103,455 Lbs. Of Clothing Now Reported

Sixty-two parishes of the diocese have already reported a total of 103,455 pounds of clothing collected in the recent Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, according to the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, diocesan director. This represents an increase of 32 per cent over their last year's reports.

PARISHES WHICH have doubled their contributions are St. Charles and Holy Rosary in Rochester, St. Hyacinth in Auburn, St. Vincent in Corning, Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira, and Our Lady of the Lake in King Ferry, with its mission, All Saints, in Ludlowville.

Parishes which have almost trebled their contributions are Holy Apostles in Rochester, St. John in Elmira, St. Mary in Horseheads, and the Catholic Chapel in Bradford, with its mission, St. Joseph, in Campbell. In excess of trebled contributions is St. Theresa in Rochester.

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Cenacle Rites To Close With Bishop Officiating

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will officiate at Cenacle ceremonies to mark the closing of the Marian Year on Sunday, Dec. 12, the date on which in 1952 he opened this period consecrated to Our Lady, at the convent.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass of Gaudete Sunday at 3:30 p.m. He will be assisted by Rev. Daniel McCarthy, chaplain at the convent.

AFTER THE MASS, His Excellency will crown the statue of the Blessed Mother, using the prayer of Pope Pius XII during a similar ceremony at Rome. The congregation will join in singing a hymn to Our Lady, which will conclude the ceremonies.

Rochester's retreat house for women is especially dedicated to Mary, under the title of Our Lady of the Cenacle. A procession in her honor, and consecration to her, are features of the weekend retreats given at the convent.

Members of St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, Third Order of St. Dominic will meet at 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., on Sunday, Dec. 12. The Rev. Albert Drexellius, O.P. will be on hand to conduct the meeting.

The Chapter invites all sincere and interested Catholics to this meeting. They may speak, if they wish, after the meeting with either Father Drexellius or one of the officers. This is not just a women's organization, and men are invited.

Rev. Francis Wendell, O.P. in his The Formation Of A Lay Apostle writes: "To view the Dominican Third Order, as many do, as a school of individual perfection and nothing more, is a fatal yet common mistake."

"It is a school of perfection but it is also apostolic, and to miss this point is to miss the entire genius of St. Dominic who was an apostle to his fingertips.

"The fact that individual Tertiaries and even individual Fraternities may be missing this point argues not against Tertiary Life but against the non-observance of Tertiary Life and Rule."

Notre Dame Club States Retreat

Annual Retreat of Notre Dame Club of Rochester will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St. on Dec. 10, 11 and 12 according to Victor A. Dollinger, chairman.

The Notre Dame men of Rochester make the retreat annually near the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. They will have the Retreat House to themselves. "So there is plenty of room for all," Dollinger said.

In connection with the retreat on Sunday, Dec. 11, the club's annual Communion breakfast will be held. Reservations for the retreat and breakfast are being made with Dollinger at LOcust 3084, Leo Wesley, BAker 6168 or Bob Skipworth, HAmilton 3044.

Annual Christmas Collection Planned By Fisher Club

St. John Fisher Club of Rochester will hold its annual collection for Christmas baskets at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 12. Money collected will be added to the profits of a recent card party to furnish Christmas baskets for needy families.

The club will hold a dinner meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16 in Sacred Heart Cathedral school hall at 7 p.m. A one-act play will be presented by the group. Dancing will follow.

Edward Gartland is in charge of dinner arrangements. Entertainment is being arranged by Mary and Kirk Johnson, George Barnat, Walt Kalb, Patricia Kirby, Joan Stein and Paul Contestable.

RESERVATIONS MUST be made with Rita Contestable, 96 Furlong St., Rochester, by Monday, Dec. 13. Price is $1.25. All Catholic young men and women 18 years of age or over are invited.

A Communion breakfast will be held Sunday, Dec. 19 following the 9 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. All are invited. Price is $.25. The group will meet that evening to make its annual Christmas caroling tour.

A business meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the club room at Sacred Heart Cathedral school hall. Kenneth Knox, president, will preside.

