

Capping Rites In Diocesan Hospitals



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER, N. Y., MARCH 14. A group of women, including nurses and patients, are gathered around a table in the hospital's chapel for a capping ceremony. Bishop Kearney, who is officiating, is seated at the head of the table. The women are dressed in formal attire, and the atmosphere is solemn and respectful.

Bishop Cites Spiritual Role For Nurses

Keep your candle burning bright and God will bless your work, Bishop Kearney told thirty-two student nurses in the chapel of St. Mary's Hospital at capping rites Tuesday afternoon.

Bishop Kearney presided at the ceremony which marked the students' formal acceptance into the hospital's School of Nursing.

Two nurses were members of the chapel choir.

Sisters of the Resurrection and Sister Marcella of the Sisters of Mercy.

Caps were presented by Sister Martin, administrator of the hospital, and Sister Christine, director of the School of Nursing.

As the young women received their caps, the candles which they carried were lighted by upperclassmen.

Receiving caps were: The Misses Shirley Bell, Patricia Beermann, Mary J. Bierwiler, Ann Blank, Patricia Boyle, Lucy Brattich, Julia Bruet, Jacqueline Carlin, Gloria Ciccia, Jill Collins, Barbara Dalton, Elinor Hawkins, Mary Hosenfeld, Anne Indershtiz, Joan Jungfleisch, Joan Kress, Joan Leary, Yvonne Lettau, Elizabeth Lewis, Monica Maher, Frances Mazza, Norma McDonnell, Kathleen McMahon, Hannah Meier, Helen Meyer, Dorothy O'Connell, Nancy Pampalao, Patricia Quisenberry, Agnes Schmitt, Sally J. Smith, Carol Taylor, Margaret Wahl, Nancy Zloch.

In his address to the nurses, Bishop Kearney emphasized the spiritual aspects of their vocation, the giving of a cup of water in Christ's name, the bearing of the torch of brightness of soul, the bringing of the light of happiness and peace to those whom God had chosen them to serve.

Presiding at the solemn benediction was Bishop Kearney with the Rev. James O'Connell as deacon and the Rev. James Marvick as subdeacon. Assisting the bishop were his secretary, the Rev. John Connan, and the hospital chaplain, Rev. Paul Wohlra.

Canadian Nuns Sell St. Lawrence Island

Montreal. (RNS)—Nuns of the St. Lawrence River have sold the St. Lawrence Island, which they have owned since 1864, to a private firm which plans to develop it as a resort.

The island, which is 1,200 acres in size, is located in the St. Lawrence River, about 100 miles from Montreal. It has a beautiful view of the river and the city of Montreal.

Its sale to undisclosed buyers was announced by a Montreal law firm which said plans called for developing 40,000,000 square feet of the land to support a population of 40,000.

The island may become a separate municipality or annexed by the city of Verdun, which is opposite it. The nuns have not revealed their future plans.

His Passion Forever

Silver Spring, Md. (RNS)—A bus company official here said an offer of free rides to church on Sunday mornings had created more good will than any other venture the company has ever undertaken.

Relief Plea Set Sunday In Churches

Relief for the hungry and the homeless is the theme of a collection being made in churches Sunday. The collection is for the American Relief Fund, which is a part of the United Nations Relief for Children.

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This year's slogan of the American Relief Fund is "Help Their Hunger." The success of our 1955 campaign will make possible the purchase of food and clothing for 300,000 children in need.

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During the past year shipments of clothing and goods-kind provided by the American Relief Fund, supported programs of help totaling over 16 times the actual monetary total collected. The Bishop's Appeal extends to the neediest among today's 38,000,000 exiles in 31 areas around the globe. Outstanding among these are: the 1,000,000 North Koreans who can never return home as long as their territory remains in Communist hands; the 300,000 Chinese refugees in Hong Kong who must depend on help from the outside; the desperate displaced groups in the Near and Middle East; and the refugee-packed areas in Berlin.

St. Thomas More Parish Boundaries Established

His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, announced this week the official boundaries for St. Thomas More parish, Brighton, N. Y.

According to the Bishop's announcement, the parish lines are defined as follows:

North boundary—Blossom Rd. and the Rochester city line, east to the Penfield township line.

East boundary—Penfield township line south and extended to the Fairport Rd.

South boundary—Fairport Rd. northwest to Allens Parkway, Allens Parkway to East Ave., East Ave. south to Kilbourne Rd., west along the middle of Kilbourne Rd., and extended through the Oak Hill golf course to the junction of Monroe Ave. and Clover Rd.

