

**SPEAK AT NURSES DINNER**



GREETING THE principal speakers, His Excellency Bishop Kearney, special guest of honor, and the Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., of Catholic University of America is Mrs. Henry Jöhantgen, chairman of the Bishop's testimonial dinner, held by Catholic Nurses in Sheraton Hotel.

**Diocesan Nurses Honor Bishop Kearney At Dinner**

Two hundred practical and registered nurses from all sections of the Rochester Diocese paid tribute to His Excellency Bishop Kearney at a testimonial dinner in Hotel Sheraton on Sunday.

The Bishop was honored by the diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses whose organization in 1940 he encouraged and supported.

"Never lose sight of the fact that you should be Mary-like yourselves before you undertake your mission,"

Guest speaker at the dinner was the Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., dean of the School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America, who said that living up to the high ideals of her religion in her profession is the best way a Catholic nurse can serve her country.

FATHER SMITH based his talk on the acute shortage of nurses in the profession today. The need for 75,000 nurses a year nationally presents an urgent problem to every community, he said.

Of the 600,000 nurses in the United States, only 50 per cent are active and at present only 60,000 are engaged in bedside nursing, he continued. With this shortage, special nursing care has become a luxury.

Despite this lack, the nursing profession must not be satisfied with "run-of-the-mill" candidates, the priest stressed. Nursing is a sacred obligation, weighted with opportunities for spiritual growth as well as humanitarian service, and carrying with it corresponding obligations, he declared.

Father Smith suggested that nurses seek self-sanctification first so they might personally be "radiance of spirit" they wish to transmit to others. Imitation of the virtues of the Blessed Virgin, such as charity, sympathy, gentleness and purity, are essential to acquiring the beauty of character so essential to the nurses dedicated to her profession, he concluded.

BISHOP KEARNEY traced the growth of the Diocesan branch of the National Council of Catholic Nurses from a few pioneers to the present 600 members. The goal is 1,000 members for this, the Marian Year, he added.

He urged Catholic nursing groups to make local pilgrimages to churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and added:

**2 Area Men's Groups To Join In Breakfast**

Plans have been completed for a joint Communion Breakfast to be held Sunday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 229 and St. Mary's Holy Name Society.

Clement Knuth is general chairman. Councilmen include Dr. L. Haley and Dr. Thomas Love of Watkins Glen, and Joseph B. Rempe and John E. Strong of Elmira.

THE MASS WILL be a "Dialogue Mass" and will be at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the breakfast will be served at the Hotel Jefferson. Principal speaker will be Eugene R. Connell of Albany, substituting for Denis A. Mansfield, State Deputy. Mansfield was forced to cancel his speaking engagement to fulfill a Supreme Council assignment.

Connell is a graduate of LaSalle Institute, Troy, and St. Thomas Aquinas College at River Forest, Ill., and studied the sacred sciences for two years at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. He is employed by the General Aniline and Film Corporation, Rensselaer, where he is chairman of the Job Evaluation Committee of the International Chemical Workers Union (I.C.W.U.). He is also a member of the Negotiating and Grievance Committees of Local 227 and a member of the Board of Arbitration and Mediation.

CONNELL HAS an outstanding record as a Catholic activist, leader, well-known for his activities in Retreat work and the Holy Name Society. He has held every office in Albany Council, Knights of Columbus, including a two-year term as grand knight; has been grand commander of Vega Caravan, Order of Alhambra, since 1934; has been chairman of Catholic Activities Committee of the Albany Council for eight years and is a member of the executive board of the Capital District Conference, K.C.

He is also well known as the radio narrator of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Catholic Radio Guild of the Diocese of Albany on Station WTRF every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

His subject at the Watkins Glen Communion Breakfast will be "Catholic Action and Communism."

**Rehearsals Begin At St. Mary's**

Rehearsals for the annual "Spring Tonic" sponsored by St. Mary's parish, Elmira, opened in the auditorium on Monday night.

Any member of the parish who would like to participate in this show is urged to attend. Old timers and teenagers are welcome.

**Coming Girl Wins Nursing Scholarship**

Corning—Awarded for outstanding work at Canisius College in Buffalo, Miss Joan Sheedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sheedy of 115 Elliott St., will enter the University of St. Louis at St. Louis, Mo., on a special nursing scholarship.

The grant by the Missouri university is of a service type. Miss Sheedy was graduated last September from the Sisters of Charity School of Nursing and since that time has been doing private duty nursing at Corning Hospital.

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**Opening Marian Year For Sodalists**



ELMIRA SODALITY members turned out on Feast of the Purification to assist at evening Mass as shown (from left) Rev. Albert V. Ryan, St. Mary's Sodalists, Elmira; Monsignor William J. Brien, Elmira dean; Abbot M. Gerard McGinley, O.C.S.O., of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey; Rev. Thomas J. Toole, St. Mary's Church pastor and Joseph Augustine, Sodality prefect of St. Mary's parish, Elmira.

