



**HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHED** — His Excellency Bishop Kearney (photo left) defied the rain to break ground Wednesday afternoon for the new St. Agnes High School

on a 20-acre site on the East River Road in Brighton. Shown with the Bishop (photo left) are the Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church; Rev.

Mother M. Helene, S.S.J., superior general of the diocesan Sisters of St. Joseph; and Sister Rose Alma, S.S.J., principal of St. Agnes High School. Also on hand to wit-

ness the groundbreaking rites were St. Agnes High students (photo right) whose large banner tells the story.

## Mercy High Opens Jubilee Rites At Alumnae Breakfast

"Self-sacrifice and trust in God" which gave the Sisters of Mercy courage to found Rochester's Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1882 were saluted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the opening ceremonies of the school's Silver Jubilee Sunday morning.



**SPEAKERS** at the Communion Breakfast of Our Lady of Mercy High School Alumnae Association opening the school's Silver Jubilee Sunday included: seated (from left) Marilyn Winfield, president; His Excellency Bishop Kearney; Rev. Richard Tormey, chaplain; standing (from left) Sister M. Francesca, principal and Mary Kelly, breakfast chairman.

A Communion Breakfast following a Mass he celebrated for them in the Mercy Auditorium, the Bishop praised the school's scholastic and social accomplishments of the past quarter century.

"No secondary school in the State of New York is rated any higher among the civil authorities of education than is your Alma Mater," he declared.

The Mass and Communion Breakfast were the first formal exercises of a two-month long celebration marking Mercy High's 25th birthday. The next event will be a Jubilee Concert by the School's Orchestra and Glee Club on May 10-11.

**MISS MARY KELLY**, 49, was the breakfast chairman and Miss Marilyn Winfield, 46, Alumnae Association President, was toast mistress.

Present at the speakers' table were Rt. Rev. Magr. Charles J. Mahoney, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools; Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B. President of St. John Fisher College, Rev.

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## Fr. Ratigan Gives Report On Charities

Eight Catholic Charities agencies, all affiliates of the Rochester Community Chest, spent a total of \$878,220.18 for operation during the 18-month period of April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953, according to the annual report issued today by the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

Father Ratigan reported that funds expended by the eight Catholic agencies included \$313,340.59 from the Rochester Community Chest. A total of \$569,597.05 was received by the agencies from sources other than the Chest.

A breakdown of this statement shows that during the past year of operation the diocesan agencies have served 2,041 families, considered 1,239 applications for service, placed 598 children in foster homes and provided for 150,420 days of child care. Charities' statistics also show that 953 families used the service provided by the agencies for the first time this year.



Father Ratigan

Richard Tormey, chaplain of Mercy, Sister Mary Francesca, principal of Mercy since its foundation and Sister Mary Jeanne, moderator of the Alumnae Association.

Silver and blue decorations and large bouquets of Spring flowers composed the decorative ensemble of the gym where the breakfast was served. The Mass setting on the Auditorium stage was decked with white lilies and the new Mass vestments were of silver cloth with blue trim.

"WE COME TO celebrate the story of Mercy's twenty-five years with a sense of pride, a sense of happiness and a sense of joy," the Bishop told the alumnae audience which filled the school gym. "Your coming in such large numbers is evidence of the devotion, loyalty and love you have for a great school."

Establishment of Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1828 was a milestone in diocesan history, the Bishop said. Eliriances of the

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## Bishop Byrne's Death Confirmed By Reds

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — North Korean Communist authorities soon will release a small group of American civilian internees, including one Catholic and five Methodist missionaries, according to information received here by the State Department.

The Department notified Methodist and Catholic mission offices that the Soviet Foreign Office had advised the U. S. embassy in Moscow of the forthcoming release.

The Russians said the North Koreans were "taking steps to release" the civilian internees and that the U. S. government would be kept informed about the actual date of liberation and other arrangements.

**THE SOVIET** announcement brought the first definite word that Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Maryknoll missionary from Washington, D. C., and Apostolic Delegate to Korea, was dead.

Father Frederick McGuire of the Catholic Mission Secretariat here said that the State Department's information from the Russian Foreign Office included a report that Bishop Byrne had died.

Father McGuire said no details had been furnished about the time, place or cause of death.

(As a boy, Bishop Byrne lived for a time in Auburn, N. Y., attended Holy Family School there and served as an altar boy in the parish church. Cousins of the missionary reside in that city.)

**LAST OCTOBER**, the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda in Rome issued a statement saying that the bishop, arrested in Seoul in July, 1950, and not heard of since, must be presumed dead.

Among the missionaries to be released is Father William Booth of Rockville Center, N. Y., Bishop Byrne's secretary, who was arrested with him.

In all, 13 American civilians are believed to have been interned by the Communists at the outbreak of the Korean war.

## Atomic Troops Get Special Chapel

Mercury, Nev. — (RNS) — Troops participating in tests at the Special Weapons (Atomic) Proving Grounds near here have expressed such a desire to pray that a special chapel has been constructed here.

**Receipts From Chest:** Catholic Family Center, \$147,343.74; St. Anne's Home for the Aged, \$25,722.58; St. Elizabeth's Guild House, \$5,400.00; St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester, \$32,618.85; Charles Settlement House, \$20,391.20; Columbus Youth Association, Rochester, \$37,518.95; Columbus Youth Association, East Rochester, \$15,016.56; Genesee Settlement House, \$20,328.71.



