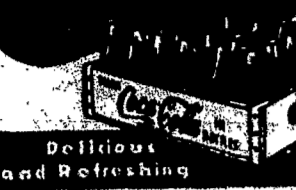


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Evening Mass Celebrated At State Hospital

First Solemn Evening Mass in the Rochester State Hospital was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 21, Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle in the hospital's auditorium at 7 p.m. The ceremony also marked the Feast of Christmas. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. James L. Callan, Catholic Chaplain at the hospital assisted by the Rev. Jerome F. Schifferli, deacon and the Rev. John W. Lequey subdeacon. Program included the singing of Carols by the Congregation, Blessing of the Crib, the Solemn Mass and sermon by Father Callan. Patients and employees of the hospital formed the choir. The services were open to the public.

Ton Of Candy Purchased For Needy Youngsters

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — A resolve made years ago by a girl who ice skated on a tennis court in Scranton, Pa., has resulted in the purchase of a ton of candy to be distributed to needy children here.

It may sound Alice-in-Wonderlandish, but Mrs. Marie R. Owens, well known for her Catholic and charitable work here, explained: "When I was a child I learned to ice skate on a tennis court flooded for a rink next to the home of C. S. Woolworth, brother and partner of F. W. Woolworth (of five-and-dime store fame). Mr. Woolworth came to the tennis court skating rink often with a bag of candy from his store and one day I told him, 'Some day I am going to buy a ton of candy from your store.'"

Mrs. Owens remembered that girlhood resolve, kept it and now St. Paul's needy youngsters will benefit. Mrs. Owens, who has won many citations for her charitable work, conceived a plan for community Christmas giving in 1932 which is still in use throughout the U.S. and in Canada. For her plan she became the first woman honored by the Cosmopolitan International Mens Service Club with its gold medal.

A. F. Siudara's Rites Conducted, Father Of Priest

Funeral services for Andrew F. Siudara, father of the Rev. Matthew A. Siudara, assistant pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, were held at the home, 66 Rogers Parkway and in St. Stanislaus Church, Thursday, Dec. 22. Mr. Siudara, 69, died at home, Dec. 18, 1955. Born in Poland, Mr. Siudara came to Rochester, 48 years ago. He was a cabinet maker and for the last 12 years was employed as a carpenter by the New York Central Railroad. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stephanie Siudara; one daughter, Mrs. Hiram Torczak; two sons, Father Matthew A. and Edward Siudara; one sister, Mrs. Edward Skiba. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

New Mothers Club Elects Officers

Newly organized Mothers Club of the Most Precious Blood School has selected the following officers: Mrs. Sally (Cannon) president; Mrs. Mary Delgaso, secretary and Mrs. Yolanda DeLuizio, treasurer. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. The group held a Christmas party yesterday in the new school. Children were presented gifts and games were played.



BETTER FOR PUPILS are improvements installed in the new addition of St. Joseph School, Wayland. Here the children show their pastor, the Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider how they will make use of the cupboard space in the modern classroom. (Thomas Casey Photo)

New Wing, Improvements In St. Joseph's School, Wayland Admired By Visitors

Wayland — An opportunity to inspect the new addition to St. Joseph School, Wayland given by the Rev. A. J. Schneider, pastor in the form of an Open House, Sunday, Dec. 18 brought out a number of parishioners and interested friends. The visitors viewed the improvements made throughout the school building.

THE NEW WING comprises three modern classrooms on the main floor, a lunchroom and a smaller room, convenient for group meetings, at the basement level. Eighth graders, happy in the possession of one of the new rooms, are said to be particularly proud of their desks. The desks are the separate chair and table type, with the clean, modern lines, practical and attractive in a classroom. The Fourth Grade occupies another of the classrooms and they make good use of the ample bulletin board space.

ALL OF THE children are pleased with the locker doors which swing out simultaneously, as one is opened. The room, most popular with visitors is the "Baby Room," housing for this year, both first and third grades. A wide work shelf with Formica top, and complete with stainless steel, sink, lines the back of the room. This, as well as the open shelves above, gives good display space for "Santa Claus Land" and other Christmas decorations "over which the little fingers have so lovingly toiled."

