

# Fourth Degree KC Seeks Good Friday Observance

Cooperation of professional and business persons and the laity generally in the observance of Good Friday is again being sought by Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus according to John A. Mattie, chairman of the Good Friday committee.

The Knights committee since 1948 has asked the business firms and professional people of the city to close their offices, stores or factories part of the time; if not all, on Good Friday in commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Savior.

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# Bishop Kearney Pays Tribute To St. Ignatius On Jesuit Anniversary

His Excellency Bishop Kearney paid tribute to the soldier-saint, Ignatius of Loyola, and the Society of Jesus which was founded by the saint, last Sunday, preaching at the Jesuit alumni Mass in the chapel of McQuaid Jesuit High School. Bishop Kearney recalled that Ignatius was a soldier and that his original inspiration came when he thought of the sacrifices soldiers make for an earthly victory.

"The virtues of a military man were the very things needed for the progress of the Cross of Christ in the world at that time—and history has shown the same to be true during the past 400 years—self-sacrifice, obedience, courage, and loyalty. These are the explanation of the success of the Society of Jesus through its 400 year history," the Bishop said.

COMPARING the Jesuits to a well-trained army which is able to adapt itself quickly to the needs of battle, Bishop Kearney praised the flexibility of the Jesuit organization in meeting the needs of the day. He cited the admission of women to their traditionally all-male colleges as an example of this flexibility.

Present at the Mass were more than 100 alumni representing 14 different colleges and universities. The Rochester event was part of a nation-wide celebration being held simultaneously in 150 cities across the United States to honor the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius.

GUEST SPEAKERS at a breakfast which followed the Mass were Rev. Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J. Father Dolan spoke of the aim and goal of St. Ignatius.

"That goal is to win the world for Christ, not just by praying and sacrificing, but just by example, but by trying to establish the principles of Christ in all the framework of human living."

Speaking of the influence of the mystery of the Incarnation upon the thinking of St. Ignatius, Father Dolan said, "The Ignatian invention is to use all means to the accomplishment of the greater glory of God. Every good human thing can be the means of the establishment of the Kingdom."

"And so you will find Jesuits trying to influence leaders in every profession, in every subject that can possibly come under the heading of education, in labor schools and foreign missions, in retreats and in writing and preaching."

"He does not retire from the world, he goes into the world, tries to live in it, to shape it, to sanctify it, to win it for Christ the King."

Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J., rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School, welcomed the alumni and invited them to make the Communion breakfast an annual Laetare Sunday event.

In the name of all those present, he sent a cablegram to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

# Expelled Missionary Listed At Immaculate

The Rev. Charles Meeus, a Belgian-born priest who had adopted Chinese citizenship while serving in the China missions will preach during Holy Week at Immaculate Conception Church, 445 Plymouth Ave. S., according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, pastor.

Father Meeus will preach at all the Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter. During Holy Week he will preach at the evening devotions beginning at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A dialogue Mass will be celebrated at 8 p.m. on Wednesday of Holy Week.

The noted missionary will preach at the solemn High Mass on Holy Thursday evening at 8 p.m. and during the three hours, 12 to 3 p.m. on Good Friday. The Good Friday liturgy will follow at 3 p.m.

A MEMBER of the Mission Auxiliary Society in China with Bishop James E. Walsh of Maryland, Father Meeus was expelled from Red China in 1955. Ordained in 1938 he adopted Chinese citizenship that year and was incardinated in the Haimen Diocese by Bishop Simon Tsu S.J. in 1948. He was named procurator of the Central Catholic Bureau in Shanghai.

In 1950, the Communists issued his notice stating that his "expulsion for citizenship had been received in 1953." The case is "still pending," the Reds said.

Father Meeus on April 28, 1955 was called to the police station and his citizenship papers were destroyed the following day. He was expelled as a stateless person.

Father Meeus' status as a stateless person was confirmed by the U.S. State Department in 1955. He is now residing in the family home and Holy Family Church.

Holiness Pope Pius XII in the message that all had offered the Mass and Holy Communion for him. Toastmaster for the breakfast and chairman of the committee was the Hon. James P. Duffy, Georgetown University.

