

40 Hours At Cathedral Begin '54-'55 Schedule

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, Chancellor, directions 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, SS. Peter and Paul, Rochester; Penn 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, five Hail Marys and five "Glory to be to thee, O Mary"

Forty Hour Devotions Set Sunday

St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, will open the Forty Hours Devotion at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. The solemn opening will correspond with the beginning of the new liturgical year and the holy season of Advent.

The solemn opening will include the Mass of Exposition to be offered by the pastor, Father Hubert A. Bisky, and the Procession of the Knights of the Altar and the school children. The Parish High School Choir, under the direction of Miss Florence Hughes will sing the Mass and the responses.

SERVICES ON Sunday and Monday evenings, beginning at 7:30, will include the Rosary, an instruction on the Eucharist, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. Bruce Armstrong will give the instruction on Sunday evening, and the Rev. Francis Erb will give the instruction on Monday evening.

The Forty Hours Devotion will close on Tuesday evening at 7:30 according to the new liturgical formula directed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney and now in effect through the Diocese. The solemn closing will consist of the solemn Mass of Reposition and Procession, followed by the singing of the Litany of the Saints and Benediction.

A Plenary Indulgence may be gained once each day during the devotion on the usual conditions of Confession and Holy Communion by making a visit to the church, and there praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Five Our Fathers, Hail Marys and five "Glory to be to thee, O Mary" should be said, and another Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory should be added for the intention of the Holy Father.

Those who are present at the Procession gain a Plenary Indulgence.

A Partial Indulgence of 15 years may be gained for each visit made on the days of the devotion, with recitation of the above named prayers. These indulgences are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

Politicians' Privilege
"We can't have statemen without having politicians." Editor of The Star.

Bishop Lauds Charities 25 Year Record

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.

Monignor 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 teenagers 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. Through religion personality finds its fullest possible expression."

Reasons dictate 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.

Monignor 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 craves from them.

Another factor influencing the boy is his home life, the speaker continued, is a broken home. He said statistics show that between 50 and 60 per cent of the teenagers 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 distorted because of neglect or because the home is broken, the child inevitably 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's wants and needs," Monignor Wegner said, "much can be done toward preventing juvenile delinquency and



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

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, over 3,000 boys have gone through Boys Town, which has a present population of about 800.

"Religion permeates the entire life of the home," he noted. He added that all the boys are required to attend religious services regularly, whether they be Protestant, Jewish or Catholic.

He said that about 3,000 applications are received annually for admission to Boys Town. He told his listeners that every Christmas, about 60 or 70 former residents of Boys Town return to spend the holidays. "It's the only home they have ever known," he added.

Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive director of the Service since it was inaugurated in January of 1930, and Mrs. Clara Rensel, who has served as office director during the same period, were each presented with a floral tribute and a gift.

In a brief talk, Miss Fitzgerald noted that the Catholic Family Service is built on faith, hope and love.

Cornelius J. Milliken was general chairman of the banquet and acted as toastmaster. Among those introduced were the Rev. Arthur E. Haligan of Rochester, Diocesan director of Catholic Charities, Cornelius O'Dea, one of the founders and first executive chairman of the Catholic Charities in Elmira, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., honorary vice chairman of the Service's board of governors, County Judge John A. Mathews, Probation Officer Ray C. Hillbert, and Recorder Daniel J. Donahoe, judge-in-charge of Chemung County Children's Court.

Fatal Legate
Rome (CNS)—His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini has left here for Lima, Peru, where he will serve as Papal Legate to the National Marian and Eucharistic Congress being held there December 8 to 12.

Where Experience Fails
We don't deny that experience may be a fine teacher, but we have observed that the longer a man is wrong, the surer he is he's right.—Sutherland.

Christ In Christmas Urged At Hornell Deanery Meet

Hornell—Hornell Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women stressed keeping Christ in Christmas at a meeting held in the St. Ann School library. The Rev. Robert MacNamara, spiritual director, offered several suggestions along this line.

One of the most important is the assembling of a crèche, with the Infant Jesus and the central figure, surrounded by the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, the shepherds and, later the Wise Men.

"Allow the children in the family to have a prominent part in building the crib," Father MacNamara said. "They will not only be delighted to help you, but will gain a deeper realization of the true meaning of Christmas."

ANOTHER PRACTICE which is spreading throughout the community is the practical celebration of Christmas as the birthday of the Baby Jesus—with birthday cake, candles and all in a family sense.

Instructions were given as to the making of an Advent Wreath as a central symbol for family prayer in the season of preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

Miss Virginia Husong, president of the Service, presided.

University Student Selected For Choir
Cornelia—Miss Virginia Lentricchia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lentricchia of 163 W. First St., was among the members of the selected choir of the State University Teachers College at Fredonia that appeared with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra last Sunday and Monday at Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo.

Miss Lentricchia is a junior in the Music Department at the Fredonia school.

Program Announced
Dubuque, Ia.—(CNS)—The Sisters of Charity's 112-year-old Clarke College launched a \$500,000 building fund drive for the erection of a new residence and service building.

Advent Customs Topic Of Mt. Saviour Prior

A lecture on Advent Customs by the Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, O.S.B., prior of Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery will be heard by Catholic Daughters of America, Court St. Rita on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m.

The lecture will take place at the Catholic Daughters' headquarters, corner of Church and State Streets over Kantz's drug store.

In connection with the lecture an exhibit and sale of articles available for Christmas gifts from the Mount Saviour Religious Articles Shop will be held on Friday, Nov. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 27. The sale will also be held at the Catholic Daughters' headquarters.

FATHER WINZEN, formerly of the famous Abbey of Maria Laach in the Rhineland, Germany, came to this country during the Hitler regime after an address to the Catholic Youth groups which led to his being persona non grata to the Hitler government.

Before coming to Elmira as founder and prior of Mount Saviour, he was Chaplain of the Benedictine Nuns at Regina Laudis Convent, Bethlehem, Conn., made famous by the film "Come to the Stable."

Father Winzen is well known as a lecturer and retreat master. INCLUDED in the exhibit will be Christmas cards, including one designed by a monk of Mount Saviour, statuettes, medals, rosaries, ceramics, enamel and recordings of Gregorian Chant made by the famous Benedictine choir of Solesmes, France and St. Benoit-du-Lac, Canada.

Many of the articles are handmade by contemporary American and European craftsmen. Some come from the monasteries of the Benedictines in France and Germany. The display and sale will be held both Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Solemn closing will take place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Attend Daily Mass



FATHER DAMASUS

Novena Opens In Elmira Parish

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick Church announces that the annual novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will open in St. Patrick Church on Monday, Nov. 29.

The Rev. Justus Swenney, O.F.M., noted Franciscan preacher will conduct the Novena. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 and morning Masses will be celebrated at 8, 7, 7:30, 9 and 8:30 a.m.

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