

# Diocese Donated \$264,700.24 To Missions In 1952

Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester backed up the Church's worldwide mission apostolate during 1952 with gifts totalling \$264,700.24, according to the annual report of Monsignor John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In the year of 1951, diocesan contributions to the missions totalled \$248,852.48.

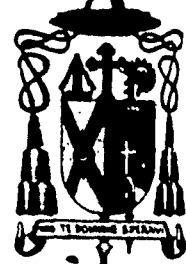
Monsignor Randall issued the 1952 Propagation of the Faith report on the eve of the annual Mission Collection.

## Mission Sunday Collection — Oct. 18

Feast of the Holy Rosary 1953

My Dear People:

During October of each year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith makes its annual appeal for the support of the missions of our Church throughout the world.



The missionaries who have spoken to you from time to time have shown the problems that confront them in endeavoring to maintain their work. They have shown you the heroic work of men and women in their efforts to spread the Kingdom of Christ over the face of the earth.

Those, however, who come to us from time to time are a very small part of the immense program carried on all over the world by the Apostles of Christ as they hold aloft His cross on land and sea.

They appeal to us each year on Mission Sunday through the Propagation of the Faith for the help necessary to continue their work in these mission areas. They have given everything; their lives, their talents, their labors. We certainly cannot be indifferent to their appeal for the spread of Christ's Kingdom is our responsibility, no less than theirs. The giving of our prayers and our money on Mission Sunday is indeed small sacrifice as compared with theirs.

May I then ask your sincere and generous support of the Mission Sunday Collection for the Propagation of the Faith, that our offering may be worthy of the traditional generosity of Rochester to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

With grateful blessing, I remain

Your Devoted Shepherd in Christ

*John E. Kearney*  
Bishop of Rochester

P.S. The collection is to be taken up at all the Masses on Sunday, October 18.

Which will be conducted this Sunday (Oct. 18) in all churches of the diocese. He revealed that Mission Sunday contributions last year amounted to \$161,900.13.

In his annual appeal made last Sunday in all churches, His Excellency Bishop Kearney called for the generous support of the collection on next Sunday and stressed the personal obligation of all Catholics to come to the aid of the missionaries laboring at home and abroad.

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The Mission Sunday collection and other monetary gifts received

### REPORTS

Detailed itemization of the 1952 receipts and expenditures of the Diocesan Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is contained in a special Mission Sunday supplement published with this issue of the Courier-Journal.

ed during the year by the Propagation of the Faith Society are divided three ways, Monsignor Randall explained. He said that 51 percent of each dollar goes to foreign missions and 9 percent to the Catholic Near East.

Memberships in the Society — the Holy Father's "Community Chest" for worldwide missions — are received in the churches on Mission Sunday.

BENEFITS: The Mission Sunday contributions, totaling more than \$264,700.24, include a special gift designated for the amount of \$44,383.96. The sum of \$38,547.17 was realized through the Missionary Plan by which each parish gives one collection each year to some missionary society. The report also included \$28,393.79 provided through wills and \$35,748.84 in Mass Stipends distributed to missionary priests.

Children in the schools through the Holy Childhood Association raised the amount of \$27,866.23. Miscellaneous income amounted to \$666.27.

## Zoning Code Relaxed For National Shrine

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Zoning restrictions on the location of the proposed National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to be erected on the Campus of Catholic University of America here were waived by special action of the District of Columbia commissioners.

The campus area's building limit under the zoning code is 90 feet but the church roof will be 123 feet high while the cross on the central dome of its great steeple will rise 243 feet over the adjoining area.

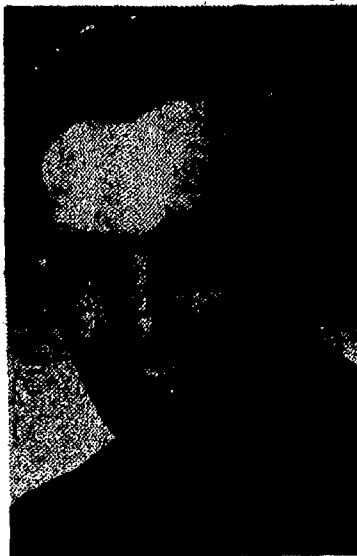
In asking for the waiver, the architectural firm of Maginnis and Walsh told the commissioners that "the erection of this great church to its designed dimensions will be an asset to the District of Columbia and the nation."

The church structure was begun in the early 1920's and the foundations, basement and crypt church were completed. The Catholic bishops of the United States are sponsoring a \$6,000,000 fund appeal for the construction of the great Upper Church.

## Maryknoll Expects Vocation Increase

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, predicted that more priests will be ordained here in the next ten years than are in the society today.

At cornerstone laying ceremonies for the new permanent chapel at Maryknoll Major Seminary, Bishop Lane pointed to the increase in the number of students since World War II. He said that 150 new Maryknoll priests will be ordained within the next three years. On Maryknoll's 42nd birthday last June, the society numbered six bishops, 544 priests and 675 students, he said.



