

Guide Nocturnal Adoration Units



PRINCIPAL ROLES at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Nocturnal Adoration Society centers in Powers Hotel, Sunday were taken by the four in photograph above. They are: (from left) Rev. Leo C. Mooney, of St. Patrick's; His Excellency Bishop Kearney, Msgr. Thomas F. Connors and Frank E. Wolfe. All four enthusiastically endorsed expansion plans for the men's vigil society.

Nocturnal Adoration Set To Expand; 3 Added Centers Planned For City

Three new Centers of the Nocturnal Adoration Society are to be established in the near future at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Flower City Park, St. Monica's Church, Genesee St., and St. Andrew's Church, Portland Ave.

That was the announcement by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, as he addressed 300 members of the Society at their Annual Communion Breakfast in the Powers Hotel on Passion Sunday morning.

This strictly spiritual Society of Catholic laymen, organized for the sole purpose of practicing and promoting devotion to the Real Presence in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, now numbers more than 1000 members in Rochester.

THE BREAKFAST followed Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney at St. Patrick's Church, North Plymouth at Brown St., assisted by Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Pastor and Spiritual Director of the St. Patrick's Group of the Society.

The Passion Sunday Communion Mass and Breakfast is an important annual event for the Society, long observed by the original Rochester Center established at St. Patrick's Cathedral Chapel on Sept. 28, 1929 and joined in by the second Center established at Blessed Sacrament Church, Oxford St. at Monroe, last year.

IN HIS SERMON at the Mass, Bishop Kearney spoke of the new legislation recently announced by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, regarding fasting before the reception of Holy Communion.

"It is as though," the Bishop said, "the Church in the reign of each Pontiff... as the tree with each new Springtime... has developed in the way to best fulfill the purpose for which it was created — to draw all men to Christ."

Thus with the new legislation with regard to the Eucharistic fast, in order to make more practicable the frequent, even daily, reception of the Holy Eucharist, by children and adults alike, the regulations were changed," the Bishop said.

AT THE BREAKFAST the Bishop traced the growth of the Nocturnal Adoration Society from its establishment in 1929 at the old

St. Patrick's Cathedral, to the new Center established last year at Blessed Sacrament Church and its present further expansion to three new centers as a parallel development, gradual but steady, to the growth of the mustard seed and the Church itself — new branches, new life, new vigor, new productivity.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at the success of the new Center established last year at Blessed Sacrament Church and saw in it a favorable prospect and promise and adequate justification for further expansion. This step-by-step growth, he said, follows the pattern of growth of the Society in New York and throughout the Country.

THE BISHOP made reference to the recent campaign for funds for Catholic High Schools in the diocese, the success of which some thought, truly miraculous.

OTHER GUESTS at the speaker's table included, besides Father Mooney, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church and Spiritual Director of the Nocturnal Center there, James J. Cullen, Frank E. Wolfe, respective Presidents of the two present Centers, William A. Ball and Robert Simmons, Co-Chairmen of arrangements for the Mass and Breakfast.

THE SUBJECT Father Shamon has chosen is "The Greatest Women Who Ever Lived." The meeting will be held on April 4 in the Ball Room of the Powers Hotel.

The luncheon is open to all Catholic Women, reservations can be made by sending a card to 30 Nicholson St., The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are sponsors of the group, and welcome any women who are interested in hearing talks on the Blessed Mother.

Mrs. Marguerite Muckle will act as toastmistress and introduce the speaker, Mrs. Harry L. Ferrer will be in charge of decorations and the shrine for the month of April.

Mrs. Warren Mitchell, Chairman, will seat the guests and will also take reservations at her home. The First Saturday Luncheon will celebrate their fifth anniversary on May 2 and will have

Bishop Kearney To Conduct Holy Week Services

80th Birthday Coming Up, Monsignor Burns Recalls Career Rich In Memories

BY THOMAS E. O'CONNOR

A distinguished prelate whom I have had the privilege to be somewhat closely associated with for half a century will observe his 80th birthday on Saturday, April 4. He is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, rector emeritus of Sacred Heart Cathedral and a priest who has influenced many, many lives during his priestly career.

