

LAUDS CHURCH REMODELING



AT REDEDICATION of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, His Excellency Bishop Kearney (left) poses with the Rev. Robert F. Keleher, pastor, after services at which the Bishop commended priests and people for beautifying church as fitting tabernacle for Infant of Bethlehem. (Courier Staff Photo).

St. Charles Church Rededicated By Bishop

Transformed inside and out into an imposing edifice, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, was solemnly rededicated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Sunday.

Sacrifice entailed in the changing over of the church to meet the rapid growth of the parish was commended by the Bishop at the conclusion of the services. The material temple that has resulted now becomes the house of Christ and a fitting spiritual temple.

THE GENEROSITY of the people of St. Charles parish both in their own parish and beyond was lauded by the Bishop.

In erecting beautiful tabernacles in various churches of the world, His Excellency said, Christianity is trying to atone for the mistake of Bethlehem, when the Savior of the World was housed in a stable.

"It is an act of Faith," the Bishop said, "to improve church structures such as this, for the Infant of Bethlehem."

The Bishop presided at Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Rev. Robert F. Keleher, pastor, Deacon was the Rev. Francis M. Feeny, pastor of St. James Church and Subdeacon, the Rev. Arthur C. Looby, C.S.B. of

Youths To Hear Bishop At Holy Hour, Sunday

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will open the monthly city-wide Holy Hour for Catholic youth at St. Joseph's Church, Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell announced today.

The Bishop will speak to the Catholic boys and girls from both Catholic and public high schools throughout the Rochester area before going to Sacred Heart Cathedral for the traditional Christmas pageant.

The Holy Hour which since its beginning a year ago last May has been attracting between 400 and 500 boys and girls according to Father O'Connell, diocesan director of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union sponsoring the services.

THE PRACTICE of featuring certain parishes at each Holy Hour has been inaugurated and at the one Sunday night the boys and girls of the southwest area will be featured. Parishes to be cited are: St. Anne's, Immaculate, St. Monica's, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Helen's.

Commended from the pulpit at the last Holy Hour in November was a group of 35 boys and girls from Holy Trinity Parish, Webster who made the longer trip to participate.

St. Mary's Rosary Group Lists Party

Christmas Party of St. Mary's Society will be held at the Catholic Women's Club, 215 Alexander St., Sunday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

Entertainment will consist of singing of Christmas carols by the Catholic High School Girls' Choir.

Mrs. Minnie Kelly is chairman and will be assisted by Miss Rose Boehme, Miss Nellie Farrell and Mrs. Edith Peschke. Miss Sara R. Malone is president of the society and the Rev. Francis E. Hester is moderator.

Church Organizes Boys' Choir

A Boys' Choir is being organized in Blessed Sacrament parish and the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge have placed orders for cassocks and surplices.

Sister Claudia plans to have both the Girls and Boys Choir alternate on Sundays, in singing at the children's 9 a.m. Mass.

The members of the Choirs, the Parish Weekly said, "are greatly enthused and will be a great help in later years, as young men and young women, in joining other Church choirs. The ability to sing approved Church selections will be a great asset to them, and to their respective pastors."

Anniversary Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan will be offered by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in St. Monica's Church on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert who succeeded Monsignor Bergan as pastor will assist. Monsignor Bergan was pastor of St. Monica's and Chancellor of the diocese when he died Dec. 27, 1947.

Women's Group St. Benedict, La.—(NC)—A resolution favoring formation of Councils of Catholic Women in Negro parishes was adopted at the annual meeting of the New Orleans Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

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Hospital Dolls For Arctic League



SOME OF THE 204 Arctic League dolls dressed for distribution at Christmas are admired by student nurse Rosemary Cardillo. The dolls were dressed by graduate and student nurses, mothers of nurses, doctors' wives, school teachers and other friends of the hospital. Distribution and collection is again capably handled by Sister Ellen Teresa, a medical floor supervisor, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Architects For New High School In Auburn Named

Auburn—The architectural firm of Beardsley and Beardsley, 64 South St., Auburn will be architects for the new Mt. Carmel High School, here, it was announced today by the Rev. Brendan M. Hourihan, O.Carm., principal of the new high school.

Father Hourihan who will take over his duties as principal when the high school is completed, comes from Los Angeles with an outstanding record as an educator.

THE NEW high school which will be conducted by the Carmelite Fathers assisted by the Sisters of St. Joseph for approximately 500 boys and girls in the Auburn area will be located on the Swift St. site announced in October by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

The site of South and Swift streets was purchased from the estate of the late Col. Edwin D. Metcalf.