Edward Bradley Rites Conducted

Hammondsport — Edward Bradley, a life-long resident of this village, died in the Cook Convalescent Home Monday, Dec. 12, 1955. Funeral services were held from St. Gabriel Church on the following Thursday with the Rev. Earl Tobin officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. He was born March 25, 1874, the son of Thomas and Belle Hamel Bradley. A mason by trade, he also operated a sand and gravel pit for many years. He was a member of St. Gabriel Church and is survived by a sister, Miss Belle Bradley of Hammondsport.

Visit Vietnam

Salmon (NC) Miss Eileen Egan from the New York headquarters of Catholic Relief Services has spent six weeks in Vietnam visiting refugee villages and observing relief activities.

Camp Stella Maris Girls To Have Christmas Party

Annual Christmas Party for the girls who expect to attend Camp Stella Maris next summer, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1955, at the ballroom of Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, starting at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31.

The Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, Camp Director, announced that girls of grammar school age who attended Camp last summer but cannot attend the Christmas Party may obtain a registration card by writing to Camp Stella Maris, 50 Chestnut Street or calling the Camp Office, BAker 7400.

New Year's Eve Vigil Set For Nocturnal Adorers

New Year's Eve "celebration" for men of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and other men interested will take place in the All Night Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, starting at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31.

The Vigil will be kept at hourly vigils until 6 p.m. on New Year's Day. ALL CATHOLIC men from throughout the city are invited to drop in at anytime during the night and spend an hour, according to Joseph W. Benz, executive secretary of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

CWV Raise \$400 For 5 Missioners

A sum of \$400 was realized at the social evening's entertainment conducted by St. Augustine Post 1122, Catholic War Veterans in Columbus Civic Center auditorium on Dec. 12. The program was presented to raise funds for five boys of St. Augustine Parish now serving in the missions. A check for \$80 each is being sent to the Reverend Fathers Gilbert J. Dierks, James R. Weckesser, James Courteen and Charles P. Hilbert all Maryknollers and to the Rev. Michael Kavanaugh, a Jesuit missionary.

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16th Year Of Family Communion Set In Diocese, Practice Spreads

N.Y.W.C. News Service. Evidence has been accumulating rapidly in recent weeks at headquarters of the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, that the Family Feast of the Holy Family will be observed more widely as a family feast than in any previous year.

"This is further indication," Father Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., bureau director, said, "of the genuine vitality of our family life movement which has been developing over the past quarter-century."

THE FEAST of the Holy Family falls on the Sunday within the octave of Epiphany. The date for 1956 is January 8.

"The remarkable growth of the feast's family observances has been all the more surprising," Father Schmiedeler continued, "because when it was first proposed some 20 years ago, many felt nothing would come of the recommendation. As they said, the feast came too close to Christmas, actually the striking family spirit of the Christmas season seems to have encouraged it. The Christmas season has always been a family season."

Among religious observances that have especially enjoyed popularity are family group at-

tendance. Mass family group Communion, and the family Holy Hour.

IN THE DIOCESE of Rochester, for instance, where the practice of family Mass and family Communion will be observed for the 16th successive year, on January 8, Bishop James E. Kearney has written to his faithful:

"Let all attend Mass as family units, sons and daughters led to altar by father and mother, and parents, in turn led by the devotion of their little ones, to the altar of God."

