

Bishop Casey To Confer Catholic High Diplomas

The 1955 class of Elmira Catholic High School which will be replaced by Notre Dame de Lourdes High School in the fall, will receive diplomas from His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey in exercises at St. Patrick Church, Elmira on Friday, June 24. The class numbers 21 girls and 18 boys.

Nurses Playground Donated By Firm

Hornell—A playground area for the student nurses of St. James Mercy Hospital has been made available through the generosity of the Hickey-Freeman Clothing Co. according to an announcement.

Harold Kauber, vice president, and Paul Brescia, personnel manager, announced that a spacious area adjacent to the factory was made available for this purpose and will be exclusively for the use of the student nurses. This will meet the standards of a recreational requirement that has been proposed by the National Nurses Accrediting Service.

St. Scholastica Group Sets Day Of Recollection

The program for the Day of Recollection to be observed by the St. Scholastica League at Mt. Saviour Monastery on Sunday has been announced.

High Mass at 9 a.m. will be followed by breakfast at St. John's Guest House. The Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, O.S.B., prior, will conduct the morning conference at 11 a.m. A picnic lunch will be served at noon, for which all attending are asked to bring table service, rolls and an article of food to pass. Coffee and meat will be provided. One of the monks will read to the retreatants during the meal.

THE AFTERNOON conference, also to be given by Father Damasus, will commence at 2 p.m. This will be followed by the recitation of the Rosary, led by the Rev. Gregory Borg, O.S.B., league moderator. Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace will conclude the day's activities. It is suggested that those unable to be present for the entire program, endeavor to attend either the morning or afternoon session.

All women of the area are invited to join the league, which is under the patronage of St. Scholastica, twin to St. Benedict. Membership is open to all who desire to participate in the spiritual benefits accruing through organized affiliation with the Mount Saviour community.

Communion Slated For Fathers, Sons At St. Patrick's

Members of St. Patrick Holy Name Society of Elmira will hold a father and son Communion, breakfast Sunday in the school assembly room following reception of Holy Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

The fathers and sons will receive in a special remembrance of Father's Day. The concluding meeting of the group, before adjourning for the summer months will be held. Robert Vetter, treasurer of the Society and Bart Maloney are in charge of arrangements.

'Charity Essential For Ideal Nurse' Bishop Tells St. James Graduates



HONOR STUDENTS in the graduating class of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing are congratulated by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey in Hornell. They are: (from left) Miss Mary Teresa Moretti, Hornell; Miss Helen North, Rochester; and Miss Frances Sherwood, Hornell. (Photo by Memory Studio, Hornell).

Hornell—Charity, above and beyond the demand of justice, is essential for the ideal nurse, His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey told graduates of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Sunday.

Thirteen young women from the School of Nursing and two from the School of X-Ray Technology received diplomas at commencement exercises at 3 p.m. in St. Ann's Church.

The School of Nursing graduates are: Misses Alyce Suzanne McKery, Maria Lee Ross, Marie Jean Quarta, Suzanne Marie Dealy, Frances Rita Sherwood, Mary Teresa North and Alice Mary Schieder of Hornell; Louise Marie North and Helen Marie North, Rochester; Beverly Anne Norton, Canisteo; Marie Ann Costello, Wellsville; Donna Marie Mohar, Belmont; Lorita Lou McMichael, Arkport.

School of X-Ray Technology graduates are Miss Shirlee Lee Latimer of Arkport and Miss Dora Lee Snyder of Canisteo.

BISHOP CASEY, in his address to the graduates, reminded them of the spiritual beauty of the nursing vocation. He used, as an example of true charity, the story of St. Camillus.

"St. Camillus may be considered a founder of the Red Cross. When a young man, he became ill—and was placed in a pest-house for so-called treatment. He was so appalled by the horrible conditions that he resolved to dedicate his life to the sick," Bishop Casey related.

"After his ordination to the priesthood, St. Camillus formed a religious order which was dedicated to the care of the sick and needy. The insignia of the order was a large red cross, a symbol of devotion to Christ, the great Physician. St. Camillus, although racked with pain himself, spent 46 years in tender devotion to the sick," he continued.

"The secret of St. Camillus' magnificent charity is that he saw Christ in every patient. Unless you graduates have some of the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice of St. Camillus, you will not live up to the high ideals your instructors hold for you," Bishop Casey emphasized.

He added that nursing is difficult, since it is "not easy to exercise equal charity to the kind and unpleasant, the clean and the filthy; the handsome and the ugly."

"The nurse who brings to her profession true charity should remember that the words of Christ: 'Inasmuch as you did it for the least of My brethren you did it unto Me,' hold a rich promise for eternal reward. May you be worthy of the words of the Divine Comforter," he concluded. The Rev. Leo E. Lynch presided.

