

## Knights of Columbus Set Third Degree Class To Honor Auxiliary Bishop Casey

Candidates to be initiated in the Third Degree, Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Dec. 13 in the Columbus Civic Center will be known as the "Bishop Lawrence Casey Class" in honor of the new Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester and a member of the class, according to Deputy Grand Knight Andrew E. Knauf, chairman of Rochester Council membership committee.

The degree will be in charge of District Deputy Raymond L. Nary and Grand Knight George F. Vick, Jr. will welcome the new members.

This is an opportunity for practical Catholic men residing in the Rochester area to become affiliated with a national Catholic organization which numbers more than 900,000 members. Knauf said this week.

**KNOWN FOR** its welfare work in Wars 1 and 2, the Knights of Columbus have taken a leading role in Catholic education with support of the Catholic University of America, have contributed to national projects like the Catholic Hour, have sent qualified speakers throughout the country in opposition to Communism since the time the evils of atheistic Communism threatened this country, Knauf noted.

He cited the work now being done by national advertising to bring truths of the Catholic church to those not of the faith. More than a half-million dollars are being spent in this advertising project.

Under the headings such as "Why do Catholics Adore Statues?" and "Do Catholics Swear Allegiance to the Pope?" and other provocative titles, the K. of C. advertisements have caught the eyes of millions of readers. More than a million and half have inquired for free booklets. Instructions have been taken by many and converts are mounting.

**ON THE LOCAL scene,** Deputy Grand Knight Knauf said the steady growth of Rochester council and other K. of C. units in the diocese has been due to the encouragement given by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, who is a former state chaplain of the order.

The Rochester Council has fostered the First Friday Luncheon Club for 11 years at Sheraton Hotel and has encouraged Days of Reflection and Retreats at the Notre Dame Retreat House. The recitation of the Rosary in Columbus Civic Center chapel precedes each meeting.

Active in civic affairs the council, this year, sponsored a charity benefit pro-football game at Aquinas Stadium in August. Each year the knights take Christmas cheer to the disabled veterans in Bath. During World War 2, a canteen was conducted for servicemen.

Younger men have the advantages of bowling, of dances in the clubrooms and gymnasium facilities in Columbus Civic Center, Knauf said.

## A Goodly Sum For Rebuilding Campaign



LENDING A HAND in the coming campaign to raise funds for rebuilding Mt. Carmel School, ruined by fire on Nov. 2, the neighboring Stein Stores, Inc. is donating 5 percent of gross sales for a week, raised \$522.50. Check is presented to the Rev. Charles J. Azzil, pastor by Joseph Castranova, a pupil while other pupils children of Stein employes and Joseph Suffel, manager (left) watch. (Courier Staff Photo)

## Hardships Of India Life Told By SVD Missionary

"There are never two days alike in India," the Rev. Gerard Hofstee of the Society of the Divine Word, a missionary of more than 15 years in that country, told the Fathers, Brothers and Seminarians at St. Michael's Mission House, Conesus, on a visit last week.

To confirm his story, the missionary showed films on the life and habits of the people of India to the assembled community.

"One never knows what will happen as the day progresses," Father Hofstee said. "For the people life is simply a hand-to-mouth affair."

The standard of living is down to rock bottom. Any crop failure in a certain district brings terrible hardships. Corn is the staple food. There are only two meals. For the morning meal, at about ten o'clock, corn is prepared in the form of a mush, cooked in the form of a jumbo pancake. With some vegetables and tea the meal is complete.

The ordinary hut of his people has no windows, and the people sleep in it with goats, cattle, chickens. During the cold season there is an open fire, and the door is kept closed to boot.

Fear of robbers and thieves seems to be the reason for this custom. Cow dung is always used for plaster. In fact, preparing cow manure for plaster and fuel is one of India's greatest industries.

The missionary diocese to which Father Hofstee is attached, Indore, is approximately the size of Ohio State. The total population is 7 1/2 million of which 14,000 are Catholics. In this area there are operating 26 Divine Word Fathers, 10 Brothers and 80 Sisters.

