

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, the 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

Ad Altare Dei Awards, Retreat Planned At Bath

Coring—Plans for presentation of the Ad Altare Dei awards and a retreat to be held at Camp Gorton highlighted a meeting of the Steuben Area Boy Scout Council lay Catholic committee in Bath last week.

The business of the meeting included plans for presentation of the Ad Altare Dei awards for the Council at a meeting to be held at Dansville sometime in June. The definite date will be announced as soon as final arrangements can be made.

PLANS WERE also discussed for holding a retreat for Scouts of Catholic faith and their fathers at Camp Gorton on Sept. 16, 17 and 18. A committee to promote the retreat will be named in the near future. It will consist of at least one man from each parish in the council territory.

A budget of \$400 was adopted for the coming year. This amount will be raised by soliciting contributions from churches, clubs and individuals as in previous years.

The following members were present: William O'Mara, the Rev. Leo Mann and Charles Maher of Hornell; James Cox and John Vogt of Dansville; Victor Gessner of Wayland; Joseph Menihan, Edward Schneider and Phil Gramann of Corning; and William Nadeau, secretary, and O. B. Roberts, Scout executive and advisor, of Bath.

Commandments Topic Listed At Classes

The Commandments of God will be the topic for discussion at the Inquiry Classes, being conducted in St. Patrick's school assembly rooms in Elmira on Monday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 13 and 16.

The classes are conducted by the priests of the parish and are open to non-Catholics and Catholics seeking more knowledge of their Holy Faith.

Charity Unit Sponsors Luncheon



THE FIRST SATURDAY luncheon sponsored by Elmira Ladies of Charity and held at Mark Twain Hotel Saturday brought together (from left) the Rev. Hubert A. Bishop, of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira; Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Catholic Family Service director; Joseph G. Kelly, soloist, the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan of Geneva, guest speaker and Mrs. Wilfred H. Underwood.

Immaculate Heart Unit Plans Christmas Party

Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira will hold its annual Christmas party, Monday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Those attending are asked to take gifts to exchange. An entertainment has been planned and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Joseph Woodhouse, President of the society, has appointed Mrs. Albert Minchin and Mrs. Thomas Langsine, co-chairmen of the party and they have asked the following members to serve: decorations, Mesdames Edward F. Elston, chairman, William F. Griffin, Walter Lofstrom, Jeremiah Coveney, and Betty Whitford.

Refreshments, Mesdames James Holleran, chairman, Edward Lane, William Lynch Sr., Paul Reidy, Jr., John Hiltz and Miss Helen Falvey.

Entertainment, Mrs. Joseph Woodhouse, Mrs. John Dowling, Publicity, Miss Frances M. Battersby.

Benediction will be held in the church at 7:45 p.m. A short business meeting will precede the party. All women in the parish are invited to attend.

Elmira Knights To Sponsor Children's Christmas Party

The annual children's Christmas party sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be held in Columbus Center on Sunday, Dec. 19 starting at 2:30 p.m.

THE PROGRAM will include group singing, movies, refreshments and the appearance of Santa Claus with a gift for all his little friends ten years of age and under.

Frank A. Belligotti and Joseph A. Limoncelli are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Paul Wills, John Rohde, William Moore, Lee Sonko, Richard Feman, Lester B. Elliott, Thomas F. Coggins, John E. Strong, Victor Calaman, Thomas Stowell, Victor A. Carosio and a group from the Ladies of Columbus.

St. Anthony Group To Hold Party

Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira, will hold its annual Christmas party in the audio visual rooms of the school on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Those planning on attending are requested to bring an inexpensive exchange gift.

Grace D'Alaisio is chairman and Antonette Alois is co-chairman. They are being aided by Mary Antuzzi, Lena Bernabei, Lena Cieri, Natalie Kondrak, Lena Maddalena, Rose Montello, Jennie Mucci, Dorene Novick, Genevieve Oronsky, Frances Pesetti, Marian Rossi, Teresa Spallone, Dolores LeMark, Josephine Roohi, Mary D'Alaisio and Louise Cappucci.

Ithaca Parish Collects 4000 Lbs. Of Clothing

Ithaca—Nearly 4000 pounds of clothing was collected at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, during the annual Bishop's Thanksgiving week clothing drive.

Members of the Rosary and Altar Society, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and the Catholic Daughters assisted in sorting and packing the clothing.

The boxes were made ready for shipment to the distribution center by members of the Knights of Columbus. Rev. Otto Vogt was director of the drive for Ithaca. He has expressed his grateful appreciation to those who contributed and to all who worked to make the drive successful. Mrs. Carl Wall was chairman of the committee.

