

Bishop Kearney's High School Jubilee Fund

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Diocesan High School Fund Hits 148 Per Cent Mark

Third High School Seen In Northeast Area Of Rochester

A third new Catholic high school in the north east portion of the Rochester area was forecast by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the high school campaign dinner Tuesday evening.

THE BISHOP'S ANNOUNCEMENT, which brought campaign workers to their feet with roars of approval, followed an earlier announcement that the Rochester area



BISHOP JAMES H. KEARNEY
Announces Answer

had oversubscribed its quota. With a goal of \$1,796,500, Rochester area parishes raised pledges totaling \$2,984,082, according to the final report. The campaign was conducted in the Rochester area to provide funds for two new high schools now being planned - McQuaid High School and St. Agnes High School.

The diocesan-wide campaign which raised a total of \$4,505,185 and will provide new high schools in Auburn and Elmira as well as in Rochester, was conducted in honor of Bishop Kearney's 15th anniversary as Bishop of Rochester.

ADDRESSING 400 campaign workers following the presentation of a facsimile check for \$4,505,185, the Bishop expressed appreciation that the campaign which honored his 15 years of service in the diocese had "met with such miraculous response."

He recalled that when he came to the diocese 15 years ago that he had pledged to the only for the service of the Church and the welfare of the diocese.

"Your approval of what I have tried to do," he said, "is intensely gratifying and I only hope that the story of my efforts here are as acceptable in the sight of God as they are in the sight of this people."

Recalling his hopes when he first came to Rochester, for building more Catholic high schools, the Bishop told the assembly, "Tonight you have made my

dreams and hopes become possible."

BISHOP KEARNEY hailed the response to the campaign as an emphatic answer to current "smiling attacks" on Catholic education. The Catholic Church is charged with trying to divide the country by setting up a second school system, he said.

Holding up the large size check which dramatized the success of the diocesan high school campaign, the Bishop stated: "This proves that people have grasped the opportunity to answer eloquently attacks on religious education."

Hailing the fact that much of the money pledged to the campaign had come from non-Catholics, the Bishop said: "Sound thinking Americans recognize the place of religion in the welfare of our country and they are proud of what the Catholic Church is doing for education, citizenship and America."

"CATHOLIC SCHOOL graduates are second to none in supporting unity of their country, loyalty and devotion to their country they need bow to no one."

"I have watched Catholic boys don the uniform of their country through two World Wars," the Bishop recalled, "and never were they asked what school they attended."

"They were not asked this question in time of war; and by the Eternal God, they will not be asked it in time of peace," he vowed.



VICTORY SMILES—Tired but happy campaign officials congratulate Bishop Kearney on success of fund drive for new diocesan high schools. Left to right are the Bishop with \$4,505,185 check; Robert E. Ginna, campaign chairman; Frederick M. Tobin, special gifts chairman in Rochester; Monsignor William Hart, honorary chairman; and Harold Coleman, campaign vice-chairman.

Mission Sunday Collection Changed To November 30

Mission Sunday will be observed as day of prayer and alms for the world missions throughout the Diocese of Rochester on Sunday, Nov. 30, according to the Very Rev. Mr. John S. Randall, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

This is a change from the previously announced Nov. 29th date.

Annual membership renewals and new memberships will be taken up in the churches on Nov. 30.

Substitution of the Novena Mass of the Propagation of the Faith is recommended at the parochial Mass as well as the special oration of the Propagation at all other Masses.

Announcing the annual mission appeal, Monsignor Randall mentioned the importance of American Catholics in the Mission Cause.

"You are aware that our country is practically the only major nation able or permitted to aid our missions," he said in a letter to pastors.

"And to the credit of our people it must be stated that last year they contributed 50 percent of the General Fund which is distributed by the Supreme Council in Rome. Rochester's gift, \$9,244.66 though creditable, was slightly below the per capita giving throughout the country."

And the results were sensational. The campaign which aimed at a diocesan wide goal of \$3,045,000 finished up with pledges totaling \$4,505,185.

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The final figure was a surprise even to Monsignor John Randall, campaign manager, and Robert Ginna, general chairman, both of whom were on "the inside" all the way and in the best position to predict the final outcome.

Dinner tables stretched from end to end of the main long Armory and well before seven o'clock, over 4,000 workers, some of them armed with whistles and sirens, had filled every seat in the place.

Campaign workers in Bishop Kearney's High School Jubilee Fund reported on Tuesday evening pledges totaling \$4,505,185 to climax the greatest financial venture in the history of the Rochester Diocese. The final report represented 148 per cent of the \$3,045,500 goal of the two-week campaign.