West boundary—Monroe Ave. northwest to the subway, the subway and the subway extended to East Ave., East Ave. southeast to the Rochester city line, north along the city line to Blossom Rd.

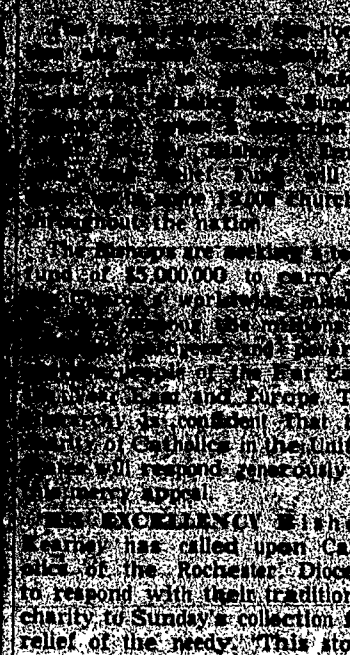
St. Thomas More parish was first established by Bishop Kearney Oct. 9, 1953 when he named Rev. Francis J. Pegnam as pastor. Extensive suburban development in the Brighton area necessitated a new parish there, church officials pointed out.

CONSTRUCTION of a church and school on a 14-acre tract at 2615 East Ave., known as the Dreacher estate, is awaiting a decision from the New York State Supreme Court. Brighton planning and appeals boards, and the Brighton Town Board in 1954.

Churchgoers Ride Free On Buses

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Anniversary Portrait



POPE PIUS XII. Pope Pius XII is shown in an official portrait taken in connection with the 18th anniversary of his coronation. The Pope, who celebrated his 18th birthday on March 8, attended a Mass of thanksgiving on March 12 in the Sistine Chapel in honor of his coronation. It was the first public ceremony in which he had taken part since his coronation Dec. 2 and the first time in three years his health had permitted a special observance of the anniversary. (RNS Photo)

Thousands Greet Pontiff At Anniversary Mass

Vatican City, March 12. (RNS)—Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops joined thousands of the faithful in celebrating Pope Pius XII when he attended a Mass celebrated in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican Palace to mark the 18th anniversary of his coronation.

THE MASS was offered by His Eminence Benedetto Cardinal Aloisi Masella, Archbishop of the Lateran Basilica. It was attended by 17 other members of the Sacred College. In addition to a numerous gathering of Archbishops, Bishops, dignitaries of the Roman Curia and members of the Vatican diplomatic corps.

About 5,000 pilgrims packed the chapel and the ante-chamber to greet the Holy Father as he was borne in the sedia gestatoria to the throne beside the altar. The Pontiff seemed very fit as he passed by blessing the throng. The Pope had previously received the obedience of the Cardinals, each of whom had knelt before him and then received his embrace.

Apostolic Delegate Slated To Attend Rochester Mass

St. Louis. (NC)—Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will officiate at a Solemn Pontifical Mass in Rochester, N. Y., which will be a highlight of the Catholic Central Virginia centennial convention. It was announced here.

The convention will be held from August 14-17.

The National Catholic Women's Union, the women's auxiliary of the Veroin, will hold its 30th annual meeting. Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester will be Episcopal host to the convention.

Organized in April, 1925, the Veroin was originally constituted of benevolent societies with a strong German-American Catholic membership. With the decline of parish benevolent societies, the organization affiliated other Catholic societies attracted by the Veroin's pioneering program of social action.

The Veroin now has 800 affiliates including national organizations, men's societies, parish Holy Name Societies, and credit unions. The National Catholic Women's Union which has a membership of nearly 100,000, was established as its women's auxiliary in 1916.

