

Children To Cooperate In Shrine Fund Project

Cooperation of high and elementary school children in the Bishop's Appeal for the Shrine to the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. was inaugurated on Monday when mite boxes were distributed to the children.

Mass Follows Radio Rosary Each Thursday

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has granted permission for a Mass to follow the Thursday evening Radio Rosary for Peace in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orange and Whitney Streets. The broadcast over WSAJ begins at 7 p.m.

A project of the Marian Year, the Mass will be celebrated for the first time on Thursday, Dec. 17, about 7:30 p.m., according to the Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and director of the Family Rosary for Peace.

Eckert Elected Colonel, Bittner Lieut. Colonel

Emil G. Eckert, 150 Turpin St., was elected Colonel and John G. Bittner, city councilman, who resides at 120 Versailles Road, Lieutenant Colonel of Rochester Regiment Knights of St. John at the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club, 365 Andrews St., Friday.

They were elected to succeed Colonel Joseph F. Wendelgass and Lieutenant Colonel Al G. Miller who retired from their offices.

Election took place at the quarterly meeting of the First District Commandery. Newly elected Colonel Eckert is president of the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club, long a leader in St. Eustace Commandery of St. Joseph's Church and regimental adjutant.

Kennedy Again Heads KE Court

Joseph P. Kennedy, 52 Atkinson St., was selected Six Knight of Court 10, Knights of Equity at the annual election.

Elected with Kennedy were: Joseph Patrick Murphy, vice six knight; William Scallill, lecturer; Thomas Davis, treasurer; Christopher Delanty, auditor; William Morrissey, financial secretary; John Effinger, recording secretary; Joseph White, assistant recording secretary; Pat Connors, conductor; James Hart, warden; Dan Buckley, inner guard; and Michael T. Ryan, Joseph McMahon, Martin Scallill, Arthur Hart and Fiere O'Connell, as trustees.

Bishop's Mass Set At St. John Fisher

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Christmas Mass for students and faculty at St. John Fisher College on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 9:00 a.m.

The Christmas recess at the college will begin in the Day of Sessions on Wednesday, Dec. 16, following the last lecture. Christmas recess in the Evening Sessions begins Friday, Dec. 18, following the last lecture. Lectures will be resumed in both Day and Evening Sessions on Monday, Jan. 4, 1954.

Danford Guild Plans Villa Girls' Party

Annual Christmas Party with Santa, gifts and refreshments will be conducted by members of the Margaret Danford Guild for the girls at St. Joseph's Villa on Friday, Dec. 18.

Mrs. Henry Kearse is chairman assisted by Mrs. Henry Rohrer, Mrs. Paul McGuire, Mrs. Walter Ingalls and Mrs. Harold Coleman and all members of the Guild.

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10,839 Rosaries Spiritual Bouquet



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET of 10,839 rosaries to be offered by members of Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae for the success of the Marian Year, was presented His Excellency Bishop Kearney, following the group's First Saturday Mass and Communion at Sacred Heart Academy on Dec. 3. Presenting the bouquet is the Rev. Edward J. Lintz, IFCA moderator. In photo (from left) Miss Mary Haynes, chairman, Father Lintz, Bishop Kearney and Mrs. James Fahy, vice-regent.

Italian Immigrants For Farm Areas In Greater Numbers Urged By Prelate

New York (RNS) A United States "policy of maximum liberality in favor of Italian immigration" to revitalize abandoned and depleted farm areas in this country was urged here by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston.

Addressing 600 persons at a \$100 a plate dinner honoring President Eisenhower as the "humanitarian of the year," the prelate said that to help Italy meet her "basic problem" of overpopulation through emigration would be acting according to the "law of Christianity."

(Attending the dinner from Rochester were the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of Church of the Annunciation who was appointed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney adviser to the Italian Migration committee here and who represented this diocese and Hon. Charles P. Lambase, judge of Court of Claims who is temporary chairman of Committee's chapter here).

The dinner was sponsored by the American Committee on Italian Migration, of which Judge Juvencio Mathiasio of New York is national chairman. Rocco Carmine Siciliano, Assistant Secretary of Labor, represented President Eisenhower at the dinner and accepted from Judge Marchio in the President's behalf the committee's 1953 award.

It cited Gen. Eisenhower for efforts to obtain emergency migration legislation which culminated in the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. The Act permits entry into the United States, during the next three years, of 214,000 immigrants, 60,000 of them Italians.

HIS EMINENCE Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, gave the invocation and read in Italian a cabined blessing from Pope Pius XII. Other Church dignitaries on the dais were Auxiliary Bishop James H. Griffiths, chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, Msgr. Aloysius J. Wycislo, vice-chairman of the National Catholic Resettlement Council and Msgr. Bonaventura

J. Filitti, pastor of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral here. Archbishop Cushing suggested that the migration committee add to its objectives exploration of the "tremendous possibilities of correlating Italy's need for emigration and America's need for the strengthening of her agricultural potential in areas where it is declining and where her countryside already shows serious signs of abandonment even before it has been adequately developed."

