

Family Rosary Crusade Opens In Elmira Parish

The Family Rosary Crusade was inaugurated at St. Peter and Paul's Parish, Elmira by the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor as a project for Lent and after. The action brought commendation from the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. from the Family Rosary National Headquarters.



IN AN EFFORT to promote the Family Rosary throughout the Parish, this little Parish Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Family Rosary is traveling from home to home in St. Peter and Paul's Parish, Elmira.

"This is just a little note to thank you with all my heart and soul for your great interest in the Family Rosary Crusade," Father Peyton wrote. "Be assured that I shall remember your project in my Masses and prayers to Our Lady."

FATHER BISKY plans to promote the Crusade by sending a statue of Our Lady from home to home in the Parish. A statue of Our Lady from Fatima in Portugal has been selected, and it has been given the title of the little Parish Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Family Rosary. Each home requesting the statue will erect a beautiful shrine with fresh flowers and candles in the living room of the house where the family will gather together daily for the Family Rosary.

THE STATUE will remain about one week at each home during which time the Family Rosary will become permanently established. The members of the family will look upon the week as a kind of Family Retreat Week during which they will try to attend daily Mass and receive Holy Communion.

"I sincerely hope," says Father Bisky, "that after the little Pilgrim Statue leaves each home, that the Family Rosary will be well founded and that the daily recitation of the Rosary will continue to be a part of the daily program of each home."

The little statue was hand-carved from cedar wood by Jose Ferreira Thedim who also carved the famous Pilgrim Statue which has traveled in the United States from coast to coast. Mother Mary King of the Sisters of Saint Dorothy carried the statue to the Shrine in Fatima where it was blessed on October 13, 1951 by the Bishop of Lleria.

'53 Diocesan Directory Out

Consisting of 100 pages and a four-page cover, the 1953 edition of the Official Catholic Directory for the Diocese of Rochester made its appearance, this week. The directory is published by the Courier Journal.

In the Forward, His Excellency Bishop Kearney said: "The Courier Journal does us a valuable service in placing at hand this comprehensive Directory of all the parishes, institutions and lay organizations of the Diocese."

FEATURED ON colored pages is the Diocesan Telephone Directory with alphabetical listing of all priests of the diocese, including diocesan and those of the various religious communities.

Parishes, their pastor and priests, and schools of the diocese are attractively listed. Convents and Mission Houses and schools and seminaries, also charitable organizations in the diocese are included with easy access for reference.

Lay organizations, their meeting dates and officers, take up a large portion of the Directory. Religious Community foundations, chaplains serving public institutions and diocesan cemeteries are listed under special headings.

A Buyers' Guide for easy reference to advertisers was compiled and included in the 1953 Directory.

First page of the directory carries a map of the Diocese of Rochester and statistics on the Diocese of 320,700 Catholic population. The Directory was produced by the Christopher Press, 35 Solo St., Rochester.

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Men Serve Elmira Pastor At Mass



INAUGURATING the addition of men of the parish as servers at daily Mass, two of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira parishioners are shown at 7:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday. The Rev. G. Schwab, pastor is served by Daniel F. Kennedy and William J. Nagel, Sr. (Courier Staff Photo).

Vocation Talks Set In Diocese During March

In response to the invitation of His Excellency Bishop Kearney, three religious order priests, four missionary nuns and members of the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary are visiting Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Rochester during March, "Vocation Month."

Children from the 7th to the 12th grades are hearing talks on vocations in general, needs of the Rochester diocese and of the

In an interview on WHAM, Sunday, March 15 His Excellency Bishop Kearney will talk to the whole diocese on needs for vocations on the Catholic Courier Journal program at 12:15 p.m.

The Rev. Richard T. Torney, chairman of Our Lady of Mercy High School and co-ordinator on the program will interview the Bishop.

work of the various communities represented by the speakers. Directing the program is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Maloney, superintendent, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester.

Speakers listed are as follows: Week of Monday, March 2-6: Rev. Aidan Noonan, O.F.M., Cap. Capuchin Franciscan Fathers, Brooklyn.

Sister M. Anita, M.S.B.T., Blessed Trinity Mother Missionary (Canada), Philadelphia, Pa.

Week of Monday, March 8-12: Rev. Simon Heine, S.A., Vocational Director, Graymoor Friars, Garrison, N. Y.

Sister Mary Bernadette, Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, Hyde Park, Mass.

Week of Monday, March 16-20: Rev. Harold J. Powers, C.S.P., New York City.

Sister M. Therese, M.M.M., Medical Missionaries of Mary, Winchester, Mass.

Monday, March 23-27: Mother John Fisher, The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, White Sisters Convent, Metuchen, N. J.

A member of St. Andrew's Seminary faculty will visit the schools one day each week during the month of March to speak on "Vocations to the diocesan priesthood."

Classmates Set Mass For Father Fischer

First anniversary of the death of the Rev. Walter A. Fischer will be marked by a Solemn High Mass, offered by the priests of Father Fischer's ordination class of 1935, in St. Patrick's Church, Rochester on Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 11 a.m. The Very Rev. Msgr. James D. Cuffney will be celebrant; Rev. William J. O'Brien, deacon; Rev. Michael J. Tydings, sub-deacon; and Rev. James C. Lane, Master of Ceremonies. The choir will be formed by Fathers William J. Gaynor, Raymond G. Heisel, Francis E. Heister, Donald E. Lutz, Thomas J. Manley, Harold F. Rogers and John J. Treney. Chaplain (Major) Paul J. Cuddy, the only classmate not able to attend, will offer a Mass at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Relatives and friends of Father Fischer are invited.

