

General Romulo Set At Thomas More Forum

General Carlos Romulo will address the Thomas More Lecture Forum on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8:15 p.m. at Rochester Chamber of Commerce. His topic will be: "America's Stake in Asia."



GENERAL ROMULO

The general will be introduced by Paul Miller, vice-president of the Gannett Newspapers, John J. Conway, president of the Thomas More Lecture Forum will preside. The executive director of the forum is Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall.

GENERAL ROMULO was born in Manila in 1901. He graduated from the University of the Philippines and Columbia University. He has received numerous honorary degrees from both American and foreign colleges. As General MacArthur's aide-camp on Bataan, Corregidor and Australia, he rose to the rank of brigadier general in 1944. He wrote several best-sellers in America including: "I Saw the Philippines Fall," "Mother America," and "My Brother America."

He was active in the United Nations, having served as president of the fourth general assembly from 1949-50. He was secretary of Foreign Affairs from 1950-52 and ambassador to the United States from 1952 till he resigned in 1953.

General Romulo holds many decorations received during the war and numerous awards for contributions to public life and world peace.

The Thomas More Lecture Forum is sponsored by the Catholic Courier-Journal.

Trappist Abbot To Address Holy Name Unit

Rt. Rev. Gerard McGinley, O.C.S.O., abbot of the Trappists' Monastery in Piffard, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday morning Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast in St. Paul of the Cross Church, Honeoye Falls, on Dec. 13 immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass.

Charles S. Morris, president, has announced that the ladies of St. Paul's Guild will provide the meal and that full membership of the laymen's organization is expected.

ABBOT MCGINLEY was the leader of the small group of men who came to Piffard from the Trappists' mother house in Gethsemane, Kentucky, only a few years ago to found the strict religious order just four miles from Geneva.

Trappists is the popular name for monks of the Order of Reformed Cistercians of Our Lady of La Trappe. An organization dating back to 1564.

With only a handful of priories and brothers, Father Gerard has seen the Piffard group grow to nearly 100, and their simple, but comfortable living quarters in now an attractive and respected community in the Honeoye Valley.

There are only a half dozen Trappists' monasteries in the United States, and approximately 60 other monasteries in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Syria, Canada, England and Ireland.

The monks support themselves, leading the strictest life in the history of monasticism. They observe perpetual silence except in matters dealing with their abbot and for the office of 'guest master' who receives visitors at their monastery.

The Honeoye Falls Holy Name Society, with their pastor, Rev. Howard W. Geck, said they consider it an honor to have Abbot McGinley as their speaker on Sunday morning, Dec. 12.

Forest Church, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., where over 5,000 natives received Holy Communion at the first Mass celebrated in a new church built at Ayena, deep in the forest.

City WAC Officer Attends Conference

Major Cecilia A. Frey of 10 Barons Rd., Irondequoit, a liaison officer from the Women's Army Corps to the U.S. Surgeon General's department attended a WAC staff conference at Ft. Mc Clellan, Ala., recently.

Major Frey, a graduate of Nazareth Academy, is also personnel division chief of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington.

After enlisting in 1942, she studied military hospital management. She worked in the 96th General Hospital at Munich, Germany, and later became assistant registrar at Walter Reed Hospital. As a WAC staff officer, she visits military facilities throughout the country.

Communion Slated By Holy Name Unit

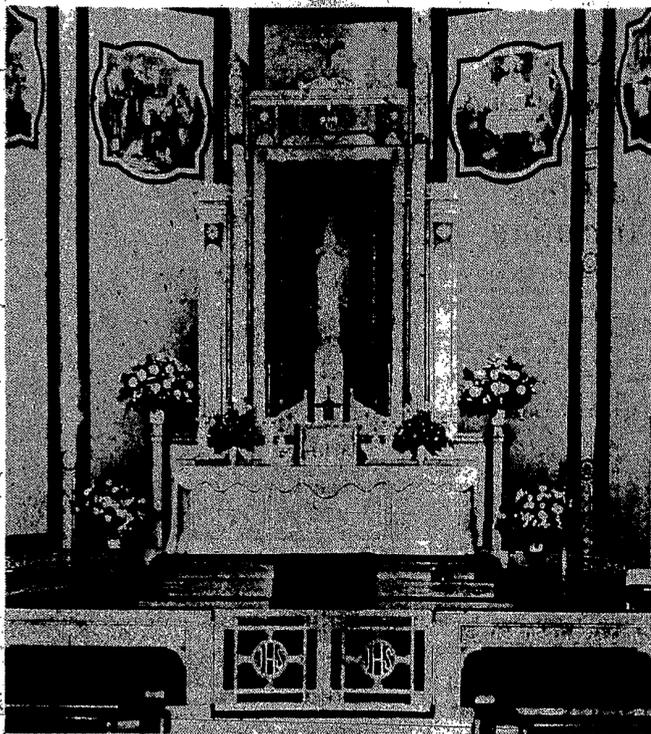
Holy Name Society of Holy Apostles Church will hold its monthly Communion at 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12, followed by a breakfast meeting in the school hall. A Christmas program will be held.

Final arrangements will be made for the forum on Monday, Dec. 13 and plans will be discussed for sports night on Feb. 1. All men of the parish are urged to attend.

Catholic Nurses Set Holy Hour

Rochester Catholic Nurses' Holy Hour will be held at St. Agnes Convent School Chapel, 416 E. Main St., on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Charles E. Connell, moderator, will conduct the Holy Hour services.