MONSIGNOR BURNS

## Rochester Priest In Rome Named Domestic Prelate

The Very Rev. Magr. Richard K. Burns, a priest of the Rochester Diocese now serving as vice-rector of the North American College in Rome, Italy, has been elevated by Pope Pius XII to the rank of a domestic prelate with the title of "Right Reverend Monsignor," according to a cable received this week from Rome by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

THE PAPAL honor was conferred upon Monsignor Burns on the occasion of the dedication this week of the new North American College building. The Rochester priest has served as vice-rector of the North American College since March, 1947, when the institution was reopened after World War II.

A native of Rochester, he is the son of Mrs. Adelaide Burns, 10 Sibley Place, Rochester, and the late John Burns, well known Rochester newspaper man.

AN ALUMNUS of Blessed Sacrament School and the diocesan seminar of St. Andrew and St. Bernard, Monsignor Burns completed his studies for the priesthood at the North American College and was ordained in Rome on Dec. 8, 1937.

Returning to the United States in August, 1938, he became assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. In 1942 he was named to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary and in 1945 he became professor of Moral Theology and Canon Law at St. Bernard's Seminary.

FATHER BURNS went to Rome early in 1946 following his appointment as official of the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches. The next year he was appointed as vice-rector of the North American College and announced by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, college rector.

Pope Pius XII elevated him to the rank of a Papal Chamberlain with the title of "Very Reverend Monsignor" in August, 1948.

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## Diocese Of Erie Centennial Slated

Erie, Pa. — (NC) — The opening ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Erie Diocese will be a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Cathedral on November 25 to be celebrated by Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie who set the date.

Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. of Philadelphia, has accepted the invitation to deliver the centennial sermon at the Mass. The former Notre Dame University president and Military Delegate is head of the archdiocese which in the early days embraced all the present dioceses of Pennsylvania. The immediate mother of the diocese, however, is Pittsburgh, from which Erie was separated in 1853.

## Monks Elect Father McGinley Abbot

Trappist monks of the Abbey of Our Lady of the Genesee, Piffard, N. Y., this week elected the Rev. Dom Gerard McGinley, O.C.S., as the first Abbot of their 3-year-old community.

Solemn ceremonies of blessing for the Abbot-elect will be conducted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on November 9 in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

THE PIFFARD monastery was established May 26, 1951 on land donated to the monks by Porter Chandler of Genesee and New York. Last month at the general chapter of the Cistercian Order (Trappists) held in France, Our Lady of the Genesee Monastery was elevated to the rank of an abbey.

Father McGinley, who has served as prior since the community's inception, was chosen Abbot at a community election held on Tuesday of this week. The Rev. Dom James Fox, Abbot of Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky, presided at the election ceremony. The Rt. Rev. James C. McNeill, chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester, acted as official notary for the formal document of election. The Rev. Leslie Whalen, vice-chancellor, and the St. Raphael Church, Piffard, Rev. Charles Reynolds, pastor of acted as witnesses.

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## U. S. Protests Red Detention Of Missioners

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A new public protest against the continued detention by the Chinese Communists of 33 American citizens, 21 of whom are missionaries, has been made here by the State Department. Thirteen of the missionaries are Catholic and eight are Protestant.

The protest said the Department was "very seriously concerned over the continued imprisonment, detention and maltreatment of American citizens in Communist China." It pointed out that some of the Americans "have been imprisoned for two years."

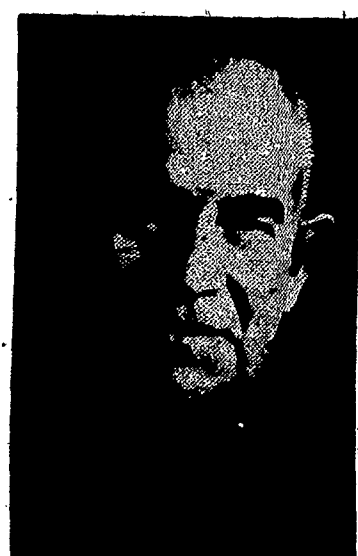
"The Chinese Communist regime has not published the charges on which most of these Americans are being held," the State Department said. "The Chinese Communists have not answered the numerous protests and notes which the British representatives in Peking have presented on our behalf."

Noting that the Soviet Union also has been asked to assist on several occasions, without results, the State Department declared that it would continue its efforts on behalf of the detained American citizens.

"The Department will not overlook any possibility," the protest said, "of obtaining the release of all the Americans unjustly imprisoned by the Chinese Communists or denied the right to leave Communist China."



BISHOP CASEY



BISHOP KEARNEY



BISHOP FOERY



BISHOP BRADY

## Confraternity Congress To Hear Bishops

Addresses by four Bishops will highlight the Fifth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to open in Rochester at the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium on Friday, Oct. 23, continue Saturday, Oct. 24 and close with Solemn Pontifical Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 25, Feast of Christ the King.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, honorary chairman and host to the Congress will preside at the session for the laity on Friday, Oct. 23 in Columbus Civic Center and will give the sermon at the Pontifical Mass marking the session's close.

Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester, N. H. will speak to the clergy at the Friday luncheon and Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse will address the laity on Friday night. His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey is scheduled to address the Sisters on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m.