I called on him last week, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. George Esther Wilkin and Mr. Wilkin at 455 Raines Park where he makes his home.

My old friend who was assistant rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral when this writer entered old Cathedral Grammar School and was pastor of Sacred Heart Church when my wife and I joined that parish thirty years ago received me most graciously. He was comfortably seated in a well-appointed study, the window of which overlooks the im-



MONSIGNOR BURNS

posing English Gothic Cathedral edifice, a monument to his forty years zealous administration of the parish.

I ASKED HIM if he were going to attend the Consecration of his successor as rector of the Cathedral, Auxiliary Bishop-elect Lawrence B. Casey and he said he expected to "if they find a seat for me." The Bishop-elect said later that a place will be assuredly provided for Monsignor Burns.

Monsignor Burns said that the elevation of Bishop-elect Casey was no surprise to him because "he is a very capable man."

Monsignor Burns had received two invitations that morning for future events — one for the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company's Centennial dinner on April 9 and another, closer to him, from the class of 1928 of Sacred Heart School to their silver jubilee on May 19. He had also just received his honorary life membership in the Knights of Columbus.

An army of graduates of his school from 1930 to 5 p.m. Newly elected alumnae officers are Miss Virginia Winterroth, president and Miss Patricia Fowler, treasurer.

ance and solicitude for their welfare.

I am indebted to him as a former teacher, not only in St. Patrick's grammar school but in old Cathedral High School, where he taught religion and Latin.

ON HIS FOUR-Score birthday he will receive and we hope it is not supposed to be a surprise, a spiritual bouquet from the Rosary Guild of his parish, which knowing him will be more gratefully received than material remembrances.

Monsignor Burns has a wealth of memories to fill his 80th birthday. Long associated with the Cathedral, he recalled that he was an officer at the Consecration of Coadjutor Bishop-elect Thomas F. Hickey in 1905 and at that of Third Bishop of Rochester John Francis O'Hern in 1929.

His life is full of accomplishments. He has always been highly regarded for his spirituality. He is a former professor of Nazareth College and his poetry has been recognized in cultural circles.

The work he has done over 40 years in founding, developing and building the extensive plant that is now Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, is so replete with achievement, space will not permit detailed recording.

At the home of his niece in Rochester and on the former Gorham farm in Canandaigua where resides another niece Eloise who is married to Mr. Wilkin's brother, Sidney, and at the home of his nephew George in Cleveland, he is always warmly received.

His twin-brother, the late Robert D. Burns, was an outstanding newspaper man, and it is a source of pride to the Monsignor, that George, his nephew holds a high editorial post with the Cleveland Scripps Howard newspaper.

After talking with him for a half hour, I felt greatly honored when he said, "Come back again any time."

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, March 29 — Newman Oratory, Ithaca; Clyde.

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Youth Mission Turns Out 1700 At 4 Churches

The number of young men and women attending the city-wide Young People's Mission in four of Rochester's Churches doubled from the first night, Sunday, March 26, because of the zeal of those attending. Jesuit priests in charge reported Wednesday.

Approximately 1700 youths are making the Mission which will be brought to a close on Palm Sunday, March 29.

The mission is being conducted in the following churches with these missionaries: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rev. Harvey Haberstroh, S.J.; St. Monica's, Rev. James Dolan, S.J.; Holy Redeemer, Rev. Raymond Fullum, S.J.; Blessed Sacrament, Rev. Francis Brock, S.J.

WITH MANY of the young people required to go some distances from other parishes to the mission church in their area the priests in charge have been aided by the numbers going to early Mass and remaining for breakfast in the parish hall.

