

Bishop Lauds 25 Year Record



SILVER JUBILEE banquet of Elmira Catholic Family Service brings together at dinner in Mark Twain Hotel (from left), Monsignor William J. Brian, V.F., dean of Chemung-Schuylk diocese; Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive secretary, Catholic Family Service; His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and Monsignor Nicholas H. Wegner, Boys Town director.

Boys Town Head Cites Causes Of Delinquency

Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Elmira Catholic Family Service, 500 persons in Mark Twain Hotel heard their Bishop praise the 25 years progress of the organization and the director of Boys Town cite factors of juvenile delinquency at a banquet, Monday evening.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney paid tribute to the Catholic Family Service and other agencies of the Community Chest for the cooperation and interest they have shown in "each other's problems."

The Bishop warned against any standardization of procedure, especially among charitable organizations. "It is very dangerous for any country ever to be dominated by any particular school of thought. This country has nothing to gain by ever standardizing procedure," he asserted.

LACK of religious training and example in the home is one of the most significant factors in juvenile delinquency, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Father Flanagan's Boys Town at Omaha, Neb. told the audience.

Monsignor Wegner, named director of Boys Town in 1948 following the death of the founder, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, noted that available statistics indicate about 98 per cent of those teen-agers who get into trouble have had little or no religious training.

"Religion is the basis of successful character training," he said. "It is the basis of mental and emotional adjustment. This is the religion personality finds its fullest possible expression in."

"Reason dictates and experience confirms the truth that there is no moral discipline where religious training and example are neglected. The youth so neglected," Msgr. Flanagan asserted, "is deprived of the most compelling incentive for wholesome living."

"The attempt to solve the problem of maladjustment on a purely psychological, sociological or psychiatric level, without regard for the importance of religious values in character development," the speaker said, "is shortsighted and unrealistic."

THE SPEAKER listed emotional impoverishment as another cause of maladjustment. He noted that emotions are important in behavior control in that the emotions are powerful incentives for action and help shape behavior patterns which once established are painfully difficult to change.

Monsignor Wegner said parents can help the boy to achieve emotional control by showing interest in the boy's interests, and by giving the boy the love and affection he expects from them.

Another factor influencing the boy is his home life, the speaker continued, is the broken home. He said statistics show that between 50 and 60 per cent of the teen-agers who get into trouble come from "broken homes," which means not only the home broken by death, divorce or separation but also the home which is virtually broken because of parental fighting and quarreling.

"How is a child to learn to respect the rights of others when parents, by constant bickering, fail to show proper respect for each other?" the speaker asked. "The child is more than just a member of the family," Msgr. Wegner said. "It is a product of the family relationship and when this relationship is strained and weakened because of neglect or because the home is broken, the child invariably becomes a victim of mental and emotional maladjustment."

The speaker said environment is also closely connected with the character development of the boy and although good environment may not prevent delinquency, it does act as a deterrent.

"THE LACK of religious training and example in the home," the speaker said, "emotional impoverishment, the broken home and the lack of opportunities are some of the major causes of juvenile delinquency."

"By approaching the problem from the point of view of the individual boy—his needs and needs," Monsignor Wegner said, "much can be done toward preventing juvenile delinquency and toward helping the juvenile offender to find himself through a wholesome, social adjustment."

The speaker then discussed briefly the history of Boys Town, started in 1917 by Father Flanagan. He said since that time.

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2 Area Parishes To Launch School Drives

A new school building for St. John the Evangelist Parish, Spencerport and a school expansion program in St. John the Evangelist Parish, Greece with estimates at \$175,000 each, will be incentives for separate drives in each parish opening on Sunday, Dec. 1, St. John, Greece.

A campaign to raise \$175,000 for school expansion will be conducted Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12, according to the Rev. Donald E. Lux, pastor of St. John's, Greece.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey will give the keynote address at the opening dinner meeting, Saturday, Dec. 4, in the recently completed school hall.

RAPID SUBURBAN development in the Greece area, Father Lux stated, has necessitated building of an eight classroom addition to the parochial school, now providing a total of 19 classrooms and a hall. Present enrollment of 767 is expected to exceed 1,000 within three years.

Over 300 men of the parish are enrolled to obtain pledges from the parishioners and are headed by Charles J. Kutz and Santo W. Stallrecht, general co-chairmen.

The \$175,000 goal will permit partial payment of the current \$250,000 debt on the parish, the pastor pointed out.

Assisting the co-chairmen are Edwin J. Wegman, Eugene G. Wegman, Vincent L. Tofany, Donald M. Novelli, twenty Division Leaders and three hundred Team Captains and Workers.

St. John, Spencerport

For the first time in its parish history, St. John's in Spencerport will have its own new school. The Rev. Francis E. Heister, pastor, has announced plans to erect a six room school with combination cafeteria and gym to replace the eighty-seven year old wooden structure which has served first as a church and currently as a school.

Estimated cost of the new unit is about \$175,000 and a campaign for funds will be conducted in the parish on Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12.

HIS EXCELLENCY Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey will open the campaign with a speech at a dinner meeting for the workers on Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the school hall. Father Heister said that over 125 men of the parish will then solicit pledges from parishioners to finance the building project.

Raymond Morgan is general chairman, assisted by Curtin Duggan, Raymond Lisow and over 125 Division Leaders and Team members.

The new Spencerport school will relieve the crowded conditions of the present building and provide facilities for lunch time. The pastor pointed out that over 85 per cent of the children bring their noon lunch but at present have no adequate cafeteria.



