Day Of Recollection Set By Holy Name

Plans were discussed at a meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church to hold a day of recollection on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Rev. William A. Burns, pastor announced that cochairmen for the spiritual activity are Thomas Maycumber and Daniel Punzo.

They will be assisted by Peter DeSocio, Anthony Masone, Peter Rossi, Anthony Fabrizio, Anthony D'Andrea, Alexander Rossi, Samuel LeMark, Edward Rose Sr., Frank Moffe, Michael Orlando, Louis Della Rocco, William Maloney, Francis Antuzi, Frank Bonsignore, Joseph Pinelli, Philip Rossi Sr., Joseph Carrozza, Adolph Cirulli, William Riley, Francis Cisi.

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College Men Exchange Greetings

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE students were among those exchanging New Year's greetings with His Excellency Bishop Kearney at his residence on Sunday. Here Francis J. Pilecki, second from right greets the Bishop. Also in photo (from left) are Robert H. Kalb, Jr., J. Michael Carney and Joseph K. Weaver.

Convention Dates

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The 99th annual convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America will be held here, August 7 to 11, it was announced by Albert A. Doble of Handen, Conn., general secretary.

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1500 Greeted By Bishop At New Year's Open House

Seventeenth annual New Year's Reception of His Excellency Bishop Kearney in Rochester brought more than 1500 men, women and children to the episcopal residence, 947 East Ave. on Sunday for the exchange of New Year's greetings.

Bishop Kearney greeted persons of all creeds including leaders of other church groups, city, county and state officials and many family groups.

Catholic organizations were represented in delegations including those of the Catholic War Veterans, Knights of St. John, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Equity, members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, auxiliaries of these groups and other Catholic women's societies.

William T. Nolan headed a Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus group attired in morning clothes who served as ushers.

THE BISHOP noted that the Hickey family headed by Jeremiah G. Hickey, president of Hickey-Freman Co. and brother of the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, second Bishop of Rochester was represented by three generations.

Many of the visitors including those of other beliefs visited the Bishop's chapel on the second floor. The Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, the Bishop's secretary assisted in receiving the visitors.

Distributed were cards which read, over the bishop's signature: "I am deeply grateful for your kind visit. May God bless you with His Divine Care during the New Year. My sincere wish is that this be a very happy New Year for you and yours."

Spiritual Progress Told Cathedral Parishioners

While the financial statement for 1953 can be determined by simple mathematics, an adding machine is of little help in preparing an accurate spiritual report for the year, Sacred Heart Cathedral parishioners were told in the parish bulletin distributed Jan. 3.

The bulletin promises the financial statement in two weeks.

Noting the spiritual progress, the bulletin says a higher system of mathematics is required to formulate such a report, "and that we do not have at our disposal."

"No certified public accountant could make sense out of our business because we are dealing with grace, something real but intangible," the bulletin continues.

"NO C.P.A. could balance our Divine Lord's books, where all the credits are debits and all the debits pure gain, where the business deals with souls, where each item in the books is worth more than all the material equipment of this church corporation. Such bookkeeping calls not for higher, but for the highest mathematics—the mathematics of the angels, who are used to God's way of reckoning things. God's mysterious ways!

"The real spiritual report for '53 is known to God alone. Yet we can all see dimly as in a glass and certain credits and debits focus our attention. On the credit side of the ledger is the number of Holy Communions received during the past year; 134,000, an increase of 12,000 over '52. The number of parishioners attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion daily has grown gradually.

DAILY CONFESSIONS, inaugurated October 1, account for 75 additional confessions each week. The Cathedral last May was made a center for members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society from the northwest section of the city, and we are happy to report that the majority of the men have remained faithful to a practice which involves real sacrifice and self-discipline.

"On the debit side of the ledger, we can observe a growing number of parishioners, especially the young, sliding into the ranks of those who seldom approach the Communion rail. This is noticeable at the last two Masses each Sunday which make up fifty percent of our average attendance. The cause? Could it be the growth of a materialistic spirit due to unsettled world conditions? Those infected with this spiritual disease take the attitude that there may be a big blow-up fairly soon and they might as well get in their good times while they can.

"If a Saturday night party or dance interferes with the midnight fast required for Communion, the party comes first. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you die." In the meantime, the sky's the limit—a pleasant philosophy—but one which can cast the soul into hell.