Father Bisky Observes Anniversary

The Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, observed his silver anniversary last Sunday with a solemn high Mass, a dinner and a reception.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey, chose as the subject for his sermon at Father Bisky's Jubilee Mass: "What is a Priest?" "A priest," said Bishop Casey, "is one who lives not only among you but also for you; a man living for God and for you." Then Bishop Casey developed the notion of a priest by calling upon the history of his classmate's vocation to the Holy Priesthood and his 25 years in the priesthood.

"THE STORY of the average priest is the story of the average American boy. . . . Father Bisky answered the call 'Come Follow Me' and studied at St. Andrew and St. Bernard seminaries where he learned to pray, to obey, to know, and to love Christ." The Bishop stressed on the minds of the congregation that the years of study in the seminaries are secondary to the moral training in the seminaries. "Then the power of the Priesthood flooded his soul by the imposition of the hands of the Bishop . . . the power to bless, to offer sacrifice, and to forgive sins."

"The typical reaction today," continued Bishop Casey, "is to be thankful for those 25 fruitful years. Significant of today is the thousands who are not present today; thousands whom Father Bisky baptized, confessed, consoled, prepared for death, and for whom he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

Bishop Casey then spoke of his friendship with Father Bisky over the past 38 years during which Father Bisky was "always considered, always a gentleman—virtues which have not weakened over the past 25 years."

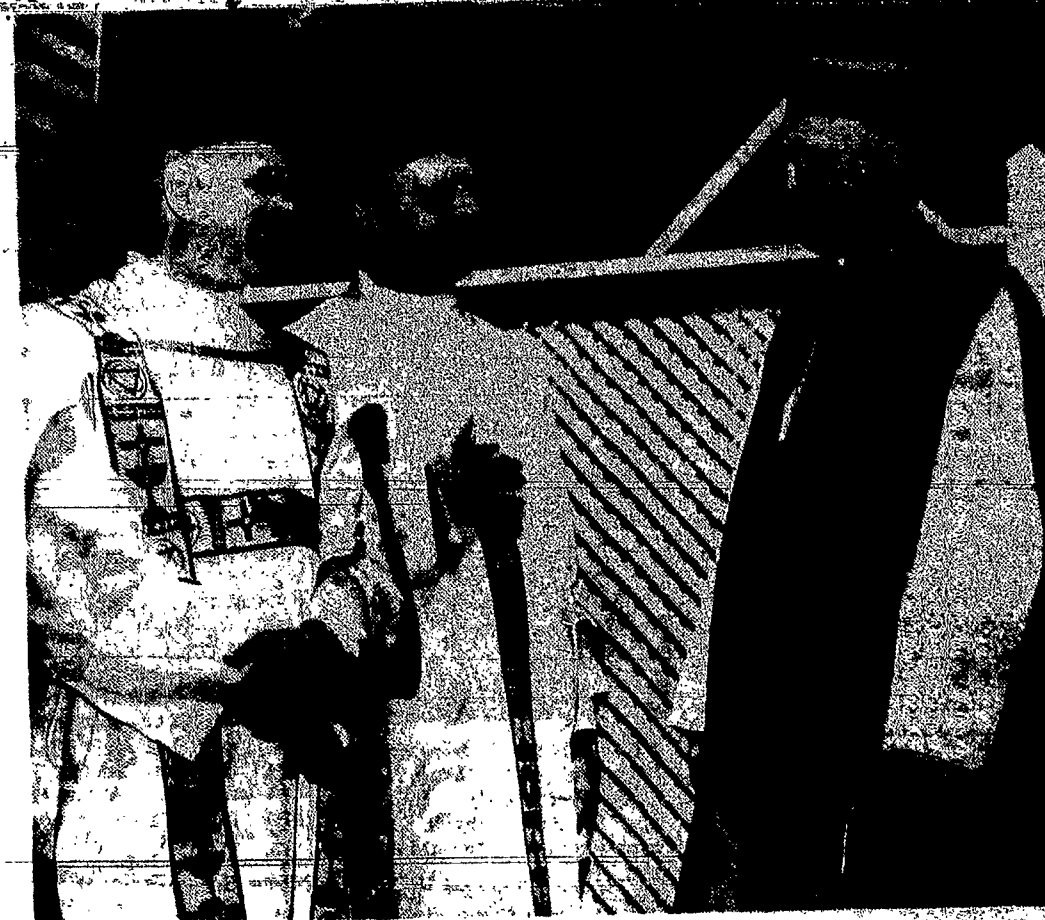
"The Bishop then commented on the fine spirit in the parish which is reflected in the parish bulletin, 'The Chimes' which he receives and enjoys each week. The sermon was concluded by Bishop Casey with a beautiful tribute to the Bisky home and especially to Mrs. Bisky who was present for the Jubilee Mass. "Vocations come from good homes," said the Bishop. "I knew the Bisky home: a real Catholic home with a fine father and a fine mother. One of the best parts of today's celebration is the fact that Father Bisky can have with him his mother to share his glory today."