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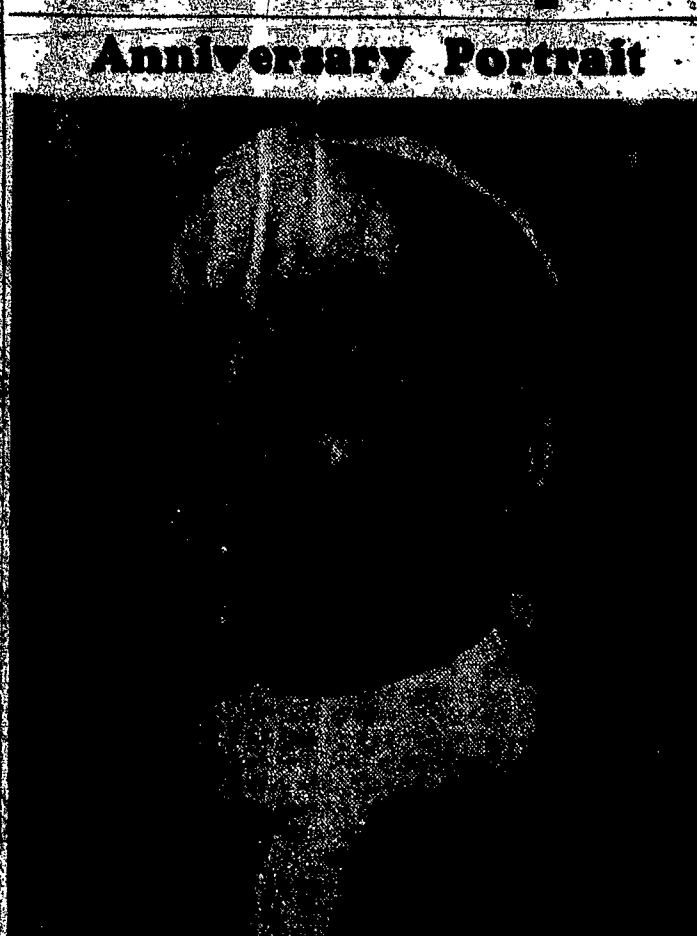
Mother Writes Tips For Teens

Milwaukee, Wis. (NC)—Advice from the Christian viewpoint on dating and preparation for courtship and marriage are given to young people by Alvina Burnite in "Tips for Teens on Love, Sex, and Marriage."

Published by the Bruce Publishing Company, this pamphlet addresses the formative processes—both educational and spiritual—necessary for a mature attitude about marriage.

Mrs. Burnite, the mother of three teen-ager children, formerly intake officer of the Milwaukee Children's Court, is now a member of the Red Cross executive staff here.

Post Office Launches 'Clean-Up Mails' Drive



WASHINGTON. (NC)—Acknowledging that a "growing volume of unwanted lewd and obscene matter is being sent through the mails into American homes," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced that the Post Office Department is intensifying its Clean-Up-The-Mails efforts "to stop this offense against common decency."

"Risque snapshots, pornographic magazines and books, lascivious plays and party plans and records are being widely offered for sale as shown by a 73 per cent increase in the last six months in cases dealing with indecent materials sent through the mails," the Cabinet official said.

The Postmaster General added that past experiences have shown that efforts to combat such a problem occasionally are open to attack and ridicule "by those who make money from the sale of lewd materials."

HE CONTINUED: "In other instances our efforts to keep the mails clean produce an almost inevitable cry of 'censorship' by certain groups who confuse license with liberty. Their viewpoint, while sincere, seems to suggest an abysmal ignorance of the threat it imposes to the moral fiber of the nation. We are not concerned with bureaucratic snooping. No issues of abridgment of the freedom of speech or of the press are involved."

Mr. Summerfield said the great majority of adult Americans want this obscene material, for which they have not asked, kept out of their homes and away from their children. He said the Post Office Department has no authority to prosecute mailers who offend against common decency, but required by law to return such obscene material through the mails. He stated that the criterion used in ruling on "mailability" is the ordinary standard of common decency.

CALLING FOR cooperation in the drive to stem the tide of indecency, Postmaster General Summerfield said:

"Citizens who wish to help the Post Office Department in its Clean-Up-The-Mails campaign can do so by delivering to their local postmaster any material received through the mails which they consider obscene. Postmasters throughout the country are being instructed to forward such material here to Washington to the Office of the Solicitor, the chief legal advisor of the Post Office Department, for proper action."

Priests Hear Pope On Parish Role

Vatican City. (NC)—The first real effort at public speaking by Pope Pius XII since his illness at the beginning of December was a talk to the pastors and preachers of his own Diocese of Rome. He urged them to employ exact methods in their pastoral care of souls.

Between 600 and 800 priests gathered in the Sistine Chapel to hear the Pope. He arrived promptly at 9:30 a.m., ascended the throne and began to read the address. All were comforted and cheered at his appearance, which was considered a remarkable event at this time.

Pope Pius found many reasons for satisfaction with the work of the priests in the Diocese, but he preferred to speak about the further work to be done and its importance.

He said that the priests must be alert to the needs of the people, and that they must be prepared to sacrifice for the good of the Church.

THE PONTIFF was particularly insistent about the work of shepherding the composite group known as the parish, and warned against superficiality in estimating the condition of the parish and the needs of souls that are termed superficially "a criterion or approximation whose disastrous effects are found in all fields, not excluding that of the apostolate."