"Take stock of yourself at the dawn of a new year. If you have slipped further into the world of the material (and it is usually a gradual descent), get back on the track before time runs out for you. There is only one right way to live, one Faith to follow, and they come from Christ. They alone can produce true peace of soul, a condition which unconsciously you want more than anything else in the world.

"Our Holy Father gives you the correct clues in your quest for happiness of spirit—prayer—real prayer which comes from your heart; frequent Holy Communion; and finally, penance. You have the clues. It's up to you to use them. We pray you do throughout 1954."

Good Judgment

Don't judge the people too harshly who fail to take your advice—they may have looked at you and concluded you have been following it.

Christian Brothers Honor Educator

Philadelphia — (NC) — Ceremonies marking the affiliation of Dr. Edward A. Fitzpatrick, noted Catholic educator, to the family of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, were held during the Christmas holidays.

The president of Milwaukee's Mount Mercy College, Dr. Fitzpatrick received an honorary admission of membership in the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools for outstanding contributions to Catholic Education.

Brother's Emilian, F.S.C., supervisor of the Christian Brother's Baltimore Province, presided at the ceremony held in the chapel of La Salle College.

Spread Christmas Cheer

The three Girl Scout troops of St. John the Evangelist Church, 318, 414 and 415 helped to spread the Christmas spirit by singing Christmas carols at convalescent homes and by preparing baskets for needy families.

Boy Scout Troop Organized In Owego By HNS

By HELEN A. BROSNAN

Owego — First meeting of the recently formed Boy Scout Troop of St. Patrick's Parish, was held Wednesday night in the church Hall. Gerard Loftus will act as scoutmaster and his assistants will be Robert Reynolds and Gilbert Forsythe.

Robert Simpson is chairman of the committee of the Holy Name Society which group is sponsoring the troop. Frank McGovern, a past president of the Holy Name Society will act as the society's representative on the committee. Gerard Boland, a member of the Louis Aggissiz Fuertes Council B. S. of America, assisted in the arrangements for forming the Troop.

The charter is still open and more boys may still join. The troop will become affiliated with the Louis Aggissiz Fuertes Council, of Ithaca.

Owego — Miss Catherine Ann Donnelly, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Donnelly, and Richard Murphy, Corning, were married in St. Patrick's Church, Saturday, Dec. 26. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Geneva, a former assistant of St. Patrick's and a cousin of the bride.

Father Hogan also offered the nuptial Mass which followed the ceremony. Mrs. Howard Spigzer, Scranton, Pa., a sister of the bride, was matron of honor; Mrs. William Donnelly, Jr., of Owego, sister-in-law of the bride, and Miss Betty Bailey, Syracuse, were bridesmaids. Jack Gail, of Corning was best man.

The bride is a graduate of the Owego Free Academy and of the Robert Packer Hospital School for Nurses. She has been employed on the staff of the hospital. The bridegroom is a graduate of Corning Free Academy and of St. Bonaventure University. He is now serving with the U. S. Army and is stationed at Denver, Colo. where the couple will reside.

Owego — The Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's, officiated at the wedding of Miss Gloria Bullock, Whitney Point, and Gabriel Jerome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jerome, Owego. The ceremony took place in the rectory of St. Patrick's, Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Miss Donna Bullock, Glen Aubrey, a sister of the bride was bridesmaid and John D. Jerome, a brother of the bridegroom was best man.

The bride is a graduate of the Whitney Point High School. Mr. Jerome attended the Owego Free Academy and served four years in the U. S. Navy. He is employed by the Therm Electric Co., of Ithaca.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

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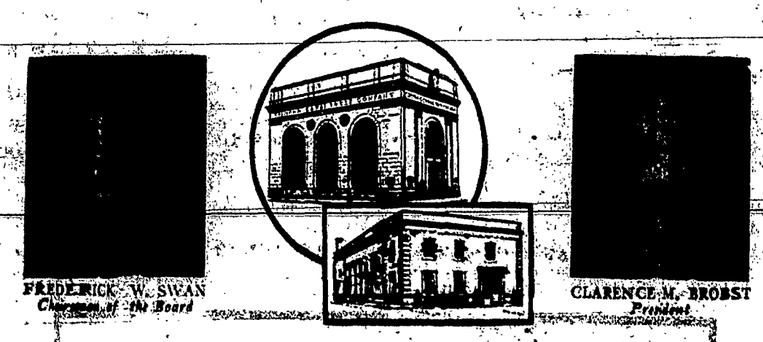
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