



### Bishops Bless 1,700 Babies In 2 Churches

MORE THAN 1,700 children received a Bishop's blessing at two Rochester churches last weekend.

Bishop Kearney conferred his episcopal blessing on 300 infants at Blessed Sacrament Church Saturday afternoon. Bishop Casey on Sunday afternoon at Sacred Heart Cathedral blessed 1,406 infants and pre-school children.

Each child brought for the blessing also received a religious



medal attached to a card bearing the Bishop's symbolic coat-of-arms.

In photo above with Bishop Kearney and the Rev. Edward J. McAniff (left) in Blessed Sacrament Church are Mrs. Joseph Lang with daughter, Mary Jo, eight months; being blessed by Bishop Casey in the cathedral is son Michael of Mrs. Robert Kowalski. (Photo left by Tom Casey, right by Paul Costantini).

## Six Professors To Conduct Catholic Information Forum

Six professors at St. Andrew Seminary will conduct a Catholic Information Forum beginning Monday, April 23 at the Seneca Hotel, Rochester.

Rev. Richard Quinn, director of the forum, stated that a series of six talks scheduled for Monday evening at 8 p. m. will provide information on Catholic beliefs and practices to interested inquirers. "No fees and no obligations are required," he said.

The forum talks are not intended to be a conversion instruction course, Father Quinn explained, but simply an opportunity for non-Catholics to find out the Catholic Church's position on basic religious topics.

Subjects to be discussed are: April 23, Is one religion as good as another? April 24, Do Catholics trust the Bible? April 25, Why Baptism? April 26, Taking part in Non-Catholic services. April 27, The Church and marriage. April 28, Dialogued Question Box and open forum.

ON JUNE 4, there will be a guided visit to a Catholic church. Seminary professors who will conduct the forum are: Rev. Richard Quinn, director, and the Rev. Fathers Raymond Kenny, Louis Hohman, Joseph Lynch, Paul Gibbons, and Albert Shannon.



SPECIAL GIFTS phase of St. Margaret Mary Parish's \$375,000 improvement campaign is launched by dinner at the school. Leaders attending are: seated (from left) Dr. Francis Desiderio, chairman, Special Gifts Committee; Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College, guest speaker; standing Rev. Charles L. McCarthy, Arthur J. Bamann, general chairman; Rev. Robert A. Dobbertin.

### CWV Set Evening St. Cecilia Parish To Conduct Of Recollection Campaign For Parish Additions

Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans will sponsor an evening recollection on Tuesday May 1, at the Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St.

The evening program, under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers will commence at 7:30 p. m. and will last approximately two hours.

The event has a two-fold purpose, since the president of the United States has officially designated May 1 as National Loyalty Day, and Catholics traditionally honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by special devotions during the month of May.

The event is for men only, and all Catholic laymen are invited. General chairman is Don Foley.

Funds for additions to the school and convent of St. Cecilia's Parish, Cuiver Road, Irondequoit, will be sought in a parishwide campaign announced this week by the Rev. Bernard C. Newcomb pastor.

A minimum of \$125,000 in three-year pledges has been set for the drive, scheduled during a two-hour period on Sunday afternoon May 2.

Increasing population growth has overtaxed the six-year-old parish school. Father Newcomb pointed out. Staffed by eight Sisters of Mercy and two lay teachers, the school is conducting one class in the church basement.

### Memorial Fund Drive Sets \$375,000 Quota

More than 100 workers of the special gifts committee attended the kick-off dinner in St. Margaret Mary Parish hall on Monday, April 16 to start off the building fund campaign which has now been termed the "Father Bruton Memorial Fund."

Principal speaker was the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College.

Dr. Francis A. Desiderio, chairman of the special gifts committee announced that the quota of his committee has been set at \$200,000 or slightly more than 50% of the over-all quota of \$375,000.

### East Rochester Card Party Set

Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John of St. Jerome Parish, East Rochester, will sponsor a card party in the church hall on April 26 at 8 p. m. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Mrs. Rose Molinaro is chairman and Mrs. Louise Polvino, co-chairman. Mrs. Margaret Pasarelo is in charge of refreshments. There are eight with kindergarten

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### Fire Bureau Holy Name Mass Slated

Holy Name Society of the Rochester Fire Bureau will conduct its 16th annual Communion breakfast on Sunday, April 22.

All members and guests will assemble at 7 a. m. at Fire Headquarters on North St. from which point they will proceed in a body to St. Joseph Church, where Holy Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey, assisted by the Rev. Edward A. Zimmer, chaplain.

The Communion breakfast will be served in the ballroom of Hotel Seneca following Mass.

### St. Jerome Class Rooms To Be Used By Public School

St. Jerome Parish, East Rochester will make available four rooms in the Columbus Youth Association building for the use of public school pupils of East Rochester Elementary School in September.

At the request of the East Rochester Board of Education the rooms will be rented to the board according to the Rev. Roy B. Morphy, pastor of St. Jerome's.

Rooms to be used were made available with the building of St. Jerome's new school which now has five grades with kindergarten taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Approximately 120 boys and girls with about 30 in each classroom are expected to be taught in the public school classes.

St. Jerome's School with Sister William Margaret, S.S.J., principal has 240 pupils with a faculty of five. The school will add a grade each year until there are eight with kindergarten

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### Catholic Daughters' Poetry Contest Winners Named

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Awards are being sent to the successful poem as in previous years.

Two Nazareth College students, Arlene Brent and Sister M. Emille, S.S.J. won first and second awards in Division IV and Sister Mary Cyprian, R.S.M. of Our Lady of Mercy High School won third prize in this division.

Winning poems will now be forwarded to the state and national levels for competition.

### Shrine Movie Listed In Marlon Hall

A sound motion picture entitled "A Day at St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal," will be shown tonight (Friday April 20) at 8 p. m. in St. Gregory's Hall, Marlon.

Program will take approximately one hour according to the Rev. John L. Maxwell, pastor of St. Gregory's. Public is invited. Film is being shown through the Logan of Our Lady of Mercy courtesy of Mrs. Cyril De Ryke of Newark.

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