The Official Catholic Directory for 1952," just issued here by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, publishers.

The new total represents an increase of 772,642 over last year. There now are 29,241,580 Catholics in the 48 States and 165,940 in Alaska and Hawaii.

Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million are Chicago, 1,743,935; Boston, 1,360,732; New York, 1,302,306; Philadelphia with 1,114,122 and Newark, 1,077,935. Philadelphia replaced Newark as the fourth largest Archdiocese.

BROOKLYN, WITH 1,340,787, continues as the largest Diocese, while Hartford, 724,000, is the second largest. Pittsburgh, from which the new Diocese of Greensburg was detached is third, with 686,156. It was the second largest Diocese in 1951.

For the sixth year in succession, the number of converts entering the Catholic Church in one year exceeded 100,000, with actual baptisms numbering 114,830. This brings the total conversions during the past decade to 1,044,900. However, the 1951 figure was below the 1950 convert total of 121,900.

The number of infant baptisms, 1,018,303, shows an increase of 44,759 for the year 1951, compared to an increase of 30,101 infant baptisms during 1950.

Marriages recorded decreased slightly, to 2,471, to 219,246. During the year 276,197 Catholics died in the U. S., 5,778 more deaths than in 1950.

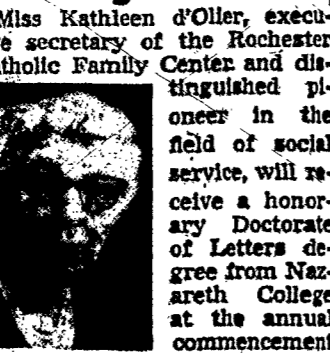
AN INCREASE of 570 in the number of the clergy brings the total of ordained priests to 44,459, the largest ever recorded.

Full-time teaching staffs of all Catholic institutions under Catholic auspices have increased by 2011, to a record total of 113,106. They comprise 7200 priests, 3,612 brothers and sisters, 25,637 nuns and 75,636 lay teachers. There are 364 more lay teachers and 1,647 more Religious teaching in Catholic schools than one year ago.

ENROLLMENT of full-time pupils in Catholic elementary and high schools increased by 144,553 during the past year. The 1,623 parish and diocesan high schools report 353,465 pupils, an increase of 16,051 above 1951. The 818 private high schools with 205,025 show an increase of 7,428 in one year.

Rites Set For Ex-Nazareth College Dean

Miss d'Olier To Receive College Honor



Kathleen d'Olier exercises next week, college officials announced today.

Miss Kathleen d'Olier, executive secretary of the Rochester Catholic Family Center and distinguished pioneer in the field of social service, will receive a honorary Doctorate of Letters degree from Nazareth College at the annual commencement exercises next week, college officials announced today.

Miss d'Olier has served for over 30 years as director of the personnel and work of the Catholic Family Center which was formerly known as the Family and Child Service Division of the Rochester Catholic Charities.

A CONVERT to Catholic Church early in her career, her experiences in the field of social welfare include service with the Red Cross in Greece and Puerto Rico, and membership on President Hoover's 1930 White House Conference on Children.

For 21 years she has served on the Board of directors of Council of Social Agencies in Rochester and has been an active member of the American Association of Social Workers for 28 years.

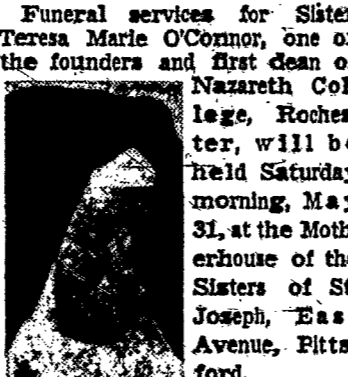
SHE BEGAN HER professional career as a nurse and planned to become a doctor. However, when she learned that money provided for her medical education was given on condition that she would not join the Catholic Church she returned the money and abandoned her original ambition.

Miss d'Olier was born in London, Ontario, Canada, and when still a young child she moved with her parents to the United States. She attended Brockport Normal School and the University of Rochester.

NEXT SHE TOOK up nurses' training in the Rochester General Hospital. Since Social Work, as it is today, was unknown at the time, she turned to nursing as a career which would prepare her for working among the poor.