Lourdes Parish Adds Men To Boy Servers At Mass

Formation of a men-servers' group in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira to supplement the boy servers at Masses and other church services, was announced this week by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor.

The move was inspired, Father Schwab said, by an article published in the Catholic Digest reporting the inauguration of men serving in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland. The Cleveland action was taken because it is in a downtown parish and is lacking in boys to assist in the church services. The plan there met with widespread enthusiasm among men of all ranks in the parish.

LACK OF boy-servers was not a factor in Father Schwab's decision to form a men's group. He said it was felt appropriate and fitting for men to aid in the service inasmuch as most men had served on the altar in their youth and would be glad of an opportunity to return to the services of the altar.

Cassocks and surplices are being procured for all men interested in the work that was begun last Saturday morning with two men, Daniel F. Kennedy and William J. Nagel, Sr., serving the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Additional men will begin their assignments as soon as they have completed their refresher course under the direction of Father Schwab.

Canadian Bishops Give \$15,000

OTTAWA, Ont. (NC) - The sum of \$15,000 has been sent to the flood victims of Britain, Belgium and Holland by the Canadian Catholic Conference, which comprises all the members of the Canadian hierarchy.

Forty Hours

Forty Hours Devotions will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, March 8 - Fairport, Spencerport.

Bishop Stresses Nurses' Role At Capping Rite In Elmira

Twenty-seven nursing students who began their course at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Elmira last September received their caps at impressive ceremonies held Sunday afternoon in the Little Flower Chapel, Dunn Memorial Nurses Residence. His Excellency Bishop Kearney presided and addressed the newly capped nurses.

The class entered the Chapel in procession, and the ceremonies opened with the blessing of the caps by Bishop Kearney.

THE CLASS was presented by Rev. Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain. The students then knelt on a prie-dieu in the front of the Chapel and were presented their caps by Sister Margaret Adelaide, Hospital Administrator, assisted by Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing.

After receiving her cap, each student carrying a blessed candle had her candle lighted by Miss Ann McLaughlin, President of the Student Government Organization or Miss Margaret Sullivan, Vice-President. The candle lighted by an older student is symbolic of the Spirit of Nursing, which is being passed on to the newly capped nurse.

Following the ceremony of the lighting of the candle, the class recited in unison, a pledge of Fidelity for Nurses. After returning to their places in the Chapel, Bishop Kearney addressed the students.

HE EXPRESSED happiness in being able to take part in this impressive ceremony, which consists of three parts: first, the blessing of the caps; second, the awarding of the caps; and third, the lighting of the candles.

His Excellency remarked that the blessing of the caps adds to the professional aspect of nursing it gives to it a Supernatural Consecration. He reminded the newly capped nurses that the blessing of the caps made it a sacramental and imparts a definite dignity.

The awarding of the caps signifies a successful step toward the goal of Graduation. The Bishop said that the lighting of the candle was not new in the lives of these young people. He reminded his listeners that a candle was lighted as a symbol of the light of Faith. That light must be kept burning all through life so that it may be presented to God in Eternity. The Bishop cited what a tragedy it is when a person allows this light to burn out by losing that faith.

HIS EXCELLENCY reminded the class of the definite commitment they were making as expressed in the Pledge of Fidelity which they had just taken. He exhorted the students to remember those promises when they come to Chapel during their days in the Nursing School.

The Bishop suggested that each girl select a candle on the Altar close to the Tabernacle, and ask Our Lord to keep it burning for her. Never let any difficulty, injustice, or misunderstanding make the light flicker. Remember this ceremony, and relight it in the depth of your heart, the Bishop said.

He concluded by expressing the hope that he will be present at Graduation exercises when the members of the class being Capped today will complete their course, and after having kept their candles lighted, will receive



SISTER MARGARET ADELAIDE, St. Joseph's Hospital Administrator, (right) shown presenting cap to Mary Clair Woodhouse of Elmira. At left, Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing assists. In background at left, Patricia McCann, Rochester receives light from candle held by Margaret Sullivan, Elmira. Ceremony was held in Little Flower Chapel, Dunn Memorial Nurses Residence, Sunday with His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding.

the diploma of the School of Nursing.

THE CEREMONIES closed with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The officers of Benediction were Bishop Kearney, Celebrant; Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, Pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Deacon, and Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church as Subdeacon. Between the hymns at Benediction, the class recited an Act of Consecration for Nurses.

St. Joseph's and Nazareth College student nurses acted as ushers, and the new class sang during the exercises with Sister Thomas Marie, Music Instructor at St. Mary's School, Elmira, at the organ. Sister Mary Austin, Music Instructor, St. Patrick's School, Corning, directed the singing.

An informal reception in the Nurses Residence followed the Chapel ceremonies.

Elmira - Beverly Bulas, Mary Drzewicki, Shirley Harrington, Mary Virginia Milliken, Carol Monahan, Teresa Porzi, Dortha Woldzik, Mary Claire Woodhouse. Endicott - Teresa Beltrine, Elizabeth Matola, Lila Senio; Johnson City - Joan O'Neil, Mary Smith, Mary Theresa Vaila.

Blossburg, Pa. - Elizabeth Bolinski, Watkins Glen - Elizabeth Bolton; Corning - Janet Blutton, Patricia Crane; Morris Run, Pa. - Catherine C. Dwyer. Rochester - Patricia McCann, Barbara Weider; Nichols - Ann Miller; Williamsport, Pa. - Carolyn Paternostro; Ithaca - Mary Catherine Powers; Susquehanna, Pa. - Joan Suchnick; Morris, Pa. - Rita Martino; Bradford, Pa. - Martha Wilcox.

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