

Benedictine Monks Plan Corpus Christi Feast

The Benedictine Monks of Mount Saviour, at Elmira, look forward to the day when they can celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with all the splendor traditional in the Monasteries of their Order.

This year the Feast, Thursday June 12, will be kept with as much solemnity as their numbers and circumstances permit. The following program has been announced: High Mass will be sung at 9 o'clock. After Mass there will be a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be given at an outdoor altar.

The procession will then return to the Chapel where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the day.

VESPERS WILL be sung before the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 4 in the afternoon. Benediction will again be given concluding the ceremonies.

An invitation to all in the Elmira area has been extended by the monks to be in attendance on this great Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Communion will be distributed at the 6 o'clock Mass and again at the 9 o'clock Mass. The first vespers of the Feast will be sung at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Navy To Buy Armed Forces Church Items

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The Department of Defense has designated the Navy as purchasing agency for all ecclesiastical supplies for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, it was announced here by Secretary Robert A. Lovett.

The Armed Forces Chaplains Material Committee, in a move to effect economy and avoid duplication, had recommended that the Navy Purchasing Office in New York be designated sole purchasing agent for the services, and Secretary Lovett so ordered it.

It was also directed that ecclesiastical items be purchased on a competitive bid basis. The move will result in substantial economies, Secretary Lovett said, by promoting standardization of specifications and encouraging purchases of larger quantities at reduced prices.

Student Congress Notes (RNS) — (NC) — The National Federation of Catholic College Students, which unites the students of 200 Catholic colleges in the United States, will hold its Ninth Annual National Congress, August 28 to September 2, at the University of Notre Dame here.

The Red Cross Needs Your Help. Donate Your Blood. Give Your Dollars.

Redecorated Brockport Church Provides Fitting Setting For Pastor's Jubilee

Transformation of the interior of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport, during the past year resulted in its beautification in time for the Golden Jubilee of the Rev. Michael J. Krieg, pastor being marked this year.

(Jubilee story on page 1) CENTRAL FEATURE of the church is the Botticino main altar which was consecrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, a year ago. Two side altars and a new pulpit recently installed are Sanctuary additions. An inverted lighting system shows off the redecoration to advantage.

The designs and decorations in the church were by R. Attinas and Sons and Herman J. Butler Associates. The nave ceiling was painted a rich buff tone and with materials which do not impair the acoustical properties of the panels. The side of the trusses are in panel shapes following the shape of the trusses and are painted a buff tone. Over this is a scroll pattern and angels finished in a soft ivory and gold.

The soffits of the trusses are decorated with geometrical patterns with gold, red, blue predominating and have color lines in gold leaf.

WALLS OF THE Nave and Sanctuary are finished in a rich buff with a greenish grey over-tone.

The three former altars were replaced with the liturgical main altar and two side altars and predella or steps. The mensa or altar table and posts and the reredos are in grey Tennessee marble.

Funds and plans are in Botticino marble with insets of Veritons with bronze emblems. A rich oak canopy surmounts the altar and the reredos has three panels of red and gold tapestry.

The redecoration job had Nell Bros. and Kern, and William J. Woerner firms working with R. Attinas and Sons and H. J. Butler Associates.

Father Krieg built the church and rectory at Brockport during his pastorate. When the debt was lowered, he directed the redecoration of the church.

The school building with interior and exterior painted in now in excellent condition. Father Krieg made a modern parish hall out of the old church, adequately equipped for all society and church activities. This is known as Bolger Hall in memory of the late Anna Bolger, a benefactor.

With the church properties now in excellent condition and free from all debt, provisions must be made for a greatly needed school addition. At present, a fund is being accumulated for that expenditure.



REDECORATION in the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport, completed well in time for the golden jubilee of the Rev. Michael J. Krieg, pastor, has won the admiration of all who have viewed the interior. Marble altars and artistic refurbishing shown above has transformed the church into a beautiful setting.

Red Cross To Inaugurate System Of Reaching People

Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross, which has established "units" in many of its active programs, has now first to its credit. The local Red Cross Chapter will be the first one in the United States to inaugurate a new system of bringing the people of Rochester to the Red Cross and the Red Cross to the people.

This announcement was made this week by Edward P. Curtis, Chairman of the Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross.

This newly organized plan will be achieved by setting up per-

manent Red Cross units in most of the twenty-four wards in the city. Each one of the ward units will have a unit chairman and vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. All volunteer services and Red Cross activities which the Chapter offers will be represented. These include: Volunteer Services, Nursing Services, First Aid, Blood Program, Nutrition, Fund Raising and Publicity. Chairmen appointed for these services will work constantly with the Chapter in meeting the needs of their own wards and of the Chapter in general.

