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Funeral Rites Set For Msgr. Conway, Dean Of Cayuga

Auburn — Solemn Pontifical Funeral Mass for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, V.F., pastor of Auburn's Holy Family Church, will be offered in the parish church Monday (Nov. 15) at 10:30 a.m. by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney.

The 78-year-old prelate died unexpectedly at Holy Family Rectory Thursday morning (Nov. 11, 1954) in the fifty-first year of his priesthood.

Office of the Dead will be celebrated by priests of the Diocese Sunday evening at 8 p.m. in the church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen presiding.

MONSIGNOR CONWAY was ordained June 11, 1904, by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid and assigned as assistant pastor to St. Mary's Church, Rochester. In 1907, he was appointed chaplain of Elmira Reformatory. This marked the first time that a Catholic chaplain had been appointed as a full time chaplain to any penal institution in New York State.

He founded and became first pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning, in July 1913, where he remained for 10 years. He also arranged for the spiritual care of Catholics at nearby Painted Post during his Corning pastorate.

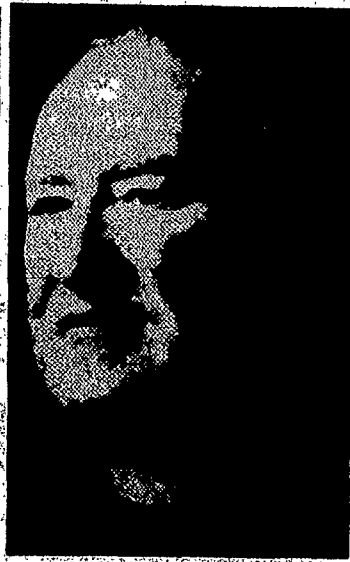
In 1923, he received his appointment to Holy Family, Auburn, which he held to the time of his death.

During his pastorate at Auburn, Monsignor Conway established Holy Family High School in 1930 and served as its first principal. In 1932, he played a prominent role in the campaign to build Mt. Carmel High School which was opened in September 1934 as a central Catholic high school in Auburn.

Monsignor Conway was named Dean of the Auburn Deanery in 1932. In the reorganization of the diocese completed in April of this year, Monsignor Conway was made Dean of the Cayuga Deanery, which includes Auburn and portions of the surrounding area.

POPE PIUS XII elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate on Oct. 8, 1949, giving him the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. This past June, at a priest's Golden Jubilee, he observed his Golden Jubilee in the presence of His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney.

Monsignor Conway was born



MONSIGNOR CONWAY

Feb. 27, 1876, in Canandaigua, N. Y., and attended St. Mary's parochial school in Canandaigua and the old Canandaigua Academy for Boys. He prepared for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Monsignor Conway was recognized for his holiness and simplicity of life. He was sought out as a confessor and long lines of penitents regularly waited their turn to receive absolution from him. He was in demand as a speaker for civic affairs and widely known for his excellent sermons in church.

His administrative ability is proved by his building the combined grammar and high school, and rectory at Auburn, redecorating the church, and recently arranging for the rebuilding of the convent.

Assisting Bishop Kearney at the funeral Mass will be the Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, Chancellor, at archpriest; the Rev. John B. Crowley and the Rev. William E. Davis, Assistant Deacons at the throne. Rev. Francis Harding will be deacon of the Mass and the Rev. Alfred J. Horvath subdeacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy will preach the eulogy.

He is survived by two sisters, the Misses Margaret and Mary Conway of Rochester.

Burial will be in the family plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

Sister Jerome, Elmira Hospital Founder, Dies

Elmira—Sister Jerome of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, co-founder of Elmira's St. Joseph Hospital, died here Thursday, Nov. 11, 1954, at 7:30 a.m. following a brief illness. She was 80. Funeral Mass will be offered in Nazareth Convent Chapel, Pittsford, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Sister Jerome who last May celebrated her Golden Jubilee in religious life, was one of seven nuns dispatched from Rochester to initiate the hospital founding. Her death leaves only one of the original group surviving—Sister M. Ruth of Rochester.

