

Work Of Diocesan Women Explained



CONVENTION LUNCHEON of Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, gave His Excellency Bishop Kearney opportunity to tell of progress by the diocesan council to Mrs. Albert H. Spillman, national director, from Washington. Monsignor Richard E. Burns, luncheon speaker and Mrs. Lee Muckle, diocesan president, (standing) listen to explanation.

Greater Sacramental Life Urged As Laywomen's Goal

Reception of the Sacraments and morality were two of the topics dealt with at the annual convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women held Wednesday at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

The convention resolved "that each individual member be encouraged to a greater participation in the sacramental life of the Church that she may more effectively imitate Mary, our model, in her personal life, in her family life, and in society. With this aim in view we strongly encourage all members to participate in daily Mass, to receive Holy Communion daily, if possible, to support actively the priest, to support the sacramental movement, to assist the family Rosary, to attend First Saturday devotions, and to pray for the conversion of Russia and World Peace."

The women further resolved "that in opposing the purely nationalistic view of marriage and in condemning indecent literature, objectionable television programs and movies, horror and crime comics, immorality in dress, and the weakening of respect for authority, we emphasize the sacramental basis of marriage and the spiritual aspects of marriage and Christian family living."

Miss Helen O'Harrington was chairman of resolutions.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney delivered the keynote address following Mass at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church. "How many times do we hear the expression: 'It doesn't matter what we believe because after all we are all worshipping the same God.' Yet when we come to inquire what may be meant by God, we realize the hopeless confusion that is contained in such ready and inaccurate expression," he said. "Then do we realize, as Mary realized, that it does matter what we believe."

The bishop praised the council for its work of keeping the faith before the attention of the faithful and furthering the cause of Mary's Son — Christ. Guest speaker at the luncheon Wednesday afternoon was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Burns who talked on "Mary — Crystal Fountain of Faith." Monsignor Burns said that we must not assume Mary's faith came easy to her.

"At the early age of 16," he said, "her faith in God's plan was tested by the Annunciation — not only to be the Mother of God, but also the Virgin Mother — to see the Son of God born in a stable — to be rejected by His own people — to be made helpless by the Crucifixion. All these things she did not understand, but she held them and treasured them in her heart."

Newly elected officers of the organization are: Mrs. Joseph Schnorr, president; Mrs. Frank Shaughnessy, recording secretary; Miss Irene Martin, treasurer; Mrs. William P. Stock, financial secretary; Mrs. George P. Vogt, auditor. Officers were installed by Mrs. Albert Spillman, national director of the NCCW.

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Pope Grants Family Rosary Indulgences

Vatican City — (NC) — Families that recite the Rosary together every day have been given new opportunities to gain plenary indulgences under a decree approved by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

ACCORDING TO the decree, members of a family who recite five decades of the Rosary each day in the week may gain three, and in some weeks even four, plenary indulgences in the week under the usual conditions. These conditions are: Confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the Pope's intentions.

The decree was issued by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary and was dated October 11, the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It said that a plenary indulgence is obtainable every Saturday, and on two other days of the week. An additional indulgence can be gained if a feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, included in the universal calendar of the Church, occurs during the week.

THESE FEASTS, which are listed in a footnote to the decree, are:

Immaculate Conception, December 8; The Purification, February 2; The Apparition of Lourdes, February 21; The Seven Dolours, the Friday after Passion Sunday; The Visitation to Elizabeth, July 2; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16; Our Lady of the Snows, August 5; The Assumption, August 15; The Immaculate Heart of Mary, August 22.

Also The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8; The Holy Name of Mary, September 12; The Seven Sorrows of the B.V.M., September 15; Our Lady of Ransom, September 24; The Holy Rosary, October 7; The Maternity of the B.V.M., October 11 and the Presentation in the Temple, November 21.

It was explained by an official of the Sacred Penitentiary that one Confession, one Communion and one offering of prayer for the Pope's intention during the week suffices for gaining the maximum of three indulgences.

Irish Nuns Start Work In Philippines

Manila — (NC) — The first group of Sisters of Mercy ever to come to the Philippines arrived here recently from Ireland. Six Sisters came from St. Mary's of the Isle, Cork City, to start their first mission in Tacloban, Leyte, where they will take charge of Holy Infant Academy with more than 400 students.

The Sisters came at the invitation of Bishop Lino Gonzaga of Palo, who visited Ireland in 1953 and appealed for Sisters to come, and work in his Diocese on the island of Leyte.

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Diocesan Schools Enroll 43,300; 2,746 Increase Sets Alltime High



"For God and Country" wave over the campus of the new \$2,300,000 school which Bishop Kearney will dedicate Sunday.

St. Agnes High School Dedication Set Sunday

Formal dedication ceremonies for the new \$2,300,000 St. Agnes High School for girls, 300 East River Road, will be held Sunday afternoon (Oct. 17) at 3 p.m. Conducting the ceremonies will be His Excellency Bishop Kearney, who also set groundbreaking rites for the new school in April, 1953.

