

# 1,500 Students To Appear In Schools' Music Festival At Eastman Theater

Fifteen hundred students will join forces for the fifth annual Rochester Catholic Schools Music Festival scheduled at the Eastman Theater next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 19 and 20, at 8:15 p.m.

This year's program will be held on two consecutive evenings to accommodate the large attendance which exceeded the capacity of the Eastman Theater last year.

THE FESTIVAL arranged to demonstrate the musical ability of the pupils of Diocesan schools, is sponsored by His Excellency Bishop Kearney and is under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of the Catholic schools.

Music education from the college level to kindergarten will be represented in the two-night program.

The Aquinas Institute Band, under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer, M. Mus., will play various selections and the interlude music on both evenings.

Tuesday night's program will include selections by St. Agnes High School Glee Club, Nazareth College Glee Club, Aquinas Institute Glee Club, and St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing Glee Club.

The Inter-Parochial School Orchestra, under the direction of Wilfred R. Duquette, will present a program of familiar selections. Students from Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School and Aquinas Institute will combine talents for a dance arrangement of the "Rosenkavalier Waltz".

Three separate choruses made up by students of the parochial schools will be heard. J. Theodore Hollenbach, B.S. Mus., will conduct the Boys Glee Club; Virginia Bogdan, M. Mus., will direct the All Girls Chorus and Austin Truit, M. M., is in charge of the mixed Boys and Girls Chorus.

A SELECTION of folk dances and a modern dance will also be executed by students of the grammar school level.

On Wednesday evening's program, performances by the parochial school students will be replaced, whereas the colleges and high schools are appearing alternate nights.

The Fontbonne Band, an all-girl organization of Nazareth Academy will be heard at the Festival for the first time and will open the program.

Selections by the Academy of the Sacred Heart Choir, Our Lady of Mercy High School Glee Club, St. John Fisher College Glee Club and the Nazareth Academy Persian Choir will be heard.

St. John Fisher College Glee Club is appearing at the Festival for the first time.

Of the 1500 students participating in the two-night program, 300 appear in the various instrumental groups and 1200 in the choral, dance routines and glee clubs.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS represented in the selected presentations include pupils from the following schools:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Holy Apostles, Holy Rosary, St. Anne, St. Anthony, St. Francis Xavier, St. Monica, Holy Family, Holy Redeemer, St. Boniface, St. Joseph, St. Michael, Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Augustine.

Holy Cross, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Andrew, St. John the Evangelist, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Salome, St. Louis Nazareth Hall, St. Ambrose, SS. Peter and Paul, St. James, St. John (Greece), Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Stanislaus, St. Cecilia.

**Former Monastery Now Red Museum**

London—(RNS)—A "museum of progressive literature" has been opened by the Czechoslovak government in the former Strahov monastery, the Prague Radio announced.

It will be the only museum of its kind in Czechoslovakia and the first permanent exhibition of this type outside the Soviet Union.

Established soon after the foundation of the Premonstratensian Order in the 12th century, the Strahov monastery is a baroque-style building located on one of the hills outside Prague. It was noted for its fine collection of medieval books and manuscripts, paintings and various other priceless art objects.

Early last year, Dr. Stanislav Jaroš, prior of the Strahov monastery, was reported to have died in a Prague hospital in Prague.

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**FLORADORA DANCE**—Feature of the two-night Rochester Catholic Schools Music Festival next Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Eastman Theater will be a "Floradora Dance" presentation by parochial school pupils. Here rehearsing the routine are (left to right): Janet Polenta, 12, St. Andrew's School; James Kuhn, 12, St. Andrew's School; John Shea, 13, St. Augustine School; and Anne Shea, 12, St. Augustine School.



**"STRIKE UP THE BAND"**—Among the 300 students who will appear as instrumentalists at the Music Festival of Rochester Catholic Schools will be the Fontbonne Band of Nazareth Academy and the Aquinas Institute Band. Here in a warm up session are (left to right): Elicanor Zapf, Carol Magdonalds and Carol Doercher of Nazareth Fontbonne Band; and John Delehanty and Louis Gioacchino of the Aquinas Band.

## Prayer Saved Me Wounded Man Plays Dead In Communist Foxhole

With the First Marine Division in Korea—(NC)—Prayer and faith in God are what Pfc. David C. Behnke, a Catholic of Decatur, Ill., believes kept him alive the night he played dead after he was wounded and Chinese swarmed over the area.

The 19-year-old Marine was on a reconnaissance patrol with his platoon near Panmunjom when they were ambushed by the enemy.

"My fire team was pointing for the platoon. We had just crawled across some trenches scouting out an area about 40 yards in front of the platoon," he said.

