

15 YEARS IN WORLD AS SALESMAN

Rochester Man Clothed In Trappist Monk Habit

George J. LeFrois Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. LeFrois, 55 Mayfield St., received the habit of a Trappist monk and his religious name on Thursday, Mar. 18. He will now be known as Frater M. Alphonus.

Day's Devotions For Blind Men Sponsored By HN

Sponsored by Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union the first Day of Recollection for blind laymen is set to open, Saturday, March 21 at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St. with 25 men attending.

Arrangements for the day's devotions were made with the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of the diocesan retreat house by the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, diocesan director of the Holy Name Union and Martin Q. Moll, diocesan union president.

Services will open at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Each retreatant will be accompanied by another man while at the Retreat House.

Father Aylward will personally conduct the devotions. At luncheon there will be special spiritual reading of interest to those attending.

The day's program includes special conferences to be given by Father Aylward, recitation of the Rosary and Stations of the Cross.

BISHOP SHEEN SET OVER WVET

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's weekly "Life is Worth Living" network television program now are being carried on a coast-to-coast radio hookup.

The radio version of the Bishop's program is being presented each Thursday from 9:05 to 9:30 p.m. over WVET in Rochester.

Bishop Sheen, who is Auxiliary of New York and national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, began his television appearances two years ago and now is ranked as one of the nation's top TV personalities.

Assumption Grads Set First Breakfast

Assumption College Club of Rochester will hold its first Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Mar. 22 at the Sheraton Hotel.

Mass will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, pastor, in Old St. Mary's Church at 9:30 a.m.

The Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College, will be the principal speaker at the breakfast, according to John J. Fedigan, chairman.

Henry Lally, president of the Rochester chapter, will act as toastmaster.

The ceremony took place at Our Lady of the Genesee Monastery of Christ the King in Piffard. A former salesman, the 34-year-old novice entered the Trappist novitiate on Feb. 15. He will spend a two-year period in the monastery as a novice before taking first vows.

This will be followed by a scholastic training of three years in which he will study theology, philosophy and canon law.

AFTER THE FIVE years he will take final vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, conversion of manners and stability. The vow of conversion of manners is a final adoption of the way of life of the Cistercians which means that he will live under the rule of silence.

When a salesman, Frater Alphonus handled several large accounts for the Ontario Liquor Distributors Inc. He decided to enter the Cistercian Order in 1949 when visiting the Our Lady of Getsemani Trappist Monastery in Kentucky.

As a youth, former George LeFrois, played football and baseball in St. Francis Xavier School in Boston. In his 13 years in business he especially enjoyed reading biographies of the saints.

Much of his spare time while in business was in the distribution of Monk's Bread made at the Monastery and sale of which helps in its support.

Frater Alphonus has several relatives in religious life from the Rochester area.

Eastman Students To Attend Breakfast

Newman Club of the Eastman School of Music will hold its annual Communion Breakfast Sunday, March 22 in Holy Redeemer Hall after the 8:30 Mass at Holy Redeemer Church, 634 Hudson Avenue.

Edward J. Deviny, well-known lecturer and student of problems concerning the Church and Science, will address the students.

Rev. Richard M. Quinn, moderator of the Club, will introduce the speaker, Jose Echaniz, Faculty Adviser, of the Newman Club, and Mrs. Echaniz will be special guests.

The breakfast will be the first event under the direction of the new officers who were elected March 15: Mary Ann Hagedus, President; Joseph A. Zawistowski, Vice-President; Georgette Eberl, Secretary; Mary Yetta Conley, Treasurer.

Rochesterian Named To Jesuit Honor Society

Gerald Eckert, a biology major from Rochester and a junior at LeMoyne College, Syracuse was selected for Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society according to the Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., president.