Nativity Pageant Listed At Sacred Heart Cathedral

The Christmas Pageant, an annual custom, at Sacred Heart Cathedral will be conducted with His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7:45 p.m., according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Casey, rector.

The Cathedral altar will be appropriately decorated for the services with the central feature, the crib of Bethlehem.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the throne and will give the sermon for the occasion. Christmas hymns will be sung by the Cathedral Men's Choir under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer of Aquinas Institute faculty with Vernon McArdle at the organ.

CLEANING the program will be the entry of the "angels" carrying the Blessed Mother and infant. The procession will go to the crib in the Sanctuary and the infant will be placed in the crib.

Sacred Heart School children rehearsed by the Sisters at St. Joseph in Cathedral school will take the roles of the Blessed Mother and angels.

In the procession will be the following: "Our Lady," Pauline

How Religion Suffers In Yugoslavia Told By Cornell Graduate

Confirming by first hand experience, the stories of persecution and repression of religion in Yugoslavia was a letter received by the Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University from a Cornell graduate in that country.

"The letter writer had to disguise his own name and in addressing the chaplain had to use a civilian slant with 'professor' instead of 'reverend' in addressing Monsignor Cleary to avoid censorship.

The Cornell alumnus cited incidents in Yugoslavia in detail because as he said: "The tragedy, the falsity, the double dealing, the bitterness and perversion, the egotism and selfishness and the inhumanity of Communism have moved me to write."

"I HAVE SEEN and lived the life of a totalitarian society where freedom is absent, curtailed, and perverted," he wrote. "I am fully aware as I have never been before, of the value and need of freedom."

Not alone is religious freedom suffering in Yugoslavia, the Cornell graduate reported.

"Political, social and economic freedom is equally lacking. I could write about certain horrible and unbelievable war-time massacres. I have documented and material evidence.

"I could tell about prisons and forced labor camps filled with intellectuals, independent peasants, and freedom-seeking workers. I could tell about the inequalities existing among party members and non-party members.

"I COULD TELL about the immorality, the corruption and seduction of the minds of men, women and children. But the whole agonizing tragedy and horrible nightmare is too unbelievable and too much for me to use to life and ways of a free society.

"I never realized before what freedom actually is and what it really means to the individual. I used to take freedom as something for granted and about which one speaks in abstract or for political campaigning and oratory."

Reporting on persecution of religion in Yugoslavia, the writer repeated, as an eye-witness, accounts which have had counterparts in columns of the Catholic Courier Journal.

"In a general manner, he said, peasants and workers are not permitted to travel in buses or other



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public vehicles, to Church for Mass, Baptisms, or Weddings. In the rural areas, buses do not run at all on Sundays and if they must they travel away from or far from churches or parishes with a priest or a Mass.

PERMISSION MUST be obtained every month to bring Church bells, he said. The permission then stipulates how many minutes and how many bells may or may not be rung for certain days and hours. This one minute is allowed for 7 a.m. to 2 minutes for 12 noon and 2 to 5 p.m.

Anyone with a government job (this takes in a big chunk of the population) as almost everything has been nationalized, is not permitted to attend church. If discovered, he is liable to lose his job or suffer imprisonment in a labor camp.

"A priest in our town," the letter said, "was asked why he might be burned during the night time on certain days. The priest replied: 'What can I do if those with government jobs and even certain party members, have to come secretly to me at night to be married with a religious ceremony, to receive the Sacraments, or to have their children baptized?'"

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A silent night... a father's thoughts

It's late... way past 12. The house is so quiet. At that, we have things finished pretty early this year.

Best tree we've ever had. The presents look good. Grace makes pretty packages. Wish we could afford a bike for Tommy. Maybe next year. I guess a father always wants to give his kids more than he can.

A lot of things look different when you have a child. Like what the school board does. What happens in Washington. And the UN.

Will he grow up in a world at peace—or at war? Will he be really free—or like the children in countries where the government runs everything? What if they say "Liberty is every American's birthright?"

A man wants to give his son the best of everything. A chance to feel free and independent. To make up his own mind and work out his own life. No "limit" to worry him. And peace—certainly peace.

A good world to live in, that's all. A part of that is up to me and all other fathers of all—people who have children. That brings it pretty close to the Christmas message, doesn't it? ... a Call to peace and difference.

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