

Charles Kennedy To Head High School Drive In Elmira

Charles Kennedy, president of Kennedy-Valve Corporation, has been named general chairman in the Elmira area for the "Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund."

Scapular Enrollment Rite Slated

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will take place in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, at 7:30 in the evening.

This ceremony has been planned for converts and for those who have never been enrolled or who do not recall having been enrolled at the time of their first Holy Communion.

THOSE TO be enrolled will carry with them both Brown Scapulars (which may be obtained in the vestibule before the ceremony) and small cards with their names which will be inscribed in the register. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow the enrollment. Everyone is invited.

On July 16th, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to the Carmelite Prior General, Saint Simon Stock, holding in her hand the Brown Scapular. "Receive, my beloved son," Our Lady said, "this Habit; whosoever dies clothed in this shall not suffer eternal fire!"

THE PRIME reward of the Scapular devotion is Assurance of Salvation, granted by the Blessed Virgin in the above promise. For this reward, two conditions must be fulfilled:

1. One must be lawfully enrolled into the Scapular Confraternity.
2. One must be wearing the Scapular at the moment of death.

ONCE ANYONE has been properly enrolled in the Scapular, he or she need not have subsequent Scapulars blessed.

The announcement was made today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brian, Dean of Elmira churches, who is honorary chairman of the fund drive in the Elmira Deanery.

The "Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund" will be conducted throughout the Diocese of Rochester from October 28 to November 11.

As chairman, Wm. Brian of the fund drive in Elmira, Mr. Kennedy will direct campaign workers in all city parishes and in the parishes of Horseheads and Elmira Heights.

Goal of the diocesan campaign is \$3,045,550 to help defray cost of erecting four new Catholic high schools—one in Elmira, one in Auburn and two in Rochester. Goals of \$512,275 each have been assigned to Auburn and Elmira.

Rochester and Monroe County has been assigned a goal of \$1,796,500.

THE FUND campaign in behalf of the new diocesan high schools will take the form of a tribute to His Excellency Bishop Kearney who, will mark 20 years in the episcopacy on October 28 and 15 years as Bishop of Rochester on November 11.

Overall cost of building the four new high schools will be \$5,500,000 according to estimates.

Plans are already underway for the erection of a Catholic central high school for boys and girls on the south side of Elmira. A 26-acre tract on Maple Street was recently purchased for this purpose. The school will be staffed by the Sisters of Mercy and is scheduled for opening in 1954 with an enrollment capacity of 700.

Many people can't get into high gear because they are shiftless.



\$30,000 Presented To St. John Fisher Church In Rochester, England

Photo (top left) shows crowd at cornerstone rites of new St. John Fisher Church in Rochester, England. In photo (top right), Monsignor Donald Cleary and Father Richard Torrey present \$30,000 check from Diocese of Rochester, N. Y. to Bishop Cyril Cowdery of Southwark for the St. John Fisher Church. In lower photos, left shows Bishop Cowdery laying cornerstone of the new church, and right Monsignor Cleary and Father Torrey are greeted on their arrival in London by the Rev. Thomas O'Riordan, pastor of the St. John Fisher Church in Rochester, England.



John Fisher To Offer Night Courses

Registration for the first Evening Sessions at St. John Fisher College will take place on September 11, 12 and 13. The Reverend John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., Ph.D., Dean of the College announced today.

Course offerings include Accounting, Business Administration, English, Philosophy, Economics, History and Theology.

A CATHOLIC College of Arts and Sciences under the direction of the Basilian Fathers, St. John Fisher College will offer in the Evening Sessions courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree and the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Courses are open to the degree program student, the special student and the adult student.

The registration hours for the Evening Sessions will be on September 11 and 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on September 13 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Lectures begin on Thursday, September 18. There will be two lectures in the evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and from 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thanks Not to thank God for everything is to reprove Him for something.—St. Leo.

'Our' Gift Returns Mass To St. John Fisher Town

By JOHN A. GREAVES
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Rochester, England, July 28 — Two priests from Rochester, New York, brought the Mass back to St. John Fisher's beloved home, Rochester, England, tonight with a check for \$30,000 dollars.

The gift from the people of the new Rochester diocese across the Atlantic will enable a Catholic church to be built in this old-world Kentish town where the Mass has not been said since the great English martyr was its Bishop over 400 years ago.

THE VERY REV. Msgr. Donald J. Cleary, chaplain of Cornell University, presented the money on behalf of his Bishop, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, to the pastor of nearby Chatham, British naval center, on the site a few hundred yards up the hill from St. Andrew's Cathedral, St. John's own church now in Protestant hands.

With him was the Rev. Fr. Richard Torrey, director of Rochester diocesan radio programs, who arranged for a complete recording of tonight's 90-minute ceremony for their people across the Atlantic.