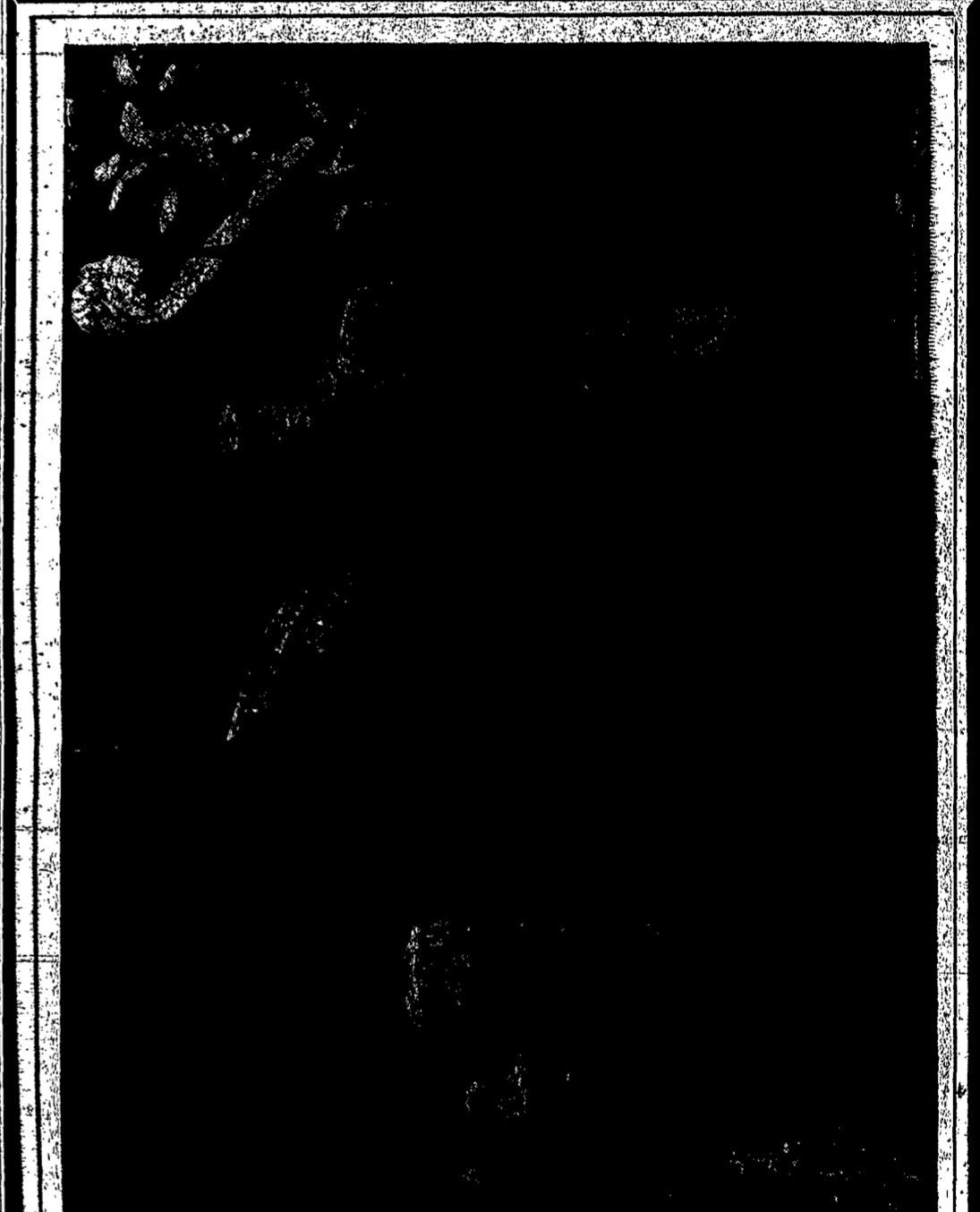
Referring to the miracles of divine grace attendant upon this practice, Bishop Kearney continued: "In a world where even nations find existence precarious, the family unit must move and more develop into the great stabilizing force God meant it to be. Fashioned and populated so often by even the basest ideals of Christian behavior, that our homes must become fortresses of virtue and strength, not just for the children but for the parents as well."

THE FAMILY Holy Hour is also extensively observed, in whole or in part, on the feast of the Holy Family. Since its inauguration more than a decade ago, this Holy Hour observance has grown steadily throughout the diocese. Many parishes ob-

serve it on the evening that marks the closing of the annual convention of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life, Father Schmiedeler said. Others hold it on certain outstanding feasts of the Church year.

During the past few years it has been observed more and more on the feast of the Holy Family, the bureau director added. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, for instance, where it is to be held on the evening of the annual convention closing, it will in 1956 and in future years, be held on the feast of the Holy Family. Family Mass and family Communion will also be observed in the parishes of the archdiocese.

Among the major features of the family Holy Hour are: consecration of families to the Holy Family; the renewal of the marriage promise by husbands and wives; the recitation of the pledge to Christian marriage by parents and children.



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