

## Public Inspection, Workers Rites Set In New Carmel

A report meeting on Monday, May 28 and public inspection of the new Carmelite Monastery on June 2 and 3 are announced as feature events in the finishing fund campaign for \$34,762 now being conducted. It was announced at campaign headquarters today.

The report meeting Monday will be preceded by Benediction in the new Monastery on Jefferson Road, the first religious event scheduled in the Monastery. The meeting will follow in Leont Hill Country Club across the road.

First reports in the drive were given to William A. Lang, general chairman at a Communion Breakfast, Sunday in Immaculate Conception Hall. A gift of \$3,000 from Herman G. Hietzer, 38 Lakeview Park and another of \$3,500 from Mrs. Richard T. Ford gave impetus to the campaign.

HETZLER, honorary chairman of the campaign, spoke at the breakfast. He told of the need to answer the plea of the Carmelite Sisters that they might have a Chapel, a home and a secluded cloister where they could offer up their prayers in behalf of those in distress.

He cited the efficacy of St. Leo W. Waldert is chairman of the special gifts committee and Theodore J. Houck will be in charge of the ushers at the public inspection.



FOR THE CARMELETTE NUNS—Leaders in campaign for a "finishing fund" for the new Monastery are shown after Communion Breakfast at Immaculate Conception Church, Sunday, opening the campaign. They are (from left) William A. Lang, general chairman; Herman G. Hietzer, large contributor; Leo W. Waldert, Special Gifts Chairman; and Rev. Kenneth Moore, O. Carm. of Washington, D. C.

## Blessing Of Cars In Spencerport

Blessing of automobiles will take place at St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, Sunday, May 27, 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.

Rev. Francis Hester, pastor, stated that the blessing is to be given on this Sunday in observance of the feast of Our Lady of the Highway, May 24, and in preparation for the heavy summer traffic which traditionally begins on Memorial Day, May 31.

Father Walter Carron, assistant pastor, will side Father Hester in the blessing ceremony.

## Mother, Daughter Breakfast Planned

The newly organized Sacred Heart and Rosary Society of St. Boniface Church will hold its first annual mother and daughter Communion breakfast in the school hall after the 7:30 a. m. Mass on June 3.

Mrs. Hugh McDonald is chairman, with Mrs. Gustave Husson in charge of reservations and Mrs. George Eno in charge of table arrangements. Tickets are \$1 and reservations may be made with Mrs. Husson by May 25th.

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## Deaf Chapel To Mark Silver Anniversary June 3

Twenty-five years of service to the deaf of Rochester will be marked by St. Francis de Sales Deaf Chapel, 108 Franklin St., at a jubilee Mass to be celebrated June 3 at 9:15 p. m. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside.

Celebrant of the Mass will be the Very Rev. Gerald Whelan, C.S.S.R., rector, of St. Joseph Church. The Rev. William Deley, C.S.S.R., will deliver the sermon. Nine deaf children will receive their First Holy Communion at this time.

A similar ceremony opened the deaf chapel on June 7, 1923 when 65 men, women and children participated in a procession to the chapel. Mass of Exposition was offered by the Rev. Joseph Schmidt, C.S.S.R., rector at the time with a sermon on "The Church, Our Heaven on Earth," preached by the Rev. Charles Bigger, C.S.S.R.

THE CHAPEL was set aside by Bishop Kearney not only for the deaf who are acquainted with the manual alphabet and the sign language, but also for the hard of hearing to make use of for confession. Confession for the deaf and hard of hearing are held every first and third Saturday from 4 to 5:45 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m.

The chapel is being enlarged to accommodate all who wish to attend the anniversary Mass on June 3. Redecoration is also in progress.



SILVER JUBILEE of St. Francis de Sales Deaf Chapel will be observed Sunday, June 3 with His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding. The Rev. John R. Gallagher, C.S.S.R., administrator, is shown above, addressing the congregation in the sign language. At the right is the shrine in memory of Richard Kowalski, deaf boy killed in 1931.

Services to the deaf began at adult and 16 children. New with the Immaculate Conception St. Joseph Church in 1908 when doves and cushioned kneelers adorns the wall in memory of the Rev. William Kessel, C.S.S.R., O. G. M. I. The St. Joseph's Eucharist Society in their interest. Twice a month he and the Rev. Aloysius Engelhardt, C. S. S. R., gave instruction to about 25 deaf people in the sign language.

They were followed by the Rev. Joseph Schorr, C.S.S.R., and the Rev. Aloysius Strauss, C.S.S.R.

THE WORK assumed a wider scope in 1925 when Father Burger was appointed chaplain of the deaf in the Rochester Diocese by Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, auxiliary bishop of Rochester. Father Burger came to his new apostolate, a mature man of 53, with about 14 years of experience among the deaf.

Besides Rochester, Father Burger established centers for his work at "Carandiglia," Auburn and Elmira. When he found it impossible to reach these places regularly, he adopted the practice of sending the deaf a monthly circular which combined a sermon with an instruction in the sign language.