"We didn't hear anything until we were challenged by the Chinese. They evidently thought that we were their own troops. They were taken by surprise.

"We opened up on them, killing or wounding several of them. There were several in front and behind us. They opened up with burp guns, and a machine gun was firing over our head at our platoon, trying to keep them down and back. The firing became so intense the platoon had to withdraw before they could enter the narrow draw again. One of the Marines with me was hit.

"The Chinese were up on a little higher ground and rolled hand grenades down the hill at us. Three of the enemy threw hand grenades and fired burp guns, killing one of my fire team

and wounding me in the hand. I rolled over in a trench in key quiet. I had used up all of my ammunition.

"I LAY by the Marine that had been killed in the trench as the Chinese came up from behind us. The took my gun and searched my pockets. They must have been pretty scared themselves because they got out of there pretty quick. All the time they searched me I lay as quiet as possible. It seemed like my breathing was awful loud, but evidently they didn't notice it.

"I was praying all the time." "They tried to take my armpit vest, but because the trench was pretty narrow, they couldn't get it off.

"Pretty soon I heard people moving all around, but I didn't know who it was. Later I found out it was my platoon.

"We were hit about ten o'clock in the evening, and I lay there until five in the morning. During the time I was playing dead I was thinking about what our priest had said at Mass Sunday morning. I really did a lot of praying and know that God brought me back from that night of hell."

## Bishop Casey's Pontifical Mass, Reception Sunday

The first Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey will take place in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, May 17 at 10 a.m. in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

A public reception for Bishop Casey will be held also on next Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School Hall, Flower City Park, at Holmes Park. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Sermon at the Pontifical Mass will be delivered by Bishop Kearney who will preside at the throne during the Mass. He will be attended by the Rev. J. Norbert Luis of Syracuse and the Rev. Louis A. Mulvihill of Los Angeles, Cal., as concelebrants. The Very Rev. John E. Maney, Vice Chancellor, will be master of ceremonies to Bishop Kearney.

Bishop Casey will be assisted by the Rev. William J. Naughton, assistant priest; the Rev. Robert J. Fox, deacon and the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, subdeacon. The Rev. Edward J. McAniff will be master of ceremonies.

Altar boys of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish will take the minor offices. Music will be furnished by the Cathedral Men's Choir directed by Raymond J. Hasenauer with Vernon McArdle at the organ.

## Priest Arrives In N. Y. From Red Prison

By N.E.W.C. News Service  
New York—At least a dozen times during questioning, Communists tried to indoctrinate an American missionary priest they held in North Korea.

But they made no headway. This was revealed by the priest himself, Father William Booth, a Maryknoller, who Wednesday afternoon arrived at Idlewild Airport. His release along with that of six other Americans was obtained through the good offices of the Russian Foreign Office.

Speaking for himself and other Catholic internees whom Reds tried to sway to their Marxist outlook, Father Booth commented:

"We got a kick out of that. And I think we indoctrinated them more than they indoctrinated us.

Father Booth rushed from the plane into the arms of his 77-year-old mother, who was waiting at the airport with the priest's four brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Booth cried a little at the reunion but was calm most of the time. She had been informed of her son's release by the U. S. State Department last Apr. 16. She later received a cable from him when he arrived in Moscow.

Father Booth told of celebrating Mass in Moscow for the first time in two years and 10 months. He was met in Moscow by the Rev. Georges Bissonette, American Assumptionist priest, who serves the American Embassy there.

During his time in the hands of the Reds, there was never a permission granted to hold religious services. He was also informed by the Japanese in World War II but he said that was a "Sunday School picnic" compared to the North Korean experience.

## China Reds Monopolize Nun's Medical Service

Hong Kong—(NC)—A Catholic nun—a name synonymous with a "murderer of orphans" in Chinese Communist propaganda—found her medical services so monopolized by the Reds that the ordinary citizens complained about it.

The story was told here by Sister Fortunata Kobler, a Swiss Dominican, after her ouster by the Chinese officials.

Interned for more than a year by the Reds at Tingchow, West Kueien province, the nun was nevertheless permitted to continue operating a makeshift dispensary. The people availing themselves most of these

free services were the Red soldiers, government officials and their families who visited the dispensary almost daily.

Police officials had confined Sister Fortunata to the convent, but top Red officials got this restriction lifted when they wanted the nun to tend sick members of their families at home. The ordinary citizens could never get the restriction lifted. On two occasions they complained formally to the local authorities that the nun's services were monopolized by the "big shots." As a result Sister Fortunata was permitted to visit the homes of two poor people to care for the sick.

