

Youth Holy Hour Slated With Bishop Presiding

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside at the monthly Holy Hour for all the young people of the city on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Rochester.

THE BISHOP will preach the sermon and impart Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Clifford Sargent Promoted In KC

Clifford B. Sargent, of 28 Oxford St., Rochester, was promoted from field agent to general agent by the Knights of Columbus Insurance Department, according to John F. Richter, director of the Agency Department in New Haven.

Sargent has been serving as executive secretary of Rochester Council. In his new post he will direct the K. C. Insurance Council throughout the Rochester diocese, and some councils in Buffalo and Syracuse diocese.

A past grand commander of Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, Sargent has been active in the K. of C. for many years.

Elmira Parish Plans Dedication Of New Organ

Dedication of the new, smaller pipe organ in St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19.

The Rev. Theodore J. Winter, pastor, will bless the organ and an organ recital will be played by Philip G. Kreckel, organist of St. Boniface Church, Rochester, and widely known composer.

SELECTIONS by Bach, Regner, Rheinberger, Benner, Gullmann, Merkel and Kreckel will be on the program. The choir will sing numbers by Mauro-Cottone and Kreckel.

The organ is said to be not only a fine accompaniment instrument, but also one that is most adequate and capable of producing dignified organ music for many occasions.

The organ was made by Bernini, one of the nation's leading makers who is associated with the Teller Organ Co., Erie, Pa.

Anniversary Masses For Magr. Bergan

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will offer the Anniversary Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Magr. William F. Bergan in St. Monica Church on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m.

The Very Rev. Magr. Gerald C. Lambert, successor to Monsignor Bergan as St. Monica pastor, will assist. Monsignor Bergan was also Chancellor of the diocese when he died in 1947.

DAILY LECTURE—Some men's loss of practicing economy is to preach it daily to their wives.

Youth Groups Honor Blessed Mother



YOUTH ACTIVITIES at Holy Cross Church, Rochester during the past week highlighted by a Communion banquet for high schoolers (upper photo) at which Rev. John W. LeVeque was speaker and crowning of Mary as Queen by grammar school children in the Marian Year closing in Holy Cross Church, shown at left. (Photos by Martin E. Wall)

High School Students Attend Communion Banquet

High school students of Holy Cross parish numbering 125 attended their annual Communion Banquet on Wednesday, Dec. 8 in Holy Cross Parish Auditorium.

Students from nine schools received Holy Communion in a body at the 7:45 p.m. Mass before the banquet.

Many young people in the world today experience a void in their lives, as a result of action of Reformers who expelled Mary from their churches," the group was told by the Rev. John W. LeVeque, chaplain of St. Agnes High School.

"Our Catholic boys and girls are special objects of Mary's maternal care," he said, "hence it is only fitting that boys and girls of Holy Cross parish honor Mary once a year in this special way."

HE URGED that the young people make the spirit of the Marian Year a lasting practice.

High schoolers' wonderful spirit of loyalty and cooperation with all parish activities," was commended by the Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, pastor of Holy Cross Church.

Students from the following schools attended: Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Sacred Heart Academy, School of the Holy Childhood, Charlotte, Edson Tech and East High Schools.

Others at the speakers table included: the Rev. John P. O'Malley, assistant pastor and the Rev. William L. Reed, assistant pastor of Holy Cross. Father Reed, moderator of the Christopher Club, the parish organization for high schoolers was toastmaster. Rev. John A. Burke, C.S.B., of Aquinas faculty and Kenneth E. Wade of Charlotte High faculty also attended.

Officers of the Christopher Club present were: Anthony Cancloni, president (Charlotte High student); Mary Rose Bonacci, vice president (Nazareth student) and Sodality prefect; Peggy Bricker, secretary (Mercy student) and Stephen MacAdam, treasurer (Charlotte student). Dinner was prepared and served by mothers under the direction of Mrs. John Reis.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Plans Christmas Pageant

In preparation for the Holy Feast of Christmas, the traditional Christmas Pageant will be enacted in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7:45 p.m.

His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey will preside and the Rev. Louis J. Hohman, spiritual director at St. Andrew Seminary will preach the sermon.

Also participating in the services, open to all persons, will be the Rev. Frank J. Taylor, the Rev. Edward J. McHaffie and the Rev. Michael Hogan.

An appropriate setting in the Sanctuary to represent the Nativity scene at Bethlehem in front of the main altar, the program will be carried out.

Christmas hymns and carols will be sung by the Cathedral Men's Choir under the direction of Raymond J. Hasenauer. Louis J. Huybrecht, Cathedral organist, will be at the console.

CLIMAXING THE exercises will be the entry of the "angels" reciting the Blessed Mother with the infant. The procession will go slowly up the aisles and into the "stable" where the infant will be placed by the Blessed Mother in the crib.

Sacred Heart School children, rehearsed by the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of the Cathedral School will appear in the garb of Blessed Mother and the angels. Sister Joseph Andre is principal of the school.

Taking part in the pageant will be: The Blessed Mother, Mary Theresa Burns, "Leading Angel", Patricia Lovandowski, "Baby Angels", Annie Jackson and Ellen Metherell, "Other Angels", Anne Marie Toner, Mary Pfenniger, Patricia Butler, Katherine Taylor, Rosemary Shea, Sandra Young, Patricia Ford, Maureen Richardson, Carol Fox, Carol Crommiller, Kathleen Bender and Barbara Lynch.