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HONORING FOUNDER SAINT of the Society of Jesus, St. Ignatius of Loyola, first alumni Communion Breakfast held on 400th anniversary of the Saint's death took place at McQuaid Jesuit High School. Principals at breakfast (from left) are: Rev. James R. Barnett, S. J., McQuaid rector; James P. Duffy, chairman; His Excellency Bishop Kearney, celebrant of Mass and preacher; and the Rev. Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J., breakfast speaker.

# Adoration Unit Hears Bishop Casey Speak

Purpose of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, and benefits accruing from membership were emphasized by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey in addressing more than 1000 men at the society's annual communion breakfast in Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. Cafeteria, Sunday, March 11.

The members attended Holy Mass in their respective center churches, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Andrew's, St. Ann's and Blessed Sacrament in Rochester and St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester.

LEWIS A. SCHUR presided at the dinner and presented the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Connors and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, center directors of Blessed Sacrament and St. Monica's respectively.

"The Nocturnal Adoration Society," Bishop Casey said "has no place for social activity, or business contacts or political ambition. Its members have no motive for gathering together other than the love of God, no other program than prayer, no other ambition than to please the Sacred Heart of Jesus by making atonement for the sins of the world and by playing their part in furthering the work of the Redemption."

Bishop Casey urged more of the vigil hour to be devoted to silent prayer after the Office is recited.

"During that time," the Bishop said, "you may have something to say to God but He also has something to say to you."

"In prayer, the important thing is not so much what you say to God, as what God says to you."

GREATER SPIRITUAL activity comes from keeping the vigil of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Bishop cited members dropping in more frequently during the month to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament and many attending daily Mass.

The speaker asked the men to look back over their membership whether of a few months or 25 years. "Would you not be willing to admit this morning that the sleep you have given up, the sacrifice entailed in living up to your obligations as a Nocturnal man, have been more than paid back by the Lord?"

The Society since its organization here in 27 years has not missed devoting one night of adoration each month, according to



GUESTS OF NOCTURNAL Adoration Society at breakfast of five centers in Rochester area held at Bausch and Lomb Optical Co., Sunday, March 11 are: (from left) Monsignor Thomas P. Connors, His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey, guest speaker; Lewis A. Schur, general chairman; and Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, Monsignor George W. Eckel and the Rev. Roy B. Morphy were prevented by other commitments from attending.

# Special Gifts Group Set For Parish Dinner

Members of the special gifts committee for the Corpus Christi Church financial need appeal will attend a dinner in the church hall at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 19, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, parish administrator, announced.

Chairman of the committee is A. J. Cunningham. Co-chairman include John M. Hedzes, William McCarthy and Joseph Yaeger.

Parishwide solicitation by a general committee of more than 400 men is scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Goal of the campaign is \$175,000.

Major repair of all parish properties, including demolition of the St. Agnes Convent School building and installation of a parking area on the site, is planned.

Frederic Young, campaign chairman, announced that the general committee will hold a pep rally at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the church hall. The campaign workers' kickoff dinner is slated at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in the same hall.

# Pre-Cana Lists Doctors' Talks

Fifth Conference of the annual Pre-Marriage Series sponsored by Monroe Deaneery Council of Catholic Women will be held Monday, March 19 at 8:15 p.m. in Powers Hotel Ballroom.

Dr. Maurice J. Gormican and Dr. James E. Sergerson will discuss the "Physiology of Marriage."

These conferences are open to all engaged and newly married persons.

# Final Marriage Course Slated

Auburn—The fourth and final session of the Marriage Preparation Course sponsored by the Family and Parent Education of the Cayuga Deaneery Council of Catholic Women will be held Monday, March 19, at 8:15 p.m. in the K. of C. Home. Two Auburn doctors, Robert J. Schaffer, M.D. and Frank A. Gracetto, M.D. will discuss "The Medical Aspects of Marriage."

Attendance at the course which is open to engaged and married couples has passed the 100 mark according to an announcement of Mrs. James E. O'Donnell, chairman. Mrs. Veronica M. Smith is deaneery president and the Rev. Leo A. Jones, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Weedsport, is moderator.

Assisting at the marriage course were Mrs. Joseph L. Barry, co-chairman and Mrs. Anthony Camardo, reservations.

Young persons from all sections of the Rochester area, high school girls and boys are invited according to the Rev. Edward E. Steinkirchner, assistant pastor of St. Boniface Church and associate diocesan Sodality director.

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