

Ford Foundation Aids College, 4 Hospitals In Rochester Diocese

One college and four hospitals operating in the Diocese of Rochester are allocated a total of \$561,300 in the grants just announced by the Ford Foundation. They are: Nazareth College, Rochester, \$100,000; St. Mary Hospital, Rochester, \$100,000; St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira, \$111,400; St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, \$25,000; and St. Mary Hospital, Auburn, \$124,900.

Another Catholic hospital in the area, St. Jerome's of Batavia, was granted \$37,000. Joining in expressions of gratitude for the gift, Sister M. Rose, A.S.C., dean of Nazareth College, said the grant reflects "a more enlightened policy by the corporation toward the liberal arts colleges."

"We are particularly delighted," the dean said, "that the need of liberal arts colleges has been recognized — not only those of Nazareth, but of all such colleges. We stand in need of help by the large corporate interests."

New York (NC) — An early estimate placed at more than \$37 million the amount of money Catholic colleges and universities will receive under grants just announced by the Ford Foundation. In what has been hailed as the largest philanthropic act in history — involving a total of \$500 million — the Ford Foundation made these gifts.

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SURPRISE VISITOR: The Morse, captain-elect and star back of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame University at Notre Dame High School in Elmira is greeted by (from left) the Rev. Mr. William J. Brien, V.F., dean of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery and Jim Morse, Elmira's popular columnist, host to his namesake but no relation.

Society Sponsors Christmas Party

In keeping with the theme, "Put Christ Back in Christmas," members of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul Parish, Elmira held their annual Christmas party last week.

An Advent wreath replaced the Christmas tree, and in keeping with the season, a crib was displayed at the entrance to the hall. Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus were depicted in sturdy, long-lasting plaster of Paris. Beautifully colored, it will make a handsome and inspiring decoration of Christmastime.

Rev. Hubert A. Baky and Father O'Brien were honored guests. Robert Ganser Jr. portrayed Santa Claus and passed out gifts to all present.

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Confraternity Of Christian Doctrine Enrolls 262 Aides Ithaca Parish

Ithaca — The Canonical establishment of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine on Dec. 4 in the Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, marked the inauguration of the first active parish CCD in the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor and spiritual director, congratulated the 262 parishioners "who heard and answered the call to bring Christ to all men." He also congratulated the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart for their enthusiasm in promoting zeal among the laity.

The Rev. Albert H. Schenck, diocesan director, presented the Canonical Election Certificate signed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Father Schenck told the parishioners of the numerous plenary indulgences to be gained throughout the year. He also extended an invitation to the executive board members to participate in the various workshops at the Congress to be held in Buffalo Sept. 26-30, 1956.

Executive board members who received copies of the "Confraternity Manual" during the ceremony are Dennis Joyce, president; Mrs. Claire Smith, vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Hartsock, secretary; Joseph Farley, treasurer; Mrs. Neil Bedell, chairman of teachers; Dr. Clinton Stinson, chairman of fishers; Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, chairman of helpers; Robert Sherwood, chairman of discussion clubs; Mrs. Rena Traynor, chairman of parent-educators; and James Leary, chairman of Apostles of Good Will.

MANY DIVISIONS of the CCD have been active in the parish for several years. The teachers division numbers 24 certified lay catechists. These lay catechists received a 60 hour course in Christian Doctrine from the priests of the parish and also a course in Methods of Teaching Religion from the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

Bishop Kearney presented Certificates in the Spring of 1953 and 1955 to these Teachers of Religion. This year 18 catechists are teaching 32 release time classes. The teachers also instruct children during the summer months at Religious Vacation Schools both in Ithaca and Dryden.

One hundred and twenty nine parishioners have signed cards to belong to the "Helpers" division, which aids the teachers in making instructional charts, keeping records, typing and stenographic work, transporting teachers and children to Catechetical Centers, and caring for children while couples attend a discussion club meeting, etc.

The "Fishers" division of the CCD contacts the parents and tries to bring the students to the instruction and check up on their attendance. They also contact members for discussion clubs, candidates for refresher courses, and reclaim fallen-away.

"PARENT-EDUCATORS" are solicited for the early Baptism and spiritual training of every Catholic in the parish. Members distribute "Parent-Educator" materials and give helpful suggestions on how to teach religion in the home. They also organize clubs in which fathers and mothers of pre-school, elementary and high school children, meet to discuss methods and means of teaching their children religion in the home and of forming the characters of their children on Catholic principles.