AT HER DEATH, Sister Jerome was second vice president of the hospital's board of directors.

The former Harriet Owen, she was born in Rochester, Sept. 10, 1874, daughter of the late Nelson and Sarah Mahoney Owen. Much of her early life was spent in Syracuse and in Phelps where in the latter she received some of her education.

SISTER JEROME was engaged as a physio-therapist at Clifton Springs Sanitarium prior to her entry in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Rochester in 1904.

In 1908 when the need of a second hospital in Elmira became urgent, the late Reverend Mother Agnes dispatched the seven nuns under the direction of the late Sister Rose Alice to found a local Catholic Hospital.

THE BUILDING, then known as Our Lady of Angels Academy was purchased, remodeled and opened as a hospital on Sept. 24, 1908. Sister Jerome has since been a member of the Sisters' community at the hospital. For about 30 years, she headed the physio-therapy department and was actively engaged in that work at the hospital. She was an instructor in "massage" for the student nurses. She was also a former superior of the Sisters' hospital community.

Although failing health forced a curtailment of her activities several years ago, she nevertheless remained active at the hospital. She suffered a heart attack about a week ago and had since been hospitalized.

Sister Jerome was a cousin of Sister Margaret Adelaide, present hospital administrator.

Her body was brought to the first floor of the Dunn Memorial Building Thursday to be removed to Nazareth Convent, Pittsford, for the funeral Mass on Saturday morning.

Catholic Women Hear President



Boston, Mass.—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, makes an observation to President Eisenhower at the 27th National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convention here. In an address, the President told the delegates that the United States government must "never rest in its task of serving the American home." "All of us must work to help remove from the shoulders of American families burdens which reduce their ability to live and to work happily within the home; for one another and also for their fellow citizens," he said. (RNS Photo)

St. Feehan's Slates Centenary Rites

St. Feehan's Church, Chili, will observe one hundred years as a parish Sunday (Nov. 14) with a Solemn Jubilee Mass celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Donald J. Murphy, at 12:15 p.m. His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey will preside and preach the centenary sermon.

The entire congregation will join in the singing of the People's Mass.

For most of its hundred years, St. Feehan's has been a quiet, farming community parish. Records of Baptisms report but one

Pictures and sketch of the parish history are on page 5 of this issue.

or two a year sixteen was "very high" in 1832. In 1860, Chili had 2,905 residents, and that number was even less as late as 1930.

A tridium of Masses are slated for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 15-17 for the dead and living members of the parish. An historical pageant portraying the history of St. Feehan's Parish will be presented Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

On Friday, Nov. 19, a fish fry will be served at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. A bazaar will begin at 8 p.m. and be repeated on Saturday evening at the same hours.

Seminary Dedicated In Houston, Texas

Houston, Tex. — (RNS) — His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, dedicated the new \$3,000,000 St. Mary's Seminary here in the presence of 19 archbishops and bishops, seven of them from Texas.

'Average Woman' Seen Key To Crisis Of Present Day

Boston, Mass.—(NC) — A woman will decide the issues for or against Christendom in the crisis of the present age, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston told the 27th National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convention here.

He identified this woman as the "average woman" for, he said, our life is "the life of the average woman."

THE FIVE-DAY gathering at which President Eisenhower appeared, was characterized as the greatest assembly of Catholic women in the nation's history. Nearly 2,000 came from all sections of the nation, and were joined by 3,000 from the Boston and New England area.

As the convention opened, it was announced that Mrs. William H. Dalton of Augusta, Me., president of the NCCW, had been honored by the Holy Father with the medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

At the opening session in Mechanics Hall, Archbishop Cushing told his audience: "I am speaking to the average woman present, not the ideal woman. As a matter of fact, there probably isn't an ideal woman. The difference between the two is real and important. The average woman has one great advantage over the ideal—she actually exists," the Archbishop remarked.