Christmas Carolers To Gather In Chill

Christmas carolers will gather before a life size crib in front of St. Feehan Church, Chill on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. The Rev. Donald Murphy, pastor, extends an invitation to all the residents of Chill.

Three Parish Drives Meet With Success In Diocese

One parish fund campaign for a new Catechetical center has gone over the top, another for a school and convent is close to the goal set and a third for a new school is expected to meet its quota Sunday.

Reports from around the Diocese of Rochester revealed this week.

The campaign of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Watkins Glen has gone over the \$100,000 mark by \$1,000 in Elmira, the drive for Our Lady of Lourdes school and convent passed \$137,096 on Tuesday. Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Spencerport will hear the results of a two-week campaign for \$175,000 on Friday.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PARISH, WATKINS GLEN—Watkins Glen Church bells will ring out from the tower of St. Mary of the Lake parish Friday, Dec. 17, to announce success of the Fund Campaign just completed there, according to Rev. Benedict Ehmman, pastor. The original goal of \$100,000 has been over-subscribed by \$1,000 and many cards are yet to be reported.

Success in the drive assures construction of a Catechetical and Social Center next to the rectory on Decatur St. Downstairs classrooms will provide facilities for religious instruction of public school pupils and a hall upstairs will seat 400 and enable parish groups to conduct meetings and activities there.

\$10,000 of the parish goal was pledged from the village of Olean, \$3,000 above the quota. This will be used for construction of a chapel for Sunday and Holy Day Masses. Buses in the Olean area must travel up to ten miles to come to Watkins Glen for Mass.

Construction of both units, Father Ehmman said, is expected to begin in the spring and will probably be in use by late autumn of 1955.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, ELMIRA

The campaign to raise \$125,000 towards the construction of a new school and convent in Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira, has achieved a fine measure of success according to a statement released Tuesday by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor.

Father Schwab indicated as of Tuesday, the pledge for the new school amounted to \$127,000.00, with some few pledges yet to be accounted for. This accomplishment is particularly gratifying to Father Schwab inasmuch as the amount sought in the campaign seemed high.

Father Schwab's statement said: "I am very happy in being able to report that our campaign for a school and convent has been most successful. Thanks to the generosity of the people and the zeal of our workers, the pledge to date (Tuesday morning) total \$127,000.00 and as there are some cards unreported, we hope to reach \$140,000.00."

"I am most grateful to my assistant, Father L. Emmett Davis, to our co-chairmen, J. Albert Coughlin and Dr. Gerald T. Connelly, to all committee members, division leaders, team captains

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and workers for their untiring efforts. Also to all the parishioners and friends in the Community who have responded so generously; to our campaign managers and office workers, the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society and to the local press and Courier Journal.

"Then too, we are very thankful to His Excellency Bishop Kearney and to His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey for their advice, encouragement and assistance, but above all, we must be humbly grateful to Almighty God and Our Lady of Lourdes who are even more deeply interested than we are, in a school for our children and who have played a far more important part than we realize in our Victory."

Future plans for construction and other details on the new school and convent will be made known as soon as all data is available.

ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH, SPENCERPORT

Service is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at St. John the Evangelist Church here, to mark the closing of a two week Fund Campaign. Following Rosary and Benediction, Rev. Francis E. Heister, pastor, will announce the results of the drive. All parishioners are invited. Father Heister said.

Purpose of the drive was to raise funds for construction of a new parochial school to replace the over-crowded and obsolete wooden structure now in use. At least \$75,000 is needed at this time to begin construction of the school which is estimated to cost \$175,000. If sufficient funds are pledged in the current drive, work on the new school will begin in the spring.

Father Heister announced at Masses last Sunday that the church bell will be rung at Friday night's service if the drive is a success. The bell has been silent for ten years, the pastor said, and will be used again to symbolize success in the campaign.

6 Mexican Teachers Visit Nazareth College

A group of six teachers from Mexico were guests on Thursday at Nazareth College where they toured the school, observed in various classrooms and were entertained by the faculty at a luncheon.

THE GROUP, one of ten touring the U.S. from Mexico under the Experiment In International Living Foundation, has been spending the eight weeks of winter vacation allotted to Mexican schools at the Geneseo State Teachers College.

Mrs. Angeline Guzzetta Jones, instructor in Spanish at the women's college, was their hostess on the Nazareth visit.

The Mexican visitors, headed by Elsie Haas de Mader, included Concepcion Monroy, Ester Lozano, Maria Del Socorro Castillo, Elena Jimenez, Concepcion Olvera and Concepcion Gavito.

Great men gain doubly when they make foes their friends. Edward Bulwer Lytton.

Novena To Open At Annunciation

A Novena in honor of Our Lady of Peace and St. Anthony will open at the Church of the Annunciation, 1754 Norton St., Rochester, Dec. 21 and continue on the 9 consecutive Tuesdays.

Services will consist of novena prayers recited by the congregation, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and novenas for the relief of St. Anthony. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Those unable to attend church services may obtain the novena privately. Prayers will be placed on the altar of St. Anthony.

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