

# Anne McKevitt, Named To Canandaigua Hospital, Honored By Hornell Staff

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Hornell—Miss Anne McKevitt, who resigned last month as director of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing after 12 fruitful years, became administrator of Thompson Memorial Hospital in Canandaigua, Monday Dec. 1.

She was honored, before leaving Hornell, with a dinner party sponsored by the Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital. Mrs. J. Raymond Kelly and Mrs. Leo O'Connor headed the large arrangements committee.

More than 175 members of the Board, Board of Managers, medical staff of the hospital and friends attended the gala party held in Hornell County Club.

DR. WILLIAM J. TRACY, toastmaster, was presented by Mrs. Edward J. McClellin, president of the Women's Board, after her welcoming remarks to the guests.

Dr. Tracy defined a testimonial as "recognition for attainments rightfully achieved." That set the keynote for each of the speakers. The toastmaster traced Miss McKevitt's career at St. James which he said was distinguished by manifestation of "every quality essential for leadership—capability, integrity, character and an inspiring personality."

He introduced the medical staff, and regretted that Dr. O.K. Stewart, who has served as president of the Board of Managers for many years, was unable to attend because of ill health.

Dr. Stewart, he said, has devoted a maximum of effort towards improving St. James, and was largely responsible for raising the standards of the hospital to its point of recognition by the American College of Surgeons.

AS CHIEF OF STAFF of St. James Mercy Hospital medical staff, Dr. Charles Rose credited Miss McKevitt's "persistence, enthusiasm and leadership" towards "bettering the medical profession."

He added that the training school she directed in St. James had elevated standards of doctoring, since the medical staff necessarily must be better informed to teach than actual practice would require.

He concluded by wishing her "rough, rather than smooth sailing" because Miss McKevitt "is happiest when solving problems." In behalf of the medical staff, he presented the guest of honor with a wallet and purse.

The Rev. Joseph McDonough, pastor of St. Ignace Loyola Church, who gave the invocation, paid tribute, later, to Miss McKevitt's "devotion to duty, sense of loyalty and sincere concern for the sick."

MISS MCKEVITT has "carried on the traditions of St. James' first nursing school directed by Sister M. DeSales," Dr. Arthur Katz said. He added that "honor



BEST WISHES—Miss Anne McKevitt, who recently resigned as director of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Hornell, after 32 years' service, receives wishes for success in her new position from Dr. William J. Tracy and Mrs. Edward J. Tracy at a dinner in Miss McKevitt's honor. (Evening Tribune.)

and justice had always characterized Sister DeSales' administration and were equally apparent in Miss McKevitt's directorship."

St. James is fifth on the list of all hospitals in the state, Dr. Katz said, and predicted it would receive a third place rating next year.

William G. Holland, president of Bethesda Hospital board, said Miss McKevitt had contributed greatly to the "harmonious relations which exist between the two hospitals."

Dr. Tracy introduced John J. Mellinger, chairman of the United Hospital Building Fund campaign, as "one of the most beloved men in the city." Mr. Mellinger called the testimonial dinner "a magnificent tribute to Miss McKevitt's ability." He cited her "amazing talent" for organization and "reading blueprints" which he had occasion to observe during the building of St. James' million-dollar wing.

AS SECRETARY of St. James' Board of Managers, Attorney Joseph Colten presented Miss McKevitt with a purse, since "actions speak louder than words."

The Rev. Laurence W. Gammon, pastor of St. Ann's Church and a member of the Board of Managers, remarked that Miss McKevitt "will always be in our prayers." He later gave a benediction.

Mrs. McClellin presented the honored guest with a purse from the Women's Board with the assurance that the "sum was in no way indicative of the effort and cooperation Miss McKevitt has always expended towards the organization."

REPRESENTING the nursing profession, Miss Helen Wilke of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, a member of the Rochester Regional Council nursing division and the General Valley Nurses' Association and Miss Hazel Stewart, director of state public health nursing, Hornell District, gave testimonials for Miss McKevitt.

In response to the tributes, Miss McKevitt said "I don't regret a moment I spent at St. James Mercy Hospital. During my 12 good years here I have learned a great deal, and have also learned

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## Dominican Fathers Give Mission At St. Patrick's

A Mission for the men of St. Patrick's church, Elmira will open Sunday evening and continue for one week with services each night at 7:30 p.m. and daily Mission Masses at 8 and 7:30 a.m.

The Rev. John B. Alletto, O.F.M., and the Rev. James C. McDonough, O.F.M., are conducting the services.

Closing of the Mission for the women will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with a sermon, renewal of Baptismal vows, solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Papal Blessing.

To permit both men and women to assist at the weekly Novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal, arrangements have been made to include the Novena services at the closing of the women's Mission in the afternoon and again in the evening at the opening of the Mission for the men.

## 33 To Join Units At St. Anthony's

A reception for 18 new members of the Boys' Club and 15 for the Daughters of Mary will be held in St. Anthony's church, Elmira on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The group will be inducted with the Miraculous Medal by Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto, Moderator. Father Alletto will also address the groups and the ceremonies will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Following the services in the church, meetings will be held in the audio visual rooms to elect officers for the coming year. Movies will be shown, a social hour and refreshments will be given.