Addressing himself to this "average woman," Archbishop Cushing appealed "to her spiritual sense and her apostolic power because she is at the controls of history itself in the present crisis of our age."

FROM THE TIME of temptation in the garden of paradise, almost every age has had its

crisis, the Archbishop declared. Christian history has seen many crises and in most of them a woman was at, or close to, the controls which set the decisive direction.

"Ours is an age of crisis, he said. But in our age we cannot look to queens to do for Christ and for the Christian commonwealth what once a woman like Empress Helena or Queen Clothilde was in a position to do.

"No dramatic captivating girl seems likely to step forward in our age, as did St. Joan in hers, to influence the imaginations, inspire the wills and unite the hearts of the discouraged, the defeated and the divided," the Archbishop continued.

"But it will be a woman," he said, "who will in our day, as in the ages of crisis gone by, finally decide the issue. She will no longer act alone for in an age of democracy, she will have millions of like-minded people acting jointly with her or she cannot accomplish her destiny. She is that 'average woman' of whom I spoke," he said.

"Many and serious are the problems in the social field, whether they be merely social or socio-political," the Holy Father emphasized. "They pertain to the moral order, are of concern to conscience and the salvation of men; thus they cannot be declared outside the authority and care of the Church."

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Role Of Priest, Church Authority Explained By Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has warned against a false idea of the "priesthood of the laity" which asserts that the laity can offer the Sacrifice of the Mass.

At the same time he took "an open and firm stand" against errors which would limit the authority of Bishops to "strictly religious matters." He declared that all of natural law, "its foundation, its interpretation and its application so far as moral aspects extend" are within the authority of the Church.

Social questions, the licitness of war, and the totalitarian State were among several fields the Pope cited as examples of the Church's concern with moral aspects of temporal problems.

These pronouncements by the Pope became known here with the release of his 5,000-word address made to some 250 Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops at the end of the International Marian Congress in Rome.

STRIKING HARD at false ideas of the "priesthood of the laity," the Pope said:

"There are some who have not ceased to claim a certain true power to offer the Sacrifice on the part of all, even laymen, who plausibly assist at the Sacrifice of the Mass. Opposing them, we must distinguish truth from error and do away with all confusion."

"The priest celebrant, putting on the person of Christ, alone offers the Sacrifice and not the people nor the cleric, nor even the priest who reverently assists," the Pope said. "All our and apostolic action is centered in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Sacrifice, do not thereby possess a priestly power, as we said in the encyclical 'Mediocris'."

The Pope admitted that there is a kind of "priesthood among the laity" as referred to by St. Peter (1 Peter 2, 9). "But it must be firmly held that the 'priesthood' common to all the faithful, high and low, as it is, differs not only in degree but in essence from the 'priesthood' fully and properly so called."

THE HOLY FATHER next criticized "noticeable attitudes which pretend to set limits to the power of the Bishops—the Roman Pontiff not excepted—as being strictly shepherd of the flock entrusted to them."

He said, "The people, the Pope said, would not be strictly obedient entirely to religious matters—so called in the strict sense and would keep them far from what they call the 'realities of life.'"

"We must take an open and firm stand against errors of this kind," the Pope said. "The power of the Church is not bound by the limits of 'matters strictly religious,' as they say. But the whole matter of nature, law, its foundation, its interpretation and its application so far as their moral aspects extend, are within the power of the Church."

Keeping the natural law is the way man keeps on the path to his supernatural end, the Pontiff said, and on this path his guide is the Church, as ordained by Divine authority.

"THEREFORE," HE stated, "when it is a question of instructions and propositions which the properly constituted shepherds (i.e., the Roman Pontiff for the whole Church and the Bishops for the faithful entrusted to them) publish on matters within the natural law, the faithful must not invoke that saying, which is wont to be employed with respect to the opinions of individuals—the strength of the authority is no more than the strength of the arguments."