"As usual I shall pay the traveling expenses every Sunday, to and fro, of those who come a distance of 5,200 miles to attend our Lenten services."

FATHER DOHERTY, who is preaching at the jubilee Mass, was sent to assist Father Burger in 1931 and in 1933. Father Burger became incapacitated by the ravages of disease. Father Doherly succeeded him. In 1933 he was joined by the Rev. Gerard Kuhn, C.S.S.R.

The Rev. John B. Gallagher, C.S.S.R., present chaplain, began his work at St. Francis de Sales Deaf Chapel in 1948. He organized the St. Francis de Sales Deaf Club as a social organization for the deaf.

Father Gallagher is also chaplain of the International Catholic Deaf Association, whose purpose is the religious, social and educational advancement of the deaf. Present membership is more than 1500 and a drive is now in progress to obtain 2000 members.

FATHER GALLAGHER is also chaplain of St. Mary School for the Deaf in Buffalo. Resident students of New York State are accepted free of charge at this residential and day school for the deaf and severely hard of hearing children. Present enrollment is approximately 300.

The course of studies ranges from pre-school through high school. Special vocational training prepares the pupils for future positions and a well-rounded religious, athletic and social program is offered.

The present congregation at St. Francis Deaf Chapel numbers 135.

Wayland Mothers Announce Officers

Wayland — New officers of St. Joseph School Mothers Club in Wayland are as follows:

Mrs. Donald Dolan, president; Mrs. Henry Schumacher, vice president; Mrs. Leo Belanger, treasurer; and Mrs. Roy Baldwin, secretary.

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## Dr. Emil Gefell To Observe 60th Year In Priesthood

Sixty years in the Holy Priesthood will be observed by the Rev. J. Emil Gefell, pastor-emeritus of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester on Wednesday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Confidential Low Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey, who will also preach the sermon in St. Peter and Paul Church at 8 a. m. in observance of the Diamond Sacrosanct Jubilee of Father Gefell. The public is invited to the Mass according to the Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor.

Father Gefell's 60-year span in the Priesthood touches two centuries and he had much to do in the blossoming of the Diocese of Rochester.

He recalled this week going with the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester as notary when the four counties of Tioga, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben in 1900 were transferred to the Diocese of Rochester.

FATHER GEFELL has a 43-year record as pastor, at St. Peter and Paul's, the founder of St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Churches, Rochester having been the first organizer of Italian Catholics in Rochester and was one of the few Rochesterians to know the late Pope Pius XI.

Born in Rochester, July 16, 1870, Father Gefell attended St. Peter and Paul School and was the first boy of that parish to become a priest.

Father Gefell was the ninth pastor of the 112 year-old parish. His predecessor, the late Rev. Francis H. Simlar, held the pastorate for 45 years until his death in 1937. Dr. Gefell believes there is a record in the fact that for 88 years the parish had only two pastors. He re- tired in 1950.

Dr. Gefell made his Golden Jubilee as a priest on May 30, 1930 with celebration of Mass in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney. He said this jubilee and the 60th anniversary to mark their 60th anniversary.

Dr. Gefell started two Italian parishes, other two priests in this diocese to mark their 60th anniversary. In 1910, while pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church he bought the lot at King and Maple Streets, Rochester, after his return following ordination.

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## Wolfe Named To College's Advisory Regents Board

Frank E. Wolfe, Rochester industrialist and civic leader, was named a member of the Board of Advisory Regents of St. John Fisher College, according to the Very Rev. John Francis Murphy, C.S.B., Ph.D., President of the College, today.

Wolfe, long active in Catholic affairs in this community, is past president of the Board of Advisory Regents of David J. Lawless, deceased. Wolfe's term expires in 1958 in addition to his present position.

Five Board members were re-elected to serve a six year term until May, 1957: Bernard E. F. O'Connell, Otto A. Shultz, and Frederick M. Tobin.

Joseph J. Myler was elected as Chairman of the Board for a two year term. Shultz was also re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board for a two year term.

FATHER MURPHY making the announcement said: "Every college needs a voice and eyes and ears in the community. To interpret the aims, ideals and spirit of St. John Fisher College to the community and to bring to the college an awareness of the special needs of the community can best be accomplished by the outstanding men who serve on our Board of Advisory Regents."

Also serving on the Board, presently consisting of 16 members are: Harold J. Coleman, Francis E. Cunningham, Donald A. Daley, Robert E. Glina, Raymond F. Healy, Walter B. D. Hickey, Louis A. Langie, Dr. Louis LaPain, and Daniel E. Macken.

St. John Fisher College, a Catholic College of arts and sciences under the direction of the Basilian Fathers will graduate its second class on Sunday, June 3. There are fifty-three candidates for degrees. Degrees will be conferred by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The Commencement address will be given by Dr. Cornelius Willem de Kiewit, President of the University of Rochester.

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