

Nurses Profess Faith In Unifying Says Bp. Kearney

Membership in a Catholic nurses' organization is "a profession of faith, which is always pleasing in the eyes of God," His Excellency Bishop Kearney told more than 100 members of the Elmira unit of the National Council of Catholic Nurses, here.

The bishop, who was honored by the nurses, spoke at a dinner in the Grand Hotel, Elmira, on Saturday night.

FAITH WAS termed by the bishop as "the most precious thing God has given us—it is at the basis of all our actions and hopes and without it our acts would be worthless."

The bishop told a story of a young college student who some years ago was lying on his deathbed in New York City. Surrounded by family members and realizing that the end was near, his last words were: "What a wonderful thing our faith is."

Bishop Kearney noted that the dinner is held on a weekend with special spiritual significance with observance Saturday of the Feast of All Saints and of the Feast of All Souls on Monday.

He termed the occasion a time for all Catholics to join in prayer with and for their deceased relatives and friends.

REV. CHARLES A. CONNELL, diocesan director of the Catholic Nurses, noted that the Elmira unit of the nurses' organization is now eight years old and has shown rapid progress since its formation.

The Rochester Diocesan Council, he said, is composed of 428 nurses and is the fifth largest in the national group.

Mrs. Dorothy Gates was toastmistress and the Rev. Philip E. McGhan, chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, also addressed the group briefly.

Attorney General To Get Award

PHILADELPHIA—(NC)—A gold medal for distinguished achievement will be awarded Attorney General James B. McHenry by the American Congress of Civic, Social and Industrial Achievement, at its 12th annual honor award dinner, Nov. 21 in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel here.

The award will be presented to McHenry for his "outstanding accomplishment for the betterment of American life, and the honor bestowed on him by our Government throughout appointment to a Presidential Cabinet post," the Congress announced.

President Truman has been invited to attend the dinner.



THIS SIGN MARKING the future of Elmira's Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic High School has been erected on the 23-acre plot at Lower Maple Ave. and Canon Ave. Admiring the reproduction of the architect's design are, from the left: Mary Lou Morse, Kathleen Sullivan and Marilyn Knuth, students at St. Patrick's School; Joan Knuth, a student at Nazareth College, Rochester, and Kathleen Knuth, a student at the present Elmira Catholic High School. The sign was designed and erected under the direction of Clement J. Knuth of 332 Hillard St., father of Marilyn, Joan and Kathleen.

Fire Destroys Chapel During Illinois Prison Riot, Sacred Vessels Saved

COLUMBUS, O.—(NC)—The Catholic chapel at Ohio State Penitentiary was one of six buildings destroyed by fire during the rioting of some 1,600 prisoners, during which one prisoner was killed and four others and a State patrolman were wounded.

The chapel, dedicated to St. Catherine, was a separate building set aside for the exclusive use of Catholic prisoners. It accommodated 400 and had been

furnished and decorated beautifully by the prisoners, who did the carving of the altar, the Stations of the Cross and pews.

WARDEN RALPH W. ALVIS said the rioting started in the dining hall on Halloween. The prisoners complained of the food and refused to go back to their cell blocks. When they left the dining hall, they went to the commissary, looted it of various

foodstuffs and cigarettes, then set it ablaze.

Raging out of control, the flames ignited the chapel next door. When the prisoners saw the chapel ablaze, some risked their lives to assist Father Charles V. Lucier, O.P., penitentiary chaplain, in removing the sacred vessels and altar furnishings. The sacred vessels, tabernacle and candlesticks were all that were removed to safety.

During the rioting, Father Lucier tried to quiet the men. He had to persuade those who helped him in the chapel to leave the burning building when he saw it was beyond saving. He succeeded in persuading six prisoners to hand over to him carving knives taken from the prison kitchen when the disturbance began.

AMONG THE first called when the fire broke out was Msgr. Harry S. Connelly, pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral and chaplain of the Columbus Fire Department. Besides prison guards and officials, firemen and policemen, Monsignor Connelly and Father Lucier were the only two persons allowed to go in with the rioting men.

As he waited to go through the gates, Monsignor Connelly was asked by newsmen: "Are you afraid? You might be killed, you know?" The Monsignor answered: "Afraid? No, I'm not going into the prison to subdue prisoners. I'm going to minister to their spiritual needs."

Non-Catholic Editor Seeks Premiere Of Fatima Movie

FLORA, Ill.—(RNS)—The non-Catholic editor of Flora's weekly newspaper, The Sentinel, is leading a campaign to obtain the Midwestern premiere of the Warner Bros. movie, "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima," in this small Southern Illinois city.

CHARLES A. CROWDER, the editor, declines to state what inner motives prompt his interest in the film. He spearheaded the campaign with a front-page editorial and a reprint of a photo made in 1949 when the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima toured the Belleville diocese.

Mr. Crowder bases his request for the premiere at Flora on unusual circumstances involving the 1949 visit of the statue. Flora was not on the statue's itinerary. But the editor was interested, and induced pilgrimage officials to make a late afternoon stop here with the statue. It was the only instance on the American pilgrimage that the tight tour schedule was broken, and the first time the statue was venerated on a public street.

MR. CROWDER had a wayside shrine erected at The Sentinel office for the statue's visit. He also obtained the cooperation of business and industrial leaders

in staging a parade in the downtown district.

The whole town turned out, although the Catholic population is very small. Many others came from all over Clay county.

Russians In Vienna Censor Bible Verse

VIENNA—(RNS)—Officials here censored the Bible on the ground that a certain passage was "anti-democratic."

The Russian-controlled radio station RAVAG reported that Soviet officers refused to allow the phrase, "Man is transitory," to be broadcast.

The passage, from the Eighth Psalm, was included in a special program celebrating the 20th anniversary of His Eminence Theodore Cardinal Imtizer's consecration as Bishop of Vienna.

After the phrase was deleted, the broadcast was allowed to go on.

Chaplains Barred In Red Zone Prisons

Bonn, Germany—(RNS)—Inmates of Soviet Zone jails and concentration camps are being systematically deprived of spiritual care, the West German government's official bulletin reported here.

German programs to set down or wipe out pastoral care and church charitable work in its penal institutions.

The government organ cited the Soviet Zone camp at Waldheim, where 3,500 persons charged with "political crimes" were said to be totally without any spiritual ministry. It said this was an example of the East

Communist dominated countries. More than 1,000 members of the Mobile diocesan Holy Name Society pledged to exercise their influence to help the Church clergy and people now being persecuted in Communist dominated countries.

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New Honolulu High Started

HONOLULU, T. H.—(NC)—Ground-breaking ceremonies touched off construction of the new \$314,000 Maryknoll High School building here. The school is scheduled for completion in August, 1953, in time for the 1953-54 school year.

The building will contain 18 classrooms, laboratories, home economics room, study hall, locker and shower rooms.

Mount St. Mary's Plans Expansion

EMMITSBURG, Md.—(NC)—A \$2,500,000 building fund campaign will be the principal item for discussion at the lay advisory board executive meeting during the homecoming weekend starting November 7 at Mount St. Mary's College here.

If the campaign is successful, the 145-year-old college will have a new look when it celebrates its 150th birthday in 1958. Alumni and college officials are pressing for plans which call for a new \$500,000 library; a new \$500,000 science hall; a \$250,000 addition to the temporary department to include 40 rooms and a dining room; a \$400,000 addition to the gymnasium.

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