St. Anthony's Youth Choir Hailed In Cantata

By Staff Correspondent

Success and wide acclaim rewarded the Youth Choir of St. Anthony's church for their masterful presentation of "The Life of Christ Cantata" with tableaux, given for three nights at Dunn Memorial Auditorium, Elmira.

The choir, made up of 100 children of the parish was superb in singing so many difficult compositions lasting for nearly two hours before capacity audiences for the three performances.

THE EFFORTS of Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor and Sisters of St. Joseph at the school convent were amply repaid for training this fine choral group from the audience appreciation.

Father Simonetti was assisted by Rev. Nicholas P. Ailetto as narrator, Sister M. Edwina Teresa, S.S.J., choir directress; Sister M. Teresa Laurene, S.S.J., tableaux and Mrs. Mario Forte, organist.

Bishop Kearney Praises Cantata By Youth Choir

A review of the "Life of Christ Cantata" presented in Elmira was written for the Elmira newspaper by Miss Geraldine Quinlan, professor of speech, Elmira College. The review said:

"The Life of Christ," a sacred cantata with tableaux, was presented Saturday evening at the Dunn Memorial to a large and enthusiastic audience of more than 400 people by the St. Anthony's Youth Choir of 100 voices:

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of the Rochester Diocese, who was an honored guest, told the Elmira group it had given a "fine and artistic portrayal of the life of Christ."

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien and Francis J. Lane of Elmira also were honored guests.

This sacred cantata was presented in Elmira for the first time last year and made such a favorable impression that it is being repeated by wide request.

In the cantata, a beautiful blending of music, drama and color portray the outstanding moments in the life of Christ. The events of His birth, the home life at Nazareth, the miracles and especially the tragedy of the Crucifixion and the glory of the Resurrection are shown in tableaux and form the basis of the vocal program. Both are joined by the narrative portion of the program again written and delivered by the Rev. Nicholas P. Ailetto, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's.

The movement and grouping of the colorfully vested choir and the young people in the tableaux are impressive in their quiet bearing and graceful poise.

The choir rose to special heights in the rendition of Pergolesi's brilliant "Glory to God in the Highest," Dubois' "Sitio," "I Thirst" which was dramatically interpreted by the children and the inspiring finale, "Exultate" by Zangi. Mrs. Mario G. Forte's organ accompaniment was noteworthy.

The staging and lighting of the spectacle deserve special mention. The lighting is elaborate and varied, reflecting the changing mood of the scenes and music.

The work of the Sisters of St. Anthony's School and of the Rev. Albert Simonetti, pastor, for their training and conducting the young choir deserves great tribute. They have accomplished again a program no Elmiran should miss.

The cantata will be repeated tonight and again tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. There is standing room only for tonight's performance. Tickets are available for Monday's prformance by calling at St. Anthony's rectory, 911 N. Main St.

College Alumnae Set Day Of Recollection

Nazareth College Alumnae will hold a Day of Recollection on Sunday, April 19 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the College.

Married Alumnae and husbands are urged to attend and may make reservations with Mrs. Richard Hamlin at GEnesee 0777-J or Mrs. Wilfred Duquette at LOcust 3667.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. William Shannon of Nazareth College faculty.

Pope Names Mission To Coronation Rites

Rome —(RNS)—Pope Pius XII has named a special mission to represent him at the coronation in England of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2.

The mission will be headed by Archbishop Fernando Cento, Papal Nuncio to Belgium, and will include Msgr. Pietro Veuillot of the Vatican Secretariate of State and the Marquis Francesco Theodoli of the Papal Noble Guard.

At the coronation of Queen Elizabeth's grandfather, George V, Pope Pius, then a monsignor, was an official member of the mission representing Pope Pius X.

Breakfast Held By Waverly CDA

Waverly—Plans for the annual Communion Breakfast held Sunday by Court Joan of Arc, Catholic Daughters of America, here, were made at the court's business meeting, April 7.

The members planned to receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8 a.m. Mass in St. James Church and to hold the breakfast in the church hall.

Speaker was Miss Mary Muldoon, retired principal of Mary Muldoon Junior High School and her subject was "Current Events." Mrs. Catherine Gorsky was cateress.

A nominating committee was appointed at the business meeting presided over by Mrs. Nellie Payne, grand regent. Named are: Mrs. Anna Sheahan, Mrs. Mary Dugan, Mrs. Margaret Hogan, Miss Clair Rose Stork, and Miss Margaret Arnold. The group will prepare a slate of officers for nomination at the business meeting May 5.

An interesting book review on "The Silver Chalice" by Thomas B. Costain was given by Miss Anna Frances Payne who was introduced by Miss Mary Falsey, chairman of the educational program.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ann Smith, Mrs. Marian Failey, Mrs. Mary Dugan and Miss Ann O'Donnell.