Chaplains to the Bishop at the Mass were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory.

Other clergymen participating in the Mass included the Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat, another classmate of Father Bisky; the Rev. Philip E. McChan; the Rev. Joseph G. Merkel; the Rev. Albert V. Ryan; the Rev. Joseph M. McNamara; the Rev. Robert J. O'Brien; and the Rev. Daniel J. Wheeland.

A spiritual bouquet was presented to Father Bisky by Emilio Paganelli, president of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, and a tribute was presented to the priest's mother by the officers of the Sodality.

The Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor at St. Peter and Paul's Church, was in charge of the reception program.



CLASSMATES meet after Solemn High Mass in St. Peter and Paul Church, Sunday marking the silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor. They are: (from left) Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat of Penn Yan; Father Bisky and His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey. All were in the same class at St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester.

Women's Auxiliary Elects At St. Joseph Hospital

Mrs. Leon Hogg was reelected president and Mrs. Robert Robinson, first vice president at the annual meeting of the women's auxiliary of St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira in Dunn Memorial, June 7.

Other officers reelected are: Mrs. David Wiads, second vice president; Miss Alice Byrne, recording secretary; Mrs. Mildred Taylor, financial secretary; Miss Rose DeSocio, treasurer.

Electing to the board of directors for three-year terms are Mrs. Arthur D. Smith and Mrs. Joseph Ferrallo. Mrs. George Gladston and Mrs. J. John Hasset were reelected to the board for two years and Mrs. Daniel O'Neill for one year.

It was announced that Mrs. Eugene Hourihan will fill the unexpired term of Mrs. J. O. Binford who resigned from the board because she and her family are moving out of town.

AWARDS FOR 75 hours of service in the hospital were presented by Mrs. Hogg to: Mrs. Eric Rangstrom, Mrs. Joseph Spiegel, Mrs. Walter Bulas, Mrs. Joseph Herold, Miss Mary March, Mrs. Richard Gerard.

The annual report of the president was given by Mrs. Hogg and reports of standing committees were given by Committee chairmen.

Mrs. Hogg reported on the Institute for President of Hospital Auxiliaries, which she attended last month in Chicago.

A film depicting the work of hospital auxiliaries was shown and the program was concluded with a social hour, arranged by Mrs. George Hughes, chairman of the social committee, assisted by members of her committee.

sent the class. As each graduate's name was read, she entered the sanctuary to receive her diploma from Bishop Casey. Graduates then knelt, in a group, to receive the Pontifical Blessing, imparted by Bishop Casey.

Music was by St. Ann's Girls' Choir, under direction of the Sisters of Mercy. Miss Madeleine Brohm was organist.

GRADUATING EXERCISES closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated by Bishop Casey with the Very Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, V.F., pastor of St. Ann's as deacon and the Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, sub-deacon.

During Benediction, the graduates asked "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the grace to see Him in each of His sick."

Exercises from Rochester and the Hornell area were present for the ceremonies.

After commencement exercises, the graduates and their families were guests at a reception and tea in St. James Mercy Hospital.

Essay Contest Winners Named

High school essay contest winners were announced this week by Frank A. Belligott, Captain of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Each year the Assembly sponsors these contests and awards savings bonds to the winners as judged by the faculties in the individual schools.

William Neims, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson Neims, 333 Glen Ave. was the winner at Elmira Free Academy. Paul Kapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kapp, 512 Baylor Road was the winner at Southside High. Ann Tamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tamara, 1118 College Ave. was the winner at Elmira-Catholic High.

Ithaca College Degree Received By Comingite

Among the 153 students from Ithaca College who received degrees at its 60th annual commencement, Saturday, June 4, was Charles Bavisotto, the son of Samuel Bavisotto, 65 W. Erie Ave.

He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

Alumni Lists Fr. O'Brien

Waverly—Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, will be the guest speaker at the annual Waverly high school alumni association banquet to be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25, in the senior gymnasium. Father O'Brien is an alumnus of Waverly high school.

Arrangements for Father O'Brien's appearance were made by the association directors and announced by Miss Anna Frances Payne, president.

Reservations for the affair are available from Johnson's Payne's drug store, Yanuzzi's and Harper's.

Father O'Brien is a brother to Edwin, William and Paul O'Brien of Waverly.

ASSISTING MISS PAYNE are Donald Farmer, vice president; Mrs. John Krill, historian, and Annaliss; Donald Handrick, treasurer; Miss Rosemary Dimon, recording secretary; and Carolyn Stedje.

FORCED TO OMIT Because of the large number of graduates of parish schools and First Communion classes coming at the same time, the Courier Journal is forced in fairness to all, to omit listing these names.

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