ERECTED UNDER the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the newest high school plant in the Rochester area, comprises four major buildings. These include the three-story school building, the chapel and convent.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite the public to inspect the new school following the dedicatory program on Sunday afternoon.

Priests, Nuns Staff Free China College

Taipei, Formosa — (NC) — Free China's only institution of higher learning, National Taiwan University here, has 12 priests and three nuns on its faculty. The priests are 12 Jesuits, most of them Americans. The nuns are a group of Benedictine Sisters from St. Joseph, Minn.

Next the Bishop will bless the classrooms and erect the crucifix in the school foyer.

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Catholics Urged To Enter Field Of Atomic Energy

Detroit, Mich. — (NC) — Catholics must use their influence to direct the use of atomic energy into its proper channels, Rolfe Ehrmann, an atomic expert from Brooklyn, N.Y., told more than 700 men at a First Friday Club luncheon here.

When the majority of men, especially scientists, view atomic energy in the light of faith in God, we will not have any fear of atom bombs, he said.

Unfortunately, he continued, a large percentage of atomic researchers lack belief in God. "These experts have made a golden calf of science and substituted it for God," he declared. "Atomic energy is one of the things created by God. The speaker continued, 'He has given man intelligence, and man must use it in exploiting the atom,' he said.

While the destructive effects of atom bombs have been stressed, atomic energy, it must be remembered, can supply us with electricity, heat, light and other peacetime benefits, he stated.

British MP Visits Poland, Lauds 'Martyrs That Live'

London, England — (NC) — A Labor Party member of the British parliament has returned from a two-weeks' visit to Poland with high praise for the "martyrs that live" in the country.

He is Desmond Donnelly, a non-Catholic who went to Poland with a group of his party colleagues at the invitation of the Warsaw regime. His impressions were summed up in a newspaper article captioned, "Poland's Living Martyrs Fight for Her Soul."

RECALLING THAT the British group was under constant surveillance by the U.S., or security police, Mr. Donnelly said that, nevertheless, he and his associates had seen enough to convince them the morale of the people, was still intact.

"The main center of resistance is, of course, the Catholic Church," he said. "Every Sunday, at every service, so far as I could gather, the churches were packed to the doors."

"One Sunday," he added, "I tried fighting my way into a church. It was like a 'Welsh raree' of political meetings, the atmosphere electric and people standing in the street. Many of the congregation were young people."

Mr. Donnelly reported that he was in Warsaw when a church was being consecrated. He said the city traffic was stopped by a crowd estimated at around 70,000. "If I had been a British Roman Catholic myself," he commented, "I would have come back to the West very proud."

THE LABOR M. P. said that many anti-communist priests have been suppressed by the Polish Reds, but he added "it would be a mistake to assume

Enrollment in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Rochester has soared to a new record-high total for the fourth consecutive year.

An increase of 2,746 over last year's total brings this year's school population to 43,300 pupils, according to the Rev. Charles Y. Boyle, Superior of the Diocese of Rochester.

Five parochial grade schools and two high schools each report over a 1,000 pupils registered.

Elementary school enrollments throughout the diocese have increased by 2,424, and high schools note an increase of 322.

Complete statistics of school enrollments in diocesan schools are listed on Page 6.

Three newly established parochial schools, one new High School, and another with increased facilities, have helped to boost the total to a record high.

Greatest increase in registration is reported from St. John the Evangelist School, Greece. An increase of 261 brings St. John's total to 784. An eight room addition is soon to be dedicated which will provide for continued increases expected in the next few years.

Sacred Heart Cathedral school, last year, had the highest total enrollment in the diocese, 1,357. Other schools with over a thousand pupils are also in Rochester: St. Monica's School has 1,175; Holy Rosary, 1,070; St. Charles Borromeo, 1,051; and St. Andrew, 1,011.

Aquinas Institute, Rochester, has 1,375 pupils and Nazareth Academy, Rochester, reports 1,076.

New McQuill has a freshman class of 194 and St. Agnes High, 107 new pupils bring its total to 240.

IN AUBURN, N. Y., August remains the largest parochial school there with 265 children, an increase of 25. St. Mary's in Elmore has 25 more than last year and a total of 800. St. Francis in Newark, N.Y., has 126; St. James, Waverly, 111; and St. Patrick, Canis, 107.

THESE NEWLY ESTABLISHED parochial schools account for an increase of 244 pupils. St. Michael's School in Newark, N.Y., has 126; St. James, Waverly, 111; and St. Patrick, Canis, 107. Also note increase in the number of teachers in elementary and high schools. 794 nuns and 118 lay teachers are serving in the grade schools while the high schools report 235 religious teachers and 23 laypeople.

Mayor To Repay Pastor On Rines

Council Bluffs, Ia. — (RNS) — Mayor William M. Keenan of Council Bluffs has promised to reimburse a priest who picked up the bill for 12 of 42 worshipers whose cars were ticketed for improper parking outside St. Patrick's church.