Honoring Immaculate Conception



IMPROVEMENTS in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochester, newly decorated sanctuary of which is shown, will be viewed at the patronal feast observance, Sunday evening when His Excellency Bishop Kearney will give the sermon. (Martin R. Wahl Photo)

Bishop Kearney To Deliver Sermon In Redecorated Immaculate Parish

In the newly decorated sanctuary in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochester, His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Sunday, Dec. 12 will give the sermon for the current campaign for payment of the improvements, the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, pastor said today.

Besides Monsignor Randall and Father Zimmer, the church is staffed by the Rev. George S. Wood, senior assistant pastor and the Rev. Gerald E. Dunn.

A DE PRATO designed altar rail of oak has been installed and the new floor in the Sanctuary is of Vinyl Tile of contrasting colors.

Other improvements offering service to parishioners are the installation of a new Baptistry in the rear of the nave on the Epistle side, enclosed by a wrought iron grill and having an Italian marble font. The confessionals have a frame-Op-plane grills.

Under the Daniel J. Meagher Company, a complete enclosure of the portico entrance and new doors have been constructed. This provides for a vestibule office and nursery room for small children. New side entrance vestibules and lights have been provided.

A SHRINE having a white marble statue of the Immaculate Conception and designed by Edward Constable was erected outdoors. Construction was done by men of the parish under the supervision of the Rev. Edward A. Zimmer, assistant pastor.

A sum of \$43,180 has been pledged by parishioners in the

Nocturnal Adoration Society Schedules 2 All Night Vigils

The December all-night vigil of three of the four centers of Rochester's Nocturnal Adoration Society will begin on Saturday, Dec. 18 and the other one on Saturday, Dec. 25 according to Joseph W. Behr, secretary.

Men of Blessed Sacrament Church will begin their vigil at 10 p.m. on Christmas night, Saturday, Dec. 28.

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National Safety President, Bishop Appeal For Safety

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, in issuing a letter appealing for observance of Safe Driving Day on Dec. 15, has fulfilled the request of Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council. Dearborn declared that Christmas "the time of new life and hope for mankind, has become a season of tragedy and death on the nation's highways."

"The very season that has been hallowed as a time of joy and blessedness coincides in our land with the period in which traffic deaths reach their peak," Dearborn said. "And worst of all, on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, more persons die in traffic than on any other day of the year. Silent Night that very night when we relive the birth of Christ—is no more hallowed with the screech of tires and the groans of humanity."

DEARBORN in a special statement for the Catholic Press appealed to the country's clergymen to enlist their people's moral sense in the fight on accidents.

He recalled that Father Kenneth Moore, O. Carm., of Washington, D.C., in urging the clergy to speak out on the immorality of careless driving, said: "One way of making our people conscious of the moral implications involved in driving a car is to include subjects such as speeding, reckless driving, and similar points, in our discussions, talks and sermons on the Fifth and Seventh Commandments. If these points were stressed even once a year, we could expect more conscientious drivers and fewer accidents."

SIX TIPS for holiday driving have been suggested by the National Safety Council, Dearborn said. They are:

1. Respect the weather. Adjust your speed to road and weather conditions.

2. Keep windshield clear, and use fire chains for severe snow and ice conditions.

3. Brake intermittently—don't lock the wheels—when the road surface is slippery.

4. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance.

5. Allow plenty of time to make your trip without hurrying.

6. By all means, don't drink after drinking.

"The Christmas season of hope and joy," Dearborn said, "is the appropriate time to speak of the saving of life. When people are involved with the spirit of giving, what better way to give than by safeguarding the lives of our fellow men by driving sensibly. Let us make the season of peace on earth one of peace on the highway—let us make that 'Silent Night' a truly holy night unmarred by tragedy."

Dearborn recalled that during the first Christmas, the three Kings from the East made a long journey and arrived safely in Bethlehem to pay their homage to the Infant-Saviour. He added that "down through the ages those three Kings have become known as the Three Wise Men."

Safe Driving Day

My Dear Friends:

Wednesday, December 15, has been set aside as Safe Driving Day in the hope that one day's effort may establish the fact that it is possible to have twenty-four hours without a serious traffic accident.

The sacrifice of human life, suffering from serious injuries and the consequent physical handicaps as a result of careless or reckless driving are matters of deep concern to all of us.

The reluctance to read the morning headlines for fear of a new tragedy is a feeling not uncommon today.

It is all too unfortunate because it is unnecessary. Progress in transportation need not be bought at such a price.

A little care, courtesy, unselfishness, respect for the rights of others and anticipation of the mistakes of others could prevent so many of these tragic accidents.

Safe Driving Day is an excellent opportunity for drivers to meditate on this theme, for

"The life you save may be your own."

James E. Kearney,

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

French Course Taught At Local Grade School

A conversational French program has been inaugurated on an experimental basis at Brighton Intermediate School under the direction of Miss Margaret Mary Donegan, a graduate of Nazareth College in Rochester who majored in French.

Dramatic sketches, folk-dances and group singing familiarize the pupils with the customs and social environment of France, and are building a foundation for future language studies. Approximately 70 students are enrolled in the course.

THE CLASSES meet twice weekly for half-hour sessions and are greeted by the words of their teacher: "Bon-jour. Comment allez-vous?" Continuing a pattern of simple, everyday expressions, Miss Donegan acquaints them with the sounds of the French words, encouraging them to repeat phrases and sentences after her. No attempt is made to make the children read or write, but only speak.

Congo University, Kinshasa, Belgian Congo (A.C.)—The first Catholic university in the Belgian Congo opened its first academic year here with 20 students: 17 Africans and three Europeans.

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