



**SIGNIA OF PROFESSION**, their Nurses' caps were conferred on Freshmen of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Hornell. Here participating in ceremony are: (from left) Miss Joyce Preston of Canastota and Miss Patricia Gargan of Rochester. Sister Mary Valerian, director of nurses and Sister Mary Andre, nursing arts instructor, presenting the cap and Florence Nightingale lamp.

### Hospital Head In Tribute To Lauretta Leary

Miss Lauretta Leary, a valued and faithful employee of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira for the past 16 years, died unexpectedly on Monday morning, April 14, 1956. Although impaired in health after suffering an illness many years ago, Miss Leary continued to work.

After a recent hospitalization, she seemed improved and was already telling her family that she would soon be able to resume her duties as secretary in the Dietary Department.

The feeling of the sisters nurses, dietary personnel and other staff members at the passing of Lauretta Leary are well summed up in the following tribute of Sister Margaret Adelaide, Administrator:

"Body enslaved no longer, Lauretta our faithful co-worker has journeyed home to God. Small wonder her friends, hearing of her death, in turn sorrow, yearn, and rejoice. There are reasons for sorrowing for this warm and kindly soul. Never again shall we be greeted, encouraged and influenced by the fire in her, a fire truly kindled by the Holy Spirit. If we add simply that Lauretta has always stood forth as a friend in need, we may be excused for our wishes for her to be again among us. Today in a new way we are certain that she has been rewarded for her good deeds while among us. The worth of a woman is the woman herself, and to us at St. Joseph's, Lauretta will always be our Lauretta."

### Tureen Supper Slated In Coming

Corning. St. Mary's Society will hold a birthday-tureen supper Thursday, April 26 at 6 p. m. Mrs. Leo McKinney, president, appointed Mrs. Cyril Distram, Mrs. Preston Reynolds and Mrs. Gerald Keagle on the committee to plan the supper. The Rev. Lawrence Sansom is moderator.

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### 18 Student Nurses Given Caps In Hornell Rites

Hornell—The privileges and responsibilities of the "dedicated vocation of nursing" were discussed by the Rev. John S. Hayes at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing's annual capping exercises.

Father Hayes, chaplain of the Veterans' Administration Facility at Bath, gave the address at ceremonies in St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in which members of the class of 1958 received their caps.

"It is fitting that you nurses should receive your caps in the presence of your Eucharistic Lord," Father Hayes said. "The history of nursing is closely entwined with the history of the Church. As early as the seventh century, nuns of the St. Augustine Order were caring for the poor and sick in Paris. Shortly after that the Sisters of Charity devoted their lives to the ill and infirm, following in the footsteps of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul."

"Wearing the uniform of a nurse is a great honor because it symbolizes your servitude to Christ and to your fellow man. You have the right to wear your caps as proudly as any new princess has to wear a coronet."

Tracing the history of the nurse's uniform, Father Hayes explained that the garb was adopted in 1873 in Bellevue Hospital, when the nursing training was under the care of "a devout and wonderful Protestant nun."

### Hospital Earns Safety Award

St. Joseph Hospital has received notice that the institution has been awarded fifth place in a National Hospital Safety Contest sponsored jointly by the American Hospital Association and the National Safety Council.

The local hospital registered in December, 1954, with the first Hospital Safety Contest sponsored by these national groups. During each quarter of 1955, the hospital received reports on the incidence of accidents, and in the final report rated fifth in its classification.

In a state-wide Accident Prevention Campaign sponsored by the Associated Industries of New York State, St. Joseph's has received notice of rating sixth place for the first quarter of 1956.

### Catholic Colleges Share In Fund

Louisville, Ky. (NC) — Two Kentucky Catholic colleges shared in the distribution of \$100,000 by the Kentucky Independent College Foundation.

They are Bellarmine College, Louisville, and Villa Madonna, Covington.

At the end of its fiscal year, March 31, 1956, the KICF disbursed \$20,000 to each of eight colleges. The Foundation, formed four years ago, has had 287 contributors, representing 22 varied business enterprises.