Convert work is slow and difficult because of the relentless caste system, the poverty of the people, their strong attachment to Hinduism, but in spite of all these obstacles progress is noted, he said.

Nuncio To Belgium  
Rome - (RNS) - Archbishop Etrém Forni, Papal Nuncio to Ecuador, has been made Papal Nuncio to Belgium, it was announced here.

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## Citizens Rally In Drive For Burned School

Prominent business and professional men will lend their cooperation in the campaign to open in Hotel Seneca on Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. for \$150,000 needed to rebuild fire-damaged Mt. Carmel School.

The Rebuilding Campaign is headed as honorary chairman by His Excellency Bishop Kearney and His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey.

Campaign managers are the Rev. Frank Valukevich and the Rev. Frederick Eismann. The Rev. Charles J. Azzil, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is campaign treasurer and the Rev. Gennaro J. Ventura is publicity director.

**LAYMEN HEADING** the general campaign are as follows: James G. D'Amico and Charles M. Dispenza, co-chairmen; Joseph Cooper and Frank Fantanza, men's committee co-chairmen; Ann Perrotta and Yolanda Cordaro, women's committee co-chairmen.

Alumni committee co-chairmen are Steve Romano and Joseph Mazzullo; high school committee co-chairmen are Joseph Tiberio and Jeanette Ritz.

Hon. Charles Lambiase and Frank Nizer as co-chairmen head the business and professional committee.

On the committee are: Hon. Kenneth B. Keating, Hon. Samuel Dickler, Norman Kreckman, Thomas Hickey, Bernard Finucane, Frank Davis, Oscar Hutchinson, Morris E. Montgomery, Louis Cirincione, Les Harrison, Francis D'Amadio, Anthony Nizer, Dr. Michael Pulcinno, Dr. Russell Barone, Dr. Michael Cylno, Dr. Joseph Incavo.

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## Clothing Firm Gift Spurs Mt. Carmel School Drive

A check for \$522.50 in the name of Stein's Stores, Inc., 120 Ontario St. was presented to the Rev. Charles J. Azzil, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church to go towards rebuilding his fire damaged school, on Monday.

Presentation was made by Joe Castranova in the presence of children of present and former factory workers of the firm. The amount represented 5 percent of the gross sales of the clothing firm last week.

**WHEN THE MT. Carmel** school was ruined by fire on Monday, Nov. 2, Joseph Suffel, manager of the Stein's Stores offered the 5 percent as a neighborly assist to the parish with the school also on Ontario St.

Manager Suffel was also present at the presentation to Father Azzil and expressed the good wishes of his firm for speedy rebuilding of the school structure.

Holy Apostles School Civics Club headed by Ralph Esposito, president, received its official charter from the Commission on American Citizenship in Washington, D.C., last week.

Other officers are: David Groenendaal, vicepresident; Sharon Kelly, recording secretary; Virginia Erb, corresponding secretary and Harry Griswold, sergeant-at-arms.

Holy Apostles Civics Club is one of more than 2,300 Catholic Civics Clubs chartered in the United States in the past year.

## Newman Club To Hear Fr. O'Meara

Newman Club of Eastman School of Music will present the fourth in its series of lectures devoted to the general topic, "The Church in the Contemporary Scene," on Sunday evening, Nov. 22.

Speaker will be the Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., Dean of Saint John Fisher College. Father O'Meara will talk on "Is this Education?" in which he will demonstrate the failure of so many contemporary educational theories and practices to match up to the traditional Christian concept.

Father O'Meara's lecture is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Eastman Dormitory, 424 University Avenue.

Arrangements will be made before the close of the meeting to prepare for a Christmas party at Hutchinson House on Dec. 6 and to arrange for the participation of the members in the forthcoming Regional Meeting.

## Famed Composers Write Christmas Seal Song

Rodgers and Hammerstein, co-authors of musical shows, including "Me and Julie," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "The Kigg and I" combined their talents again to write "Happy Christmas, Little Friend," which is the official song of the 1953 Christmas Seal Sale.

According to Mrs. B. J. Fryatt, chairman of the County Health Association of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, the authors planned it to be singable and playable by youngsters such as the little child who appears on this year's Christmas Seal.

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