Dessert Bridge Set By CDA Unit

A dessert bridge sponsored by Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America will be held in the club rooms at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening April 22.

Mrs. Edward J. Widman, grand regent will act as general chairman. Cochairmen are Mrs. Theodore A. Doran and Mrs. Thomas A. Malone.

Committees designated are: tickets, Mrs. William Margraff, Mrs. Catherine Marlowe and Mrs. John McCarthy; refreshments, Mrs. Charles McCarthy, Mrs. James Mallon, Mrs. Owen McCarthy, Mrs. Frank Maloney, Mrs. Allan Malette and Mrs. William Maltner; tables, Mrs. Michael McCarthy, Mrs. Lucy Masia and Miss Mary Mack.

Owego CDA To Hold Breakfast In May

Owego—Plans were made for a Communion breakfast on the third Sunday in May and election took place of a nominating committee to select officers for the ensuing year at the Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America meeting in St. Patrick's Church hall, here.

Mrs. Gerald N. Mead, regent presided. Forty-eight members attended.

A picnic supper in charge of Mrs. Kenneth Kimball and Mrs. Frank McGovern was served at 6:30 p.m.

A nominating committee consists of Mrs. Frank McGovern, chairman; Miss Frances Hofman, Mrs. Walter O'Connell, Mrs. Edmond Morton and Miss Mary Haag.

Plans were also made to serve a breakfast to the Communion Class some time in May. This breakfast will be served in the church hall.

At Ladies of Charity Ceremony

PRINCIPAL ROLES in the Affiliation Ceremony of Elmira Ladies of Charity, Sunday, in Little Flower Chapel, Dunn Memorial Auditorium were taken by above: (from left) Miss Francis Battersby, Ladies of Charity president; Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive secretary, Catholic Family Service, Elmira; His Excellency Bishop Kearney and Rev. Hubert A. Biskey, spiritual director of the organization. Breakfast followed in Mark Twain Hotel.

Bishop Kearney Receives 75 Affiliates In Elmira Ladies Of Charity Ceremony

Seventy-five women were received into the Ladies of Charity at the 13th annual Affiliation Ceremony followed by a Communion Breakfast, Sunday in Elmira.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney of Rochester celebrated the Mass and officiated at the Affiliation Ceremony in the Little Flower Chapel of Dunn Memorial. More than 300 members attended.

Speaking at the Communion Breakfast at Mark Twain Hotel, the Bishop said to the new affiliates: "You now wear the Cross of the Crusader for Charity in the name of Jesus Christ."

AFFILIATED WITH the organization in the ceremony were: Mrs. Elizabeth Kasper, Mrs. Jean F. Ryan, Mrs. Marilyn Walsh, Mrs. Louise Rienzo, Mrs. Louise Capucci, Mrs. Dorothy Sarsfield, Mrs. Mary Catherine Yiesley, Mrs. Mary Catherine Delaney, Mrs. Mary M. Ramich, Mrs. Mary M. Bonsignore.

Mrs. Fred J. Petrick, Mrs. Rita Woodhouse, Mrs. Frances M. D'Ambrosia, Mrs. Georgia E. Lawton, Mrs. Eleanore Kane, Mrs. Mary Ellen Couse, Mrs. Eleanor M. O'Leary, Mrs. Marguerite Serosky, Mrs. Rita Blumer.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Decker, Mrs. Louise F. Johnson, Mrs. Mary M. Middaugh, Mrs. Agnes M. Sullivan, Mrs. Jay Allen, Mrs. Olga Chely, Mrs. Marguerite M. Givin, Mrs. Mary E. Lewis, Mrs. Constance Gridley, Mrs. Kathryn A. Crump.

Mrs. Natalie M. Burke, Mrs. Zaira Rossi, Mrs. Rose M. Geloso, Mrs. Helen G. Steiner, Mrs. Barbara Tewey, Mrs. Camilla M. Pollock, Mrs. Donna Sullivan, Mrs. Anna Barnes, Mrs. Virginia E. Groom, Mrs. Marie E. Casey.

Mrs. Geraldine Armstrong, Mrs. Evelyn C. Hovey, Mrs. Theresa Andrake, Mrs. Mary Novone, Mrs. Catherine Carey, Mrs. Mary Rose Sheehan, Mrs. Florence Peck, Mrs. Regina Murphy, Mrs. Honora E. Reidy, Mrs. Katherine McCallum.

Mrs. Phyllis R. Heverly, Mrs. Helen O'Meara, Mrs. Sally Novick, Mrs. Dorothy Komer, Mrs. Mary Cesari, Miss Margaret McCarthy, Miss Marcelina Polideri, Miss Loretta Bixby, Miss Eleanor Collins, Miss Elizabeth Ann McCarty.