REV. DONALD LUX

Triduum Planned At Good Counsel

A Triduum will be conducted for all men of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish starting Sunday, Dec. 3 and ending on Dec. 5, the closing day of the Marian Year. Confessions will be heard on Friday afternoon and evening, Dec. 4 in preparation for the Triduum. Evening Masses will be celebrated at 8 p.m. from Sunday, Dec. 5 to Wednesday, Dec. 7. The Rosary will be recited in common during Mass.

On Dec. 8, the Feast, there will be the recitation of the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary following the Mass.

Sisters Of Mercy To Be Honored

Sisters of Mercy teaching at St. Salome School will be guests of honor at the Mothers Club Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. in the school hall. They will be presented with vacuum cleaners and groceries by the mothers.

Mrs. Robert Magin, chairman and Mrs. Karl Krumer, a social team. They will be assisted by the Mesdames Bernard Skinner, Robert Jensen, Charles Scrimgeour, Norman Donaghy, John Arsenault, Norman DeBurgomaster.

Members will exchange \$20 gifts.

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40 Hours At Cathedral Begin '54-'55 Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1954

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Headed by the devotions in Sacred Heart Cathedral, the schedule of "Forty Hours" of adoration or prayer for the 1954-1955 ecclesiastical year in the Diocese of Rochester was released by the Chancery, this week.

Over the signatures of His Excellency Bishop Kearney and the Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, Chancery directors for the Forty Hours stated that in every parish the Forty Hours Devotion will begin on Sunday morning.

Forty Hours Devotion consists in a solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during 40 hours in honor of the 40 hours during which the Body of Our Lord is considered to have rested in the tomb according to the New Catholic Dictionary.

Devotions for the remaining days of 1954 are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 28—Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary, St. Patrick, Rochester; St. Mary, Auburn; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Friday, Dec. 3—Franciscan Fathers, Watkins Glen.

Sunday, Dec. 5—Blessed Sacrament, Immaculate Conception, St. Peter and Paul, Rochester; Fenn Yan; Nazareth Motherhouse; Mercy Motherhouse.

The schedule in other churches during the 1955 year until the end of November will be published as the dates near.

Here are the Bishop's directives on the schedule:

1. A plenary indulgence may be gained once each day during the Devotion on the usual conditions of confession and communion by making a visit to the church in which the Forty Hours is being held, and there praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

Five Our Fathers, Ave Hall Mary, and five Glory be to the Father; should be said, and another Our Father, Hall Mary and Glory be to the Father should be added for the intention of the Holy Father. Those who are present at the Exposition gain a Plenary Indulgence.

2. A Partial Indulgence of fifteen years may be gained for each visit made on the days of the Exposition, with recitation of the above named prayers.

3. These Indulgences are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

4. All the altars of the church are privileged during the time of the Exposition.

5. In every parish the Forty Hours Devotion will begin at the Solemn Mass of Exposition and Procession on Sunday morning. The Solemn Mass of Exposition and Procession will be held on the following Tuesday evening. Permission for this evening Mass is hereby granted. This is now the official liturgical formula for the celebration of the Forty Hours Devotion in the Diocese of Rochester.

6. No change in the time set for this Devotion may be made without permission of the Ordinary.

Program Announced

Dubuque, Ia.—(NC)—The Sisters of Charity's 112-year-old Clarke College launched a \$300,000 building fund drive for the erection of a new residence and service building.



REV. DONALD LUX

First Saturday Speaker Listed

Auburn—Rev. E. Leo McKinnis of St. Bernard Seminary will be the speaker at the First Saturday Luncheon, Dec. 4, 1 p.m. at the Caborne Hotel. Father McKinnis, a former assistant pastor of St. Mary Church, Auburn, is also a former deanery rector of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women which sponsors the First Saturday Luncheon series.

Two tours are being offered by the Kahlfleisch Travel Agency which will include the Congress. One is a 51 day tour by sea and air and the other is a 33 day tour by air. Information may be obtained by calling the Agency at BAKER 5446.

Mission To Open At Coldwater

A Week's Mission for men and women will be conducted at Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater opening on Sunday, Nov. 26 according to the Rev. Albert J. Geiger, pastor.

Conducting the services will be the Rev. John Meyer, C.S.S.R. of the Canadian Province of Redemptorist Fathers who gave the Basilian Retreat, this year.

Mission Masses will be at 6 and 8 a.m. and evening services will begin at 8 p.m. Father Geiger invites anyone interested to attend.

Youth Group Plans Powder Mill Picnic

December picnic of the St. John Fisher Club of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish will be held at Powder Mill Park on Sunday, Dec. 5. Members will meet at the Cathedral parking lot at 1:30 p.m.

Reservations, together with the \$1.25 to cover food and transportation, must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 1. They may be made with Ralph Schleich, 159 Wheelton Dr.; Joan Stein, 100 Park Ave.; Sylvia Zeller, 322 Lake Ave.; or Peggy Schnorr, 108 Wimbledon Rd. All Catholic young men and women of 18 years of age or over are invited.

Members of the club provided entertainment at the Monroe County Home this week. Included in the cast were: Patricia Kirby, Joan Stein, Walter Kalb, George Bernat, Steve McAlpine, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Johnson, Frank Havens, Len Vincent, Ruth Farrell, Patricia Dutton, Eleanor Schwind, Paul Contestable, John Hoffman, Ruth Kowalski and Claire Welder.

Holy Name Society Invited To Activities

Henry Mandara, president of the Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church has invited members to partake of a wood-ol opportunity on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Members will gather at St. Francis of Assisi Church to pray the Rosary for Peace at 6:45 p.m. followed by a regular meeting in the Pine Room of Holy Family. Refreshments will be served.

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