In this she was greatly influenced by the life of one of her French family-forebears, the noted Abbe Jean Jacques Olier. Abbe Olier was the founder of the Seminary and Society of St. Sulpice and an associate of St. Vincent de Paul in working for the poor of France.

HER ULTIMATE ambition (Continued on Page 6)



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Sister Teresa Marie died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, in St. Mary's Hospital, having been in failing health for several months.

She was dean of the college for women from its founding in 1924 until its 25th jubilee, when she retired because of ill health.

HER LONG association with the institution leaves her revered by more than 850 of the alumnae who, with His Excellency Bishop Kearney, honored her at the jubilee celebration May 29, 1949.

A member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for nearly 57 years, she was born in Victor, N. Y., daughter of David and Catherine O'Connor. She attended Nazareth Academy, Rochester, and Genesee State Normal School, and was graduated from Brockport State Normal School in 1895.

She received the habit of the Sisterhood in August of that year.

Sister Teresa Marie pursued her education at Catholic University in Washington, D. C., at Conesut College, and at Fordham University, where she obtained a doctor of philosophy degree.

SHE WAS FIRST assigned to teaching at the old Cathedral High School in Rochester, and after a year was transferred to Nazareth Academy for Girls, where she taught until the opening of Nazareth College in 1924.

She is survived by a brother, William O'Connor of Rochester; a niece, Sister Miriam of the Sisters of St. Joseph, a teacher at Nazareth Academy, and several nieces and nephews.

As a special tribute to her at the time of the college jubilee, the Alumnae Association presented the college a check for \$2,500 as "first part payment" toward a new college library, a project for which Sister Teresa Marie, as former college librarian, had a special interest.

Collection Set Sunday To Help Build Church In 'Old' Rochester, England

'Brave Men Who Fought And Died...'



MEMORIAL DAY finds Americans honoring with prayerful rites the honored war dead of the nation. Across the land veterans will visit cemeteries in faithful remembrance of their fallen comrades. Here in picture taken at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, members of the Monroe County Catholic War Veterans decorate graves of war dead in preparation for Memorial Day. Shown (left to right) are: Donald J. Foley, C.W.V. county commander; John Conway, Sacred Heart C.W.V. Post; and William T. Cronin, judge advocate of county C.W.V. (Photo by Ray Koerner)

Rochester Diocese Catholics will extend "hands across the sea" this Sunday when they contribute in their parish churches to help build a Catholic church in historic Rochester, England, ancient See City of the martyr-Bishop St. John Fisher.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, in a letter to the faithful of his diocese, asked for generous contributions toward the building of the church in the little English Rochester village, whose people suffered much during the war "and are not in a position to do this of themselves."

Rochester, England, has had no Catholic church since the Reformation. The pre-Reformation Cathedral of St. Andrew is now in Protestant hands.

When he heard that the Rochester village Catholics were hoping to erect a church, Bishop Kearney offered to assist the pastor, the Rev. Thomas O'Riordan "to bring Christ back to Rochester, a village, sanctified by the martyrdom of England's greatest bishop."

"I FEEL that there is enough devotion to this great saint," Bishop Kearney said, "and also enough charity for this unselfish project in the hearts of our people... In one collection we can do so much for this cause that I feel that a great blessing will come to us for this generous gesture."

Father O'Riordan wrote Bishop Kearney recently that he has obtained a license to begin the structure, and that his Ordinary, Bishop Cyril Cawley of the Diocese of Southwark, will lay the foundation stone and celebrate the first Mass on the site on July 6. Father O'Riordan's letter continued:

"At this stage we are being permitted to erect at least half of the church, the remainder to be completed when contributions improve. The full cost will be approximately 25,000 pounds, no more than nine months' cost here."

He also mentioned that the Mass again in St. John's church, Rochester, early next Spring. "That is most comforting and we are all thrilled at the (Continued on Page 6)

Seven Diocesan Priests To Mark Silver Jubilee

Seven priests of the Diocese of Rochester will observe their Silver Jubilees of ordination during the month of June.

The priest-jubilarians, all ordained June 11, 1927, by the then Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Cardinal Eumasoni Blondi are:

REV. HENRY C. BLEIER, pastor of St. Januarius Church, Naples, and St. Mathias Church, Atlanta, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 15, at 10:30 a. m. in St. Januarius Church.

REV. DR. MAYNARD A. CONNELL, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled in the chapel of the seminary Sunday, June 1.