"Our nation is faced with a very real agricultural problem," he said. "The balance between our industrial and metropolitan areas on the one hand and our farm areas on the other is precarious, to say no more. It is becoming more so and may yet take a turn completely disastrous."

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Throng Attend Church Services Opening Marian Year In Diocese

An outpouring of the faithful at midnight Masses ushering in the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at early morning and evening Masses and at Triduum services was the answer to the appeal of His Excellency Bishop Kearney for beginning the Marian year proclaimed by Pope Pius XII.

Triduum services and evening Masses on Sunday and Monday in preparation for the Feast and the beginning of a year of special devotion in honor of the Immaculate Conception were also reported well attended throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

In order to begin the Marian Year with greater solemnity, His Holiness granted permission for Midnight Mass at 12:30 on the morning of Dec. 8.

"This Mass," according to a letter sent to the priests by God and the Immaculate Virgin for the benefits listed in the Encyclical "Fulgens Corona," (The Radiant Crown), announcing the Marian Year.

FORMALLY OPENING the Marian Year, His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. The Holy Hour, prayer period and Midnight Mass in the Cathedral were arranged by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey, Cathedral rector.

Copies of the Encyclical on the Marian Year and Dogma of the Immaculate Conception were distributed by Bishop Kearney to members of the First Friday Luncheon Club in Hotel Sheraton on Friday, the club's 11th anniversary.

To stimulate interest among the laity in the Marian Year which to be successful must "have its foundation in the soul of each individual," Bishop Kearney wrote a letter sent to all known lay retreatants, numbering more than 2300 urging a weekend retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House during the coming year.

Alumnae of Catholic schools of higher learning in the diocese started their Marian Year with presentation to Bishop Kearney of a spiritual bouquet of 10,839 Rosaries to be offered by members of Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae during the year.

In keeping with the Marian Year, a Mass will be celebrated on each Thursday in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester following the nightly broadcast

from that church of the Family Rosary for Peace at 7 p.m.

The traditional Lily Procession

featured opening of the Marian Year at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Rochester.

Bishop Urges Retreats For Laymen During Year

A weekend retreat during the Marian year by laymen was asked in a letter sent out over the signature of His Excellency Bishop Kearney to the more than 2300 men in the Diocese of Rochester who have made retreats.

The letter appeals to all men to make a retreat during the year. Cards have been sent to be filled in by former retreatants to be sent back to Very Rev. Francis X. Kenny, C.S.S.R., Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., Rochester 7, N. Y. Any man who has not made a retreat and would like to can write to Father Kenny or call the Retreat House, MOnroe 3-450.

Text of Bishop Kearney's letter follows:

My dear Friend:

The appeal of Our Holy Father for a holy year in honor of Our Blessed Lady is a spiritual challenge to all of us. The Holy Father says in his letter on the 'Marian Year' "It is this year of devotion is not to consist of mere words; it is not to be (the transitory affection of a moment, it is necessary that each one of us should, according to his condition in life, avail himself of it for the acquisition of virtue." I cannot help but feel that if that revival is to be effective it must have its foundation in the soul of each individual. That makes the Retreat Movement especially important this year. The personal sanctification that comes from a retreat is the very first step in such a worldwide revival.

While I have every confidence that you will make the retreat this year, I do wish you would also become an apostle to bring the retreat into the life of someone else. Anyone who has made a retreat must realize the spiritual value of it, the intense increase in grace, and the spiritual refreshment it brings to the soul. May I ask you, then, to be an agent for Our Holy Father the Pope in his appeal for a spiritual revival by making your own retreat and also doing what you can to bring some-

one else to your week-end with Christ.

I need not say that both of these will bring special graces to you personally and will be a genuinely worthwhile contribution to the spiritual revival for which the Vicar of Christ has made such a strong appeal. I can conceive of no better way of sanctifying this 'Marian Year' than by a few days spent in prayerful retreat with Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God.

With sincere blessing, I am
Your devoted Shepherd
in Christ,
James E. Kearney,
Bishop of Rochester

KC 'Bishop Casey Class' Rites Set

Supreme Director William E. Burke of Utica will participate in the Third Degree Ceremony of the Knights of Columbus honoring His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey on Sunday, Dec. 13 in Columbus Civic Center.

The class of candidates from Rochester and neighboring towns will be known as the "Bishop Lawrence B. Casey Class." Candidates will report at 1 p.m. according to District Deputy Raymond L. Nary, host to the visiting knights.

In charge of the ritualistic work will be District Deputy Joseph Wallace of Utica, Grand Knight George F. Vicks, Jr. of Rochester Council will welcome knights at 3 p.m.

Named By Educators
The Rev. Juvencio Mathiasio, OFM, president of St. Bonaventure's University was elected vice-chairman of the Eastern Regional Unit of the College and University Department of the National Catholic Educational Association in Atlantic City.

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