



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 witness 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 1828 were saluted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the opening ceremonies of the school's Silver Jubilee Sunday morning.

Addressing 585 graduates of the Blossom Road school at



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 Torrey, 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. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., President of St. John Fisher College, Rev. Consistently the best in flowers. Discriminating customers describe the best. Perry's Flower Shop Inc., 441 Chest Ave., Rt. 1, 1180 E. River Road, Arcade, N.Y. 14604—adv.

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, 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 \$569,397.05 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 2041 families, considered 1239 applications for foster placed 596 children in foster homes and provided for 150,420 days of child care. Charities statistics also show that 853 families used the service provided by the agencies for the first time this year.

Biggest Community Chest recipient of funds was the Catholic Family Center, which provided family and child care services, received \$147,343.74 from the Community Chest and \$218,335.51 from other sources. The Family Center expended \$362,339.93 during the past fiscal year.

Receipts Other Than Chest: Catholic Family Center, \$218,335.51; St. Ann's Home for the Aged, \$185,058.25; St. Elizabeth's Guild House, \$20,054.68; St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester, \$99,345.03; Charles Settlement House, \$2,260.00; Columbus Youth Association, Rochester, \$36,037.95; Columbus Youth Association, East Rochester, \$1,371.62; Geneva Settlement House, \$3,734.01.

Receipts From Chest: Catholic Family Center, \$147,343.74; St. Ann's Home for the Aged, \$25,722.58; St. Elizabeth's Guild House, \$5,400.00; St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester, \$22,618.85; Charles Settlement House, \$20,391.20; Columbus Youth Association, Rochester, \$37,518.95; Columbus Youth Association, East Rochester, \$15,016.54; Geneva Settlement House, \$3,734.01.

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.

Special Edition Next Week
Next week's edition (May 1, 1953) of the Catholic Courier-Journal will include, besides the regular edition, a special 68-page supplement honoring Bishop-elect Lawrence A. Casey who will be consecrated Auxiliary to the Bishop of Rochester on Tuesday, May 5.

This storeroom 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 Special Edition as an important moment in 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 Side Street, Rochester, N. Y. or calling 544-4210.

Yugo's Tito 'Not Invited,' State Reveals

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The State Department has assured the Knights of Columbus that it has no plans to invite President Tito of Yugoslavia to visit the United States.

At the time of Marshal Tito's visit to Great Britain in mid-March, some newsmen speculated that the Yugoslav dictator would also be invited to America. Joseph F. Lamb, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, wrote to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declaring the hope of the Knights that such rumors were unfounded.

IN A LETTER released by the K. of C. national headquarters here, Henry P. Lawrich, State Department officer in charge of Balkan Affairs, wrote that "the question of a possible invitation to Marshal Tito to visit this country has not arisen and is not under consideration at this time."

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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 for girls.

Ceremonies took place on a 20-acre tract, purchased by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1948, on the East River Road in the populous Brighton suburb adjacent to the Rochester city line.

Students of St. Agnes High opened the ceremony by singing the St. Agnes Alma Mater, 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. Getell and John M. Duffy; Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, and Reverend Fathers William H. Shannon, Charles B. Connelly, 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 the 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 43 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.

ERECTOR 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.

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, Oild; 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.

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.

This news report was confirmed in Rochester by His Excellency Bishop Kearney who said: "All Catholics of the Rochester Diocese may eat meat on next Friday, May 1 by reason of the dispensation issued this week by the Sacred Congregation of the Council."

Dennis Day Solos In Boyhood Parish

New York — (NC) — Dennis Day, radio-TV tenor, returned to the scene of earlier triumphs 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 "Pans 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.

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, Danville, June, 1940.

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

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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