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Bp. Scully Succeeds Bp. Gibbons

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII has granted a request by Bishop Edmund P. Gibbons of Albany that he be permitted to retire immediately because of age. At the same time the Pontiff named the prelate, Francis Bishop of Verbe in Parthia, Asia Minor.

Bishop Gibbons, who celebrated his 86th birthday in September, is the oldest bishop in the



BISHOP SCULLY



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American hierarchy. He has headed the Albany diocese since 1919 and has been a priest for more than 61 years.

COADJUTOR BISHOP William A. Scully automatically becomes the seventh bishop of the Albany diocese, founded in 1847. He has been Coadjutor since 1945. Earlier he was secretary of education for the New York Archdiocese.

Bishop Gibbons will live in retirement at Master Christi, preparatory seminary, located at the outskirts of Albany. The school, just completed, is the realization by Bishop Gibbons of a 35-year ambition.

Bishop Gibbons was ordained by the late Lucido Maria Cardinal Parocchi, Vicar General of Rome, in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome and was a priest in the Buffalo diocese for 25 years before Pope Benedict XV named him bishop of Albany.

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Nazareth College Offers Scholarships

More than 100 girls of the Rochester area, all high school seniors, will vie for free scholarships to Nazareth College for women in a competitive examination slated at the college on Monday evening, Nov. 15.

At stake for the contestants are 18 scholarships totaling over \$13,000 in value. Sister Rose Angela, dean of the college, announced. The Nov. 15th examination is restricted to prospective day students living within commuting distance of the college. Another scholarship test for prospective resident students will be held on Feb. 26, the dean also announced.

THE SCHOLARSHIP examination on Nov. 15 will be held in the college administration building on East Avenue. Applicants who are eligible to try the examination are asked to contact the dean immediately. Scholarship applicants must be in the upper third of their class and must meet Nazareth College entrance requirements with 16 academic units.

The scholarships which will be awarded to Rochester area contestants are described by Sister Rose Angela as follows:

Scholarships Open to All High School Seniors in Area: Liberal Arts and Science Departments—2 full scholarships valued at \$1,400 each (\$350 annually); 2 scholarships valued at \$300 each (\$200 annually); 2 scholarships valued at \$300 each (\$200 annually); Music Department—1 scholarship valued at \$300 (\$200 annually).

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Couples Renew Marriage Vows

Chicago, Ill. — (RNS) — Almost 3,000 Catholic couples renewed their marriage vows here during a two-hour celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Council of Trent.

The movement, which started here 10 years ago and has since spread to all parts of the country, instills Catholic ideals of marriage in married and engaged couples through conferences and discussions held throughout the year.

Construction Slated On National Shrine

Washington (NC) — Resumption of work on the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be blessed by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington during the national Marian Convocation at the Catholic University of America on November 15 and 16, it was learned.

Sisters of St. Joseph Centenary—Scholarship valued at \$300 (\$200 annually).

Sister Teresa Marie, awarded by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Rochester Chapter—1 scholarship valued at \$400 (\$100 annually).

Nazareth College will serve a buffet supper between 5:30 and 6:30 on the evening of the examination. The test will be given following supper and at 8 p.m. all contestants are invited to attend a lecture in the college auditorium by Sir Arnold Lunn, famed English author.

No fee will be charged for any part of the program.

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The photograph shows current progress of the Mount Carmel High School being erected in Auburn by the Carmelite Fathers.

Although started in May, the floors and roof of the classroom wing and the central wing are nearly complete and structural steel is substantially

erected for the gymnasium and cafeteria wing. Masonry work is continuing and it is hoped that the building will be closed at an early date in order to avoid severe weather.

This new Catholic high school for Auburn will contain a large gymnasium, cafeteria—seating over 400, library, two science rooms, a home-making suite,

chapel, two study halls, and ten large classrooms, in addition to general administrative needs. Completion is anticipated in 1955. Architects are Beardsley and Beardsley of Auburn. Construction work is being performed by the Irish Construction Company, Henry A. Watson, Inc., and Corbitt Electric Company.