The Rev. Thomas J. Moriarty asked from the public that parishioners who received parking tickets during Sunday services present them to him. Twelve of the 42 ticketed motorists turned their tickets over to the priest, who attached a check for the "caterpillar court" fines of \$1 each and forwarded them to Mayor Keenan.

"Father Moriarty will definitely be repaid," the mayor said. "I'll see to that." It was the first time since the street was zoned for "no parking" that officers had issued tickets during church services. Mayor Keenan said he would ask the City Council to end the parking limitation on the street.

Ku Klux Charter Found In Catholic Rectory Attic

Kokomo, Ind. — (NC) — Kludd, Kladd, Klugrapp, Klaroga, Klabe, Klexter and Klokam don't mean much to the folks in this mid-Indiana town these days, but they did some 30 years ago. The assortment of "K's" are titles of the offices held by Women of the Ku Klux Klan back in 1923, when Kokomo was a hot bed of the infamous order.

THE TITLES came to light recently when a charter of the women's auxiliary of the white sheeted group was found in the attic of a house here that is now serving — of all things — as a temporary rectory of St. John of Arc rectory.

Father Francis J. Nielsen, pastor, who discovered the charter and some Klan paraphernalia after the house had been purchased, said with a grim smile that the aims of the organization "are pure patriotism, honor, cleanliness and white supremacy."

He also noted that the day after the charter was elaborated

Prelate Hits Anti-Race Demonstration

Wilmington, Del. — (RNS) — Recent demonstrations against desegregation in Delaware schools were indirectly criticized as "sinful" by Bishop Edmund J. Hall, Maurice of Wilmington in a pastoral letter read in all Roman Catholic churches of the diocese.

Bishop Edmund Hall said that, in view of the recent happenings, he deemed it his duty to "set forth again for your benefit the teachings of our Church in regard to the dignity and brotherhood of man and to remind you afresh of the obedience you owe to legitimate authority."

Many parochial schools as well as other Catholic educational institutions in Delaware already are integrated.

The bishop said that the lives of neighbor which God enjoins reflects "our consciousness of our neighbor's innate dignity," and "if a Catholic does not hold this doctrine he denies the Catholic faith."

"If he fails to put it into practice," he said, "if he denies to his brother his inalienable rights and would relegate him to an inferior status, he is a recreant, disobedient member of his Church."

Cardinal Mindszenty To See Mother

Vienna — (RNS) — Austria's Catholic Press Service reported today that the mother of His Excellency Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, who is in Hungary, has been granted permission by Hungarian authorities to visit her son once a month.

Village of Van Etten

VanEtten — His Excellency the Most Rev. Lawrence C. Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester, Catholic of this Chemung County village at Mass Sunday that the Diocese has established a new parish for this area. The new parish has been named after St. Pius X, newly canonized Pope.

The Rev. Michael Reder, O.F.M., has been appointed pastor. Father Reder is a Capuchin priest from St. Fidelis Priory at Interlaken, N.Y.

ABOUT SEVENTY-FIVE people attended the Mass in the Town Hall to hear Bishop Casey announce the establishment of their parish. He praised their generous spirit which, he said, is proved by the substantial amount pledged in so short a time to begin construction of a basement church. The Bishop expressed the gratitude of the diocese to the Capuchin Fathers who have released Father Michael Reder to serve as pastor.

The new parish will include the neighboring Tioga County village of Spencer, which has been thus far a part of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca.

Ground was broken September 24th for a church which is scheduled to be used by December. Only the basement will be completed at this time and used as the church until sufficient funds are available to erect the full church at a later date. Mass has been celebrated at Van Etten since Feb. 22, 1954.



St. Pius X, patron of new parish at Van Etten.

the lack of facilities in this area for Mass and Sacraments. Catholics tended to move away to larger towns or cities, and so few were left that even the monthly Mass was discontinued.

Six years ago, the Rev. James Marvin, now Assistant at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, and then Assistant at St. James, Waverly, began to catechize the Catholic children at the Van Etten public school. This work was continued by the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, appointed pastor at Waverly in 1951, and by his Assistant, the Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy.

THE NUMBER of Catholic families in this village and near by Spencer prompted the Waverly pastor to inaugurate a regular Sunday Mass at Van Etten. Mr. John Sandusky offered a recently erected wing of his hotel as a fitting place for Mass but as attendance taxed the facilities there, the Town Hall was leased for this purpose. The first Mass was offered by Father Hogan on Feb. 22, 1953 and thereafter by Father Michael Reder of the Capuchin Fathers who is now appointed pastor of the new parish.

Bishop Casey and Monsignor James C. McAniff, W.C., visited Van Etten this past summer and met with the parish committee. They also approved of the pro-



Mass at Van Etten is celebrated in Town Hall awaiting construction of St. Pius X Church.

posed site on Main Street.

Designs for the church were drawn by Edward M. Lorscheider and the contract awarded to Mr. Edward Haynes who is presently at work constructing the church. Funds were raised in a campaign led by Mr. William Anderson.