**Feast Day Mass Set At Mt. Saviour**

A High Mass will be celebrated at Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery, Madigan Rd., Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. for all members, living or deceased, of St. Scholastica League.

The Very Rev. Barnabas Wenz, O.S.B. will offer the Mass in commemoration of the Feast of St. Scholastica, patron of the League and twin sister of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictine order.

Coffee will be served in St. John's Guest House immediately after Mass.

ALL MEMBERS WHO will have room in their cars for others and all members who will need transportation are requested to call Mrs. Jerry Keefe not later than Monday, Feb. 8, Tel. 2-5282.

**Inquiry Class Topics Listed**

Topics for St. Patrick's inquiry class being conducted in the school at Elmira were announced for the coming week as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 9—"Redemption—God's Plan for Fallen Man"

Friday, Feb. 12—"Jesus, Just a Man?"

These classes are held in St. Patrick's school at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday evenings. They are primarily for non-Catholics but are open to Catholics who wish to accompany a non-Catholic friend or relative.

**St. Mary's Staff Auxiliary To Meet**

St. Mary's Staff Auxiliary will meet on Monday, Feb. 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the lounge of the nurses' home.

Lunch will be served by Mrs. Pat Davlin assisted by Mesdames George Guerinot, J. William Quinn, Stanley Widger and Joseph Loder.

**Elmira Fatima Society To Open Marian Year**

By MARY E. FITZGERALD  
Executive Director—Catholic Family Service

A record attendance will inaugurate the First Saturday Luncheon Meeting of the Marian Year at the Mark Twain Hotel at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Of special interest to Elmira is the announcement that the speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Hogan, principal of DeSales High School, Geneva.

Doctor Hogan, who was formerly assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira has chosen for his subject, "The Declaration of the Dogma of the Assumption." He is well qualified to discuss this great honor to our Blessed Lady, because he was present in Rome at the time of ceremony.

During his assignment to an Elmira parish, Dr. Hogan served as Director of Camp Villa Maria and was responsible for much of the success of the Boy's Camp.

WHEN HE LEFT Elmira in 1945, he was appointed professor of Latin and Social Studies at St. Andrew's Seminary and later did graduate study at Canisius College, where he earned the degree of Master of Arts in May 1949.

Following an affiliation with the Canisius College Summer School, he was assigned to graduate study in theology at the Pontifical University Angelicum in Rome, Italy in Sept. 1949 and was awarded the doctorate degree in Sacred Theology in May 1951.

He was appointed professor of Latin and Religion at St. Andrew's Seminary in Sept. 1951 and was chairman of the Department of Theology at St. John Fisher College, Rochester 1951-June 1953.

ANY CATHOLIC woman in Elmira and its vicinity may take advantage of the spiritual resources of the First Saturday Devotion and should find the first Saturday in Lent an appropriate time for doing so. Requirements for membership do not go beyond those laid down by our Blessed Mother at Fatima, namely attendance at Mass, reception of Holy Communion, the recitation of the Rosary, fifteen minutes meditation on one of the mysteries of the Rosary and Confession.

All of these requirements must be fulfilled on the First Saturday, except Confession which may be within the Octave preceding or following the Saturday.

It is to be presumed that all guests at the Luncheon will have made the spiritual exercises of the First Saturday Devotion, but it is hoped that a member who has been unable to fulfill all these



REV. JOSEPH L. HOGAN

requirements will not absent himself from the luncheon.

The First Saturday Devotion, during these days when Russia is so close, should appeal to each and every Catholic woman and girl. A contribution of reparations and prayers for the conversion of Russia can be the contribution of a Mother, Wife, Sister or Sweetheart for the safety of a loved one, who is in the service or is subject to call in the future.

The First Saturday Luncheons of our Lady of Fatima are sponsored by the Ladies of Charity and the various parish organizations in charge of the Mother Cabrini Committee. Reparations are requested in advance but tickets may be obtained at the hotel or by calling Mrs. Posthauer—33802 or the Ladies of Charity Office—5126.

**Area Scout Leaders Feted By Troop 9**

Hornell—Western Area Scout leaders were entertained by Cub Pack and Scout Troop 9 in the Elmira Room of St. Anna's School last week.

Plans were completed for Boy Scout Week, Charles Mulligan, neighbor commissioner, and Mrs. Anthony Montemarano, den mother of Pack 9, demonstrated their hospitality and favors to be used at the regional banquet during the special observance.

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**Hornell District Nurses At Dinner**

Hornell—Twelve representatives of the Hornell District, National Council of Catholic Nurses, attended the annual Bishop's Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Rochester Sunday.

The Rev. Len Lynch, chaplain of the Hornell group and of St. James Mercy Hospital, attended the NCCN dinner along with several priests from the Diocese. (Story on Page 7.)

**Evening Mass First Fridays At St. Patrick**

Beginning today, Friday, Feb. 5, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, is scheduling an Evening Mass at 5:30 p.m. each First Friday.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor, said that this is being done as a convenience for those workers who are unable to receive Holy Communion during the morning Masses.

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