Benedictine Prior Listed At Gallery

The Rev. Damasus Winzen, prior of the Benedictine Monastery of Mt. Saviour in Elmira will give an illustrated talk at Memorial Art Gallery on Monday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. Father Damasus' talk will be on "Manuscript Illuminations" and will cover the period from the 12th through the 15th Centuries. This appropriate theme for the Christmas season will be the final lecture event at the Gallery before the holidays.

Bishop Appoints Sodality Heads

Two appointments in the Rochester Diocesan Parish Sodality Union by His Excellency Bishop Kearney are announced today.

They are:

The Rev. James Marvin, Assistant to the Diocesan Director of Parish Sodalities. Father Marvin is assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

The Rev. Frederick Eisemann, Director, Cayuga Deanery. Father Eisemann is assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn.

15 Million Booklets

Melbourne — (RNS) — Nearly 15,000,000 religious booklets have been distributed in the past 50 years by the Australian Catholic Truth Society.

Postmaster Suggests Methods To Aid Letter Carriers During Rush Season

Postmaster Louis B. Cartwright offered additional suggestions this week for aiding the delivery of mail during the Christmas rush season.

"There are several ways", he said. "Porch lights left on until 6:00 p.m. are especially important to the late-working mailman. Make sure your full name is on the mailbox, and that your street number is not faded or covered by vines.

"Try to mail your Christmas gift packages by this weekend along with your Christmas cards for distant points. Your holiday greetings for local addresses should be sent at least a week before Christmas.

"Zone numbers should be included in the address, and use the recipient's full name. No nicknames, please, and no hen-scratching. A carefully written or printed address is helpful to the mailman, and an attractive sight to your loved ones as well.

"The Post Office crowds are largest at noontime. So the Postmaster recommends you come in before 10 a.m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Then you'll have plenty of time to read those informative Post Office Bulletin boards!"

ST. RITA SCHOOL TO RISE

GROUND BREAKING ceremony for the new St. Rita School in West Webster, is conducted by the Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer, pastor, with spade. Assisting is Rev. Richard C. O'Connell, assistant pastor. In photo (from left) Anthony Poole, Philip Winkler, architect; Father O'Connell, Father Kleehammer, Donald J. McKenna and W. Smith O'Brien. More than $140,000 was reported raised by a campaign in June for the nine classroom school.

Christmas Basket Program Scheduled At Aquinas

A program to provide Christmas baskets for the needy at Christmas will be conducted for rthe general public at Aquinas Institute auditorium, Thursday, Dec. 16 according to John Strowger, president of the Men's Club.

ADMISSION TO the entertainment which will be featured by a "Beat the Clock" type program on television will be canned goods. All proceeds will be turned over to the Christmas basket fund.

Participating in the "Beat the Clock" feature in charge of Art Bircher will be representatives from Rochester's Catholic girls' high schools, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High, St. Agnes High and Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Prizes will be awarded for skill in that part of the program.

Requiem Mass Held For James O'Neill

Solemn Mass of Requiem for the repose of the soul of James Andrew O'Neill, father of Mrs. Michael Leo Lynch of Geneva, was offered on Monday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. in St. Barnaby Church, Brewers Mills, Ont., Canada.

Mr. O'Neill resided in the Archdiocese of Kingston all of his life and is an uncle of the Rev. Andrew J. O'Neill of Brockville, Ont., and the Rev. Gerald O'Hern of Toledo and Lombardy, Ont., Canada.

He is also survived by two sons, Joseph Vincent and Patrick Liguori of Canada. His wife, Agnes Sammon O'Neill, died in 1942.

Attend Daily Mass

Anniversary Mass For Bishop Hickey

Mass marking the anniversary of the death of Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, second Bishop of Rochester, will be offered by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at St. Joseph Villa, Dewey Ave. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.

The Mass for the distinguished prelate will be offered in St. Thomas Chapel on the villa grounds. Archbishop Hickey resigned as Bishop of Rochester from Jan. 18, 1900 until his retirement in 1929. He died Dec. 11, 1940.

Guild Advances Meeting Date

Members of the Good Shepherd Guild will meet at Hotel Seneca, Monday, Dec. 13 at 8:15 p.m. Due to holiday activity the meeting date was advanced from the regular Dec. 27 date.