The program as announced by the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine follows:

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 ('PRIESTS' DAY)**  
10:30 a.m.—Columbus Civic Center Auditorium (for Priests)  
"Organizing Released Time Classes For The Elementary School"

Presiding: Rt. Rev. Mgr. William J. Hart, P.A., V.G.  
Speaker: Rev. John E. Kelly, Chairman of Publications Department, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, D. C.

(Visit Exhibits in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium)  
12:30 p.m.—Sheraton Hotel—Ballroom  
Luncheon For Clergy  
Speaker: Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, N.H.

(Visit Exhibits in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium)  
2:30 p.m.—(for City priests) Sheraton Hotel—Ballroom  
"Organizing Released Time Classes For The High School"

Speaker: Rev. Raymond F. Hering, Confraternity Director, Diocese of Buffalo.  
(Visit Exhibits in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium)

2:30 p.m.—(for Rural priests) Columbus Civic Center Auditorium  
"Organizing Released Time Classes For The High School"

Speaker: Rev. Bertrand J. Guberich, Ph.D., Pastor Our Lady of Fatima Church, Elba, N. Y.

8:15 p.m.—(for the Laity) Columbus Civic Center—Auditorium  
"The Parent Teacher Religion"

Presiding: Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester  
Speakers: Ralph F. Castafro, Ph.D., Director of the Curriculum and Supervision, Ridgeway Area Joint Public School District, Ridgeway, Pa.

Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, D.D., Bishop of Syracuse  
(Musical Selections by St. John Fisher Glee Club)  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1953 ('SISTERS' DAY')**

10:30 a.m.—Columbus Civic Center—Auditorium  
Speakers: Most Rev. Lawrence E. Casey, D.D., V.G. Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester

Rev. John E. Kelly, Chairman of Publications Department, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, D. C.  
(Visit Exhibits in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium)

12:30 p.m.—Columbus Civic Center—Ballroom (3rd Floor)  
Luncheon for Sisters  
(Visit Exhibits in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium)

2:30 p.m.—Columbus Civic Center—Auditorium  
"The Sister and The Religious Vacation School"

Speakers: Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, Pastor, St. James, Trumansburg and St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken.  
Sister M. Maxrene, M.S.S.M., Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Ithaca, N. Y.

Sister Mary Leonard, S.S.J., St. Patrick's convent, Corning, N. Y.  
Sister Succursu S.S.M., Our Lady of Mercy High School, Ithaca, N. Y.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
10:30—Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Pontifical Mass  
Celebrant: Most Rev. Lawrence E. Casey, D.D., V.G.  
Sermon: Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D.

## Private School Gains Reported In Construction

Washington — (NC) — Private school construction through the first nine months of the year has increased at close to five times the rate of public school building.

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## Philippine HNS Enkindle Bonfire Of Evil Literature

Manila — (NC) — The Holy Name Society of Manila held an immense bonfire of indecent literature in the Scamden Gardens of Manila. Present was Bishop Mariano Madriga of Lingayen, officers of the Society, and thousands of students and members.

At the center of the fire was a fifteen-foot, seven-headed dragon, holding one hundred copies of indecent books inside. Bishop Madriga urged all those present to continue the fight against the circulation of indecent literature, especially among colleges and high school students.

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**Families Operate Own School Bus**  
Missoula, Kans. — (NC) — Sixty-six Catholic families operate a school bus here for 110 pupils of St. Anthony's School. A special St. Anthony's School Bus Club has worked so successfully in supporting a transportation system for the parochial school pupils that a new and larger bus started out this school year.

## French Priest Is 'Modern Damien' Of Leper Colony On Pacific Island

Perth, Western Australia — (NC) — Now more than 80 years old, a modern Father Damien cares for lepers at his small station in the Gilbert Islands with the same zeal with which he undertook the task when he himself was stricken with leprosy 25 years ago.

He is Father Choblet, French born missionary of the Sacred Heart who left his native land in the last century to labor among natives on Beru Island in the Southern Gilberts. His story has been told by West Australian Catholic Senator Dorothy Tangney, who recently visited the islands in an article in the Perth Catholic weekly, The Record.

FATHER CHOBLET, Senator Tangney related, is "just as absorbed in his job" as when, newly stricken with leprosy, he took up residence in the settlement near Tarawa, then "a camp of the living dead." He had been found suffering from leprosy in 1928, while at Ocean Island waiting to board a ship for Australia en route to France, where he was to spend a holiday after 36 years of uninterrupted missionary work. The ship had to sail without him.

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**Chaplains Awarded Army Bronze Star**  
Washington — (NC) — Three priests were among eight Army chaplains who have been awarded the Bronze Star decoration, the Department of the Army has announced.

The three are Father (First Lt.) John Charles Berry of San Francisco; James J. Madigan of Philadelphia; and John J. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo.

Have your precious money reset in a new mounting at Thorner's, William S. Thorner, Jeweler, 318 Main St., East, MA 681-1-126.



ABBOT-ELECT GERARD MCGINLEY

Whalen, vice-chancellor, and the St. Raphael Church, Piffard, Rev. Charles Reynolds, pastor of acted as witnesses.