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### Mission At Reformatory A Success

The Annual Catholic Mission conducted by the Rev. Fergus A. Burke, C.M., widely known missionary at Elmira Reformatory April 8 to 12 was considered "the greatest ever" according to the Don Bosco Bulletin.

This was the 34th Mission conducted at the Reformatory under the supervision of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain.

During the four-day period, the chapel was crowded to capacity. Each evening the service consisted of Rosary, sermon and Benediction followed by Confessions heard by nine or ten priests from Elmira and the neighboring towns.

**MORE THAN 1,100** Holy Communions were distributed during the Mission, considered "a remarkable showing by the Catholic men of the institution."

This was the first Mission Father Fergus ever conducted in a penal institution. He expressed amazement over the excellent results and especially commended the conduct of the men.

In his closing talk the missionary thanked Monsignor Lane, the choir and all who attended or who in any way contributed to the success of the Mission, especially the officers who volunteered their services to make the Mission possible. He said the general cooperation and splendid spirit was "an inspiration I will not soon forget."

Considering the number of Communions, the department of the inmates and the generous response of the officers, Monsignor Lane was quoted as saying the Mission was "the greatest ever."

### Pre-Marriage Talks Opened In Ithaca By Father Vogt

Ithaca — About 60 attended the first of four Pre-Cana Talks at Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, last Monday evening at 8 p. m. Rev. Otto J. Vogt, in his talk entitled "Courtship and Marriage — A Way to Heaven."

He told the group of engaged and recently married couples that the time of courtship and engagement is a time for prayerful consideration of the future and deserves a preparation that will help each to make a choice of a partner that will bring each to the final goal — heaven.

The qualities of a maturely good judgment, social and educational equality, approval of parents, good religious background, were pointed out to be the things to look for in a partner and the elements that can lead to a happy marriage. Some of the problems that hurt or break a marriage were also considered by the speaker, Father Vogt.

A question period followed the talk.

The other three talks of the series will be held in Room 17 of Immaculate Conception School, 317 N. Plain Street, at 8 p. m.

### High Schoolers To Make Retreat

Annual retreat for high school students of St. Mary Parish, Elmira will be held for three days, starting Sunday, April 29, according to the Rev. John T. Walsh, Sodality Moderator.

Rev. Normand Prevost, S.A., will conduct the services to be announced at a later date.

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## \$75,000 Sought For Improvements In St. Cecilia Parish, Elmira

A goal of \$75,000 was set for the campaign of St. Cecilia Church, Elmira parishioners planning renovation of the church, school, convent and rectory according to the Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor and campaign honorary chairman.

The campaign is now in progress and will continue until May 11. Actual solicitation day is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.

**LEADERS WITH** the pastor are: Benjamin J. Flynn, general chairman and Peter A. Chalk and Ronald R. Frecht, general co-chairmen. Division leaders are: Anthony Ciccoiti, William Hoisey, Anthony Michalke, Leonard Murray, William O'Brien, James Palmer, James Riffe and Dr. John Sheahan.

Funds raised in the campaign will be used for the renovation of the church, school, convent and rectory.

**THE RENOVATIONS** include: church, complete restoration of the interior, cleaning and painting of the walls, ceiling and stations of the cross; new sanctuary furnishings such as vestments, processional canopy and altar linens; renovation of the sacristies; new lighting facilities; renovation of the vestibule, including 10 new stained glass windows and three new doors.

Plans also call for the replacement of copper gutters and leaders, retightening of the trusses, and tightening joints and beams. School — To improve facilities for both students and teachers in the school a complete renovation of present rooms is planned. This will include repainting, improving lighting, completion of present heating units and new interior furnishings, such as desks and blackboards.

Halls will be repainted and classrooms and cabinets will be added. A new staircase will be installed and the rear stairs will be renovated. New lavatories and a faculty lounge are planned.

Convent — Complete renovation of the convent is planned. This will include repainting and



**CAMPAIGN LEADERS** for a Fund Appeal to be made in St. Cecilia Church, Elmira confer with pastor. Seated (from left) Ronald R. Frecht, co-chairman; Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor and Peter A. Chalk, co-chairman. Standing (from left) Anthony Michalke, James H. Riffe, William O'Brien, Anthony Ciccoiti. (Steiner Studio photo)

furnishing of five bedrooms, a new laundry room, one new bedroom, new furniture and modernizing the kitchen.