As a token of gratitude to the Rochester diocese, the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev. Msgr. Cyril Cowdery, whose diocese covers the old sees of Canterbury, Rochester and Winchester, handed Msgr. Cleary a first edition of

of St. John Fisher's works. THE BOOK, printed in 1525, is the saint's denunciation of the heresies of Martin Luther, "Assertiones Lutherani Contutatio". Its leather binding was added later but its metal clasp is believed to be part of the original volume.

England's Rochester will never forget this help from the American people. The pastor, the Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Riordan, said that a foundation Mass will be offered in the church in perpetuity for the donors and a leading layman declared that the local people will always remember America's Rochester in their prayers.

"Our prayers will be our thanks," he added. "We will make sure that those who follow us will remember and our prayers will continue as long as this building stands." The two American priests had only flown into London this afternoon from Europe. They had intended presenting the check, estimated at nearly half the total cost of the little church, to the Bishop privately but Msgr. Cowdery insisted on a public ceremony so that the Catholics of the district could show their appreciation. It had to be arranged for this evening to enable His Lordship to fit it in between pre-arranged visitations.

NO BETTER example of the unity of Catholicism or of the genuine affection of the British and American Catholics could have been witnessed, as the speakers stressed, than this little ceremony among the rubble of the building site.

British and American flags decorated the brick-strewn layout. Several hundred local Catholics cheered enthusiastically the American priests, their Bishop and their people as the event ended with the singing of the two national anthems in the darkness of the Kentish countryside.

Successive speakers talked into the gathering dusk thanking the Americans for this stupendous sum of \$30,000 dollars for the little Catholic community of less than 1,000 people in Rochester. Msgr. Cleary on his side explained the great devotion of his Bishop and of his diocese to the martyr.

St. John Fisher he added, was a man like ourselves but a man of great learning and of great devotion and steadfastness who dared to speak out for the right even against the King of England himself and fearlessly paid the penalty. His character was the type badly needed today.

Bishop Kearney had run an almost "one-man crusade" for the saint in his diocese as first but the people, already devoted to St. Patrick of Ireland, have now taken the English saint also to their hearts as was shown when they named their new college recently after him.

The Mass was last said in Rochester in 1535 and 400 years is a long time in the life of man. It is less in the eyes of the Church and in the eyes of God, nothing at all.

"It is our great wish that the check we bring will be a contribution towards helping the Mass to be said here again to continue Rochester's almost 2,000 years of Christianity," he added. "When the Mass is again said here you will realize, my dear friends, that we in Rochester, New York, are also saying our Mass united with you in prayer in the mystical body of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

This was not Msgr. Cleary's first visit to Rochester. He had visited it during World War II while serving as a chaplain in the American forces.

Bishop Kearney organized the collection throughout his diocese on Whit-Sunday when he heard that Rochester had no church since its cathedral was seized by the Reformers. Of the total the clergy alone contributed 3,500 dollars.

THE BISHOP will himself probably come to England when the first Mass is said in St. John Fisher's Church in about eight months time.

The church, to seat 350, is situated at a place called Priestfields, from the old tradition that when St. Augustine, Apostle of England, consecrated St. Justus as first Bishop of Rochester in the year 604 he set up a college for clergy there to serve this oldest of all the suffragan sees of ancient Canterbury.

A stone from the original cathedral was graciously presented by the present Protestant Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Christopher Chavasse, to be incorporated in the building, the foundation stone of which was laid by Bishop Cowdery on July 8. Dr. Chavasse equally graciously sent another stone from his cathedral to be incorporated in the College of St. John Fisher, Rochester, New York.

The Mayor of England's Rochester, Alderman Albert J. Anderson, at present touring the several towns named Rochester throughout the world, will call and thank Bishop Kearney for his gift when he visits the United States in September.

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Race Prejudice Reason Rouse, La. — (Trans.) — The inability of different races to get along together "is the great disgrace of our time," the Rev. Joseph Fichter, S.J., director of the department of sociology, Loyola University, New Orleans, said here.

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Assumption Feastday Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for the feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother, Friday, August 15, a holy day of obligation, is:

- St. Mary's — 5:30, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- St. Patrick's — 5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- Our Lady of Lourdes — 6, 7, 8 and 12:15.
- St. Anthony's — 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- St. Cecilia's — 5:30, 7:15 and 8:15.
- St. Casimir's — 5:30, 7, 8, and 9.
- St. Peter and Paul's — 5:30, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- St. John the Baptist — 6, 7 and 8.
- St. Charles Borromeo — 6, 7 and 8.
- St. Mary's - Horseheads — 6:30 and 7:30.

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