

Bishop Kearney Dedicates Imposing New St. Vincent Church, Rectory In Corning

Corning — His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, celebrated Pontifical Low Mass and recited a Litany of the Saints last Sunday at the 11 a. m. Mass marking the dedication ceremony of the new St. Vincent de Paul Church and rectory in this city.

"This is indeed a House of God and a Gate to Heaven," Bishop Kearney said in offering his special message to the overflowing congregation of more than 600 witnessing the solemn church blessing service.

IN HIS SERMON the Bishop paid tribute to the spirit of sacrifice on the part of the people who made the new church possible, and singled out the architect, Joseph P. Flynn of Rochester, a former Conningite, for his many and varied contributions to the Diocese. Mr. Flynn, Bishop Kearney explained, has built hospitals, convents, schools and churches in this diocese for many years.

At the conclusion of the Mass the Bishop paid tribute to the spirit of sacrifice on the part of priests and people who made the creation of the beautiful new edifice possible. He pointed out that this new church was but a manifestation of their deep faith in the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

"It was that firm faith," the Bishop said "that prompted these good people to provide a fitting dwelling place for their Eucharistic Lord." He also spoke of the new church as an outward expression of their love for a Saviour God, and said that this was their gift to Him. He complimented all those who had any part whatsoever in bringing the beautiful new structure to its completion.

THE BISHOP moved in procession to the front entrance, sprinkled the outer walls with holy

water as the procession moved to the main altar, the children's choir intoned the Litany of the Saints.

At the conclusion, the Bishop sprinkled the altar, the interior walls, the vestibule, and the baptistry with holy water. Returning to the main altar he then officiated the Yearly Mass at the Rectory of the Church, St. Vincent de Paul.

An overflow congregation witnessed the procession and attended the Mass of dedication at 11 a. m. The Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus acted as escorts for the procession which went from the rectory to the new church.

DURING THE service, the Very Rev. Magr. John E. Maney, chancellor of the Diocese at Rochester, and the Rev. Harold H. Rogers, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post, acted as deacons to the Bishop during the celebration of the Mass.

Others in the society were the Rev. Joseph V. Gulliford, pastor of the new church, and under whose direction it was realized; the Rev. James Slattery, the assistant pastor of St. Vincent's; and the Very Rev. Magr. Joseph A. Sullivan, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy.

NEARLY 100 priests and nuns with the Rev. Mother M. Camilla of the Sisters of Mercy at Rochester, were in attendance. The Rev. Mother Camilla was the first principal at St. Vincent's School.

The nuns were served dinner following the Mass by members of the Catholic Action Society of the parish. The priests were

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LA floor over the church, and also making use of facilities in the church basement and a church-owned cabin on the parish property.

Those present included: Very Rev. Joseph J. Sullivan, recent Rome press correspondent of the N.C.W.C. and newly appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Vincent de Paul, Rochester; Very Rev. Lawrence W. Cannon, V.F., dean of St. Stephen's; Rev. John S. Hayes — Chaplain of Veterans Facility, Bath; former assistants: Rev. Irving Sullivan, Auburn and Rev. Daniel V. Hogan, Rochester.

The Rev. Leo Lynch, chaplain, St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell; Rev. Gregory Dugan, chaplain, Auburn Prison; Rev. Benedict Edmann, St. Mary's, Watkins Glen; Rev. Francis Reilly, St. Mary's, Horseheads; Rev. Adelbert Schneider, St. Joseph's, Watford; Rev. Thomas Brennan, St. Mary's, Corning; Rev. William M. Cannon, St. Patrick's, Corning; Rev. Harold H. Rogers, pastor, Painted Post.

Volunteers of the parish joined workmen of the Smith, Langhans and McLaughlin Construction Company in completing work in the new parish Saturday evening when the final pews were installed.

MONDAY MORNING work was started immediately toward conversion of the old church building into school classrooms. Total cost of this part of the project is estimated at \$80,000. The complete remodeling program will provide 10 classrooms, principal's office, nurse's room and toilet facilities. Formerly, the school was housed on the second

Fr. Bryan Lhotz To Head St. Bona U.

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — The Rev. Bryan Lhotz, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure University faculty member for the past eight years, was named 13th president of the institution, June 24.