Mrs. Cornelius Monahan, president, will preside at a short business meeting where final plans will be made for a card party and rummage sale and plans will be completed for the annual Christmas gift to Holy Angels' Home, a project of the Guild.

Any member who has not done so may bring a gift suitable for a teen-age girl at the home.

Mrs. John Sadler heads the entertainment committee planning a Christmas party. A Santa Claus will distribute a $1 gift to be exchanged by members.

Special Christmas music will be presented by Mrs. Edward Dickes, Mrs. Edward Naughton and Mrs. Violet Rowe. Mrs. Alice Morehand and her hostess will serve refreshments after the meeting.

Social Service Sisters Plan Vocation Course

The Sisters of Social Service, 935 Tifft St., Buffalo, 20, N.Y. are planning a vocation course to help find the answer to the Gospel quotation, "Lord, what will Thou have me to do for Thee?" they have announced.

The course will be held Dec. 28, 29, and 30 of December at the Buffalo address.

Hospitality House Seeks Assistance

An appeal for donations to the St. Joseph House of Hospitality was voiced today to aid the homeless of Rochester. The House of Hospitality has fed the poor of Rochester for 15 years and they serve an average of 125 meals a day.

There are no public funds for this cause and the funds therefore depend entirely on private and personal charity. There are no tests—religious, racial or social—to anyone requesting assistance from them.

Contributions should be sent to the Rev. Raymond M. Kenny, chaplain, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester 11, N. Y. If you wish to deduct the contribution from your income tax, the check should be made out to House of Hospitality, Inc.

Mark Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Mariano Tomasino of 1617 Clifford Ave. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 5. The couple who had emigrated to the United States and met in New York City, were married in Old St. Patrick Cathedral here.

They were guests of a son, Kaye Tomasino of 77 Cinnabar Rd., Irondequoit, on Sunday. Three other children were there: Mrs. Connie Scarpulla of California; Joseph Tomasino and Mrs. Nina Tufano. They have lived at the Clifford Ave. address for 30 years.

LeRoy Churches Get Money From Restaurant Owner

LeRoy—(RNS)—Seven local Protestant and Roman Catholic churches received gifts totalling $3,783 from the owner of a restaurant and ice cream parlor here.

The donor, James Tountas, a naturalized Greek, belongs to none of them. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church and travels to Rochester, 25 miles away, to attend church.

Tountas said that for many years he had a desire to help the churches and regularly set aside money for this purpose. When the fund grew to nearly $4,000, he decided to contribute to each church on the basis of approximately ont dollar per member.

THE TWO CATHOLIC churches received the largest amounts—St. Peter's getting $1,200 and St. Joseph's, $1,050.

The amounts pro-rated to the Protestant churches were: First Presbyterian, $630; Methodist, $376; First Baptist, $229; St. Mark's Episcopal, $175; and Second Baptist, a Negro congregation, $123.

Tountas unfolded his plan at a steak dinner to which he invited pastors of the churches. It was the first time that all the city's clergy had a meal together.

Tountas has for 16 years given a dinner to seniors of the LeRoy High School. He presents each student with a gold pin and a pamphlet extolling American citizenship. In recent years, he also has sponsored a Hallowe'en party for girls of the New York State School for the Blind.

City Priest At Manila Congress

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Koch of Rochester was guest preacher at the Holy Hour of the five-day National Marian Congress in Manila last week. Msgr. Koch, who served as a chaplain in the Armed Forces for 25 years, is presently chaplain of Angel Guardian Home in Brooklyn.

In 1935, he was detailed to serve as chairman of arrangements and events for the International Eucharistic Congress in Manila. He was formerly chief of the Army Chaplain School and chief of chaplains in the Manila area.

Hospital Aided

Quebec —(NC)— The Quebec Government has announced a special grant of $1,800,000 to the Hotel Dieu Hospital here to assist in its expansion program.

Jesuit Novitiate

Toronto, Ont. — (NC) — The main building of St. Stanislaus Jesuit Novitiate outside Guelph, 65 miles west of here, has been completely destroyed by fire without loss of a life.

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