Catholics In Tokyo, Japan, Increasing 1,000-A-Year

Honolulu, T. H. (NC) — Since the end of World War II, the Catholic population in Kyoto, Japan, has been increasing at the rate of more than 1,000 persons each year, according to Bishop Paul Y. Furuya of Kyoto, who is visiting here on the first leg of his first ad limina visit to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Bishop Furuya said that the healthy growth in his diocese reflects the promising future for the Church throughout Japan. The Bishop plans to visit the islands for several weeks and to spend several months in the United States before journeying to Rome.

Kyoto is an ancient Japanese seat of culture, learning and religion. Bishop Furuya is its first Bishop. Kyoto was a Prefecture Apostolic from 1838 until last year when Pope Pius elevated it to the rank of diocese. BISHOP FURUYA is a native of Kobe. He has a brother and a sister who also entered the religious life — the Rev. John Furuya, a priest of the Osaka diocese, and Sister Veronica of the Sisters of Nevers, a French Sisterhood. The 52-year-old Bishop was ordained in 1928 and was consecrated in 1951.

THE BISHOP said that there are 60 priests and about 100 nuns working in his diocese. He said six of the priests and 50 of the nuns are Japanese. He said tonight missionaries in the diocese include Maryknollers, Redemptorists from Toronto, Canada; Marists from Australia; Dominicans from Quebec and Chicago, and Victorians from Quebec and Chicago.

THE STATEMENT said the ministers were "gloried by the indiscriminate attacks on religious and private schools precipitated by" the comments of President James Conant of Harvard University in a speech before the recent convention in Boston of the American Association of School Administrators. Asserting that the Missouri Synod supports 2,000 day schools where "some 100,000 children are taught to be good citizens," the resolution said: "We recognize the need and great value of public education and, as Christians, gladly pay taxes for its support and seek every possible way to improve the public school system of our nation. 'HOWEVER, WE should like to point out that the public schools are forbidden by law to supply the moral and religious training which, we are convinced, our children need. 'We also recognize the value of other private schools to supply the special educational needs of others and as a factor in keeping our public school system from falling under a totalitarian thought-control by the government or one of its agencies.'"

Hornell DCCW Delegation To Dansville Explains Aims

Hornell—Members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of Hornell explained the purposes and functions of the organization to Dansville associates at a special meeting last week.

Seventy women from seven affiliated groups in Dansville and Hornell attended the meeting, which was held in St. Mary's School, Dansville.

A panel discussion explained the function and history of the DCCW. Speakers were Miss Josephine FitzGerald, district president; Mrs. Raymond Curry and Miss Virginia Hussong.

ACCORDING TO information presented by the speakers, the DCCW was formed to unite the Catholic women of the United States in organized effort in all useful fields of educational, social, religious and economic work for the people.

The Diocesan Council, which is a part of the National Council, works through each affiliated organization by standing Each of the seven organizations in Hornell and Dansville have representatives on the District Council. Suggestions for projects and worthwhile activities are taken back to the individual clubs by these representatives.

At the conclusion of the panel, the Rev. John J. Coonan, district spiritual director, exhorted the underlying purpose of Catholic Action and commended the district for their efforts toward that end.

THE REV. EDWARD M. SCHEID, pastor of St. Mary's Church, and the Rev. Gerald

committees, the speakers said. Amann, assistant pastor, congratulated the women for their interest in promoting Christian charity within their own communities.

Miss Jean Driscoll of Dansville presided at the meeting. She introduced the Hornell guests and outlined, briefly, the plans of Dansville organizations. Assisting her was Miss Margaret Hanigan of Dansville.

At a brief business session following the panel discussion, Miss FitzGerald extended an invitation to all Dansville women to attend a "First Saturday" luncheon in honor of Our Lady of Fatima June 7. The luncheon, sponsored by Hornell District DCCW, will be the final one before the Summer recess.

Officers will be elected at the last district meeting of the season, June 18, in St. Ann's School.

Trappistine Sister Nishinomiya, Japan — (NC) — Mother Madeleine Bonhomme, who served as Lady Abbess of the Trappistine convent in Hokkaido for 14 years before the war, died here at the age of 63.

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Albanian Regime Bans Vatican Visits

London — (RNS) — A decree has been issued by the Communist regime of Albania making the Roman Catholic Church in that country "national" and forbidding its hierarchy any contact with the outside world, the Vatican News reported.

In August of last year, the Albanian Radio disclosed that Catholic authorities were barred from maintaining any contact with the Vatican, and that priests must be trained in seminary "under the administration" by the government. There are about 115,000 Catholics in Albania out of a total population of 1,150,000.

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