Reported on Wednesday were the following: 120 for breakfast at Cathedral; 150 at St. Monica's and 115 at Holy Redeemer.

The Mission is sponsored by the Rochester Diocesan Sodality Union of which the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, pastor of Holy Cross Church, is diocesan director.

Marianites To Plan Showing Of Movie

The Marianites of Holy Family Church, Rochester will hold a supper meeting, Sunday, March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Pine Room. Plans will be made for showing of the movie "Come to the Stable" starring Loretta Young and Celeste Holm on Sunday, April 26 at Holy Family auditorium for the benefit of the Marianites Servicemen's Project.

Cathedral Ceremonies To Mark Savior's Death

Commemorating the Passion and Death of Christ, Holy Week services with His Excellency Bishop Kearney officiating, will be conducted at Sacred Heart Cathedral, next week. The Bishop will also celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass on Easter Sunday in the Cathedral at 11 a.m.

Throughout the Diocese of Rochester during Holy Week special services will be conducted marking the traditional Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Schedule of services at Sacred Heart Cathedral as announced by Auxiliary Bishop-elect Lawrence B. Casey, rector, follow:

Palm Sunday — Blessed Palm will be distributed after each Mass. Young People's Mission will close at 4 p.m. The Holy Week Retreat to be conducted by the Rev. Eugene Fitzpatrick, C.P., "The Vocation to Holiness," topic will open at 7:45 p.m.

Monday: Confessions, 4 to 6 p.m. and after evening service; Retreat Service — "What God Wants Us To Know" — 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday: Confessions, 4 to 6 p.m. and after evening service; Retreat — "What God Wants Us To Reverence" — 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Confessions — 3:30 to 6:00; 7:30-9:00 p.m. Retreat — "What God Wants Us To Be" — 7:45 p.m.

Holy Thursday: Holy Communion every half hour from 8 to 9 a.m. Pontifical High Mass at 9 a.m. Pontifical High Mass at 10:30 a.m. — Procession to the Blessed Sacrament — 10:30 a.m.

The Passion service with Bishop Kearney presiding will be sung by St. Bernard's Seminary students at 7:30 p.m. The Cathedral will remain open throughout the evening for private Holy Hours.

Good Friday: Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Pontifical High Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 9 a.m. Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross will take place after the Mass.

Father Fitzpatrick, of the Passionist Congregation will conduct the Three Hours Service, "The Crucified, Our School of Prayer," from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Music will be sung by St. Bernard's Seminary Choir.

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:45 p.m. Sermon by

Father Fitzpatrick on "Jesus Crucified, the Power and Wisdom of God," will be followed by Benediction with the Relic of the True Cross.

Holy Saturday: Day of strict fast and abstinence until noon. Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle, Baptismal Font, Reading of the Prophecies and Litany of the Saints — 7:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass, Holy Communion during Mass — 8 a.m.

Easter Sunday — Masses: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:30 p.m. General Communion for entire parish. Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney, Sermon by Father Fitzpatrick, "Christ's Victory and Ours" — 11 a.m. Last Mass at 12:30 p.m. today only.

Other announced Holy Week retreats are: At St. Anne's Church, 48 Brighton Park, to be conducted by Passionist Fathers; At Holy Redeemer, Palm Sunday through Good Friday, 7:45 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church, LaSalette Father; St. Boniface Church, Sacred Hearts Father,

Nazareth Grad's Speech Wins

Miss Margaret Williams, a member of the Nazareth Graduates, won the annual public speaking contest sponsored by Rochester Chapter, American Institute of Banking, last week, became the first woman to attain that honor.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde B. Williams of Marion, Miss Williams, an employe of Security Trust Company, Rochester, for four and a half years, won over two male contestants at the Chamber of Commerce.

The general topic was "Training and Education for Bank Management Responsibilities."

Miss Williams will compete in the district contest to be held in Trenton, N. J. in April. National finals will be held in Cleveland in June.

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