Miss Greta B. Mack, Miss Mary Hayes, Miss Marion Sullivan, Miss Rose De Socio, Miss Irene Tydings, Miss Margaret Tydings, Miss Marguerite Fusare, Miss Patricia A. Maloney, Miss Mary Ginardi, Miss Margaret Margraff, Miss Mary Theresa Aplann.

Miss Mary Ellen Maxey, Miss Betty M. Broschart, Miss Mary Ann Boland, Miss Genevieve Madigan.

"WE CAN LOOK upon Charity from two points of view," Bishop Kearney said. "Our generosity can help people less fortunate than ourselves but we can also see in the poor the Image of Christ.

"Your service to God is exemplified by reason of your being here today," the Bishop continued. "Many in the world would glorify your work but they have lost sight entirely of your point of view. You wear the Crucifix of Jesus Christ, the emblem of the Crusader for Charity.

"We want to serve God in his less fortunate and we can learn to serve the poor by eliminating them from that class." We have promised Our Lord we want to work for his Poor." 'Me you have not always with you,' Christ said, 'but the poor you have always with you,' and through the centuries there have always been those who have been dependent on the generosity of human friends," the Bishop said.

"YOU HAVE PUT on the Cross of Christ" the speaker said, "and may God bless your efforts and keep up the same spiritual enthusiasm your organization has had from the beginning.

Miss Frances Battersby, President of the Ladies of Charity, was toastmaster and introduced those seated at the speakers table. Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Secretary of the organization welcomed the new affiliates and described for them the work of the various committees. Miss Fitzgerald also announced the Affiliation of the local unit with the Ladies of Charity in Paris.

Others at the speakers table were Rev. Hubert A. Biskey, Moderator of the Ladies of Charity, Reverend Phillip McGhan, Reverend Michael Hynes, Miss Nora McDermott, Mrs. John F. McCormack, Mrs. James Goodwin, Mrs. Ellenora Preston, Mrs. Mary McDonald and Miss Helen Ganey.

AFTER MANY YEARS IN FAR EAST

Bishop and Father Cleary, Cousins Meet First Time

Boston —(NC)— Two cousins—one a Bishop and the other a priest, both named Patrick Cleary and both veteran Far East missionaries—met here for the first time.

They had planned a get-together in Shanghai back in 1934, but somehow never got around to keeping the date.

Bishop Patrick Cleary came here on his way home to his native Ireland and met his cousin and namesake, Father Patrick Cleary, a Maryknoller from Ithaca, N. Y. (His sister, Mrs. J. Emmett O'Brien resides in Rochester).

THE BISHOP is a member of the Society of St. Columban. He is Bishop of Nancheng and was expelled from China by the communists shortly before last Christmas. He had been subjected to house arrest for 10 months after he had infuriated the communists by reminding his faithful that all who joined the Red-rigged national church faced excommunication.

Bishop Cleary is a native of Kildysart, Ireland. He was ordained in 1911 and after teaching at Maynooth for some years joined the Columban Fathers in 1918. He went to China as a missionary in 1931. He was consecrated a Bishop in 1939.

It was a child's letter written in 1933 that brought the cousins in contact with each other. The letter was addressed simply to "Father Patrick Cleary, China." The efficient Chinese post office at length delivered the letter to the only Father Patrick Cleary known in China. But it turned out to be the wrong one.

WHEN HE FOUND the letter was not for him, the future Bishop searched through a U. S. Official Catholic Directory and discovered the whereabouts of a Father Patrick Cleary, Maryknoller, in Korea. He forwarded the letter with a note of apology which opened correspondence between them.

It wasn't long before further correspondence developed that the two Fathers Patrick Cleary were cousins. After the planned meeting in Shanghai in 1934 did not materialize, the meeting here was the first opportunity they had to get together.

Between them they have amassed a total of 47 years in the Far East mission field—22 years for Bishop Cleary and 25 years for Father Cleary. Both have high hopes of returning to the Far East.

Cornell Newman Club Elects New Officers

Ithaca—At the April 12 general meeting of Cornell Newman Club, elections of officers for next year were held. The winning candidates included Art Auer '54, president; Mary Shepard '54, vice-president; Deborah Kroker '54, secretary, and Joe Cillo '55, treasurer.

The evening's program also included a buffet supper, served prior to the meeting.

World Leaders Recognize Elmira Unit

Affiliation with the International Association of the Ladies of Charity in Paris, France, an unusual recognition was received by the Elmira unit.

The organization was given the deserved recognition for their interest, zeal devotion to the work and ideals of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul.

The notification reads:

Superior General

Of the Congregation of the Mission and of the Society of the Ladies of Charity.