Father Scott, Jesuit, Dies

New York (NC)—A solemn Requiem Mass was offered at the Church of St. Francis Xavier for Father Martin J. Scott, S.J., 81, author of more than 20 books and numerous pamphlets who died (November 28) at St. Vincent's hospital here.

Bishop Kearney Launches Campaign For New School

Launched by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, the \$125,000 campaign for a new school and convent in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, was off to a flying start, first reports showed, campaign leaders said today.

Two hundred workers at a dinner in the school hall, Saturday night heard Bishop Kearney tell them they are "making a most outstanding contribution" toward the prevention of juvenile delinquency by providing for a parochial school.

The Bishop told the parish workers that by initiating the fund effort they are making it possible to mold "strong, homes, patriotic and patriotic citizens."

BISHOP KEARNEY also reminded the parishioners that the opening of the campaign is "your gift to Our Lady of Lourdes" at the close of the Marian Year dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

Other prominent clergymen of the Chemung and Schuyler deanery and of the Diocese of Rochester attended the dinner.

Captains and their workers began their making-of-calls early in the week.

Plans call for the convent and school on Demarest Pkwy. at W. First St. to be opened in the fall of 1960, with members of the Sisters of Mercy community staffing the institution.

REV. LEO G. SCHWAB, church pastor was toastmaster of the campaign dinner and thanked the many leaders and workers for their efforts and interest in the project.

The Rev. Charles V. Boyle of Rochester, diocesan schools superintendent, noted that some 30,000 youths are now being educated in Catholic institutions of the diocese.

He praised the parish for its determination to make Our Lady of Lourdes a complete parish for a parish is never really complete without a school.

Father Boyle commented that construction of the school also represents "a major contribution to your community" as its availability will help reduce the public school tax burden in the district.

The Rev. Rev. Messrs. William J. Brer, V.F., Dean of the Chemung and Schuyler Deanery, reminded the workers that in seeking pledges to the school fund they are "doing it for God, your parish and the community."

MONSIGNOR BRENN said the West Elmira parish "is close to my heart for several reasons." He recalled that the parish was part of St. Patrick's Church, of which he was the pastor, prior to its formation in 1940 and he noted his long association with Father Schwab, a former assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Father Murphy Speaks At First Saturday Meet

Ithaca—The Rev. David Murphy, a graduate student at Cornell University, Ithaca, was guest speaker at the first Saturday Mass in the Clinton House on Dec. 4, following the 7:30 Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca.

The breakfast was the last in the present series sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of the parish.

Mrs. Clinton Wilcox was chairman assisted by Mrs. Alice Howley, Mrs. Paul Gillis and Mrs. George Bossack. Miss Mary Glynn was piano accompanist.

Father Murphy, who was ordained at the North American College in Rome, Italy on Dec. 8, 1953, gave a talk on Rome. He stated that the North American College is supported by Bishops of the United States to bring North America into closer association with the center of Christianity.

He described the part worn by the students from 53 nations at the College. He said he found the Italian people to be a warm, friendly race with a sense of humor and a philosophy of patience and unburdenedness.

Father Murphy had four audiences with Pope Pius XII and described him as a very sincere, humble, fatherly man.

Father Murphy will teach at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, after two years of language study at Cornell.

Reception Set For 16 Members

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, will hold its annual corporate Communion on Sunday at the 9:45 a.m. Mass.

Following the Mass a Communion Breakfast will be served at the Mark Twain Hotel.

A reception for 16 new members will take place in the church at 4:30 p.m. This ceremony will be conducted by Rev. L. Emmett Davis, spiritual director.

The Rev. Hugh A. Brady, assistant pastor of St. Mary's, the Lake, Watkins Glen will be guest preacher.

The day's activities will conclude with a spaghetti supper being served in the hall at 5:30 p.m. The committee in charge includes Michael Donohue, Thomas Presuhn, Sandra Selfried and Stephen Kelly.

Retreat Opens For Teen-Agers

The annual three day retreat for high school students of St. Mary parish will open on Sunday, December 12 at 7:45 in St. Mary's Church, Elmira.

Retreat Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday at 7 a.m. and services for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be held at 7:45 p.m.

The Retreat Master will be the Rev. Thomas A. Burke, S.J., of McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester. A noted Jesuit lecturer, Father Burke has spent several years conducting high school retreats.

Rev. Albert V. Ryan is moderator of the Society.

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