The CCD "Apostles of Good Will" visit shut-ins in their own homes, in nursing homes, hospitals and sanatoriums and bring the message of spiritual interest to these invalided parishioners. The priests of the parish bring the Sacraments, and the lay apostles visit, pray, the Litany of the Sacred Heart, and leave a holy card to brighten up the spirits of the patients. The "Apostolate of Good Will" members also contact non-Catholics and invite them to Church services or accompany them to the parish inquiry class.

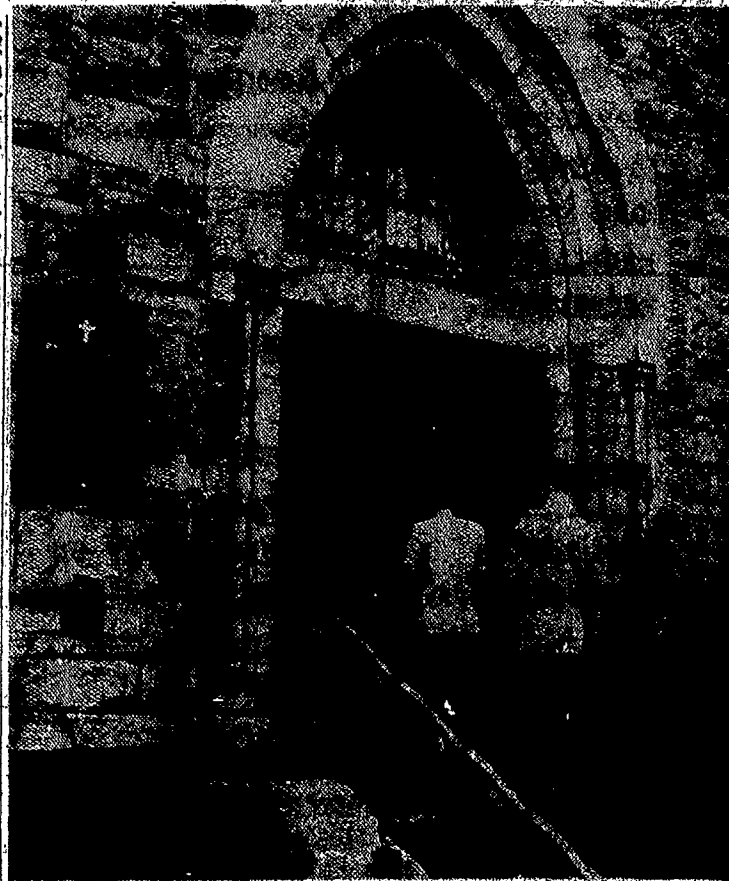
Associate members those who cannot give one hour of active service, assist the CCD program by offering their prayers for its success and financially assisting it.

THE MISSION Helpers of the Sacred Heart and the respective chairman will provide leadership courses in the near future. The discussion club leadership course consisting of six lessons began Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:45 p.m. in the school. Rev. Wm. Thomas, Spiritual Director of Discussion Clubs, will preside. The "Apostolate of Good Will" Leadership training course began Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Mission Center. Monsignor Byrne addressed the group.

Infant Of Prague Triduum Slated

A triduum in honor of the Infant of Prague will open in St. Anthony Church, Elmira on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Services will be held each evening with solemn closing on Friday at 7:30. Daily Masses will be celebrated at 7, 7:30 and 8 a.m.

A priest from the Capuchin Order at Geneva will conduct the services.



CCD APOSTOLATE OF GOOD WILL chairman, James Leary, bringing new Catholic couples to Baptism services in Ithaca. Spreading the truth to others by contacting non-Catholics and inviting them to parish inquiry classes or visiting the sick and instructing them is the solemn work of the Apostles of Good Will.

Father O'Brien Talk Listed At Tea Of Corning Women

Corning — Catholic women of all parishes are invited to hear the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, speak at an annual Christmas Tea Monday evening, Dec. 19 in St. Vincent de Paul Hall.

The tea is sponsored by the Women's Catholic Action Society. Father O'Brien, who has spoken on many other occasions of women's groups, is the author of the book "Spurs To Meditation."

There will also be a musical program with Mrs. Frank Sprague as vocal soloist, selections by the girls choir under the direction of Sister Mary Janet.

Collegians Begin Vacation

St. John Fisher College students begin their Christmas vacation today, Dec. 16 and will return on Jan. 3 according to school officials.

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