REV. ROY C. HAGERTY, assistant pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 15, at 11 a. m. in St. Ambrose Church, Rochester.

REV. WILLIAM J. NAUGHTON, pastor of St. Anne Church, Rochester, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled in his church, Sunday, June 8 at 10 a. m.

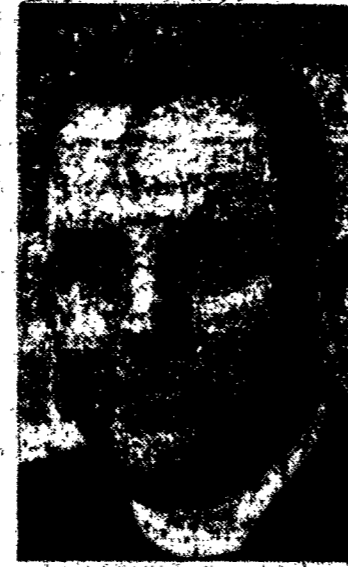
REV. JACOB R. RAUBER, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Penfield, whose Jubilee Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 22, in St. Joseph's, Penfield, at 10 a. m.

REV. IRVIN C. SULLIVAN, in charge of St. Rose Chapel, Sodus Point, and St. John Fisher Chapel, East Bay, whose Jubilee



DR. CONNELL

Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 8, at 11 a. m. in St. Mary Church, Auburn.



FATHER SULLIVAN

Mass is scheduled Sunday, June 8, in Henrietta and Sunday, June 15, in Rush.



FATHER NAUGHTON

Plans for the anniversary observance by the jubilarians and record of their priestly careers follow:



FATHER RAUBER

During his 25 years in the priesthood, he served as assistant pastor at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester; Holy Family, Rochester; and St. Bernard's Seminary.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS! A reliable Tossler or Waffle Baker, Sunbeam Toastmaster etc. at Thorne's, William S. Thorne, Jewelers, 315 Main St. East. Hamilton 2831-Adv.

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FATHER HAGERTY



FATHER BLEIER



FATHER VOCHT

Plea For St. John Fisher Church

Feast of the Ascension 1952

My Dear People:

On next Sunday, June 1, the feast of Pentecost, I appeal on behalf of the parish priest in Rochester, England, who is trying to build a church. There is no Catholic Church in Rochester, the parish of the martyr, St. John Fisher. Now, the zealous pastor Father O'Riordan has finally acquired ground and the foundation stone will be laid by his Bishop on July 6.

I have promised him that the Diocese of Rochester will assist him in this project and on next Sunday there will be a special collection in every parish to help this good priest in his effort to bring the Blessed Sacrament back to the tabernacle in the parish of St. John Fisher.

Rochester was very dear to the heart of St. John Fisher and I can think of no greater expression of our devotion to this noble Saint of God than the erection of a church in the very spot where he walked the roads in the pastoral care of his people. Rochester is a very small community. This people are not in a position to do this of themselves. Rochester suffered much in the war. This is real Christian charity.

May I then ask of every one in my diocese a generous offering to help build the Church of St. John Fisher in his own loved city of Rochester, England. If every one will contribute, we shall have an offering worthy of that majestic figure, one of the noblest in church history, Saint John, Bishop of Rochester.

Under the special care of the Holy Ghost, this collection will be taken on Pentecost. "The charity of God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." May the blessing of the Holy Ghost reward your generosity.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
James E. Kearney
 BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Bishop Kearney To Lead Rosary On Radio May 31

To close the "month of Our Lady" as it was opened, His Excellency Bishop Kearney asks the faithful to join with him in the radio recitation of the Rosary, Saturday, May 31 at 10 p.m.

The Bishop will be heard in the meditations of the mysteries and recitations of the Rosary over Stations WSAJ, Rochester; WMBQ, Auburn and WELM, Elmira. Responses will be given by members of the Women's Rosarian League and the Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

The broadcast will originate in the St. Francis of Assisi Center of the Family Rosary for Peace, Rochester.

Church Building Decrease Sighted

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—New church construction starts will total \$340,000,000 in 1952, some 25 per cent less than the record of \$452,000,000 set in 1951, a government forecast predicted.

Despite liberal treatment of church groups seeking for construction permits, the general level will have to be held about one-fourth below last year, in the opinion of the Departments of Commerce and Labor which prepared the forecast for the construction industry.

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