



Participants at annual Communion Breakfast of Rochester's Nocturnal Adoration Society on Sunday were (left to right) Auxiliary Bishop Casey, Bishop Kearney, and William Mulcahy, breakfast chairman.

Bishop Acclaims Record Turnout Of Adoration Men

"We have here the largest gathering of Catholic men at a Communion breakfast in the history of the diocese."

This was told to more than 1250 men of the Nocturnal Adoration Society gathered in the Hauch and Lomb Optical Co. cafeteria by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, principal speaker, Sunday. The men represented four Nocturnal Adoration centers and 50 parishes in the See City area.

"We can well imagine what must be the satisfaction to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the consciousness that the largest gathering of men in the history of the diocese at a Communion breakfast is made up of not men who (Text of Bishop Kearney's address on page 9.)

hand together to promote a social program, but who gather to promote the spiritual and material welfare of their church," Bishop Kearney said.

"It is not a great gathering to further the cause of education. This large assemblage is made up of men who gather together for one purpose, and that is to adore God."

THE BISHOP continued: "In this so-called enlightened age, when we have so glorified social service, when we have made a god of education, it is significant that we also have a strong group of men motivated only by their supreme responsibility to worship God."

"In our age, which is giving so much of its activity to social relationship, an age which seeks every opportunity to minimize the importance of the Divine Faith, to reduce the content of Divine revelation, to eliminate the differentiation between the various religions, it is highly important that we preserve the teachings of the God of our fathers, the God of divine revelation, the God-man Jesus whose sufferings and death we commemorate next week."

IN THEIR faithfulness to their society, the Nocturnal men are making a contribution to the Marian Year, Bishop Kearney said.

"Gentlemen of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, I compliment you on living a spiritual life which is so like hers (the Immaculate Mother of God) because each time you go into the church to carry out your hour of adoration; to offer your prayers for the sanctification of your home; of your family; of the diocese; each time, you try to make up for the sins of mankind, you are doing exactly the same thing that she did, so far as it lies in your powers."

AN UNEXPECTED visitor at the breakfast was the Rev. Lionel Vashon, S.S.S., of New York, National Director of the society. Father Vashon, here to organize the new center in St. George's, East Rochester, com-

Diocesan Parish

News

Friday, April 9, 1954

Holy Childhood School Drive Exceeds Goal

The Rochester School of the Holy Childhood Fund Campaign went over the top last Tuesday evening as workers reported a total of \$11,772, twenty per cent more than the original \$10,000 goal.

Planned as a two-week drive, the campaign was extended a week when the March 29 snowstorm prevented the solicitation of several contributors.

Tuesday night's final report showed a total of \$8,673 was collected in the two weeks between the first and last report meetings. Alice Kirk headed the women's team reporting a total of \$2,056, and the men's team led by Gerald Morris collected \$748.

SPEAKERS at the final session praised the work of the 110 campaign solicitors. Among those who spoke were: Children's Court Judge Thomas J. Meagher, president of the advisory council of the school; City Court Judge Thomas J. Cullane, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of Catholic schools.

The funds will be used to further the work of the school which provides special education facilities for exceptional children. The school is staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph, with Sister M. St. Mark as principal.

Card Party To Aid Southern Missionary

A card party for the benefit of the Rev. Howard V. Lane, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Hendersonville, N. C., will be sponsored by the Mission Group of the Catholic Women's Club. The party will be held Friday evening, April 23, at the Club, 215 Alexander St.

Father Lane is a native of Rochester and studied here. The Mission Group said a little financial aid will be gratefully accepted by him.

Carmelite Nuns Invite Public To Groundbreaking

An invitation has been extended to the general public to attend groundbreaking ceremonies this Sunday (April 11) for the new monastery of the Carmelite Sisters.

The Sisters, now located at 1530 East Avenue, Rochester, will build their new monastery on a 3 1/2 acre site on Jefferson Road in Henrietta.

Sunday's groundbreaking rites launching the construction of the new monastery will be conducted by His Excellency Bishop Kearney and will begin at 3 p.m.

1954 Official Directory Out For Diocese

The 1954 Edition of the official Catholic Directory of the Diocese of Rochester consisting of 104 pages overall with a four-page cover made its appearance today at the offices of the Courier Journal, publishers, 25 Scio St.

Included in the directory on blue paper is a 16-page insert, front section of which is given over to a Diocesan Telephone Directory in which all priests in the Diocese of Rochester are alphabetically listed and their telephone numbers given. The other section of the insert is given over to a Buyer's Guide listing the businesses alphabetically and page numbers of their advertisements.

The Foreword by His Excellency Bishop Kearney is followed by a map of the diocese and statistics. Diocesan Offices and Bureaus are listed followed by telephone numbers frequently called. Proper forms of addresses are given.

ALL PARISHES of the diocese, their churches, schools, pastors and heads of school are found in the book followed by listings of convents and mission houses, Educational Institutions come next and then the Charities organization of the diocese. Chaplains of public institutions are given and diocesan cemeteries are listed. Religious communities of men and women in diocese numbering 14 for the men and 21 women's orders are included. Lay organizations are alphabetically listed.