Rectory—Office, studies, bath and bedrooms will be repaired and renovated, and the kitchen

will be modernized. Pledges to the renovation fund may be paid over a period of 156 weeks, covering four tax years.

Temporary campaign headquarters have been set up in St. Cecilia's rectory at 950 Lake St., and telephone 2-2426.

er in the parish will be asked to give one day's pay each month over the three-year period.

Telephone 2-2426.

### Elmira KC List Mass, Breakfast

Arrangements have been completed for the annual Corporate Communion and breakfast sponsored by Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, to be held on Sunday in the Little Flower Chapel at Dunn Memorial.

Members will assemble at Columbus Center by 8 a. m. and proceed to the Chapel for attendance at the 8:30 Mass. The breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

Samuel Falletta, Chancellor of the Council and Walter Komer are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Grand Knight Frederick D. Specchio, William Norton, Horace Phillips, Harry Hallette.

### Rummage Sale Set In Corning

Corning. A two-day rummage sale at 115 Pine St., sponsored by the Ladies of Columbus, will conclude today (Friday). Plans for the affair were completed last week following a tureen supper in the Knights of Columbus Home.

The benefit is for the purpose of raising funds for the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. Mrs. Catherine Ward and Mrs. Raymond Older are co-chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Asher Cutler, St. Mary parish; Mrs. Joseph Dunbeck, St. Patrick's; Mrs. Charles Houston, St. Vincent de Paul's, and Mrs. Ronald Parks, Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### Student Nurses Retreat Concludes

Annual retreat for student nurses at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing will be concluded at services in the Little Flower Chapel of the Nurses' Residence this evening (Friday), April 20, at 7:30 p. m.

The three day retreat which opened on Wednesday is being conducted by Rev. Terrance Cummings, S.A., of St. John Atone-ment Seminary, Montour Falls.

The schedule includes Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily, and also conferences on the duties and obligations of the Catholic Nurse.

The students are relieved of their nursing duties and classes are recessed during retreat.

### Chairmen Named For CDA State Sessions In Elmira

Mrs. John J. McMahon and Miss Mary Katherine Mar-graff, co-chairmen of the State Convention of the Catholic Daughters of America, to be held in Elmira at the Mark Twain Hotel from May 14 to 17, have announced the appointment of Mrs. Edward J. Widman and Mrs. Francis B. O'Connor as chairmen of the hostesses who will serve at the luncheon and banquet to be held on May 17 at 7 p. m. This will mark the final social event of the convalesce.

**HIS EXCELLENCY** Bishop Kearney will be the guest of honor at the banquet and several other prominent members of the clergy are expected to be present.

Mrs. O'Connor, luncheon chairman will be assisted by Mesdames Peter Baker, Harry Clifford, Herman Cassidy, Edward Clauss, Daniel Pastelski, Harry Fean, Edward Hennessy, Robert Caverly, Robert Hopkins, Edward Knafelitz, Vincent Ranie-wicz, Daniel Notartomasso and Miss Madeline Christaste.

At the banquet Mrs. Widman will be assisted by the Misses Viola Adamski and Lena Allington. Also Mesdames John Coughlin, Charles Daniels, Thomas Donnell, John Evans, John Val-ego, William Gilbert, Charles Status, Peter Salbego, David Uley, Theodore Novakoski, Wil-lam Hulbert, Carroll Ripley, Nick M. Zello, Wayne Bailey, Nicholas Spallone and Bernard Lanzak.

### Sports Dinner Set At Lourdes

A sports dinner sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira will be held in the church hall on Thursday evening, April 26. The affair is open to all Fathers and Sons and special tribute will be paid the Sodality championship basketball team.

John J. (Taps) Gallagher, noted basketball coach and athletic director at Niagara University will be the guest speaker. Gallagher, recognized as an outstanding basketball coach has produced many teams who have finished at the top in their competition. He will illustrate his talk with motion pictures of games played in Madison Square Garden.

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