Father Lhotz, a native of Millvale, Pa., is 41. He succeeds the Very Rev. Juvenal Labor, O.F.M., president the past six years. Father Lhotz was named president by the governing council of Holy Name Province during the regular triennial meeting this week in New York City.

Father Lhotz, a professor of philosophy, entered the Franciscan Order in 1934. He was ordained a priest in Washington, D.C., on June 11, 1940.

He first came to St. Bonaventure in the fall of 1941 as an instructor. Then he went to Holy Name College and Catholic University for advanced studies. He holds the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Catholic University.

Other changes affecting the University include the appointment as Dean of the University of the Rev. Cornelius Welch, O.F.M., who has been Dean of the University's School of Education for the past seven years.

Father Welch, a native of Niagara Falls, N.Y., has served in various administrative capacities since joining the faculty in 1942.



THE BEAUTIFUL new St. Vincent de Paul Church in Corning is dedicated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney before a capacity congregation last Sunday morning. Conducting the church blessing ritual at the main entrance to the church (lower photo) is Bishop Kearney. Standing at his side are the Very Rev. Magr. John E. Maney, chancellor of the Diocese; the Rev. Joseph E. Gulliford, St. Vincent's pastor, and the Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor at the new church. Acolytes and members of the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus are shown participating in this opening part of the blessing ceremony. (Corning Leader Photos)

Second Church Opens 41 Years After First

Corning — The new St. Vincent de Paul Church is the second in the history of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The old church, located at the corner of Flint Ave. and Elliott St., was dedicated on March 29, 1914.

The parish having been organized in 1913 with the late Msgr. John A. Conway, who had served as

chaplain at Elmira Reformatory for seven years, was appointed first pastor by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey. The first lay trustees were John S. Moran and Francis McCloskey.

Bishop Hickey conducted the dedication service in 1914 and among those who took part in the services were the Rev. James M. Buslin, then pastor of St. Mary Church in Corning.

At the time the first church was erected the parish included all of the city north of the Chemung River and parts of the towns of Erwin, Corning and Hornby. The site of the edifice was donated by St. Mary Church Corporation and on November 23, 1913, Bishop Hickey laid the cornerstone with a group of school students breaking the ground.

DURING THE years the parish experienced marked growth and besides the \$25,000 original cost of the building, and additional expenditures incurred through mortgage was burned on the 15th anniversary of the church which was March 29, 1929.

Subsequently, Father Conway was succeeded as pastor by the late Rev. August F. Temmerman, who endeared himself to members of the parish and community for his untiring efforts. It was during his pastorate that the present extensive property of the parish, excluding land for the new church, was purchased. This includes the double house on Griffith Street which now serves as a convent.

Father Temmerman died in 1935 and the Rev. Michael B. Groden was appointed his successor. During his pastorate, the house purchased during the pastorate of the Rev. Temmerman, was completely renovated for the eight Sisters of Mercy who teach in St. Vincent's school. Father Groden, who was transferred in 1940, died in 1941.

The present pastor, the Rev. Joseph Gulliford, succeeded Father Groden here in 1940. His assistant is the Rev. James Slattery. Periodically the priests are assisted by two priests from St. John Abatement Seminary at Montour Falls.

Parishioners and community residents have commended Father Gulliford for his foresightedness and initiative in developing the building program which has resulted in complete new church facilities.

During World War II, Father Gulliford invested the assets of the parish in U. S. Government Savings Bonds.

In February 1954 the parish rallied to the request of Father Gulliford for a building fund campaign. Committees were organized under the direction of the campaign chairman, Attorney Jacob G. Welch; vice chairman, Earle T. Keenan; Charles W. Houston, Emilio Pasucci, Joseph F. Lando, Edward Darcangelo, F. Dudley McLaughlin, Edward T. Orcutt, Joseph Tunney and J. Emmett Fitzgerald.

The approximate 300 parish families pledged \$214,000 in February 1954. Of that amount about \$100,000 has been paid to date.

CREDIT UNIONS

Madison, Wis. — (NC) — John Naisars, who traveled more than 12,000 miles from his home in the Fiji Islands to study American credit union methods, told of the phenomenal growth of credit unions in the Southwest Pacific Islands since a Jesuit missionary introduced them there less than two years ago.