Growing Activity, Needs At Cenacle Spur Units Planning Benefit Card Fete

Fifth annual card party for the benefit of the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle will be held Thursday, April 22, at 8:00 p.m. at Columbus Civic Center. The annual affair is being assisted by a large group of members of the various Guilds and Study Clubs with Mrs. William W. Winans, Jr. as Chairman and Mrs. Elmer O'Brien as Co-Chairman. His Excellency Bishop Kearney is Honorary Chairman.

Most Rochesterians are familiar with the beautiful 30-room mansion, the former home of the late Mrs. Nora Conway Todd, which was turned over to the Religious of the Cenacle by Bishop Kearney in 1948 for a Retreat House.

This magnificent home with its graceful entrance, its walled-in formal garden of ever blooming seasonal flowers and flowering trees, its library, and the small but beautifully detailed chapel is an ideal setting for the week-end retreat of women and girls of all ages who find here the peace that comes from a clear evaluation of life and its problems.

EACH CENACLE Convent, the world over, can promise the women and girls who take their problems into retreat that they will emerge from their days of seclusion and silence with a firmer faith, more intelligent thinking and a soul more sensitive to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The Retreat House has been operating for only the past six years, however, with its work constantly expanding it is now necessary to consider building additional retreat facilities and adequate community quarters. For this reason, it is the hope of the Committee working on this year's card party that they will be able to start a Building Fund to adequately meet the needs of the Retreat House.

THE ORDER of the Religious of the Cenacle was founded by Therese Couderc, Blessed Mother of Couderc was beatified in 1851, and for almost one hundred years two continents have known her well as the Mother of Retreats for Women, with two additional continents of more recent times.

The Religious of the Cenacle are not strictly cloistered but semi-cloistered, and their life is not merely contemplative, for in addition to their contemplative life, they live an active life of service to others.

The word "Cenacle" is found



A CENACLE WELCOME is extended by Mother Murock to two retreatants, Betty Sarkis and Lorraine Hassan arriving for the weekend retreat. The two young women are active in plans for the benefit card party for the Cenacle to be held April 22 in Columbus Civic Center.

in Holy Scripture, in the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles. It means literally "An Upper Room," a room "set apart." It is in this upper room that our Lord instituted the Blessed Sacrament and celebrated the first Mass. Naturally, therefore, we should expect to find that, in the order of the day of a Religious of the Cenacle, the Blessed Sacrament would play a predominant role. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored all day long in every Cenacle Convent. Since each house in

turn has Adoration throughout the night, it is true that our Lord is adored day and night uninterruptedly in the Cenacle.

REVEREND MOTHER Mary Connolly is Superior of the Rochester Convent and there are eleven Religious. These nuns received a special training for their work in guidance and counseling, and are trained in philosophy and psychology for their wonderful work in guiding and teaching, and before entering the convent many themselves were in successful careers in various

professions, law, music, education, nursing and business. Teachers, Professional Women, Young Business Girls and Women comprise a few of the groups who make up the various Guilds at the Convent. There is St. Raphael's Guild, Couderc Guild, Lady of the Cenacle Guild, Eucharistic Guild and St. Regis Guild. The program of these various guilds consist of study groups with the Religious, business meeting, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual conference and discussion period with the Priest Director.

During this past year over 2800 women have attended closed week-end retreats, or days of recollection and 1367 attended Guild Meetings. Catechetical instruction was given to 50 children each week and 25 adults.

Assisting Mrs. Winans are the following Committees—Patrons: Mrs. Lewis J. Boyce, Mrs. Charles Renaud, Mrs. Frank Whalen; Tickets: Miss Josephine Karty, Miss Bessie Hoctor; Door: Miss Catherine Melsenahl, Miss Marguerite Colgan, Mrs. Albert Daniels, Miss Alice Rowan.

Table Prizes: Miss Shirley Mallett; Arrangements: Miss Helen Durnin, Miss Margaret Della Piers, Mrs. C. Donald Sconfield; Reception: Mrs. Robert H. Gaffell, Mrs. Eugene Austing, Mrs. Frank Eaton; Users: Miss Lorraine Hassan, Miss Betty Sarkis; Publicity: Miss Alice Harris, Miss Margaret Rowan.

Another group of girls who are assisting the Committee are a group who each week help the nuns at the Convent in domestic chores to prepare for the following week-end retreat by making beds and doing various errands. They will act as ushers and will be assisted by a group of girls from the Catholic High Schools, headed by Miss Jane Focselman as Captain; from Nazareth Academy and Miss Deanna Sarkis as Co-Captain. Miss Ellen Ward is Captain from Mercy High School; Miss Irene Winans, Captain, from Sacred Heart Academy, and Miss Rosemary O'Brien, Captain from St. Agnes High School.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Committee, at the Convent at 688 East Avenue at the corner of Oxford Street, Brennan's, 808 Brown Street, Trant's, 96 Clinton Avenue North, Tucker's, 300 Main Street, or at Friedman's, 364 South Avenue.

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