Greetings in the Lord

By virtue of the faculties granted by the Holy Apostolic See to the Congregation of the Mission in the Bull of its erection and by the approbation of the Bishop, we hereby admit the group of matrons existing for the care of the poor and sick in the City of Elmira, Diocese of Rochester, into the Confraternity of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and make it a participant in all the indulgencies which the Sovereign Pontiffs have been honored to grant to Confraternities of this kind.

Given at Paris, in the primaria house of the Congregation of the Mission, under our signature and seal and subscribed to by our secretary on the second day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1953.

William M. Slattery, C.M.
Superior General

N.B. Since the Rector of the Parisienne Confraternity each year, within the third week after Easter, is accustomed to take an inventory of everything done by the universal sodality of Charity toward the poor and sick, it is entirely proper that a report be sent to him first, directly or by means of the National Council or Regional, if there be one, by the Confraternities established everywhere in the world, of their administration. For in this way the zeal of the associates will be more efficaciously excited and all the Confraternities will be strengthened in their spirit of unity.

Rural Mail Box Week Set By Postmaster

The Post Office Department has designated the week of April 13 to April 18, 1953 as Rural Mail Box Improvement Week.

Rural mail boxes which are not properly erected or which are not in good serviceable condition retard the delivery of mail and expose it to damage from the elements, Postmaster Donald A. Dailey said.

It is the desire of the Department to encourage patrons of the motorized delivery service to provide suitable mail receptacles and to erect them in such a manner that they will be readily accessible to the carrier and present a neat appearance.

It is especially desirable that the boxes be maintained in a condition that will assure proper protection to mail placed therein, that the names of the box owners and street number be inscribed on the boxes, and that the boxes and their supports be kept painted.

Canadian Editor

Toronto — (NC) — Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for Henry Somerville, 64, long-time editor of The Canadian Register, educator and writer, was offered in Our Lady of Lourdes Church here. He died February 20.

St. Agnes High Work To Begin

Contract for construction of the new St. Agnes High School in East River Rd., Elmira, was awarded to A. W. Hausman and Sons Company, Wednesday according to the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of the school. Amount of the firm's bid was not disclosed.

The school will include a 30-classroom building for 900 girls, a gymnasium and cafeteria building and auditorium and a convent for the 25-member teaching staff. A chapel seating 400 persons will be built in the convent.

Home economics, art and secretarial studies will be taught at the school as well as regular academic courses, Reverend Mother M. Helene, superior-general of the Sisters of St. Joseph announced.

WORK ON THE project will begin immediately and the buildings are expected to be ready for occupancy in September, 1954, Mother Helene said. The new school designed by Wasdorp and Northrup, architects, will be built on a 30-acre property, formerly part of the Warren estate, purchased by the Sisters two years ago. The property is east of the entrance to Genesee Valley Park.

Early plans estimated cost of the new four-unit school at $2 million dollars. Mother Helene said that the religious community received $250,000 in building funds from the Bishop's Jubilee High School Fund conducted in the diocese last year. Other financing plans were not announced.

The present St. Agnes High School building at 876 Main St. East will continue in use are as an elementary school. The building now is operated for 200 pupils, half elementary pupils and half high school.

Two More Missioners Expelled From China

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Two Catholic missionaries, an American and a Belgian, arrived here after being expelled from Communist China.

They are the Rev. Denis Chatigny, 48, a naturalized American born in Quebec, and the Rev. Alfred Tops, O.M.I., 38.

Father Tops, a China missionary for 49 years, had been imprisoned two years ago in North China. Father Chatigny, who came to China in 1934, had been in jail 15 months.

The Belgian priest was accused of having struck students and of having "punished" some Catholics for smoking opium and heroin. The Communists supposedly regarded Father Tops' opposition to drug addiction as an infringement upon their own authority.

Father Chatigny was charged with maltreating orphans, a standard accusation against foreign missionaries. He said he had not suffered physical hardship during his imprisonment.

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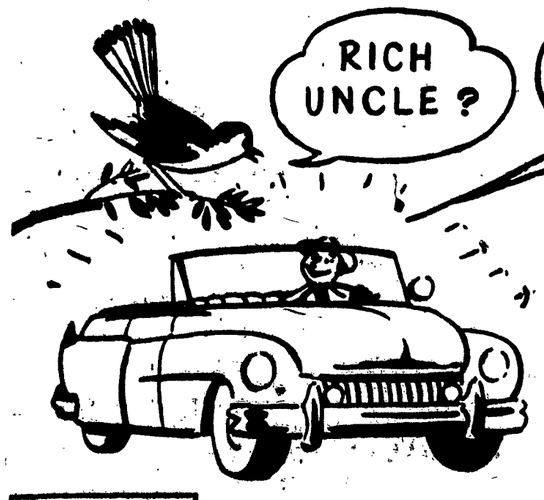

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