In order to avoid this falling, the Pope called for "a statistical effort made with seriousness, exacting realism and quiet impartiality." This, he said, will guarantee a right understanding of the needs of a parish and of the people, thus prompting the best kind of care for them.

Very many people, the Pope said by way of example, attend Mass on Sundays and feast days, and the pastor can be pleased that the church is so "before-feeling completely satisfied," the pastor should realize that the number of those who are obliged to come and have not done so.

"We are sure—in fact it is not seldom—that an accurate accounting holds unpleasant surprises for a priest who is concerned with souls," the Holy Father added.

In the same way, he continued, one might be pleased about catechetical instructions in Rome, but in order that improvement might be better realized, it is always necessary to ask: How many should come to the lessons and don't? The same, he said, goes for religious instruction for adults whose understanding of their religion remains what they learned by rote as children.

THE HOLY FATHER cited as a further example the performance of the Easter duty. He went on to say that, having arrived at accurate figures, the pastor must then analyze the causes of negligence on the part of the faithful.

In general, Pope Pius counseled the priests to be discreet in beginning their work in any given case of spiritual sickness, not attacking with a full barrage without due consideration and preparation. He said the pastors should be persevering in continuing their efforts, not being discouraged, but rather courageous in completing it.

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Subscriptions Begin In April

New subscriptions to the Catholic Courier-Journal will begin Fri., Apr. 1, 1955. All old subscriptions expire with next issue.

Factors are presently tabulating the results of the February circulation drive and reports to the Courier-Journal office indicate the 50,000 goal will be attained.

Seven parishes this week adopted the "total coverage" plan for the first time. Several other parishes announced that they will continue it as in previous years.

Rev. Mr. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, will inaugurate the plan in that parish and reports 1,131 subscribers there.

Rev. George V. Fredmore, Holy Apostles, Rochester, 810.

Rev. Mr. E. William Stauder, Holy Redeemer, Rochester, 729.

Rev. Dr. Edward J. Linta, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church, Brockport, has enrolled 339 subscribers in that parish.

Rev. John Neary, St. Michael Lyons, subscribes 273.

Rev. Mr. William Harding, St. Mary Rosville, and St. Theresa Stanley, 64.

Rev. Michael Reber, O.F.M. Cap. St. Pius X, VanEtten, 35.

FIFTEEN parishes this week renewed their total parish subscriptions as in last year's Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, Auxiliary Bishop, rector, 1,628; Holy Rosary, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, 1,073; Immaculate Conception, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 1,218; St. Francis Xavier, Rev. Patrick Moffatt, 343.

AUBURN parishes this week reported full coverage are Holy Family, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Conway, V.F. 616; St. Alphonsus, Very Rev. Frederick G. Straub, 1,248; St. Aloysius, Rev. Edward J. Waters, 341; St. Francis, Rev. John J. Nacca, 901.

ELMIRA also announces three parishes there this week renewed full coverage: St. Cecilia, Rev. Arthur C. Smith, 222; St. Patrick, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F. 841; Sts. Peter and Paul, Rev. Hubert J. Basky, 499.

St. Mary, Horseheads, Rev. Francis J. Reilly, 256; St. Columba, Caledonia, and St. Patrick, Mumfords, Rev. William J. Devaux, 195; Holy Cross, Ovid, and Sacred Heart, Romulus, Rev. Michael J. Tydings, 128.

DETROIT. (NC)—Detroit University has been willed \$500,000 by the widow of the late owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball club.

Mrs. Walter O. Briggs, Sr., who died February 13 in Miami, Fla., Deum was sung by Bishop Peter Van Lierde, the Pope's Sacristan and Vicar General for Vatican City, in the parish church of St. Anne here.

Can A Catholic Become President?

Gallup Poll: 69 Percent Vote 'Yes'

Princeton, N.J. (NC)—A nation-wide survey conducted by George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion and conductor of "The Gallup Poll," has shown that 69 per cent of persons questioned said they would vote for a Catholic if he were generally well qualified and running for President as the nominee of their party.

The question put to a cross-section of the American voters was: "If your party nominated a generally well-qualified man for President in 1956, and he happened to be a Catholic, would you vote for him?"

The Gallup Poll tabulated the answers as: Yes, 69 per cent; No, 31 per cent; and undecided, eight per cent. The Gallup Poll conducted a similar survey in 1940 with the following results: Yes, 62 per cent; No, 31 per cent; and Undecided, seven per cent. It was pointed out that the 1940 survey was conducted at a time

when James A. Farley, a Catholic and former Postmaster General, was being talked of as a possible candidate for President by the Democrats.

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