REV. EDWARD K. BALL

## Father Ball Named Dean In Geneva

Geneva — The Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church has been appointed dean of the Geneva Deanery by Bishop James E. Kearney of the Rochester Diocese. The appointment was announced Sunday.

Father Ball will have the title of Very Reverend and will also use the letters V.F. (Very Father) after his name. He will succeed as dean the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. McPadden, former pastor of St. Stephen's Church.

**THE NEW** dean has been closely associated with St. Francis de Sales parish for a number of years. He is a former principal of De Sales High School.

He first came to Geneva as principal of the high school and assumed the duties of that office Sept. 8, 1928, acting as assistant to the late Msgr. McPadden. He succeeded the Rev. Francis Mason as principal of De Sales.

Later Father Ball combined the duties of principalship of the high school with that of pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Stanley.

He left De Sales High School in April, 1939, and was appointed to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church, Dansville, June, 1940.

The Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, now pastor of St. Stephen's Church, succeeded Father Ball as principal of De Sales High School.

**APPOINTMENT** of Father Ball as pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish was made February 22, 1945. He succeeded the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee.

Parishes included in the Geneva Deanery are: St. Mary's, Canandaigua; Holy Cross, Ovid; St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls; St. Mary's, Waterloo; St. Michael's, Lyons; St. John the Evangelist, Clyde; St. Michael's, Penn Yan; St. Theresa, Stanley and St. Michael's, Newark.

## Ground Broken For Girl's School By Bishop Kearney

A landmark in the educational program of the diocese of Rochester occurred Wednesday afternoon, when His Excellency Bishop Kearney broke ground for the new St. Agnes High School.

Students of St. Agnes High opened the ceremony by singing the St. Agnes Hymn and "Hall Holy Joseph Hall," under the direction of Sister Ann Virginia, S.S.J., of the high school staff.

**THE REVEREND** William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, in which parish the new school will rise; Rev. Mother M. Helene, S.S.J., Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and Sister Rose Alma, S.S.J., principal of St. Agnes High, stood by the Bishop as he turned the first spadeful of earth.

Clergy present for the ceremony included the Rt. Rev. Monsignors Charles F. Shay, Joseph H. Gellert and John M. Duffy; Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, and Reverend Fathers William H. Shannon, Charles B. Connell, Alfredo Morotti, John M. Merklinger, William J. O'Brien and Lawrence E. Ward.

St. Agnes High School is one of four high schools included in the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund drive which was held in diocese from Oct. 28 to Nov. 11 of last year.

**NAMED IN HONOR** of Mother Agnes Hines, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph from 1882 until 1921, the girls' high school has existed as an educational institution in Rochester for some years.

Since its inception in 1940, it has been located in temporary quarters in the former St. Agnes Institute next to Corpus Christi Church on East Main Street.

At its opening 13 years ago, St. Agnes taught first year high school students under the State charter of Nazareth Academy, a girls' high school also conducted in Rochester by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Subsequently St. Agnes obtained its own New York State charter and graduated its first class in June, 1944.

**ERECTION OF THE** new St. Agnes High School, which will accommodate 800 girls and is planned for opening this year, will give the Sisters of St. Joseph charge of two major girls' high schools in the See City of the diocese.

Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue, Rochester's first Catholic high school for girls was organized by the St. Joseph Sisters in 1870 and has a current enrollment of 1,200 students.

**Meat Permitted Next Friday**

A dispensation to Catholics throughout the world from the Friday Law of Abstinence on May 1 was granted by the Sacred Congregation of the Council in Vatican City, Wednesday.

Reason for the dispensation is that May 1 is now widely observed as a labor holiday and as a day for Marian observances according to NCWC News Service.

**Dennis Day Solos In Boyhood Parish**

New York — (NC) — Dennis Day, radio-TV tenor, returned to the scene of earlier triumphs to sing in the parish choir of his boyhood.

Attending the 12:20 Mass in St. Benedict's Church in the Bronx, Mr. Day took his old place in the choir and, on request, sang two solos, "Ave Maria" and "Panis Angelicus."

He was in New York to receive awards from the Alumni Society of Manhattan College and the student body of Marymount College in Tarrytown, N. Y.

**Daylight Time Begins Sunday**

Daylight Saving Time in areas of the Diocese of Rochester, where voted, will begin Sunday morning, April 26 at 2 a.m. Clocks should be set ahead an hour the night before. Church services will be scheduled on Daylight Saving Time, Sunday, April 26.

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Special Edition Next Week

Next week's edition (May 1, 1953) of the Catholic Courier-Journal will include, besides the regular edition, a special 60-page supplement honoring Bishop-elect Lawrence B. Casey who will be consecrated Auxiliary to the Bishop of Rochester on Tuesday, May 5.

This souvenir edition will carry complete information on the forthcoming consecration ceremony and a large 6 x 10 inch colored photo of the Bishop-elect in his episcopal robes. This picture will be suitable for framing.

All readers, we feel, will want to preserve this copy of Bishop Casey's Souvenir supplement as an memento of diocesan history. Those wishing extra copies of this consecration supplement are urged to order them no later than Monday, April 27 by writing the Courier-Journal Office, 35 Scie Street, Rochester, N. Y. or calling BAKER 6210.