## Pope Urges World Powers To Open Peace Discussion

Vatican City—(NC)—A call for "a frank and loyal discussion" between world powers as "an indispensable condition of peace" was sounded here by His Holiness Pope Pius XII at an audience to the foreign press corps in Rome. Held in the Consistorial Hall of the Vatican Palace, the audience was attended by about 150 correspondents from 30 countries who afterwards met the Holy Father personally. Speaking in French, Pope Pius stressed the newspapermen's responsibility to serve truth, and his opportunity to serve the cause of justice and peace among nations.

## Jesuits Name Head For McQuaid High

The Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J., has been appointed the first Rector of the new McQuaid High School for boys now being planned in Rochester, it was announced today by the Very Rev. John J. McMahon, S.J., Provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus.

The new high school is to be erected on a 25-acre tract of land adjoining the southeast corner of Elmwood Avenue and Clinton Avenue S. in Brighton, and will be conducted by the Jesuit Fathers.

FATHER BARNETT arrived in Rochester yesterday to familiarize himself with the duties of his new post. Today he is scheduled to pay his respects to His Excellency Bishop Kearney who will welcome him to the city.

The new McQuaid rector, who was born March 2, 1905 in Brooklyn, New York, attended St. Francis Prep in Brooklyn and Fordham University. He entered the Jesuit Order in February, 1925, and was ordained to the sacred priesthood in June, 1937, by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, D.D., late Archbishop of Baltimore.

The first administrative assignment given to Father Barnett as a priest after he had received his Ph. D. degree from the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, was as Dean of the School of Business of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, N. J., from 1939 to 1942.

SHORTLY AFTER the outbreak of World War II, Father Barnett entered the U. S. Army as a Chaplain. He served in this capacity from March, 1942, to July, 1946, at which time he was discharged after having attained the rank of Major in the South Pacific theatre of operations.

Upon separation from the service, Father Barnett was assigned to Fordham University, New York, where he was Dean of the School of Adult Education from 1946 to 1948 and Director of the City Hall Division of the University in 1947-48.

In 1948 he became Rector of Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York, which post he has held up to the time of this present appointment. Since 1951 Father Barnett has also been Executive Chairman of the Jesuit Building Fund which is conducting a \$5,000,000 appeal for construction of the Jesuit major Seminary of Loyola at Shrub Oak, New York. He will remain as Executive Chairman of the

## Assists At 1st Mass Of GI He Baptized

Portsmouth, Ohio—(NC)—Father James Galvin received a GI named Murchie into the Church when he was a chaplain with the Engineer Glider Battalion. Last week the Indianapolis priest stood at the altar as the former GI, now Father Andre Murchie, O.S.B., said his first Solemn Mass. Father Galvin assisted as deacon to the newly ordained priest whom he had instructed and baptized in World War II.

It is anticipated that the school, which will accommodate 1,000 boys, will be completed and ready for the opening of classes in September of 1954.

## LILAC QUEEN FROM MERCY



MARLENE NEIDINGER, senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School was chosen Lilac Queen to reign over Rochester's Lilac Festival opening May 20. A member of the Maids of Honor, Miss Neidinger has been a soloist with the Mercy Glee Club for 4 years. Daughter of Mrs. Joseph Neidinger, she is a member of St. Andrew's Parish. (Photo by Vardas Studios).

EMPHASIZING the Church's neutrality toward political powers, the Holy Father declared that "the Church remains impartial and independent, and even though the contrary may be affirmed a thousand times over, the Holy See does not allow itself to be taken in tow by any power or group of political powers."

Remembering that in the world there is a time for war, for peace, for speaking, and for being silent, Pope Pius said: "There is not a tempus veri—a time for truth, and a tempus falsi—a time for error. When it is a question of the relations between nations and States, the educating of public opinion to look at things as they are and to consider the truth dispassionately, with calm and dignity, is one of the essential conditions for the smoothing of opposition, for bringing people together, and for peace."

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## Mission Nun Scares Red Police Chief

Hong Kong—(RNS)—Fate—in the habit of a Roman Catholic nun—caught up with a petty Chinese Communist tyrant here.

Sister Dominic of the Maryknoll Convent here was walking in the street near the Maryknoll school when she came face to face with the Communist police chief of Tokelan.

The chief was in disguise but Sister Dominic couldn't forget the face of the man who had put her through grueling interrogations during the two years she had been held by the Chinese Communists.

The nun stared in disbelief. Realizing that his disguise had been discovered, the frightened official ran.

The incident left local authorities wondering what a Chinese Communist police chief was doing in Hong Kong.

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