Bishop-elect Casey Visits Cardinal Mooney In Detroit



Secretaries to His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, past and present pose with him on visit of Bishop-elect Casey to Detroit. In photo (from left) Msgr. John A. Donovan, present Chancellor of Detroit Archdiocese and first secretary to Cardinal Mooney in Detroit; Auxiliary Bishop Alexander Zaleski of Detroit who will be a co-consecrator of Bishop Casey; Auxiliary Bishop-elect Casey of Rochester who served under Cardinal Mooney when His Eminence was Fourth Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Joseph M. Breitenbeck, Cardinal's present secretary. (Michigan Catholic Photo by Eddie McGrath, Jr.)

St. Patrick's Feast Day Noted At Mass, Dinners

Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the patronal church, and the Bishop's address at the Knights of Equity dinner in Powers Hotel were outstanding events in the observance of St. Patrick's Day in Rochester.

The spirit of St. Patrick, not his national origin was the keynote of the day the Bishop said at the knights' dinner.

Recounting the glorious deeds of the Apostle of Ireland, the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, state chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the panegyric at St. Patrick's said that because of the Saint the Irish were always taught to do the will of God.

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IN THE BISHOP'S address at the hotel, he said: "On this feast day, the Irish were always taught to do the will of God. Through intense persecutions, Father O'Brien recalled, the Irish stood firm in their faith.

Presented by J. Allan Doyle, toastmaster, the Knights of Equity and ladies heard the Bishop and Rev. Roy B. Morphy, national chaplain and were entertained with Irish music and song.

Bishop Halls Probes Into Disloyalty

As the head of two educational institutions he would welcome with open arms any investigation, if the loyalty of his schools or his faculty was ever doubted, His Excellency Bishop Kearney said in his St. Patrick's Day address at Powers Hotel.

"I would want to be the first to know," the Bishop declared at the Knights of Equity annual dinner.

Accalming the loyalty of the Irish, the Bishop said that it is too often lacking in other quarters. He thus gave support to any authoritative investigating group seeking to root out disloyalty especially in schools of higher learning.

Patience—Have patience, and the mulberry leaf becomes satin. —Spanish Proverb.

Both Nocturnal Groups List Annual Breakfast

Members of both Rochester Centers of the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather for their Annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Passion Sunday, March 22.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass at 7:45 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, North Plymouth Ave. at Brown St. and will also be speaker at the breakfast afterward at Powers Hotel.

Traditionally one of the largest Communion Breakfasts of the year, it has been held annually on Passion Sunday by the original St. Patrick's Center which was established on Sept. 23, 1929, and was joined by the Blessed Sacrament Center last year when that group was organized.

William A. Ball is in charge of arrangements, assisted by Robert Simmons of Blessed Sacrament Center.

ANNOUNCING the Mass and Breakfast, Joseph W. Benn, Executive Secretary, said:

"This annual Communion Mass is the most important Eucharistic event of the year for the entire membership of our Society. While we pay homage, adoration and reparation to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament throughout the year in all-night vigils, on this occasion we take advantage of our privilege to receive Him in union with the same men who join with us at our monthly nocturns.

"Likewise the Communion Breakfast is the most important event of the year for the Society as a social body. It gives opportunity for better acquaintances among these men who pass in the night as they come and go, to and from their assigned hours."

James J. Cullen, President of the St. Patrick's Center will preside at the breakfast and guests will be introduced by Francis E. Wolfe, President of the Blessed Sacrament Center.

Bishop Offices At Silver Jubilee Of Former Parish

Marking the Silver Jubilee of St. Francis Xavier Parish, in the Bronx, New York City, His Excellency Bishop Kearney of Rochester celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass there as the representative of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York on Last Sunday, March 15.

Bishop Kearney also officiated on March 14 at the closing of the Novena of Grace in the New York Church of which he was pastor for four years.

During Bishop Kearney's pastorate the portable wooden church and auditorium were erected at Van Nest and Lurting Aves., the latter being used as a school which opened in 1928.

When Bishop Kearney was elevated to the Episcopate in 1952 being named Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, the present pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. J. Quinn was appointed.

Day of Reflection Stated For Nurses

Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses will sponsor a Day of Reflection, Sunday, March 22 at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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