## Immaculate Conception Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 8, a holy day of obligation, is:

St. Mary's — 5:30, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.  
St. Patrick's — 5:30, 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.

## Franciscan Conventual Hear Work For 100 Years In U.S., Commended

Syracuse—Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of organized activities of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual in the United States, a two-day celebration was ushered in here at the Church of the Assumption, Sunday with Solemn Pontifical Mass.

AMONG members of the hierarchy participating was His Excellency Bishop Kearney. In the diocese of Rochester, St. Theresa's Church, Rochester with the Rev. Bruno Dobala, O.F.M. Conv. and St. Hyacinth's in Auburn, the Rev. Jerome A. Holubowicz, O.F.M. Conv. as pastors are in charge of the Franciscan Conventuals.

Work of the Friars since their earliest days in the United States was praised by Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse in the sermon at the Solemn Pontifical Mass. He recounted the service of the Friars which saw the Order grow from its original band of five into a large community of four Provinces, with more than 1,000 members, of whom more than 600 are priests.

"JUST AS once St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Order, was called by God, according to a vision of Pope Innocent III, to support the crumbling pillars of the Church of the early Middle Ages," Bishop Foery said, "so in the 19th century, Bishop John McCloskey of Albany, later Cardinal Archbishop of New York, called the Friars Minor Conventuals from their first missions in Texas to take care of the neglected German immigrants in the Empire State, now comprising the Dioceses of Albany, Syracuse and Rochester."

A distinguished group of prelates and priests gathered here to pay tribute to the order's work in this country which began on a systematic basis in 1852 when a group of five Franciscan Conventuals from Europe arrived at the request of Bishop John Olin, C.M., of Galveston, Texas, to minister to the needs of German and Polish settlers in the vast Diocese.

Previously individual priests had been sent from Europe with the blessing of the Holy See, as early as 1720.

THE MASS was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop David F. Cunningham of Syracuse, in the presence of Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, Bishop Kearney of Rochester, Bishop Joseph A. Burke of Buffalo, Bishop Egan J. McEntegart of Ogdensburg, Bishop George W. Ahn of Trenton, N. J., and Father Bede Hess, O.F.M. Conv., Minister General of the centuries-old Order.

Also present were Father Lorenzo Di Fonzo, O.F.M. Conv., about 25 monsignors, and over 100 priests belonging to the Conventual Order as well as to the two other Franciscan groups—the Order of Friars Minor and the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin.

The priests included all the Provincials both of the Friars Minor Conventuals and of the Friars Minor Capuchin, and two representatives of the Provincials of the Order of Friars Minor. Among the guests of honor was Father Franz-Solodach, Provincial of the Province of St.



MAKING THE CENTENARY of their Order of Friars Minor Conventual in the United States were the Rev. Bruno Dobala, O.F.M. Conv. of St. Theresa's Church, Rochester, and the Rev. Jerome A. Holubowicz, O.F.M. Conv. of St. Hyacinth's, Auburn and their confreres now serving in the Diocese of Rochester.

Elizabeth, Wurzburg, Germany, whence the first group of Conventual Franciscans came to America, to be joined a few years later by a number of other Fathers—German, Polish, Italian, and Dutch, with a few English and Irish priests.

THE FIRST permanent Conventual foundations were in Albany, Utica and Syracuse, and in October, 1853, the Holy See canonically established the General Commissariate of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This was the title under which the Conventual Friars had dedicated their American apostolate in 1852.

Prior to the sermon, Father Sebastian Weber, O.F.M. Conv., secretary of the Province of the Immaculate Conception, read a message of congratulation from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, conveyed through the Vatican Secretariate of State.

The message voiced the Holy Father's appreciation of the hundred years of "loving, sacrificial service" of the Friars Minor Conventual; and pointed to "the impressive multiplication of religious houses and of parochial, educational and missionary

## Ithaca Women Sponsor Movie Titled 'Christ The King'

Ithaca—The Women's Organizations of the Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca are sponsoring a film entitled "Christ The King" to be shown in the Sons of Italy Hall, 417 West State Street, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9.

This outstanding picture portrays the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

MESS. EVA PIERA of Ithaca District, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, is chairman of the Committee.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Genevieve Joscak, 9608, representing Court Santa Maria 246, Catholic Daughters of America; or Mrs. Dorothy Cross, 45522, for the parochial school Parent-Teacher Association; or Miss Dolores Rocca, 4005 of the Young Ladies Society, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## Highschoolers To Attend Retreat

Annual retreat for high school students of St. Mary's parish, Elmira will open in the church on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Services will be held each evening with solemn closing on Wednesday night.

Retirees are to attend the 7 o'clock Mass, each morning. The Rev. Vincent P. Collins, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira will conduct the services and preach the sermons. About 25 new members will be received in to the Sodality of Our Lady, the group sponsoring the retreat.

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