A crowd of more than 4,000 jammed in the far reaches of Rochester's Culver Road Armory, roared a prolonged ovation when a facsimile check for \$4,505,185 was presented to Bishop Kearney by Monsignor John S. Randall, campaign manager, and Robert E. Ginna, general chairman of the campaign.

THE CAMPAIGN FORMED a diocesan tribute to Bishop Kearney who was observing the 15th anniversary of his installation as Bishop of Rochester.

The Bishop, who called the evening "happiest evening of my life," hailed the successful outcome of the drive

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as the fulfillment of his dreams for providing Catholic high schools for thousands of young teen-agers of the diocese.

Funds pledged to the drive will provide four new Catholic high schools: McQuaid High School for boys and St. Agnes High School for girls, both in Rochester; Mount Carmel High School for boys and girls in Auburn; and Notre Dame de Lourdes High School for boys and girls in Elmira.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL also provide funds for the liquidation of indebtedness on the De Sales High School in Geneva, and for the establishment of a Revolving Fund for assistance to diocesan projects.

BREAKDOWN OF THE \$4,505,185 pledged, according to diocesan areas is as follows:

Rochester parishes (goal—\$1,796,500) pledged \$2,984,082 for 162 per cent of their quota.

Auburn parishes (goal—\$512,276) pledged \$566,182 for 111 per cent of their quota.

Elmira parishes (goal—\$512,276) pledged \$616,010 for 120 per cent of their quota.

Geneva parishes (goal—\$45,750) pledged \$59,249 for 129 per cent of their quota. Amounts reported by the two Geneva parishes are: St. Francis de Sales—\$29,627 (129%) and St. Stephen—\$29,627 (129%).

Revolving Fund parishes (goal—\$178,500) reported pledges totaling \$278,661 for 157 per cent of their quota. Parishes included under the "Revolving Fund" heading are all those parishes outside the areas planning new high schools.

Final reports revealed that most parishes exceeded their assigned quotas. In Rochester, Blessed Sacrament led with a total of \$174,085 in pledges; St. Monica's was second with \$171,221 and Holy Rosary third with \$116,710.

AUDIT
A list of individual parish reports will not be available until a complete bank audit has been made, according to Monsignor John S. Randall, campaign manager. When the bank audit has been made the individual parish reports will be published in the Courier-Journal.

Percentage wise in the Rochester area, St. Bridget's led with \$25,621 for 263 per cent of its quota. Next were St. Rita's parish, West Webster, with \$15,037 (250%); and Holy Cross parish with \$75,960 (228%).

IN AUBURN, Holy parish was Holy Family which reported a total of \$146,141 in pledges. St. Mary's was second with a total of \$121,917 in pledges. Percentage wise, St. Francis Assisi led with \$71,068 for 176 per cent was first.

St. Patrick's parish took first place in Elmira with pledges totaling \$129,183. Second was St. Mary's parish with \$131,917. St. Anthony's parish with \$55,170 (194%) obtained the highest per cent of quota.

Highest in percentage among the Revolving Fund were Sodas, \$43,304 (237%), and Geneva—\$69,900 (230%).

FREDERICK M. Tobin, special chairman in Rochester, reported a total of \$548,998 in pledges from individuals and Rochester industry and business firms. Special gifts in Elmira, as announced by chairman Daniel Lantry, totaled \$190,991. Frank Beach, special gifts chairman in Auburn reported \$194,153.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. William S. Hart, vicar general and honorary chairman of the campaign, announced that priests of the diocese had pledged \$75,000 to the high school drive.

It was a night of cheers and (Continued on Page 8)



"WE'RE OVER THE TOP" — Holy Rosary parish workers cheer results of Bishop's Campaign.

Night Of Cheering Climaxes Campaign

The biggest, noisiest and happiest meeting ever held for a fund raising campaign in the city of Rochester overcame the Culver Road Armory Tuesday night to hear the final results of the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund.

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K. C. Ads Give Faith To 'Georgia Cracker' In Korea

With the 17th Infantry Regiment, Korea — (NO) — One of the outstanding Catholics in this regiment is a young lieutenant from the State of Georgia, said Father (Lieut.) James F. Madden of Philadelphia, Catholic chaplain.

"He's a fine practical Catholic himself and very zealous for his men's spiritual welfare," said the priest.

One day the lieutenant said, smiling: "Father, I suppose you're wondering how this Georgia Cracker got his faith?"

"How did you get it?" Father Madden asked.

"Knights of Columbus Correspondence Course," answered the lieutenant, a convert through the K. of C. advertising campaign.

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