New Church Has Seating Capacity For 600 Persons

Corning — The new St. Vincent de Paul Church and adjoining rectory were built by Smith, Langhans & McLaughlin Construction Corp. of this city. The church proper has a seating capacity of approximately 600 in pews which may be entered from middle or side aisle.

THE ALTAR was constructed from marble imported from Carrara, Italy. The altar is flanked by 12 large hanging lamps of special design.

Above the altar is a large cross of inlaid wood which can be seen from all parts of the nave. Walls of the nave are lined with beautiful stained glass windows and there are matching windows on a smaller scale, above the entrance on Elliott St.

FOUNDATIONS ARE poured concrete with the main floor of precast concrete planks supported by steel beams on 16 foot centers. Exterior walls are veneered with a native stone known as Lenox laid in ashlar and backed with cinder blocks. The all stone trim is Indiana limestone, window frames are aluminum and the roof black Vermont slate with lead coated copper gutters, conductors and flashings.

The roof is supported by a series of seven laminated wooden arches and laminated wood purlins and is insulated.

The interior nave walls are white oak paneling which also dominates the finish of the sanctuary. The choir gallery walls have oak paneled wainscot with plaster above.

ALL ALTARS are imported marble, the side floors are Vermont slate, with tile in the sanctuary and sacristies. The walls of the Narthex, baptistry and side entrances are finished in concrete ashlar masonry units.

The second floor of the adjoining rectory, which predates the plan because of special requirements, consist of three priests' suites, each with study, bedroom and bath, a priest's common room, two guest rooms with bath, plus the customary storage facilities.

On the first floor there are two public conference rooms, administrative office, priests' dining room, kitchen, storage rooms and two housekeepers bedrooms, bath and parlor. A three car garage is also connected to the rectory.

THE HEATING system is vapor vacuum supplied from a central boiler room and energized with gas burning equipment.

The total cost of the project, including furnishings, approximates \$385,000.

The new church was designed by Joseph F. Flynn, a Corning native, who is a member of the architect firm of Bohack and Flynn in Rochester. The son of the late James Flynn, a Corning Glass Works glass blower, Mr. Flynn worked with his widowed mother to Rochester at the age of five. While in Corning they were members of St. Mary Parish.

Pastor Marks 40th Jubilee In Priesthood

Corning — Dedication of his new church and rectory was a double occasion of celebration for the Rev. Joseph V. Gulliford, pastor because this year he is marking his fortieth anniversary in the Holy Priesthood.

Father Gulliford was ordained on June 12, 1915 in old St. Patrick Cathedral, Rochester after graduating from St. Bernard Seminary. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Mary Church, Chili.

After serving as assistant pastor at St. Mary Church, Canandaigua, Father Gulliford was given his first pastorate at St. Michael Church, Montezuma and St. John Church, Fort Byron. His next pastorate was that of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville and St. Feehan Church, Chili.

A NATIVE of Auburn, Father Gulliford was appointed pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church here on June 4, 1940.

He celebrated his 35th anniversary in the priesthood here in Corning in 1950 and was given a surprise dinner by Corning Council, Knights of Columbus.

In a tribute at the dinner, the Rev. David Cannon, S.A. of Graymont, Garrison, N. Y. stressed the widespread charity practiced by Father Gulliford and recounted the ten years of his achievement in Corning. The pastor was presented a check for \$1,000 in behalf of the parishioners at the dinner.

Lumberjacks Slate St. Ann Pilgrimage

At the First Pilgrimage of Lumberjacks and Wood Workers of the Province of Quebec to the Shrine of St. Ann de Beaurpre, His Eminence Paul-Eugene Cardinal Leger of Montreal will preside.

A Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. and Cardinal Leger will address the thousands of pilgrims gathered at the foot of the Miraculous Statue of Good St. Anne. Another religious demonstration will take place at 2:30 p. m. with the Cardinal presiding.

Another outstanding event during the Pilgrimage Season will be the Yearly Pilgrimage of Married People taking place today, Friday, July 1.

Married men and women will march in the candlelight procession and will consecrate their persons and their homes to St. Anne, mother of the Mother of God.



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